



Administration de pilotage des Laurentides  
Laurentian Pilotage Authority

**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Captain Alain Richard joins the  
Laurentian Pilotage Authority  
as Executive Director, Marine Safety and Efficiency**

**Montréal, April 7 2017** – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is pleased to announce the arrival of Captain Alain Richard as Executive Director, Marine Safety and Efficiency. He will assume his duties on April 18.

The holder of a Certificate of Master Mariner, Captain Richard has more than 35 years of maritime transport experience. He served as Director of the Institut maritime du Québec in Rimouski, and for more than five years oversaw major undertakings related to the establishment of a Maritime Training Center in the Quebec City area and the development of the Maritime Institute, at the international level. He has also worked on the development of pilotage risk analyses, and recently sailed as Captain.

“Captain Richard is undoubtedly an expert in the fields of navigation and marine transportation. We’re extremely pleased to welcome him to the LPA team. His skills will prove invaluable in ensuring that the LPA achieves its pilotage safety and efficiency objectives by offering clientele a pilotage service that meets the highest standards in the maritime industry,” says the LPA’s Chief Executive Officer, Fulvio Fracassi.

Captain Richard holds a college diploma in navigation from the CEGEP of Rimouski and a bachelor's degree in economics from Université Laval. He has also obtained several certificates in the field of navigation. Furthermore, he has worked as a researcher and nautical expert at Innovation maritime and as a teacher at the Institut maritime du Québec in Rimouski, among others. Highly active in the maritime field, he has served as chairman on the boards of the Institut des sciences de la mer de Rimouski (ISMER) and Innovation maritime.

**About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority**

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a financially self-sufficient federal Crown corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage services on the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. The LPA’s mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots, their corporations, and the shipping industry.

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