



Another Green Marine first: Canadian pilotage authority becomes participant

Montreal, QC, April 5, 2019 – The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is the first marine pilotage authority in Canada to join the Green Marine environmental certification program as a participant. The LPA was already a Green Marine partner but wanted to increase its environmental efforts by stepping up its Green Marine membership to certify the Authority’s vessels.

“Green Marine’s goal of continuous improvement is closely tied to our primary mission to ensure excellence in navigational safety and environmental protection on the St. Lawrence and the Saguenay River,” said Fulvio Fracassi, LPA’s CEO.

David Bolduc, Green Marine’s Executive Director, is delighted with the LPA’s decision. “Safe navigation goes hand in hand with environmental protection, and the LPA and the pilots play a crucial role in this regard,” Bolduc said. LPA will be using Green Marine’s criteria to certify its two pilot vessels.

“We’ve made several changes to our program over the past few years to permit smaller vessels to be certified,” Bolduc added. “These program improvements have led to welcoming harbour craft as participants.” Bolduc hopes LPA’s decision, which follows Puget Sound Pilots joining Green Marine last year, will inspire other pilotage associations to become participants.

About the Laurentian Pilotage Authority

The Laurentian Pilotage Authority (LPA) is a Federal Crown Corporation responsible for administering and providing marine pilotage and related services in the waters of the Laurentian region, in particular the St. Lawrence River and the Saguenay River. The LPA’s mission is to ensure navigation safety by providing efficient marine pilotage services at a reasonable cost in cooperation with pilots and the shipping industry.

Green Marine Overview

Established in 2007, Green Marine is a North American environmental certification program for the maritime transportation industry. The program stems from the industry's voluntary initiative to surpass regulatory requirements. There are currently more than 130 companies – ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators and shipyard managers – participating in the program throughout Canada and the United States. The Green Marine certification process is rigorous and transparent: the results are independently verified every two years, and each participant's individual results are published annually. The Green Marine program's unique character derives from the support of more than 70 environmental organizations, scientific programs, and government agencies. These supporters contribute to shaping and revising the program.

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