



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

*New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River*

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Captain Stephen H. Hathorn, President  
Board of New Orleans - Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association  
2805 Harvard Avenue, Suite 102  
Metairie, Louisiana 70006

**RE: 2020 High Water Safety Restrictions**

Dear Captain Hathorn:

The Board of Examiners for New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots for the Mississippi River (hereinafter "Board of Examiners" or "Board"), is the sole competent pilotage authority statutorily created for the purpose of regulating, supervising and overseeing the NOBRA pilots as authorized by La. R.S. 34:1041, *et seq.* and Title 46 - Professional and Occupational Standards, Part LXX. River Pilots, Subpart 3. Board of Examiners for the New Orleans and Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots, *et seq.*

This Board is charged by the Louisiana Legislature with the responsibility of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the state of Louisiana and maintaining safety of maritime commerce along the Mississippi River. Due to the safety sensitive nature of the duties performed by state commissioned NOBRA pilots, this Board has a strong commitment to the public and maritime industry.

Therefore, in order to further enhance the safety and well being of the citizens of Louisiana, as well as to prevent any imminent peril to public health, safety and welfare, and to achieve and maintain reliable, safe and efficient pilotage services, effective immediately, and continuing until the Carrollton gage reaches twelve (12) feet and falling, this Board implements the following Mississippi River safety restriction(s):

"Mooring and unmooring operations at all mid-stream transfer facilities and any berth that requires the use of a mooring boat shall be restricted to daylight hours."

Thank you in advance for your assistance with the implementation of the aforementioned

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restriction(s). Should you have any questions, comments or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board.

With professional regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Robert D. Heitmeier*

Captain Robert D. Heitmeier  
President, NOBRA Board of Examiners

cc: Captain Lee A. Jackson, Jr., Commissioner  
Captain William V. Lashley, Commissioner