



San Francisco Bar Pilots



The **San Francisco Bar Pilots** are ship captains with specialized training and experience who navigate vessels throughout the San Francisco Bay, one of the top three gateways for containerized goods on the Pacific Coast.

Bar Pilots board vessels 11 miles west of the Golden Gate Bridge on rough, open seas to navigate ships to the more than 200 docks and maritime facilities in the region.



An Economic Engine

Bar Pilots assist in moving goods through the Port of Oakland, the 8th busiest port in the nation, driving economic growth across the region, the state, and the nation.

99% OF CONTAINERIZED GOODS MOVING THROUGH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COME THROUGH THE PORT OF OAKLAND

98,000 BAY AREA JOBS SUPPORTED

\$970 MM IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

\$174 BN OVERALL ECONOMIC VALUE OF THE PORT OF OAKLAND

A National Standard



In one of the first meetings of the United States Congress in 1789, leaders established national guidelines for state pilotage.



In 1850, at one of the first meetings of the California State Legislature, state leaders established the first California state-sanctioned Bar Pilots.



Today, there are 60 state pilotage organizations across 25 states in the nation.



Always on Call

The San Francisco Bar Pilots are on call in all-weather conditions 24/7, 365 days per year.



Overseen by both state and federal agencies



Licensed by the California Board of Pilot Commissioners



Up to 36 months of extensive training before license is granted



Mandatory continuing education and training



Environmental Stewardship

The Bar Pilots protect 90% of the state's marshland, keeping fragile shoreline undisturbed.



Treacherous Waters

The San Francisco Bay's topography, strong currents, high traffic volumes, and rapidly changing weather make it one of the most challenging pilotage waters in the United States.

1. Sacramento
2. Benicia
3. Martinez
4. Richmond
5. Oakland

160 miles
OF PILOTAGE ROUTES

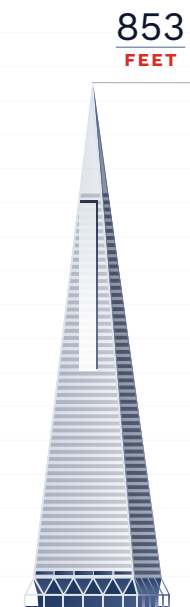
1,000 miles
OF SHORELINE

7,700 ships
PER YEAR

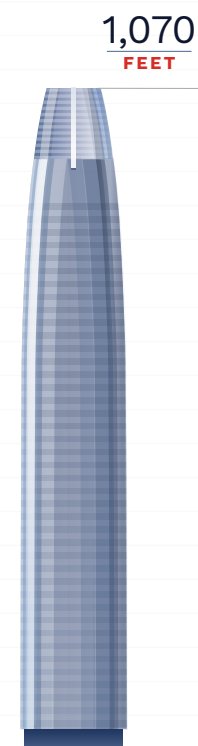
6. San Francisco
7. Stockton
8. Redwood City
9. Monterey



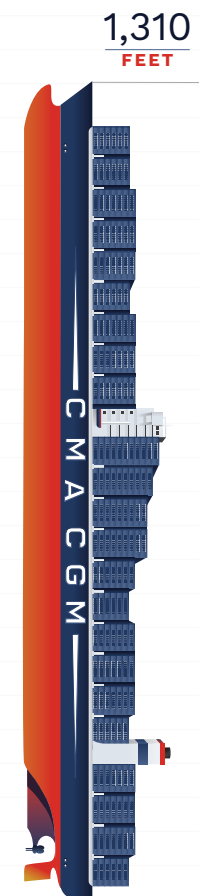
Golden Gate Bridge



Transamerica Pyramid



Salesforce Tower



CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin