



An AVERAGE DAY for America's Maritime Pilots

Every day pilots belonging to the American Pilots' Association (APA)¹ guide massive container, tank, cruise, and all other manner of commercial ships through narrow, winding, and congested waterways into and out of port. This 24 hour a day / 365 days a year work pilots do – where one miscalculation could mean disaster – is critical to keeping our Nation's stores stocked, hospitals equipped, factory output moving, fuel supplies replenished, and military equipment deployed.

Since pilots quietly perform their duties while maintaining an astonishing 99.9% safety record and this service is provided at no cost to taxpayers, pilots' vital work often goes unnoticed by the public. This work, however, has an enormous impact on all Americans.

On an AVERAGE DAY APA-member pilots:

- ❁ Make the dangerous transfer to and from ships **780 times**;
- ❁ Pilot **540 large commercial ships** in confined waterways;
- ❁ Move **4,750,000 tons of cargo valued at \$4.9 billion**; and
- ❁ Transport **41,000 cruise ship passengers**



¹ The American Pilots' Association (APA) has been the national association of professional maritime pilots since 1884. Virtually all of the more than 1,200 State-licensed pilots working in the coastal ports and approaches of the United States, as well as all of the U.S. registered pilots operating in the Great Lakes system under authorization by the Coast Guard, belong to APA member pilot groups. These pilots handle well over 90 percent of all large ocean-going vessels moving in international trade in the waterways of the United States. The role and official responsibility of these pilots is to protect the safety of navigation and the marine environment in the waters for which they are licensed. For more visit: www.americanpilots.org