



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Stacey Buccieri, Executive Director, Board of Pilot Commissioners

SUBJECT: Special Examination for Certified Deputy Pilot Opening in the Port of Panama City (St. Andrew Bay)

DATE: May 20, 2026

If you are interested in applying for the Deputy Pilot openings in Panama City, please submit a completed application and a non-refundable application fee of \$200 per port. The Department will begin accepting applications on **April 10, 2026**. All completed applications must be returned to the Department on or before **May 1, 2026**, however, we encourage you to make application as soon as possible. **Please mail your application to the following address:**

**DBPR/Professions
Board of Pilot Commissioners
PO Box 5377
Tallahassee, FL 32314-5377**

Or you may make application on line: A direct link to the application is here:

<https://www.myfloridalicense.com/intentions2.asp?chBoard=true-&boardid=23&SID>

Please note that there will be one opening in the port. Applicants will be notified if the openings increase further.

This Emergency Deputy Pilot Examination will be scheduled as follows:

DATE: May 20, 2026

SITE: DBPR/Division of Professions
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399

TIME: 7:30 am

Examination for Certified Deputy Pilot Openings in Panama City.

The examination will consist of the following two sessions:

1. (a) Rules of the road, International
(b) Rules of the road, Inland
(c) Seamanship and Ship handling
(d) Federal and State Pilotage Laws and Regulations
(e) Aids to navigation
2. (a) Local Knowledge of Port
(b) Port Chart Work

Prospective applicants are advised to contact the applicable port for information concerning local conditions including but not limited to:

1. Number of pilots
2. Training program in effect
3. Present and projected volume of business
4. Compensation as a deputy and later as a state pilot

Chart Description(s)

NOAA Chart numbers are for previous generation charts (raster) which have been discontinued since January 2024 and replaced with Electronic Navigation Charts (ENC). The Candidate Information Booklet (CIB) published November 2025 gives complete details on charts and reference publications in which to prepare for the examination.

The Board of Pilot Commissioners and the Bureau of Education and Testing have elected to continue the use of the outdated (raster) charts as the reference for all chart drawings.

USCG Light List Annual Edition is the reference to charted Aids to Navigation – if the 2026 Edition is not yet posted online, use of the 2025 is acceptable.

Panama City (St. Andrew Bay)

NOAA Chart 11391

Candidates are responsible for the following areas in the chart drawing: The area from the vicinity of the St. Andrews Bay Entrance Buoy into the bay and then north to and including the Hathaway Bridge and south to and including the Dupont Bridge and the ICW including Harbor Channel and South Channel; and West Channels, Harbor.