



Captain John Z. Strong

Captain John Strong is Vice President of Jacobsen Pilot Service. Since 1922 Jacobsen Pilots have been keeping vessel traffic flowing safely and smoothly through the Port of Long Beach. In addition, the company serves the U.S. Navy as their contract pilots for Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach.

Captain Strong became a pilot for Jacobsen Pilot Service in 1982. He was appointed Vice President in 1997. After graduating from the California Maritime Academy in 1973, Captain Strong obtained diverse experience in the oceanographic research, offshore supply vessel, and coastwise tanker segments of the maritime industry as well as a marine cargo surveyor. He has worked in every deck position from Able-Bodied Seaman to Master.

As Chairman of the Los Angeles- Long Beach Harbor Safety Committee it is his pleasure to also sit on the Executive Steering Committee of the Central California Area Maritime Security Council, representing the “water side” of port stakeholders.

Captain Strong was born and raised in the sea side community of Mission Beach in San Diego and has spent his entire life on or near the ocean. He is married with three grown daughters and son.