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## **CAPTAIN DICK JACOBSEN PRESENTED PORT PILOT AWARD**

The Port of Long Beach has presented its highest honor - the Honorary Port Pilot Award - to Capt. Richard J. Jacobsen, the CEO of Jacobsen Pilot Service Inc., for his significant contributions to the shipping industry and the advancement of international trade.

"Under his leadership, Capt. Jacobsen and his port pilots have established an enviable safety record guiding thousands of ships and their cargo in and out of the port for nearly a half century," said Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners President Carmen O. Perez. "As one of the industry's most respected port pilots, Capt. Jacobsen is an exceptionally deserving recipient of our Honorary Port Pilot Award."

The presentation to Capt. Jacobsen marks the first time that the Port Pilot Award has been awarded to a father and son. Capt. Jacobsen's father, Capt. Jacob A. Jacobsen - the late founder of Jacobsen Pilot Service - was honored with the Port Pilot Award in 1971.

The port honored Capt. Dick Jacobsen at a Dec. 14 holiday reception, presentation and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel.

Capt. Jacobsen is Long Beach's 69th Port Pilot honoree. The award is named for the harbor port pilots who are entrusted to safely guide cargo ships in and out of the port. Since 1954, the port has honored individuals for their leadership and achievements in international trade. The port has presented the award to CEOs of leading corporations, prime ministers, ambassadors, members of Congress, Cabinet officials and presidents, including President Ronald Reagan.

Jacobsen Pilot Service has served Long Beach Harbor for nearly 80 years. Capt. Dick Jacobsen came ashore to help run the business in 1956 after a career in the Merchant Marine and the U.S. Navy. Like his father and his son, company President Thomas A. Jacobsen, Capt. Dick Jacobsen has emphasized the highest standards of safety, customer service and leading edge technology.

In 1964, Capt. Jacobsen incorporated the family-run pilot service and offered his pilots the opportunity to buy company stock, creating the team that owns and operates the business today.

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