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Port of Palm Beach Harbor Pilot Retiring

Riviera Beach, Florida – June 28, 2019 – Port of Palm Beach Harbor Pilot Captain William Roden retires this weekend after serving 35 years.

Since 1984, he’s been sailing large ships into and out of the port.

“We take our pilot boat out and board the ships from the pilot boat and bring them into the port. We also dock most of the ships,” said Capt. Roden.

On Thursday, he was honored during a luncheon on the Grand Celebration, hosted by Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line.

Fellow harbor pilots and Port of Palm Beach staff members, including Executive Director Manuel Almira, were also in attendance.

Capt. Roden said every time he disembarks a vessel, he waves to the captains to let them know he made it on the pilot boat safely.

“My whole life growing up it’s been on the water so I will probably miss that.

About Port of Palm Beach

Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the port’s efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$7 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is one of the largest economic engines in South Florida. For more information, visit www.portofpalmbeach.com.