

Corpus Christi

Pilot pay information from Rivera v. Kirby

2013	613349
2015	722868
5-Year Average	667211

Source: Captain Rivera was not paid a set salary as a pilot; the amount of vessel traffic through the Port of Corpus Christi determined the amount that he earned. As a result, in the five-year period extending from 2013 to 2017, Captain Rivera's earnings from pilotage varied from a low of \$613,349 in 2013 to a high of \$722,868 in 2015. Captain Rivera's average annual earnings from pilotage for that five-year period were \$667,211. Cliffe subtracted \$20,000 from that average to account for non-reimbursable expenses, resulting in a wage-base figure of \$647,211. When extrapolating from that wage-base figure, Cliffe testified that, more likely than not, Captain Rivera's earnings would have risen at a rate of approximately one percent above inflation during his work life.

Rivera v. Kirby Corp., 3:17-CV-111, 2019 WL 4051854, at *7 (S.D. Tex. Aug. 28, 2019)