

# **RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION**

**Monthly meeting October 7, 2004 9:30 am**

## **Members present:**

**Mike Scanlon, Chairman**

**Donald McGovern, Secretary**

**Captain Howard McVay**

**Captain Peter Fritz**

## **Members absent:**

**Gary Powers, Attorney**

## **Others:**

**Henrietta Nelson**

## **First order of business:**

**Approved the September minutes**

**Chairman advised the commission that Captain Walker passed his Fall River Transient test and I will notify him and send him his license. Also, Captains Kelsy and Kirby passed the test for Block Island Sound and I will notify them and send them their licenses.**

**Continued discussion of possible reduced rates for cruise ships entering Narragansett Bay. We will schedule a public hearing in the near future related to the issue.**

**Captain McVey reminded the commission that it is time for the notice for annual pilot physicals to be sent out.**

**Port of Providence dredging project ongoing.**

**Further discussion of LNG terminal at Port of Providence.**

**New Business:**

**Captain McVay advised the commission that a Mass. tug and barge entered Narragansett Bay north of the Newport Bridge to pick up a pilot to traverse the Cape Cod Canal. He mentioned that it can be risky to turn the tug and barge around in restricted waters such as those found north of the bridge. Commission took it under advisement.**

**Chairman Scanlon attended a Ports and Waterways meeting to discuss the current safety status of Narragansett Bay.**

**Adjourned at 10:50.**