

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908**

**Proposed Minutes of the Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission  
Meeting**

**235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI**

**Held on December 6, 2007**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr. Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance:**

**Gary Powers, Legal Counsel to the Commission**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**

**Terri Bisson, DEM/Strategic Planning**

**Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the November 8, 2007 meeting were approved by assent.**

## **Old business:**

**1. The Commission accepted the annual report presented by Terri Bisson.**

**a. A motion was made and approved for the cost of printing the report not to exceed \$ 1875.00.**

**2. Pilot update was presented by Commissioner McVay**

**a. Captain Richard Astles: the state pilot board recommends Captain Astles to be moved up to step four-limited gross tonnage and restricted draft on less than 25 thousand and unlimited draft.**

**i. A motion was made and approved to move Captain Richard Astles to step four**

**b. Commissioner McVay reported that Sean Bogus and John Merrigan have been selected to the apprentice program.**

**3. Attorney Gary Powers will have a draft of a letter to Safesea for the Commission's approval by the January meeting.**

## **New Business:**

**1. Commissioner McVay reported on the new regulations that went into effect November 28th issued by the US Coast Guard for Buzzards Bay. The new federal regulations require tugboat escorts for single**

**hulled tank barges carrying 5,000 or more barrels of oil. The new regulations also require a federally licensed pilot to direct and control a vessel towing a single hulled tank barge carrying 5,000 or more barrels of oil through Buzzards Bay.**

**a. It is not certain what the impact of this regulation will be on the pilots regarding efficiency of servicing vessels.**

**2. Commissioner McVay reported on an accident in San Francisco Bay whereby container vessel, Cosco Busan, collided with the Oakland Bay bridge. The vessel reportedly had inadequate navigation systems and there was poor communication between the pilot and Cosco Busan, which may have contributed to the accident. Due to this incident all San Francisco Bay pilots will be required to have systems similar to what the Rhode Island pilots have.**

**3. Chairman Scanlon reported on Homeland Security's Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card to be issued to workers at ports, airports and other transportation hubs. The cost of the TWIC card will be \$ 140.00 renewable every 5 years. Pilots will be required to have a TWIC card.**

**A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.**

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**The Commission plans to hold its next regularly scheduled meeting in the Conference Room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM Headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on**

**January 3, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**