

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

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

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI

Held on January 3, 2008

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

H.M. Nelson, President of Goff & Page Co.

Captain Vince Kirby

Matthew Wingate, NOAA Representative

**Captain Paul Costabile-Executive Director of Northeast Marine Pilots,
Inc.**

Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at

approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were approved by assent.

Old business:

1. Apprentice pilot up-date

a. John Merrigan will be introduced to the Commission at the February meeting.

b. Sean Bogus will be introduced at the March meeting of the Pilotage Commission.

2. Atty. Gary Powers presented to Chairman Scanlon a draft of a letter to Safesea for the Chairman's review.

3. The viability of a pilot boat operating out of the Port of Galilee was discussed.

4. Captain Vince Kirby presented to the Commission a more streamlined format for the Apprentice Maritime Experience and Education Points System form.

a. A motion was made and approved to accept the new format.

New Business:

1. Matt Wingate reported to the Commission that NOAA is changing the charts and would like the Commission and pilots' feedback on the planned changes. Matt will return for the February 14th meeting with a short power point presentation.

2. Captain Paul Costabile presented to the Commission information regarding a rate increase to be included in the April public hearing

3. Commissioner McVay addressed the lack of an increase of cruise ships inspite of giving the cruise ship industry a 25% break on fees

a. Chairman Scanlon recommended that the pilots research the rate structure for the cruise ships and possibly add it to the proposal for a rate increase.

b. The following shall be included in the April public hearing:

i. Rate increases

ii. Increase in number of pilots

iii. Changes to evaluation standards of pilots

4. Commissioner Fritz would like the Commission to consider addressing the safety of the pilots along with the physical requirements of the pilots.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 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 March 6, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary