

**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 February 14, 2008**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Member(s) excused from attendance:**

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

**Others in attendance:**

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

**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**

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

**Tom Sullivan-Moran Shipping**

**Matthew Wingate, NOAA Representative**

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

**Inc.**

**Captain John Merrigan-apprentice pilot**

**Quorum being present, the Chair called the Meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The Minutes of the January 3, 2008 were approved by assent.**

**Old business:**

**1. Apprentice pilot up-date**

**a. Capt. Paul Costabile introduced apprentice pilot, Capt. John Merrigan, to the Commission.**

**i. Capt. John Merrigan presented to the Committee a copy of his credentials and educational background.**

**b. Captain Costabile is requesting two Block Island Sound apprentice positions.**

**c. Capt. Richard Astles is ready to be moved to 32' draft. A motion was made and approved to move Captain Astles to 32' draft.**

**2. Matt Wingate, representative of NOAA, made a presentation regarding a new charting system called NOAA Charting System II to streamline the charting process. The intent is to cut down on time and possible errors. NOAA is looking for feedback on:**

**a. What is the most important features on a chart**

**b. What features do mariners use**

**c. To go all metric**

**d. Standardize to international symbols**

**e. Geographic standardization**

**3. Commissioner Scanlon brought to the attention to the Commission of the upcoming public hearing. The following will be included in the hearing:**

**a. Northeast Marine Pilots is proposing a rate hike structure for the first year of 7%, 3.6% for second year and 3.6% for the third year. They are waiting for feedback from the agents regarding whether a surcharge is preferred.**

**b. Reduce the cruise ship weight structure from 25% to 10%.**

**c. Physical requirements of pilots**

**d. Rating system for pilot evaluations**

**e. The public hearing will be held on May 8 at 10:00 am.**

**New Business:**

**1. No new business**

**A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 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 20, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Virginia MacCoy, Recording Secretary**