

**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 RI State Pilotage Commission Meeting  
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island  
on November 5, 2009**

**Members in attendance:**

**Michael Scanlon, Chair**

**Captain J. Peter Fritz, Member**

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

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

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Others in attendance:**

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

**Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary**

**Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP**

**Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the October 2, 2009 meeting were approved by assent.**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

## **A. APPRENTICE PILOT UPDATE**

**1) Alex Soukhanov Progress:** H. McVay stated that due to mild weather conditions, there was nothing new to report on the progress of Capt. Alex Soukhanov. He has been piloting in other districts as well such as New Bedford Harbor.

**2) Sean Bogus:** H. McVay advised the Commission that Capt. Bogus has piloted nine round trips on Narragansett Bay to date. He went on to state that the State Pilot Board is very pleased with his progress.

**A.** Capt. Costabile stated that Capt. Bogus, Capt. Atles, and Capt. Kelsey just finished their tractor/tug training course and are now all certified.

**B.** M. Scanlon requested copies of those certificates to keep on file with Commission records.

**(1)** Capt. Costabile said he would send copies of all pilot certifications to the Commission.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Western Singapore**

**1)** M. Scanlon advised the Commission the events that took place on October 27, 2009, at 0300 with the Western Singapore sailing into Jamestown anchorage without a pilot on board.

He went on to state that Capt Maco, President NEMP, had boarded the Western Singapore at that time and then sailed into the Port of Providence. They had only one operating radar so Capt. Maco

contacted Carl Moberg of the Coast Guard Marine Safety office to report the incident who then boarded the vessel. C. Moberg then called M. Scanlon for RI state statutes regarding vessels coming into anchorage. C. Moberg stated that the Coast Guard would issue a penalty and assist with a customs' hold. M. Scanlon and Att. Powers decided to issue a Notice of Violation to the ship's Captain. M. Scanlon then spoke with C. Moberg to hold the vessel. The Coast Guard was waiting for a bond payment or fine payment of \$2,000 before they would release the ship. M. Scanlon then spoke John Gill a representative from the vessel's insurance company Lamorte Burnst and Co. He advised M. Scanlon that they are trying to expedite the best departure for the vessel. In the meantime, Lamorte Burnst and Co. said they would issue a \$10,000 bond and Letter of Understanding. The RIPC then issued a Notice of Violation to Capt. Fallacorina of the Western Singapore on October 29, 2009. M. Scanlon advised the Commission that he would retain copies of the captain's license, crew list, and other records.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

### **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 December 3, 2009 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m.