

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING**

**May 5, 2011**

**Held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250**

**Providence, Rhode Island 02908**

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair**

**Capt. J. Peter Fritz, Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

**Chief Steve Hall, Member**

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Capt. Rick Comeau, Maritime Simulation Institute**

**Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary**

**Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel**

**Ed LaBlanc, RI Coast Guard**

#### **I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

**Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Chief Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2011 meeting. Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by assent.**

#### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Apprentice Pilot Update - No updates to report. Capt Kirby of the State Pilot Board will update the Commission Chair in a quarterly report.**

**B. Review of RI Statutes: Yacht Exemptions - The members continued to discuss revisions and how to define vessels exempt, §46-9-3 Vessels exempt from chapter.**

**„P The Chair stated that he spoke with Jim Ball, coordinator of DEM's emergency response office and asked his advice on what he thought might require guidance regarding oil capacity aboard yachts and what environmental impact it would have in the event of a grounding or other catastrophe. Jim Ball said he would look into this and have some information for next month's meeting. Chair McVay requested That Atty. Powers look into the bonding process and continue that discussions at the June meeting.**

**C. Annual Meeting: Rate Increase and Additional Pilots -**

**1) Additional Pilots: The Chair made a motion to grant additional licenses. Chief Hall seconded the motion. 4-0 in favor.**

**2) Rate increase: The Chair stated that the pilots were requesting a 2% increase for 2012 and another 2% increase for 2013. Capt. Costabile handed out a car-ship analysis to members and explained state and port comparisons. He also explained costs involved in running/maintaining a pilot boat and cost-of-living increases.**

**Member Mouradjian suggested keeping the rates status-quo and discussing this next year. Capt. Costabile responded by explaining the importance of keeping rates competitive with other states. Member Capt. Fritz made a motion for a rate increase of 0% for 2012 and 3% increase for 2013. Member Mouradjian seconded the motion. 4-0 in favor.**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Statute Review: §46-9-4 and §46-9-4.1 §V Atty. Powers explained Title 46-9-4 (Pilots-RI Sound, Narragansett Bay, Sakonnet River and tributaries). Chair McVay wanted to make the members aware that the Commission has not been able to enforce this statute to date claiming they do not have jurisdiction over federal piloting. The members continued to discuss how they could amend the language that would give the Commission authority to enforce the statute. Atty. Powers will also review the law for any revisions. Discussions will continue at the June meeting.**

**B. Commission Meeting Schedule Changes: The next RI pilot commission meeting has been rescheduled to June 9, 2011.**

**C. Capt. Rick Comeau from MSI §V Overview of RI state Pilot Training**

**Capt Comeau gave a presentation on the institute and showed a**

**video segment of actual pilot training from the simulator.**

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

#### **V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**No executive session**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned**

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting:**

**The RI Pilot Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement (Rm. 250) at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI on June 9, 2011 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m**