

APPROVED MINUTES

RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

October 6, 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:

Tom Sullivan, Moran Shipping

Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Dir., NMP

Evan Matthews, DEC, Quonset Pt. Dev.

Capt. Vincent Kirby, NMP, RI State Pilot Board

Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel

Joanne Scorpio Recording Secretary

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 meeting. Member

Chief Hall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by assent. 3-0 in favor

II. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Review of RI Statutes: Yacht exemptions, - Commissioners continued discussing revisions for yacht exemptions (§46-9-3 Vessels exempt from chapter). Capt. McVay brought to the table some of the pilot's input. (See Draft #1 from Sep. 7, 2011 RIPC meeting) After the commissioners discussed the revisions, the Chair stated that he would make the revisions as discussed and submit them to Atty. Powers to draft the proposed changes. Atty. Powers suggested that if the proposed regulations can be approved at the December meeting, then he can go ahead and present them to the Governor's office and the other required agencies for their approval. The Commissioners agreed to schedule the public hearing for April 5, 2012. Member L. Mouradjian made a motion to put forth language as discussed. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion.

3-0 in favor.

B. Report on Treasure Coast Tug - Atty. Powers drafted a letter of warning to the tug's master/owner and operator for not boarding a pilot while traversing the waters of the state back in May 2011. Chair McVay emailed a copy of the draft to the commissioners.

C. State Pilot ID Badge Update - Member Chief Hall distributed a sample ID card for the commissioners and state pilots.

Commissioners and pilots will have their pictures taken RIDEM-Law Enforcement.

D. Annual Physicals - Chair McVay stated that he will email a reminder to the active pilots to have their completed medical forms in before December 31, 2011. Attached to the letter will be an electronic medical form along with the supplement physical form.

E. Review of RI Statute §46-9-6 - Chair McVay distributed a copy of the statute, "Duties of the Commission" to discuss any revisions. Att. Powers advised that revisions are not necessary to the current statute. No action will be taken to change the language.