

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**January 12, 2012**

**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**

**Chief Steve Hall, Member**

**Larry Mouradjian, Member**

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

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

**Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary**

**Atty. Gary Powers, legal Counsel**

**Capt. Rick Comeau; Maritime Simulation Inst.**

**Capt. Richard Atles, Northeast Marine Pilots**

**Capt. Vince Kirby, Northeast Marine Pilots**

**David Keene, Shell**

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

**Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reviewed the December 1, 2011 minutes. Member Chief Hall made a motion to accept the minutes; Member Mouradjian seconded the motion. The minutes**

were approved by assent.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **1) Apprentice Pilot Update-**

**Capt. Kirby, chair of the State Pilot Board advised the commissioners of his report on the current status of the apprentice and probationary pilots. Copies of that report were emailed to the chair and secretary for filing. Chair McVay then read the report to the commissioners.**

### **2) America's Cup update-**

**Member Chief Hall stated that the organizers have not expressed any definitive plans. Member Mouradjian stated that there are land-side and water-side issues. He attended a meeting the previous day with EDC representatives who are leading the land-side issues and overall event. Ed LeBlanc and the USCG would be in control and responsible for the water-side activities of the race. RI Lobsterman's Association has expressed concerns about the impact it will have. Member Mouradjian also stated that he voiced his concerns about the interference it will have with commercial traffic, the lobster industry and the on-land events regarding fees and ticket pricing. He will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss tall ships and other events at Newport.**

**Chair McVay stated that he and Capt. Paul Costabile will serve on the America's Cup Committee.**

**3) Response of USCG proposed regulations changes for master oceans-**

**Capt. McVay said that the Commission's response has been received.**

**4) Sunken Barge in Narragansett Bay - The barge has been removed.**

**5) NSTB Response- Member Chief Hall stated that the Christopher Kerns from the Governor's office is requesting a report on how the Commission is addressing the fatigue policy. A copy of the Commission's response will be sent to the director's office and then Chair McVay will send it to the Governor's office.**

### **III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Pilots medical forms-**

**All pilot medical forms for 2012 have been received**

**2)Camellia Ace incomplete transit to Davisville -**

**Chair McVay advised the members on an incomplete transit that occurred with a car ship in Narragansett Bay. He reminded the members about the incomplete transit that occurred last year where the pilot fee for one-way was waved. The commissioners discussed and decided because of the circumstances the pilots will go ahead and bill for both transits.**

**3)Regulation modifications-**

**Chair McVay discussed revisions in the state regulations that he would like have modified (yacht and barge exemptions). Member Capt. Fritz made a motion to delete Rule 14.05(2), Additional Equipment on Pilot Boats, Anti-collision Strobe Light. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. 3-0 in favor.**

**Chair McVay will draft a letter to the commission's legal counsel on the rule modifications.**

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**No executive session**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**None**

**VII. 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 at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI on Thursday, February 9, 2012 starting at approximately 9:30 a.m.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.**