

APPROVED MINUTES

RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 3, 2012

held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250

Providence, Rhode Island 02908

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair

Chief Steve Hall, Member

Capt. Peter Fritz, Member

Larry Mouradjian, Member, excused from attendance

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary

Atty. Gary Powers, legal Counsel

Dave 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 April 5, 2012 minutes. Member Chief Hall made a motion to accept the minutes; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1) State pilot update: Capt. Sean Bogus was issued a full branch license which includes any gross tonnage in Narragansett Bay and Block Island.

2) Review of testimony from annual public hearing: Atty. Gary Powers said that there were no comments on any of the proposals. Chair McVay then stated that the Commission could go ahead and vote on the on the revisions to the following regulations:

Section 14.05 deletion (Pilot boat strobe light),

Adoption of Section 15.08 (NTSB VHF radio call recommendation),

Adoption of Section 15.14.3 (Yacht exceptions),

Member Chief Hall made a motion to approve all amendments. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. Voted 2-0 in favor. The new regulations will go into effect on June 15, 2012. Atty. Powers will arrange to have the revisions updated on the DEM/RI Pilot website.

3) Continued discussions of RI Pilotage Statutes: Members continued to discuss the following statutes:

§46-9-14 - Fall River Pilots - No action will be taken at this time.

§46-9-15 - Prior Licenses - No action will be taken at this time.

§46-9-16 - Pilots Bond - Commissioners will continue discussions.

§46-9-17 – Liability of Fees - No action will be taken.

4) Americas Cup, Tall Ships, Newport/Bermuda Race Update – Member Chief Hall advised the Commissioners on updates on the events taking place in Newport. There are no new developments on

Americas Cup. Closing of the bay, however, has been changed from 1:00pm to 6:00 pm (previous time was 11:00am to 5:00pm). The Tall Ship's Parade of Sail will take place on that Monday. The Newport to Bermuda race will begin on June 15 at 11:00 am and end at 4:00. There are approximately 160 boats entered in the race to date. Depending on weather conditions on the starting day, the race could be rescheduled.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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, June 7, 2012 starting at approximately following the public hearing.