

APPROVED MINUTES

RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

June 7, 2012

held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250

Providence, Rhode Island 02908

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair

Larry Mouradjian, Member

Capt. Peter Fritz, Member

Chief Steve Hall, Member

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel

Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary

Capt. Rick Comeau, MSI

Capt. Sean Bogus, Probationary Pilot

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 May 3, 2012 minutes. Member Chief Hall made a motion to accept the minutes; Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1) Continued discussions of RI Pilotage Statutes - Members continued to discussions to make revision on the following statutes:

§46-9-18 – Lien for Pilotage Fees- No action will be taken at this time.

§46-9-19 – Commissions Prohibited- No action will be taken.

§46-9-20 - Accounts of Fees-Payment to State-Use of Funds – No action will be taken.

§46-9-21 – Payment of Pilotage Fees - No action will be taken.

§46-9-22 - Grounds for Disciplinary Action – No action will be taken.

2) Americas Cup, Tall Ships, Newport/Bermuda Race Update:

Ed LeBlanc, USCG, emailed the Commission members an update on the events taking place in Narragansett Bay that will impact marine travel. Member Chief Hall stated that he has attended event meetings and no changes have been made; everything is set to go.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1) RIPC meeting summer schedule: Commission meetings were not scheduled for July and August due to lack of quorum. Meetings will resume in September.

2) Certification for BIS Examination: Chair McVay stated that he received a letter from Capt. Kirby of the State Pilot Board stating that apprentice pilot Capt. Donovan has completed his Block Island trips

and is now certified for exam with the Commission's approval. The Chair made a motion to approve Capt. Donovan for the Block Island Sound exam; Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. All in favor 4-0.

3) Fatigue Policy: Atty. Gary Powers suggested that the Commission may want to think about establishing fatigue requirements so the state would be consistent with federal guidelines. Commission members will continue discussions in upcoming meetings.

The Commission members approved the letter drafted by Chair McVay in response to Deborah Hersman's (NTSB) letter regarding Safety Recommendations M-11-19 to -21 .

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 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, September 6, 2012 starting at approximately following the public hearing.