

APPROVED MINUTES  
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
September 5, 2013  
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

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<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Larry Mouradjian, Member Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Leonard Ariagno, Mass. Pilot Commission, Dst. 4 Capt. Steve Cromby, Apprentice Pilot, NEMP Capt. Sean Bogus, Probationary Pilot, NEMP Capt. Comeau, Maritime Simulation Institute Joanne Scorpio, Secretary RIPC

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**I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Quorum being present, Chair McVay called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the June 6, 2013 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The June minutes were approved by assent.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) The Commissioners continued reviewing and discussing RI Pilotage Rules and Regulations 13 and 14:

RULE 13, PILOTAGE SYSTEM FOR THE WATERS OF NARRAGANSETT BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES,

13.01- A- I – No Changes were made at this time.

RULE 14, PILOT BOAT RULES AND REGULATIONS,

14.01 - Certificate and Compliance – Atty. Powers suggested that this rule be edited for clarification regarding a state licensed pilot vs. any licensed pilot boarding a pilot boat in RI waters. Chair McVay stated that according to the way the rule is written, it is questionable as to whether the Commission has any jurisdiction over a federal pilot. The members advised Atty. Powers to clarify that part of the rule. Member Larry Mouradjian requested that the proposed rule be ready for the public hearing. The members all agreed to schedule the public hearing for April 2014.

14.02 – Log Book to be Kept, No changes made.

14.03 – Inspection and Certification of Pilot Boats

Sections: A, B, C, – No changes at this time.

Section D – Chair McVay requested adding a list of marine surveyors in Section D. He will send a current list out to the Commissioners for their approval.

Section E – Chair McVay advised that Section E states that a pilot boat is governed under “small passenger vessels” according to CG requirements. He said that he would speak with Atty. Powers about re-wording Section E.

14.04 - Complement of Pilot Boat; No changes .

14.05- Additional Equipment on Pilot Boats; 1-2; No Changes.

14.06 - Pilots and Pilot Boats, Exception to Rules; No changes.

14.07- Pilot Station; No Changes.

2) State Pilot Board Report:

Chair McVay reported that Capt. Lemke is showing some improvement and he hopes to return to work.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

1) Commission Meeting Schedule Changes:

December 5, 2013 meeting has been changed to Tuesday, December 3, 2013.

2) Marine Simulation Institute Pilot Fatigue Discussion:

Capt. Rick Comeau (MSI) gave a brief presentation on maritime fatigue and some of the contributing factors of sleep deprivation and its adverse effects on pilots. He stated that the Coast Guard and NTSB are both focusing on the impacts of mariner fatigue. Chair McVay pointed out that the current regulations do not address or take a proactive approach to support the pilots. The Commissioners then discussed the possibility of entering language into the regulations that would help improve the quality of sleep in an effort to reduce fatigue. Capt. Comeau stated that he would be available to advise the Commissioners.

The members then addressed the four-hour notice that is currently in place and discussed whether it gives a pilot adequate time to readjust; discussions will continue.

Member Chief Hall made a motion for MSI (Maritime Simulation Inst.) to assist the Commissioners with advice to help them develop fatigue-reducing regulations.

Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**V. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session at 10:47am. Chair McVay advised that he wanted to discuss personnel issues regarding state pilots. The closed-session convened in the RIPC meeting room with all four-commission members in attendance; Atty. Powers, Secretary Joanne Scorpio, Capt. Ariagno were also present.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, 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, October 3, 2013 starting at 9:30am.

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