

APPROVED MINUTES  
 RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING  
 MAY 9, 2014  
 held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 300  
 Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member Asst. Dir, RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary RIPC Craig Ibbotson, Moran Shipping Agencies, Inc. Hank Nelson, Goff and Page Shipping Capt. Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Len Ariagno, Mass. Pilot Commission, Dst. 4 Capt. Sean Bogus, NEMP

**I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners then reviewed the April, 2014 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The April minutes was approved by assent.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

1) **Regulation Review** – The Commission members continued to review the State Pilot Regulations for revisions:

15.16– Additional fees payable to pilots–Pilot Detention Fee

- 4. Fee for being carried away to Sea: *No action will be taken to modify the rule.*
- 5. Fee for adjusting compass and RDF calibration–each\$300: The text “*and RDF calibration*” will be deleted.
- 6. Any vessel shifted within the harbor shall pay a fee of \$300: *No action taken.*

15.17– Offenses Involving Narcotic Drugs, Marijuana, and Depressants or Stimulant Drugs or Substances:

- A. *No action taken.*
- B. All language after “*United States Coast Guard*” will be deleted. “*United States Department of Homeland Security*” will be added to replace deleted text.
- C. *No action will be taken.*

15.18 – Navigational Rules of the Road : *No action will be taken at this time.* The Chair stated that he will have the investigative officer from the Coast Guard contact Atty. Powers to clarify the rule and then the commissioners will discuss it at a future date.

Regulation review will continue next month (June) beginning with Rule No. 15.19.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chair stated that he had previously emailed the members written comments that were sent to him from Shipping Agents Hank Nelson (Goff & Page) and Tom Sullivan (Moran Shipping) that referenced **Rules 15.16D 2 and 3**. Also included in the email was his response to their comments. The Chair proposed to remove Sections (15.16) D2 and D3 and add new language (see attached). The commissioners and shipping agents continued discussing the rule. It was decided that Atty. Powers will rewrite the rule (**15.16,D2**) to reflect Chair McVay's modifications and have that ready for review at next month's meeting.

Commissioners and shipping agents discussed the revised Sailing Order Table That Chair McVay proposed. Atty. Powers will make grammatical changes (adding "hours" after all sailing times) and also include the waiver (see attached) from Chair McVay's draft proposal.

Member Chief Hall made a motion to have Atty. Powers draft Chair McVay's proposals and insert the waiver to all sections in Rule 15.16D2&3 including the sailing times. Member Larry Mouradjian Seconded the motion, Votes 3-0 in favor.

#### V. VOTE TO LICENSE CAPT. SANFORD

The Chair stated that Apprentice Pilot Capt. Sanford was examined and passed his Block Island Sound license on April 18, 2014. Member Chief Hall made a motion for the Commission to license Capt. Sanford for probationary status in BI Sound. Member L. Mouradjian seconded the motion. Voted 3-0 in favor. Atty. Powers administered the oath.

#### VI. 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 5, 2014 starting approximately 9:30am. The July and August meetings will be cancelled due lack of a quorum. The September 4th meeting will remain on the Calendar as scheduled and will be confirmed at a later date.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Member L. Mouradjian made a motion to adjourn; Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.