

APPROVED MINUTES
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2014
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

| <u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u> | <u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u> |
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| Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Chief Steve Hall, Member | Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary, RIPC Capt. Sean Bogus, NEMP Capt. David Gray, NEMP Ed LeBlanc, USCG |
| <u>EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE</u> | |
| Asst. Dir., RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member | |

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 September, 2014 minutes. Member Chief Hall moved to approve the minutes; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The September 2014 minutes was approved by assent.

II. COMMENTS FROM USCG

Ed LeBlanc (USCG) addressed the members and advised them on prototype ASV's (unmanned vessel) in Narragansett Bay.

He said that there are concerns on the vessel's conformance of the rules of the road. This has also been a topic of discussion with the CG National Advisory Committee and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), but nothing formal has been adopted yet. Although the vessels will meet the requirements with lights and sounds, there is still the problem of having a proper lookout and maneuvering the vessel to avoid collision.

He advised that one of URI's two prototype ASV has been deployed out of Wickford Harbor to go through tests. The CG is working with URI to install equipment on the vessel to make it noticeable to mariners. URI will be deploying a vessel some time next spring or summer off of Martha's Vineyard.

II. OLD BUSINESS

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

Rule 15.19 – Utilization of Commission Issued Navigational Computer Equipment; No action taken.

Rule 16 – Rates of Pilotage Fees, Which Shall be Paid to State Licensed Pilots in Block Island Sound:
Rule 16.01A, B, C, D, E, F will be deleted from the Regulations.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Communications Received: RI State Pilot Board sent a Letter to the Commission recommending **Capt. David Gray** to the apprentice program. The Chair introduced Capt. Gray and asked him to give a brief history on his piloting experience.

After Capt. Gray addressed the commissioners, Atty. Powers gave him a *waiver of liability* form to sign. Capt. Gray will begin apprenticing in Narragansett Bay.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am. Member Chief Hall made a motion to adjourn. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2014, beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, Rm. 250; 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.