

PROPOSED MINUTES
RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
December 4, 2014
held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Member Asst. Dir., RIDEM, Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Joanne Scorpio, Secretary, RIPC Len Ariagno, Dep. Pilot Commissioner (Mass)
<u>EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE</u>	
Chief Steve Hall, Member	

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Before the Commissioners reviewed the previous meeting minutes, the Chair advised that the November 6, 2014 RIPC meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Commissioners then reviewed and amended the October 2, 2014 minutes. Member Larry Mouradjian moved to approve the minutes; Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. The October 2014 minutes was approved by assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Regulation Review – Commission members continued reviewing State Pilot Regulations. Atty. Powers distributed a copy of the current revised regulations to confirm modifications made that were discussed at previous meetings:
 - 14.01 – Certificate of Compliance (*see regulation for revisions*).
 - 15.12 – Pilots, Block Island Sound Filing of Report Fees (*Deleted from regulations. Numbering will be changed for the remainder of sub-sections 15.12 thru 15.20*)
 - 15.15.D.5 – Fee for adjusting compass (and RDF calibration—each \$300 *will be deleted*),
 - 15.16.B – Offenses Involving Narcotic Drugs. . . (US Department of Transportation *will be deleted and replaced with US Department of Homeland Security*).
 - 15.18.A – Utilization of Commission Issued Navigational Computer Equipment (*girth will replace berth*).

16.01-16-03 – Rates of Pilot Fees which shall be Paid to State Licensed Pilots in Block Island Sound, (Deleted in its entirety from regulations).

The Commissioners and Atty. Powers revisited and discussed clarifying the term “upper most continuous deck” in Rule 15.12 Pilotage Units-Definitions. Atty. Powers will make the modifications to line 2 so it is understood that *upper most continuous deck* is where any cargo or passengers are carried.

The Chair also stated that Ed LeBlanc (USCG) requested that Rule 15.17-Navigational Rules of the Road be modified. The Chair said he will forward his proposals so Atty. Powers can have the modifications ready for the January meeting.

- 2) The Chair distributed a copy of *Policy & Procedure* from the NY Board of Commissioners of Pilots and a copy of the *NY Report of Marine Accident/Occurrence* form for the commissioners and Atty. Powers to review. The Chair discussed perhaps clarifying state policy/regulation on what pilots must report in the event of an occurrence or accident. He would like the members and Atty. Powers to review the NY policy before the next meeting and then discuss drafting a similar policy into RI regulations.
- 3) The Chair advised that Rule 15.19 Utilization of Commission Issued Navigational Computer Equipment does not state that the equipment shall be activated. Chair McVay requested that Atty. Powers clarify the rule.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Chair distributed the following:
 - 2015 meeting schedule.
 - Roster of RI State Pilots as of Jan 1, 2015
 - Capt. Maco is officially retired from rotation but will continue to pilot if called for duty,
 - Capt. Lemke is still inactive,
 - State Pilot Board Roster
 - Capt. Kirby, Chair of the State Pilot Board requested that he step down as Chairman of the Board,
 - Capt. Walker was appointed to Chair the Board.
- 2) Member Capt. Fritz made a motion to accept Capt. Kirby’s withdrawal as Chairman of the RI State Pilot Board and appoint Capt. Clint Walker as the new Chair of the State Pilot Board. Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. 2-0 *voted in favor*.
- 3) The Chair advised that he will be getting a report next month from the Board on Capt. Gray’s progress. He said that Capt Gray has most of his trips in and he expects that Capt. Gray will be examined in the first quarter of 2015.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am . Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion to adjourn. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion.

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next schedule meeting will be Thursday, January 8 2015, beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, Rm. 250, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.