

APPROVED MINUTES
 RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING
 January 7, 2016
 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 Frank Floor, Member Larry Mouradjian, Member	Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel , RIPC Jo-Anne Scorpio, Secretary Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Vince Kirby, State Pilot Board Ed LeBlanc, Chief of Waterways, USCG Capt. Adam Sanford, Apprentice Pilot, NEMP Capt. Dale Harper, Apprentice Pilot, NEMP Capt. David Gray, NEMP Tim Manning, Agent, Moran Shipping Craig Ibbotson., Agent, Moran Shipping

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The October and November 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Commission. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) State Pilot Board Report: Chair McVay advised that he received the Board's report on the following pilots:
- **David Gray** – The Board has requested to upgrade Capt. Gray's wind limit in Davisville to 15 knots. Member Peter Fritz made a motion to increase Capt. Gray's wind restriction up to 15 knots or less with a draft increase of 28 feet. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.* The Chair will send out a confirmation on Capt. Gray's upgrade.
 - **Adam Sanford** – Chair Mcvay stated that Apprentice Pilot Adam Sanford has completed the state apprentice program and is now certified for exam. The Board has recommended that Capt. Sanford be examined for Narragansett Bay. Member Peter Fritz made a motion to certify Capt. Sanford for the Narragansett Bay exam; Member Frank Floor seconded. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*
 - **Dale Harper** – The Board advised that Capt. Harper has completed his apprenticeship with the Northeast Pilots and would like the Commission to certify Harper for his exam. Capt. Harper stated that he currently has his federal license for Cape Cod Canal and Buzzards Bay, Block Island Sound, and eastern Long Is. Sound. Member Peter Fritz made a motion to certify Capt. Harper for the Block Island Sound exam. Member Frank Floor seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.* (Atty. Powers said that he will have a "Waiver of Liability" ready for Capt. Harper to sign later on in the day.)
 - **Steve Crombie** – Capt. Kirby advised that Apprentice Pilot Capt. Crombie has been with the NEMP for approximately two years. Crombie and another candidate that have been in training do not have their master's license and finding recruits with a master's license and at least five years of deep sea experience has been challenging. Capt. Kirby also stated that Crombie's performance is conservative but is where he should currently be.

- 2) Gross Tonnage Proposal: Chair McVay asked Capt.'s Costabile and Kirby to address the pilots' proposal where limited probationary gross tonnage would be increased from 30,000 tons to 33,000 tons. The pilots and commissioners continued discussions.

The Chair said this can be addressed at the annual public hearing in April. Atty. Powers reminded the commissioners that this would have to go through the Governor's office and ECE.

Member Larry Mouradjian recommended to make a motion to adopt the proposal so it would be part of the record. Member Peter Fritz seconded the motion. *Voted 3-0 in favor.*

- 3) RAVEN Equipment: Member Frank Floor stated that the IT staff participated in the RAVEN retrieval training. If a piloted ship encounters an incident, we will obtain the unit via chain of custody and someone from the IT staff will retrieve the data log where it will be stored for the commission.
- 4) Fatigue: Capt. Costabile proposed a six hour notice for sailing to the State Regulations and then advised that the following revisions were made to the Northeast Marine Pilots' policy:
A \$500 penalty will be imposed if a vessel does not sail within 1 hour; another \$500 penalty if the vessel does not sail within 2 hours and then sailing will be rescheduled.
- 5) NTSB letter: The Chair suggested to not respond to the NTSB until the Commission concludes its regulation changes that will be finalized after the public hearing. Atty. Powers reminded the commissioners that he already communicated with the Governor's office that action on the regulation changes will be taken in April 2016.
- 6) Annual Training: The commissioners and pilots discussed whether or not to make annual training mandatory for the pilots. All agreed that Training requirements will remain as is.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Pilotage Rate increase: Captain Paul Costabile addressed the commissioners and requested a rate increase of 6% over the next three years. 2% in 2017, 2% in 2018 and 2% in 2019. Member Larry Mouradjian recommended that the pilots justify their rate increase by providing the Commission with financial confirmation of their increased costs. Discussions will continue.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Member Peter Fritz made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Member Larry Mouradjian seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30a.m.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2016, beginning at approximately 9:30am at the Dept. of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement, 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI 02908.