

RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

*Advisory Entities**

The Rhode Island State Pilotage Commission created two Advisory Entities since 2017:

- 1) The Rhode Island Pilot Advisory Board (RIPAB), and
- 2) The Pilot Training Advisory Panel (PTAP).

The status of these advisory entities as of January 1, 2023 is as follows:

Rhode Island Pilot Advisory Board (RIPAB)

Purpose: The purpose of the RIPAB is to function as an advisory body to the Rhode Island Pilot Commission on any matters desired by the Commission. The RIPAB is deliberative in nature, and all opinions, recommendations, and guidance put forth by it are a reflection of a majority vote of the Full Branch Rhode Island Pilot Advisory Board Pilots.

Composition: The RIPAB is made up by all Full Branch Rhode Island Pilots. The representative of the RIPAB is the acting NEMP President or his designee.

Activity: Input from the Full Branch RI Rhode Island Pilot Advisory Board Pilots is solicited and considered by the Commission on an ongoing basis on numerous matters, including pilot licensing and advancement, pilot safety, vessel traffic and trade patterns, advancements in ship handling and technology, and numerous pilotage and safety-related topics.

Rhode Island Pilot Training Advisory Panel (PTAP)

Purpose: The purpose of the PTAP is to review pilot training and continuing education to ensure that RI state pilots are among the best trained in the nation. This primarily includes review of training tools and courses available to pilots, and review of pilot incident reports of benefit for piloting in RI waters, with such training ideally including the latest advances in piloting techniques and technology.

Composition: The Commission stipulated two specific criteria for PTAP composition: 1) One member to be a pilot from the NEMP rotation; 2) Another member to be a graduate from Mass. Maritime experienced and skilled in the maritime field. Since inception, there have always been four members of the PTAP plus its Chairperson, the RIPC Vice Chair, for a total of 5 persons. Current members are Captains: Michael Campbell, Richard Comeau, James Fitzpatrick, Joseph Murphy, and Chair Peter Fritz.

Activity: The PTAP met in 2018 to review and update existing training requirements for the pilots and recommended modest alterations thereto. It submitted a meeting report (Sept. 2018) to the Commission detailing the PTAP's composition and the training alterations noted above. Since then, members have remained in contact via email.

**As approved by the RISPC on April 6, 2023*

LEGAL DISCLAIMER: These entities will serve in a strictly advisory capacity to the RISPC and do not supplant any existing authority of the RISPC. When these entities make any recommendation for the RISPC to take any action under RISPC's jurisdiction, such recommendations are subject to review and vote by the RISPC.