

APPROVED MINUTES  
RHODE ISLAND STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019  
Held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250  
Providence, RI 02908

<u>MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
Capt. E. Howard McVay, Chair Capt. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair Dean Hoxsie, RIDEM, Chief of DLE, Member	Paul Costabile, Ex. Director, NEMP Atty. Hoefsmit, RIDEM, Commission's Legal Counsel JoAnne Scorpio, RIDEM, Commission Secretary
<u>EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE</u>	
Frank Floor, RIDEM, Chief, Parks and Rec., Member	

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the RI State Pilotage Commission convened at the regularly scheduled time at 9:30am on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the headquarters of the RIDEM, Division of Law Enforcement. A quorum was present; the Commissioners reviewed the September 5, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Dean Hoxsie **MOVED** to accept the minutes. Vice Chair Peter Fritz **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS, 3-0 to approve**.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Commission Meeting Schedule:  
No changes to the current 2019 schedule. Commissioners scheduled dates for Jan-Dec 2020. Chair McVay said that he would email a draft schedule for the members to vote on at the next regular meeting.
2. Training Advisory Panel:
  - (a) Vice Chair Fritz commented that one of the Advisory Training members, Michael Mara, passed away on September 23, 2019. He said Capt. Mara was committed to the development and training of maritime education for the Coast Guard, Navy, and other branches of government and was very instrumental as a member of the Advisory Training Panel. Vice Chair stated that he would be looking for another potential candidate to fill Capt. Mara's seat.
  - (b) Commissioners briefly discussed training that the pilots will be required to take. Discussions will continue at next regular monthly meeting.
3. Pilot Certificates and Expiration Dates:  
Chair McVay advised that Capt. Bogus' RADAR Observer credentials expired on 10-01-19. He said with the new requirements in place, the Commission will need a copy of Northeast Marine Pilots' letter to the USCG advising of Capt. Bogus's request for RADAR

Observer endorsement. Capt. Costabile, NEMP stated that he would send a copy to the Commission.

4. **Probationary Pilot License Status:**

No changes since the last meeting. Chair McVay advised, however, that Capt. Harper’s probationary license expires December 2019 and that the Commission has to either renew it or extend the date so Capt. Harper can continue to work. The Chair advised he will put this on the December agenda.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Use of DP in RI Anchorages:**

The Chair explained that Capt. Harper encountered a situation involving “DP” mode while piloting in Martha’s Vineyard (9-27-19),

Chair McVay said that Capt. Harper asked if there were any guidelines/policy that permits vessels to anchor in RI waters with the use DP (dynamic positioning). Chair McVay then explained to the commission that the regulations do not address “DP”, and Massachusetts statutes are different from RI when a pilot is relieved. Commissioners then discussed and agreed to draft policy that protects the pilots and state. The Chair said he will draft DP policy and have the commission review it at the next meeting.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. Vice Chair Fritz made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Member Hoxsie **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**. 3-0 to adjourn.

Meeting Schedule for 2019	Th, Nov. 7
	Th, Dec. 5

\*Meeting dates are subject to change

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