

# Rhode Island State Pilotage Commissioners

(as of April 2016)



## Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr., Chair

Captain McVay is a deep sea master mariner with 30 years piloting experience. He grew up sailing and racing on the waters of New England and Narragansett Bay. Prior to becoming a Northeast Marine Pilot, Captain McVay graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and went to sea first with the Masters Mates and Pilots (MMP) union followed by Arco Marine. With Arco Marine, Captain McVay sailed aboard the largest vessels under the United States flag. Captain McVay has been a Pilot Commissioner since 1998.



## Larry Mouradjian

Larry, Associate Director of DEM's Bureau of Natural Resources, is a 32 year veteran of DEM, where he has held various positions of increasing responsibility. He is responsible for the natural resource management functions, including the oversight of 8 divisions and 225 full-time and 470 seasonal employees. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from URI and has completed advanced training in incident command, the DEM Municipal Police Academy, and forestry law enforcement and firefighting. He has been a Commissioner since 2005.



## Frank Floor

Frank Floor is a graduate of Roger Williams University with a BS in Administration of Criminal Justice. He has been a law enforcement officer for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for 29 years and is currently Deputy Chief of the RIDEM Division of Law Enforcement, which is responsible for natural resource law enforcement in Rhode Island including enforcement of hunting, fishing (commercial and recreational) and boating safety laws and regulations.



## Captain J. Peter Fritz, Vice Chair

Captain Fritz was brought up on Narragansett Bay and knew at an early age that he wanted to "go to sea." Just days after graduating high school, he joined the brand new super-tanker *Mobil Aero* as an ordinary, advancing quickly to able body seaman. He is a graduate of Wentworth Institute in Boston and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He served for over 26 years, as Third Mate thru Ship's Master on tankers, breakbulk freighters and the largest automated container vessels afloat. Presently he is with the Transportation Security Administration at T.F. Green Airport. Captain Fritz was appointed to the Commission in 2004.



## Gary Powers

Attorney Powers has served as Legal Counsel to the Commission since July 2001 including the representation of the Commission relative to various administrative proceedings enforcing the duly promulgated regulations of the Commission. Attorney Powers also serves as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel within the Department of Environmental Management and has previously served as the State's Environmental Advocate under Attorney General James O'Neil from 1987 to 1989.



## Joanne Scorpio

Joanne joined the Pilot Commission in 2008. She composes meeting minutes and provides administrative support to the Commission. She began her career at DEM working in various divisions. She currently works for the Division of Law Enforcement reporting state boating accidents to the USCG and has other responsibilities for the boating safety section and the Office of Criminal Investigation. Joanne has a degree in Liberal Arts and also graduated from Katharine Gibbs School.