

**Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report April 16, 2013 Public Meeting
Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound
New Haven, CT**

1.) The public meeting was called to Order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Bill Gash. Pilot Commission members Chuck Beck, Bill Borek, Mike Eisele, Phil Gaughran, Ralph Gogliettino and Dave Pohorylo were also present. Also attending were CDR Amy Beach, CWO Greene, Dan Coleman, Keith Colwell, Tom Dubno, Charlie Jonas, Pat Kennedy, Joe Maco, Brad Pimer, Dave Rossiter and Alan Stevens.

2.) A motion was made to approve the summary report of the February 19, 2013 meeting by Mike Eisele and seconded by Ralph Gogliettino. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3.) Public Comments – SA Dan Coleman advised of a recent report of a suspicious activity; photos being taken of a fuel barge from the Long Wharf area. He reminded all of the necessity to remain vigilant (see something, say something) particularly in light of the Boston Marathon incident.

4.) U.S. Coast Guard – CDR Beach remarked that there appeared to be some additional questions from the mariners on the Port Jefferson range lights. She introduced the CG Sector LIS ATON Office CWO Greene to respond to any questions and address concerns. Charlie Jonas stated that the new range lights can't be seen. In response to a question from CWO Green, Jonas said that his height of eye at the time was 90 feet above the water. Greene acknowledged that the CG appeared to have the arc of the range light set properly but still needed to make some adjustments to the height. Jonas stated that the light intensity needed to be increased. Greene replied that the current setting on the light was for 4 miles and the CG was working to increase to 8, the distance to the Port Jefferson sea buoy. Joe Mack added that he had the same problem finding the range light and inquired about the possibility of re-establishing the day boards. CWO Green replied that there are no brackets to mount day boards on the new structure. He also stated that the degrees of visibility arc and color changes are listed in the Notice to Mariner. A white light can only be seen when on the range. Jonas stated that there is a problem finding a sector style range light when slightly outside of the visible arc so day boards and/or a front range light would help. In response to CWO Green stating that there is no property available to establish a front range light and/or a front day board, Jonas stated that the channel might need more buoys. Ralph Gogliettino requested that the CG keep the CPC advised on changes made to the Port Jefferson range light so that the information can be distributed to the CPC and interested parties.

The Chairman asked CDR Beach to address the recent problems with TWIC card renewals. CDR Beach stated that the CG Sector LIS command was aware of the delays and had pushed the complaints up the CG chain of command. She added that due to the delays and inability of some mariners/facility workers in renewing expiring TWIC cards, CG inspectors would not be focusing on expiring cards as a violation. Mention was made of a national forum on the TWIC system being held in Chicago on May 9, 2013. Joe Maco added that the TWIC problems was a topic at a recent New Haven COOP meeting.

5.) Rotation System Executive Board Report – No representative present, no report offered.

6.) Rotation System Executive Board Report - The Chairman asked Phil Gaughran for an update. Gaughran stated that there had not been a recent meeting of the RSEB so there was nothing to report. He also stated that the pilots had agreed to meet once every three months which would coincide with the May CPC meeting.

7.) Connecticut Department of Transportation – Dave Rossiter Stated that through a conversation with the New England District of the Army Corps of Engineers, he had learned that due to there still not being a 2013 Federal budget, federal funding for the maintenance dredging

of New Haven harbor had still not materialized. He added that the 2013 Water Resources Development Act was working its way through Congress. Chuck Beck provided some additional information. Based on information obtained yesterday from the ACOE by Joe Salvatore (CTDOT Dredge Project Coordinator) the ACOE was very encouraged that the \$10M of federal funding for the maintenance dredge of New Haven Harbor would be provided in any FY 2013 budget; full or another continuing resolution. The New England District had already received approximately \$2M of Storm Sandy relief funds for dredging New Haven Harbor. Additionally, the CTDOT obtained approval for a \$10M state bond to be used if necessary to conduct a maintenance dredge of New Haven Harbor during the next dredging season (winter 2013-3014).

8.) Executive Session: The CPC adjourned to Executive Session at 1017 to discuss issues related to state pilot license and harbor launch charges. The Public Session of the CPC meeting was reconvened at 1127. The Chairman announced that no motions had been made and no votes had been taken.

9.) Continuing Business:

A. Investigative Processes for Marine Incidents/Accidents – The Chairman announced that due to the absence of Alan Blume, discussion on the agenda item would be deferred until the May 21, 2013 CPC meeting

B. Apprentice Pilot Training Report - Phil Gaughran stated that there were no new trips reported by either of the two apprentice pilots since the January CPC meeting. He questioned whether or not the CPC should send a letter to the apprentices to put them on notice to report progress or be dropped from the program. The Chairman asked Gaughran to try to contact them again to give them one more month.

C. Recency Requirements – Phil Gaughran stated he preferred to wait for Alan Blume to be present and asked for the topic to be deferred. The Chairman agreed.

D. Pilotage Rates and Fees – Status of Pilotage Rate Increase Regulation - Chuck Beck stated that the change to the regulation had cleared OPM and the Governor's office. One letter (copy contained in the meeting package) had been received indicating opposition to the codification of the \$600 fee charged to pilots by the pilot boat operators. The next step will be review by the Regulatory Review Committee.

E. Temporary Fuel Surcharge – Chuck Beck stated that the 30 day comment period had expired. Two letters (copies contained in the meeting package) had been submitted; one in support of the proposed extension and increase and one in support of the extension but opposed to the increase. The CTDOT approved the extension at the former \$260 rate; i.e. without the increase.

10) New Business:

A. Transportation Committee's Informational Hearing on CT's Ports – The Chairman stated that the Transportation Committee had held an informational hearing on HB 1043 in March. Chuck Beck added that he had heard yesterday that HB 1043 had been returned to the Transportation Committee. He also stated that the more detailed Commerce Committee sponsored Bill to create a CT Statewide Port Authority (CSPA) had been voted out of committee in early April.

B. New Haven Terminal Security Issues Related to Loading Stores – With consent of the CPC Commissioners, the item was removed from the agenda without discussion.

11.) Adjourn - A motion was made by Mike Eisele to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dave Pohorylo. Prior to the vote, oe Maco inquired about state funding for the P.O.R.T.S. gauge in New Haven. Chuck Beck relied that there wasn't any at this time. The Chairman appealed to all present not to use the CPC email distribution list as a means of distributing advertisements. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 1134.

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday May 21, 2013 at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound in new Haven, CT