



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTICUT PILOT COMMISSION**



**Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report June 21, 2011 Public Meeting
Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound
New Haven, CT**

- 1.) The public meeting was called to Order at 8:12 a.m. by the Chairman. Pilot Commission members Peter Boynton, Bill Gash, Dave Pohyrola, John Love and Phil Gaughran were present forming a quorum of five. Please see the attached attendance sheet for others in attendance.
- 2.) Having a quorum of 5 members present, on the motion of Dave Pohyrola and second by John Love, the summary record of the May 17, 2011 public meeting with a correction as noted by Dave Rossiter were approved unanimously.
- 3.) Continuing Business:

A. Goals and Objectives – Chairman Boynton tabled discussion until the July meeting

B Request for Apprentice Pilot - Chairman Boynton read a summary of a written update prepared by Chuck Beck. Chairman Boynton responded to an inquiry about forming an apprentice selection committee by recommending this be added to the CPC July agenda as an action item. Bill Gash stated for the record that he would like to serve on the committee. Joe Maco asked if the applicants have been advised of application status. Chairman Boynton referenced the lack of any info on this in the summary and requested that applicant status notification also be placed as an action item for discussion under this subject on the July agenda.

C Pilotage Rates and Fees - Chairman Boynton requested a committee report. Pilotage: Dave Pohyrola stated that the committee took the second and third items under Agenda Item C. As far as the rate increase the CPC agreed to postpone discussion for 60 days to months ago. The committee did not specify that the CPC would be voting on the rate increase today but that was the intention. The reason asked for a delay was to allow for a committee to work in that direction and come up with a solution. The committee agrees that is no reason to delay the rate increase any longer.

Boat Launch: As far as the Launch Boats go, the committee met last month after the pilot commission meeting. A direction forward to resolve the issues has been identified. The committee agreed to welcome Alan Blume into the group and work with us. It's been tough getting him to find a spot in his schedule before the 21 June CPC meeting, It is expected the committee will meet before the next Commission meeting and hopefully come to some recommendations. Chairman Boynton asked that an action item for the next meeting be a report on the Launch Boats based on the aforementioned meeting of the committee with the addition of Alan Blume.

Fuel Surcharge: The committee did get together, and has come up with a method that seems to make sense to give the mechanics for an automatic adjustment in the fuel surcharge. It will eliminate the need for guessing every 3 months or 6 months on what should be done. The new method will be based on changes in the cost of fuel. Paul Costibile provided details on how the Fuel Surcharge process could change. A review of existing and past Fuel Surcharge adjustments was provided by Paul Costibile. He provided an explanation which included written material provided by Block Island Pilots, courteously copied for the group by attending USCG personnel, which included a proposal on how the Fuel Surcharge can be set and maintained based on actual pilot boat operator's diesel fuel purchase invoices. A lengthy discussion about; actual fuel cost, "rack price" in New Haven and Rhode Island, percent change of fuel cost over time for operators,

actual fuel usage by operators, average fuel price, and available "rack price" data followed. After calling for any more discussion, Chairman Boynton moved with a Bill Gash second that a recommendation be made to DOT. Chairman Boynton proposed the following motion as an action item:

"The Pilot Commission recommends to DOT to implement the surcharge mechanism per the Bock Island Pilot written proposal, using either receipts or actual costs or fuel rack price, and this be implemented September 1, 2011 and the \$200 surcharge continued until then."

No further discussion was required, and the motion was voted and passed unanimously. Chairman Boynton requested that the Pilotage Rates and Fees subject be included as an action item and placed on next months agenda. "

4) New Business - none

5) Connecticut Department of Transportation comments

Dave Rossiter provided an e-mail from Captain Tom Walker regarding pilot boat Olympic, and his continuing interest in obtaining a certificate of compliance with Connecticut regulation for the Olympic. Bill Gash inquired about the nature of any existing certificates and whether they were issued by the DOT. Chairman Boynton recognized Captain Charlie Jonas, who stated that the DOT issued a Temporary Certificate of Compliance 10-12 years ago and we're still waiting for the permanent one.

Alan Stevens reported that Chuck Beck has been attending meetings in New London to discuss the OPSAIL event in the summer of 2012. Mr. Stevens reminded the group that the marine pilots played a pivotal role in bringing the tall ships into Long Island Sound back in OPSAIL 2000.

6) U S Coast Guard - comments

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Chairman Boynton reported on an update briefing he requested from the Captain of the Port on the Coast Guard security escorts for submarine transits in the Thames River which he attended as the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) at CG Station New London. Commissioner Boynton expressed gratitude for the effort made in providing the briefing, and for the commitment shown by the USCG to execute this difficult mission now and into the future.

7) Public Comments - none

8) Executive Session – none

9) Adjourn - A motion made , seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 08:54.

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday July 19, 2011 at the Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound in New Haven, CT

Peter Boynton
Chairman, Connecticut Pilot Commission

