

**Connecticut Pilot Commission
Summary Report November 20, 2012 Public Meeting
Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound
New Haven, CT**

- 1.) The public meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by the Chairman, Bill Gash. In addition to the Chairman, Pilot Commission members Bill Borek, Mike Eisele, Phil Gaughran, Ralph Gogliettino, Dave Pohorylo as well as CTDOT Designee Chuck Beck were present. Members of the public in attendance were Alan Stevens and Dave Rossiter from the CTDOT, Paul Costabile, Tom Dubno, James Gura, Charlie Jonas, and David Keene.
- 2.) Review and Approval of the Previous Meeting Summary Report (October 16, 2012)
A motion to approve the summary report was made by Ralph Gogliettino. Bill Borek provided a second. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.
- 3.) Public Comment: None offered.
- 4.) U.S. Coast Guard – Comments
 - A. LIS AMSC Update: No CG official was present.
 - B. LIS HSC Update: No CG official was present.
- 5.) Rotation System Executive Board (RSEB) – Update: No comments were offered.
- 6.) Connecticut Department of Transportation comments: Initially no comments were offered. In response to a question from the Chairman, Dave Rossiter provided some comments related to the recent (Sept 2012) condition survey of New Haven harbor conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers. In response to a question about changes to the harbor depths caused by Storm Sandy and the subsequent Nor'easter, Chuck stated that the New England District of the Army Corps of Engineers was aware of the potential increased shoaling and had accelerated plans to survey the changes and the maintenance dredging from 2014 to 2013. Beck asked Tom Dubno about a meeting between New Haven officials and facility operators and the New England District. Tom Dubno confirmed that a meeting was being held at 1330 today and would include Congresswoman DeLauro. One of the topics would be the possibility of an emergency dredging of New Haven channel or parts thereof. David Keene expressed his concerns about the storm related shoaling and provided information on steps the Shell Terminal had taken to restrict the drafts of vessels approaching the Shell facility. Questions were raised about the possibility of the CG or NOAA conducting bottom surveys. Mr. Keene floated the idea of contracting with a firm that could conduct a bottom survey. In response to a question from Ralph Gogliettino, Dave Rossiter state that other than the Shell facility the primary area shoaled by the storms both last year and this year was the east side near Lighthouse Point. The Chairman asked Dave Rossiter if he could compare the most recent bottom survey to previous surveys and determine a pre-storm rate of shoaling.
- 7.) Continuing Business:
 - A. CPC Investigative Process – Due to the absence of Alan Blume, the Chairman deferred discussion to the next CPC meeting.
 - B. Apprentice Pilot Training - Phil Gaughran provided an update on the two apprentices being trained (Sean Bogus and Scott Esposito). Each apprentice needs a minimum of 48 credits/trips in each of the MOA waterways which are accumulated by either being the pilot of record (12 round trips) or the pilot under observation (24 round trips) by a state licensed pilot. He reported that Bogus had submitted documentation for trips made up to and including 09/27/2012. The documentation indicated credits for trips as follows: New London 1, New Haven 8, Bridgeport 1 Eastern LIS 11 and Western LIS 1. Esposito had submitted documentation for trips made since the last CPC meeting through eastern LIS (+ 5) and New Haven harbor (+4). There was some

discussion about required documentation needed for the trips made. If an apprentice pilot was operating under his Federal license a document/letter signed by the ship's Captain should be submitted. If the apprentice was being observed by the senior state licensed pilot then a letter and an evaluation form should be submitted. The Chairman asked Phil to make certain all of the pilots (apprentices and senior pilots) were aware of the documentation needed.

C 2013 CPC Meeting Schedule – Chuck Beck stated that the 2013 CPC meeting schedule in the meeting package distributed electronically prior to the meeting was in error. He provided each Commissioner with a corrected draft schedule. The draft schedule indicated that the CPC meetings would take place on the third Tuesday of each month. The start time was 1000. The location was the CG Sector LIS offices with the exception of the meetings in April 2013 and December 2013. No meeting was scheduled for August. Mike Eisele moved that the draft 2013 schedule be adopted. Dave Pohorylo provided a second. During the ensuing discussion the motion was amended to hold all CPC meetings at the CG Sector LIS facility. The motion was approved by unanimous vote provided that the CPC schedule could be accommodated by the CG.

D. Recency Requirements – In response to a question from the Chairman, Phil Gaughran provided information on which pilots were current/not current in the various parts of the MOA waters. He stated that Vin Cashin was no longer current in Western Long Island Sound (WLIS) and that Bill Mulligan will be the next to possibly lose recency in WLIS. Mike Peske was riding a vessel through WLIS at this time. Chuck Beck reminded all of the minimum size of a vessel needed for a trip to count towards an initial license. Phil stated that the CT licensed pilots have organized into 2 shifts of 3 to be able to cover all areas of the MOA waters. Two of the three pilots in each shift are recent in WLIS. Changing the 6 month recency requirement was raised. The Chairman asked Phil Gaughran to provide a proposal at the next CPC meeting.

8.) New Business:

A. New Haven Channel Post Storm Concerns – The Chairman noted that the topic had been well covered during the CTDOT comment section. David Keene asked if the Army Corps had any plans to make their recent survey and/or post storm survey public (publish it). He stated that Shell had set a controlling depth of 29 feet for the approach to its New Haven terminal. Phil Gaughran stated that the channel and facility depths on the east side of the harbor (Gateway, Gulf and the T dock) before Storm Sandy were still at 36 feet. He took a scrap ship drawing 35 feet out of Gateway recently without a problem. All agreed that post Storm Sandy soundings were still needed.

B. Connecticut State Pilots Letter dated November 10, 2012 – The Chairman asked Phil Gaughran to comment on the letter that had been submitted to the CSP. Phil provided a quick summary. The Chairman asked for comments by the CPC Commissioners. Chuck Beck asked about the return address used as letter head for the CSP. He stated that a letter to Charlie Jonas using the same address had been recently returned as undeliverable. It was stated that the address was actually Vin Cashin's but he was using his Florida address as his primary. Phil stated that he would look into the matter and if necessary provide a new address for the CSP. Beck asked an additional question about the frequency of the RSEB meetings and the number of pilots on the RSEB questioning how just the CT side could make directive statements to the Joint Administrator as was indicated in the letter. He also asked for a definition of "the public" as used in the letter. Phil Gaughran deferred to Charlie Jonas. Charlie Jonas said the Paul Costabile, an employee of the Joint Rotation Administrator was not a member of the RSEB thus, had no business attending the RSEB meetings or generating meeting minutes. After some discussion and a review of the Governing Document Implementing a Joint Marine Pilot Rotation System dated January 15, 2004, the Chairman asked that the pilots figure out how to administer the RSEB meetings and report back to the CPC. Paul Costabile offered that the RSEB process had broken down. Topics that are supposed to be addressed such as safety, pilot conduct pilot assignments, etc. were no longer discussed. Instead recent meetings, when held, had become

confrontational. The Chairman asked Phil Gaughran to provide a status report on how the RSEB planned to administer its meeting at the January 2013 CPC meeting.

9.) Executive Session – None held

10.) Adjourn – Dave Pohorylo made a motion to adjourn. Mike Eisele provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.

The Commission's next public meeting is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday December 18, 2012 at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Headquarters Building located at 2800 Berlin Turnpike in Newington, CT 06131**

William Gash
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