



## Connecticut Pilot Commission Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
9:00am

### Location:

CT Port Authority Office  
455 Boston Post Road  
Suite 204  
Old Saybrook, CT 06457

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

The public meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Gash at 9:00am

**CPC Members in Attendance:** Chair Bill Gash, Wynne Bohannon, Mike Eisele, Captain Joseph Maco, Dave Pohorylo, Chris Clark (via phone), Executive Director Ulysses Hammond and Captain Michael Peszke

**CPA Staff:** Jill Dowling-Moreno

**Public:** Captain Adam Richardson, Captain Sean Meade, Captain Chris Murray, Captain Charlie Jonas, Sean Byrnes, Arnold Skretta

### 2. Approval of the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion by Chair Bill Gash, seconded by Wynne Bohannon. So, VOTED with an abstention by Mike Eisele, NO opposed and Chris Clark, Ulysses Hammond and Michael Peszke not in attendance.

### 3. Public Comment – Public participation related to Agenda topics (limit to 5 minutes per person/topic).

No public comment.

### 4. U.S. Coast Guard Update

No representatives present.

- Captain Maco- should we schedule someone from the Coast Guard to attend these meetings once a year?
- Chair Gash recommended the CPC reach out to the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Chris Clark will speak with Lt. Natasha Hope regarding this item.

## 5. Continuing Business

### (a) Update- Pilot Safety Equipment & Training Reimbursement Regulations CGS 15-14-1c Additional Fees.

- Chair Gash asked the Pilots if there were any reimbursements. No discussion.
- Chair Gash noted to remove this item from Continuing Business.

### (b) Update- CT Pilot Apprentice Training Discussion and Progress (Interport)

- Captain Richardson provided an update that Robert McCollum had passed full federal license

### (c) Update- CT Pilot General

- Newly licensed marine pilot verbiage (see item (g) below)

### (d) Update- Extension-of-Route (upcoming submissions)

- Chair Gash noted to strike this item from the agenda.

### (e) Update- New Haven Harbor Navigation Deepening Design Simulator Exercise- (Pilots)

- Captain Meade passed around a print out of the design for the new channel.
- Captain Maco- laying of cable is in the hands of the CPA
- CPA Executive Director Ulysses Hammond- has an update at 11am with the Army Corps of Engineers and will provide an update at the next meeting.

### (f) Interport Cell Phone Policy- CT Pilots Policy and Procedures- *attached*

- Interport Cell Phone Policy was introduced and discussed.
- Mike Eisele made a motion that the Commission recommend adoption of the Cell Phone Policy by the CPA.
- Wynne Bohannon seconded.
- So, VOTED with NO opposed and NO abstentions. Captain Michael Peszke not yet in attendance.
- Ulysses Hammond will draft the recommendation and present to the CPA Board for consideration.

### (g) Connecticut Agencies Regulations Section 15-15a-7 Qualifications, Selection and Training for new applications for a license as a Connecticut Marine Pilot. Section C newly licensed marine pilot.

- Chair Gash directed the Commissioners to review the language on Page 6 of the attachment "Conn. Agencies Regs. 15-15a-7- Qualifications, selection and training for new applicants for a license as a Connecticut State Marine Pilot" section (c) "...Once the license is issued, the newly licensed marine pilot shall work on the Connecticut side of the rotation under the auspices of Interport Pilots Agency, Inc. d.b.a. Connecticut State Pilots."
- Extensive discussion ensued relative to the pros and cons.
- After discussion, Chair Gash asked for a motion to carry this item onto the next agenda, and that would not force a newly licensed pilot to work for a specific agency.
- Dave Pohorylo made a motion to remove the language from section (c) of the Conn. Agencies Regs. 15-15a-7 that it's mandatory for pilots to work under Interport.
- Wynne Bohannon seconded the motion.
- So, VOTED with Captain Peszke opposed and Captain Maco abstaining.
- Chair Gash stated he intends to keep this item on the agenda for possible language revision to the CPA.

## **6. New Business**

### **(a) New London Harbor Extension of Route (Captain Butler)- *attached***

- Mike Eisele after careful review by the Chair and himself made a motion that the Commission recommend to Executive Director Ulysses Hammond that Captain Butler be granted an Extension of Route.
- Wynne Bohannon seconded.
- So, VOTED with NO opposed and Ulysses Hammond abstaining.
- Captain Richardson agreed to follow-up with Captain Butler regarding submission of original documents to the CPA with a copy to Chair Bill Gash.

## **1. Adjourn**

- (a)** Meeting adjourned at 10:22am.

**Next Meeting:** October 3, 2023