

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting
September 18, 2018
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
New Haven, CT

Summary Report
Draft – Not approved

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Gash at 09:00 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Charles Beck, Mike Peszke, Wynne Bohannon, Mike Eisele, Chris Clark, Ralph Gogliettino.
CPC Members Absent: Dave Pohyrola
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Charlie Jonas, Captain Sean Meade, USCG Captain of the Port Kevin Reed, USCG Commander Johnson
2. Summary Report – July 2018 meeting summary approved.
3. Public Comments – none
4. U.S. Coast Guard – CDR Maureen Johnson, USCG, of SECTOR LIS briefed the commission on recent (summer time) and ongoing response action and preventative action taken by SECTOR LIS. There is a strong outreach mission to a broad variety of stakeholders by USCG, DEEP, and other water safety groups focused on the growing waterway usage by kayak and SUP operators. Many of these operators have minimal training, and for many, this is their first time out on the waterways. CDR Johnson noted that this message is of importance and by getting out to the marinas, retailers, kayak rental stores and boat launches the operators will be exposed to proper and safe operating procedures which will lead to more enjoyable and safe waterways. It was noted that the New Haven Boat House was soon opening up for full operations.

The new USCG, Sector LIS Captain of the Port, Kevin Reed was introduced to the Commissioners.

5. Continuing Business
 - A. Apprentice Pilot Updates – The Commission asked the pilot’s representative Mike Peszke if there is a need to issue a new solicitation for apprentices. The response was no need right now. The Commission did note the lengthy time to execute/select apprentices, and could take up to 6-months. To fully train an apprentice on average is 18-24 months.
 - B. Rotation System Executive Board (RSEB) - RSEB has not met.
6. New Business
 - A. New CT Pilot Application – Captain Sean Meade
Commissioners Eisele and Bohannon conducted a full review of the submitted package and found to be in compliance with the CGS. A discussion point for future new licenses is the qualifying trips for CT State Boundary Waters of LIS East of Stratford Shoals. The Commissioners reviewed two prior apprentice (Captain Toby & Richardson) applications for consistency to the category, and found Captain Meade to be in-line with past practices.
The Commissioners recommended licensure of Captain Meade to the CPC.

