

Connecticut Pilot Commission Regular Public Meeting
January 15, 2019
New Haven Regional Fire Training Academy
New Haven, CT

Meeting Minutes - Draft

1. Call to Order – The public meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Mike Eisele at 09:00 am.
CPC members in Attendance: Wynn Bohonon, Mike Eisele (acting chair), Captain Mike Peszke, Dave Pohyrol, Ralph Gogliettino,
CPC Members Absent: Chris Clark, Captain Beck, Bill Gash
Port Authority Staff: Joe Salvatore
Public: Captain Paul Constable, Captain DJ Toby

2. Summary Report – Approval of the December 2018 meeting summary.
Motion: Bohonon
Second: Gogliettino Approved
Abstained: Dave Pohyrol

3. Public Comments – None

4. U.S. Coast Guard – None

5. Continuing Business

- A. Extension of Route Bridgeport Harbor – Legislation Revisions to CGS Chapter 263, Section 15-13.

The Pilot Commission recommends to the CT Port Authority that the statute be amended to permit a pilot to seek an extension-of-route utilizing experience obtained while piloting under the authority of a federal pilotage endorsement, as is permitted for initial licensure as a Connecticut pilot.

Current CGS Section 15-13 distinguishes between the experience required for initial licensure as a Connecticut pilot and the experience required for an extension-of-route. The applicant complete either , or combination of, (1) twelve round trips as pilot-of-record aboard an Enrolled Vessel under the authority of the applicant’s federal pilotage endorsement or (2) twenty-four round trips as an observing pilot under the supervision of a Connecticut licensed pilot.

For an extension-of-route by a pilot who is already licensed in Connecticut, the statute requires that an applicant complete six round trips through the geographic area for which an extension is sought as an observing pilot under the supervision of a Connecticut licensed pilot.

The current statute does not permit an applicant for an extension-of-route to utilize experience as the pilot-of-record aboard Enrolled Vessels, although that experience would qualify for initial licensure.

As a reduction of vessel traffic in the Western Long Island Sound and Bridgeport Harbor, Connecticut based pilots seeking an extension-of-route have found it difficult to comply with even the reduced requirement to complete six round trips as an observing pilot under the supervision of a Connecticut licensed pilot within a thirty-six month period.

The Commission finds that it is acceptable to permit a Connecticut licensed pilot to use experience gained as pilot-of-record aboard Enrolled Vessels to qualify for an extension-of-route. This is acceptable to facilitate marine commerce without compromising safety.

6. New Business - None
7. Executive Session - No
8. Adjourn – 9:02 AM Motion: Bohonon, 2nd Pohyrola

Next Meeting:

9:00 AM Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Fort Trumbull State Park
90 Walbach Street, New London, CT 06320