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The Honorable Lincoln D. Chaffee
The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Governor
222 State House
Providence, RI 02903

And

The Honorable Members of the Legislature
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State Capitol
Providence, RI 02903



Dear Governor Chaffee and Members of the Legislature,

This annual report reviews the status of the licensed Rhode Island State Pilots, their productivity, navigational and environmental safety issues, apprentice pilots, ship traffic in Rhode Island waters, pilotage fees and the states' percentage of the fees collected.

On behalf of the Rhode Island Pilotage Commission, it is our pleasure to serve this great state and we look forward to your continued support and enthusiasm for the work of Rhode Island State Pilots.

Sincerely,

Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr.

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Chairman

Introduction

The Rhode Island Pilotage Commission meets monthly to oversee the State Pilotage system. Our duty is to ensure that the maximum level of safety from the dangers of navigation of foreign vessels entering and departing the waters of this state, to maintain a state pilotage system devoted to preserving and protecting lives and property, and to ensure an adequate number of well qualified pilots are available for duty. This includes interviewing potential apprentice pilots, examining and licensing Probationary and Full Branch Pilots, establishing the pilotage rates, and overseeing initial and ongoing training of pilots.

Ships serving our ports are becoming larger and are often staffed with foreign crews calling on Rhode Island for the first time. State Pilots deal with all types of vessels in weather conditions ranging from calm seas to high winds, stormy seas and poor visibility. Pilots ride on the pilot boats out to sea and climb up the side of the ship on a rope ladder to board the vessel prior to it entering state waters. The Rhode Island Pilots maintain a fleet of vessels that board and disembark pilots to vessels 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition, the pilots also maintain an office that receives orders for a pilot, and then dispatches the pilots to the vessels. This office is maintained 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

A major marine casualty in our waters could be catastrophic. To ensure the safety of navigation and protection of our environment, the state licenses expert marine pilots to protect the waters and the environment of Rhode Island. Currently the State of Rhode Island maintains the highest standards for an applicant who wishes to be a Rhode Island State Pilot.

The maritime industry is critical to the state. Most all of the oil that is consumed in Rhode Island comes via the Narragansett Bay. Most Rhode Islanders are not aware of how dependent they are on Rhode Island State Pilots.



Piloting is a dangerous job. In a nation that has a total of 1,275 ship pilots nationally, in 2006 five pilots died while boarding and disembarking vessels.

2010 Highlights

In accordance with Title 46, Chapter 9, Section 6 of Rhode Island General Laws the following report is submitted. During the calendar year ending December 31, 2010 the commission met as scheduled and oversaw the pilotage of 1,090 ships through the waters of Rhode Island. The ships ranged from large petroleum carriers, automobile carriers, and cruise ships to tugs and tows. Details are as follows:

Ship Transits Calendar 2010				
Vessel:	Registered	Enrolled	MHB	
January	70	1	12	
February	50	0	10	
March	56	7	11	
April	53	2	13	
May	83	6	15	
June	68	5	12	
July	70	10	8	
August	88	9	14	
September	110	8	16	
October	114	17	11	
November	51	3	7	
December	70	2	8	
Total	883	70	137	

Vessel Definitions:

- Registered - foreign vessels that require a Rhode Island pilot on board
- Enrolled - U.S. documented vessels that require a federal pilot on board
- Mount Hope Bay (MHB) - Documented vessels entering Mount Hope Bay.



The Queen Mary 2 is one of the many cruise ships that Rhode Island pilots help navigate through Narragansett Bay and Southern New England.

2010 Pilotage Fees and Expenditures

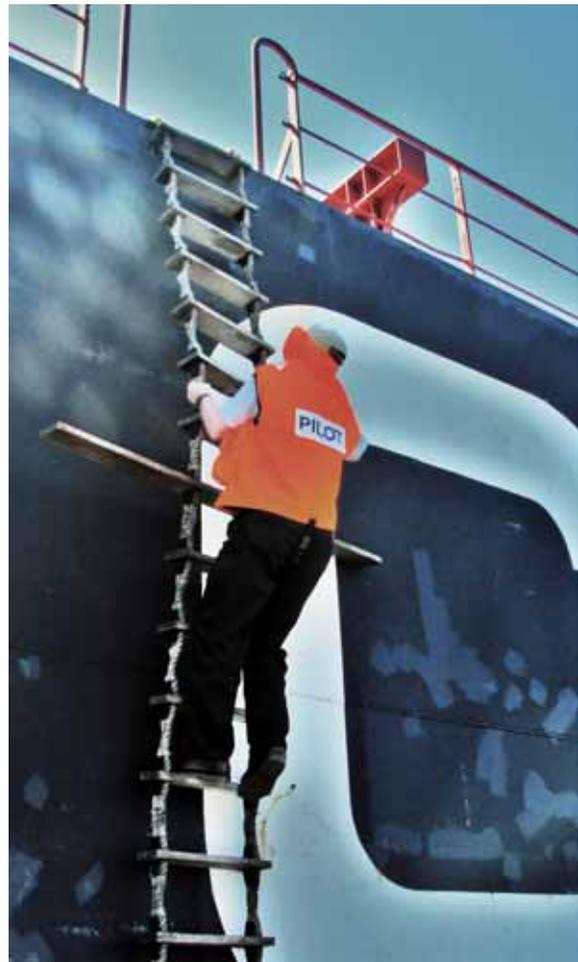
The following is a list of the State’s share of pilotage fees collected by the Pilots from registered vessels in accordance with Commission regulations. A detailed listing of all vessels piloted and the individual fees paid is available from the Commission.

Jan	\$15,200.23
Feb	\$17,294.02
Mar	\$14,137.68
Apr	\$14,184.98
May	\$14,461.95
Jun	\$20,330.26
Jul	\$16,935.17
Aug	\$19,242.09
Sep	\$22,311.17
Oct	\$28,420.91
Nov	\$29,010.41
Dec	\$14,817.86

Totals \$226,347.74

Fees collected from RI Licensed Pilots are deposited into the State’s general revenue account. Funding for the operation of the Pilotage Commission is charged to the Department of Environmental Management and is administered by the Division of Coastal Resources. Legal and clerical support is provided on a non-reimbursable basis by the Department of Environmental Management, Division of Law Enforcement and the Office of Legal Services.

2010 expenditures were less than \$1,000. Also, it should be noted that public members of the Commission have waived all compensation.



Some ships entering Rhode Island waters can be up to 16 stories high and six blocks long.

2010 Roster of Marine Pilots

<i>Name</i>	<i>RI License Date</i>
Full Branch (Narragansett Bay & Block Island Sound):	
Captain Joseph Maco	July 1981
Captain E. Howard Mcvay	March 1987
Captain Irving E. Bracy Jr	March 1987
Captain Arthur Lemke Jr	June 2000
Captain Clinton Walker	December 2006
Captain Vincent Kirby	June 2007
Captain Richard Astles	June 2008
Probationary License: Narragansett Bay:	
Captain Sean Bogus	
Block Island Sound (Only):	
Captain Keith Kelsey	October 2004

Meet the Commissioners



Captain E. Howard McVay, Jr., Chair

Captain McVay is a deep sea master mariner with 30 years piloting experience. He grew up sailing and racing on the waters of New England and Narragansett Bay. Prior to becoming a Northeast Marine Pilot, Captain McVay graduated from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and went to sea first with the Masters Mates and Pilots (MMP) union followed by Arco Marine. With Arco Marine, Captain McVay sailed aboard the largest vessels under the United States flag. Captain McVay has been a Pilot Commissioner since 1998.



Larry Mouradjian

Larry, Associate Director of DEM's Bureau of Natural Resources, is a 32 year veteran of DEM, where he has held various positions of increasing responsibility. He is responsible for the natural resource management functions, including the oversight of 8 divisions and 225 full-time and 470 seasonal employees. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from URI and has completed advanced training in incident command, the DEM Municipal Police Academy, and forestry law enforcement and firefighting. He has been a Commissioner since 2005.



Steven Hall

Steven Hall is a graduate of Roger Williams University with a BS in Administration of Criminal Justice. He has been a law enforcement professional for 40 years and is currently Chief of the Rhode Department of Environmental Division of Law Enforcement, which is responsible for natural resource law enforcement in Rhode Island including enforcement of hunting, fishing (commercial and recreational) and boating safety laws and regulations. He is an active outdoorsman and avid sailor, spending the warmer months plying the waters of Narragansett Bay.



Captain J. Peter Fritz

Captain Fritz was brought up on Narragansett Bay and knew at an early age that he wanted to "go to sea." Just days after graduating high school, he joined the brand new super-tanker *Mobil Aero* as an ordinary, advancing quickly to able body seaman. He is a graduate of Wentworth Institute in Boston and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He served for over 26 years, as Third Mate thru Ship's Master on tankers, breakbulk freighters and the largest automated container vessels afloat. Presently he is with the Transportation Security Administration at T.F. Green Airport. Captain Fritz was appointed to the Commission in 2004.



Gary Powers

Attorney Powers has served as Legal Counsel to the Commission since July 2001 including the representation of the Commission relative to various administrative proceedings enforcing the duly promulgated regulations of the Commission. Attorney Powers also serves as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel within the Department of Environmental Management and has previously served as the State's Environmental Advocate under Attorney General James O'Neil from 1987 to 1989.

Meet the Rhode Island State Pilot Board

The Rhode Island State Pilot Board (Board) consist of three senior pilots who volunteer their time to oversee the training and certification of pilot apprentices, probationary pilots, and assist in the selection of pilot apprentices. The Board consists of a chair and two members who are selected by the Pilot Commission. The Board is required to make quarterly reports to the Pilot Commission on the status of apprentice pilots and probationary pilots. The Board is also required to make an annual report on the status of the roster of pilots and the future requirements with their recommendations to the Pilot Commission. The Board also advises the Commission on the ongoing training of the State Pilots.



Captain Vincent Kirby, Chair

Captain Kirby is a deep sea Master Mariner with eight years piloting experience. A graduate of US Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY, Captain Kirby has 13 years of deep sea experience on a wide range of internationally-trading ships, primarily LNG carriers in the Far East natural gas trade, and containerships trading between the US and Northern European and Mediterranean ports. Captain Kirby transitioned from his deep sea career in 2003, when he began piloting with the Northeast Marine Pilots. Captain Kirby holds federal and state pilotage in the states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York.



Captain Joseph Maco

Captain Maco, a 1966 graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy, has worked at sea for Moore McCormack Lines, Eastern Tank Corp., Poling Transportation Corp., and Eklof Marine Corp. He holds a USCG license as Master Oceans any Gross Tons with First Class Pilotage endorsements from New York Harbor to Portland, Maine. Currently serving as President of Northeast Marine Pilots Inc., he has over 35 years experience as a coastal, harbor, and docking pilot. He has participated in numerous maritime safety studies and workshops, is a simulator instructor at MSI and currently serves as RI Trustee for American Pilots Association.



Captain Arthur Lemke, Jr.

Captain Lemke attended Newark Academy, the University of North Carolina, Page Navigation Institute, Port Revel Ship Handling Institute and numerous other training facilities. Captain Lemke is licensed Unlimited Master and served as such for twenty years on various vessels ranging from tug boats to vessels of 80,000 tons. He has been licensed as a Pilot since 1984 for the federal waters from Boston to Philadelphia and also as a State Pilot for the waters of CT, RI and MA. He is married, has two children and resides in Jamestown where he takes great pleasure in water activities including free diving, boating and fishing.

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