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RE: Board of Harbor Commissioners
Amendments to Rule 17, Section 17.2
Amendments to Rule 17, Section 17.3

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCILS

Gentlemen:

This letter is sent to you, pursuant to P. & S. Law 1981, c. 98, §6, in regard to the rule making power of the Commission.

On March 13th, the Commission adopted amendments to Rule 17, Section 17.2 and Rule 17, Section 17.3 (A copy of the amendments is attached hereto.) The amendments to Rule 17, Section 17.2 and Rule 17, Section 17.3 modify the licensing and training requirements needed for an applicant to enter the 'State Branch Bar Pilot apprenticeship program'. They also modify the licensing and training requirements needed to become a licensed State Branch Bar Pilot.

The rules will become effective "... 45 days from the date on which notice is sent... unless either City Council takes official action disapproving the rule... in whole or in part, prior to the expiration of the 45-day period."

In the absence of action by either city council, the Rules will become effective on May 5th, 2014.

Very truly yours,

Jeff C. Liick
Harbor Master

Enclosure

Cc. Tom Dobbins, Chair, Harbor Commission

RULE 17.0 STATE BRANCH BAR PILOT LICENSE

Section 17.2 – State Bar Branch Pilot License Requirements

(f)(ii)

- d. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the required conduct of vessel movements must be made in conventional, self-propelled ships having a minimum dead weight tonnage of ~~forty thousand (40,000) tons~~ of twenty thousand (20,000) tons and a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) must be made in conventional, self-propelled ships having a minimum dead weight tonnage of eighty thousand (80,000) tons. Tugs and barges or a combination of them may not be used to meet this requirement.

(g)

- (i) Certification in the use of:

- a. Automatic Radar Plotting Aid (ARPA)
- b. Bridge Resources Management (BRM)
- c. Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)

~~(ii) Evidence of completion of the following courses, training or certifications, such evidence may be provided by a certification signed by the applicant, in the absence of the availability of a certificate:~~

- ~~a. Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS)~~
- ~~b. Integrated Bridge System (IBS)~~
- ~~c. Global Positioning System (GPS and DGPS)~~
- ~~d. Oil Pollution Act of 1990, as amended (P.L. 101-380; OPA-90)~~

- (e) Current licenses, endorsements and qualifications required:

- (i) United States Coast Guard license requirements:

- a. ~~Master of United States~~ Second Mate of steam or motor vessels of any gross tons upon oceans;
- b. First Class Pilot of unlimited tonnage of steam or motor vessels upon the waters for which application is made;
- c. Valid Radar Observer Endorsement (Unlimited) on USCG License;

- (ii) Graduate of a State Maritime Academy, the Federal Maritime Academy, or equivalent professional training.

- (f) Previous experience required within five (~~5~~) (2) years immediately prior to the date of application for the license:

- (i) At least two (2) years ~~as master or the chief officer~~ of service as a licensed deck officer of seagoing vessels of a minimum dead weight tonnage of ~~forty~~ twenty thousand ~~(40,000)~~ (20,000) tons or more within five (5) years immediately prior to the date of application for the license.

Section 17.3 - Apprenticeship Certificate and Program

(b) Application for Apprenticeship certificate:

The candidate for admission to the Apprenticeship program shall submit the following to the Commission prior to issuance of an Apprenticeship certificate and entry into the Apprenticeship program:

- (i) A completed application form for admission to the Apprenticeship program, which form has been approved by the Commission and is available in the office of the Commission.
- (ii) Payment of a non-refundable application fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the three (3) year Apprenticeship certificate. This fee will be credited to the initial license application fee upon completion of the Apprenticeship and application for a license.
- (iii) Written evidence that the candidate possesses the following valid and current licenses and endorsements:
 - a. ~~Master of United States~~ Second Mate Unlimited of steam or motor vessels of any gross tons upon oceans;
 - b. First Class Pilot of unlimited tonnage of steam or motor vessels upon the waters for which application is made;
 - c. Valid Radar Observer (Unlimited) Endorsement on USCG License;
 - d. Graduate of a State Maritime Academy, the Federal Maritime Academy, or equivalent professional training.
- (iv) Written proof that the candidate is a citizen of the United States, is a resident of the State of Maine, and has reached his/her twenty-first birthday.
- (v) Written proof that the candidate meets or exceeds the physical standards for a First Class Pilot license as determined by the United States Coast Guard's Physical and Drug Testing Requirements.
- (vi) At least two (2) years ~~as master or the chief officer~~ of service as a licensed deck officer of seagoing vessels of a minimum dead weight

tonnage of ~~forty~~ twenty thousand ~~(40,000)~~ (20,000) tons or more within five (5) years immediately prior to the date of application for the license.