Rhode Island State Pilot Board

The Rhode Island State Pilot Board (Board) consists of three senior pilots who volunteer their time to oversee the selection and training of pilot apprentices. The Board consists of a chair appointed by the Commission and two members who are also selected by the Pilot Commission. The Board is required to make quarterly reports to the Pilot Commission on the status of apprentice pilots. Once an apprentice has successfully completed their training, the Board recommends to the Commission that apprentice for examination by the Commission. 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 as to the needs of additional pilots to the Pilot Commission. The Board also advises the Commission of the ongoing training of the State Pilots.



Captain Clinton Walker, Chair (Appointed February 2013)

Captain Walker is a 1986 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. He has 16 years deep sea experience on all types of vessels but primarily on chemical and product tankers in international and coastwise trade. Captain Walker started piloting with Northeast Marine Pilots, Inc. in 2002. Captain Walker holds a USCG Ocean Master license and Full Branch State Pilot Pilot's licenses in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York



Captain Sean P. Bogus (Appointed December 2019)

Captain Bogus is a 1999 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is licensed by US Coast Guard as a Master of Steam or Motor Vessels of any Gross Tons upon Oceans. He has command experience sailing deep sea aboard product and chemical tankers in the coastwise and international trades. He is a member of numerous professional organizations including the Boston Marine Society, the American Pilot Association (past Trustee), and the Nautical Institute (AFNI). Capt. Bogus began piloting in 2008 with Northeast Marine Pilots, Inc., and served as the organizations President from 2014-2019. Capt. Bogus holds Federal and State Pilotage in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.



Captain Chris Murray, Executive Director

Captain Chris Murray joined Northeast Pilots as Executive Director after a 34-year career in the Merchant Marine. After graduating from Maine Maritime Academy in 1986 Chris worked his way from Able Bodied seaman to Master, completing his career as Master of the 75000 Dwt Container ship Maersk Kinloss. A long-term resident of Middletown Chris enjoys boating on Narragansett Bay.