



100th Anniversary

# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

## MBYCA GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

(Squantum Yacht Club)

*The September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Squantum Yacht Club, 646 Quincy Shore Drive, Wollaston, MA 02170.*

*Our Commodore, Paul Dubiel called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.*

*There was a moment of silence for deceased delegates Al Circeo from South Boston Yacht Club and Dan Muise from Bass Haven and Salem Willows Yacht Clubs.*

*Our host, Commodore Peter Forbes introduced his bride, Vice Commodore, P.C. Paul Astrella and Rear Commodore Bonnie Marcel. He welcomed us all and hoped we have an enjoyable meeting.*

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD:** *All officers and board members were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Peder Acres and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *P. C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegate packet as follows:*

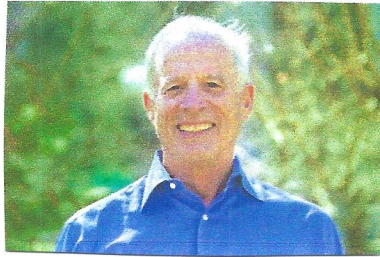
- *Thank you note from scholarship recipient Hannah Bernasconi*
- *Minutes from the June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 general meeting*
- *National Boating Federation By-Laws*
- *National Boating Federation September Bulletin – emailed to all delegates and clubs*
- *Cruising Boats & Systems newest online courses from America's Boating Club & BoatUS*
- *Hoist licensing email*
- *Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the vicinity of Maritime Transportation Security Act Vessels and Facilities.*
- *Point of Pines – used power pedestals for sale*
- *Proposed termination of Coast Guard medium frequency broadcast of Navigational Telex (NAVTEX) and shift to satellite*
- *Pelagic Sailing Club – guest speaker: Dan Noyes – boat designer and adventurer*
- *NOAA's NOWCOAST: A one stop-shop for coastal information before you head out on the water*
- *National Institute for Coastal and Harbor Infrastructure*
  - *Save the Date – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Keeping the Lights on and the water out for 100 years or more*
- *Pro-Angler – fishing app*
- *Boating Safety Circular – USG with recalls*

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$12,659.47. He also stated that 9 clubs have not paid their 2019 dues. They will be invoiced tomorrow.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE MEETING FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKER:**



**Peter Shelley**  
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### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP:** P. C. Peter Gilson reported the following:

- **USCG**

\*The Coast Guard has issued two Marine Safety Information Bulletins:

1. In response to the CONCEPTION fire disaster off the coast of Santa Cruz Island in California. A passenger vessel compliance and operational readiness bulletin and
2. a re-issue of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems in the vicinity of Maritime Transportation Security Act Vessels and Facilities.

Emphasis is placed upon the need to **report** suspicious activities involving small, quiet, highly maneuverable platforms. (e.g. drones)

\* No detailed information is available on the capsizing of the container vessel off Georgia. This is a very rare case according to the CG and experienced Captains.

\*There will be a Search and Rescue (SAR) council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. This is an annual update.

\*NAVTEC is being updated and updated.



*\*The barge 200 removal (outside the North channel\_ contract has been placed with a New Jersey firm and is expected to begin in early October. They require a 5 day "weather window" for this operation. The project will involve raising the barge via a crane barge and placing it on a larger barge. Final destination is TBD.*

*\*Our Senate delegation (Markey & Warren) and Representative Presley toured the Chelsea Street bridge and surrounding area and were briefed on the importance of maritime interests versus commuter traffic concerns. The briefing was well received.*

- **MASSPORT**

*\*Mike Meyers (acting Maritime Director) reported that Black Falcon handled 142 ships in 2019 with a projected 164 ships for the 2020 season.*

*\*The largest ship to date (4,500 passengers) will arrive in October.*

*\*Conley Terminal: the new tariffs affect 99% of the cargo passing through Conley.*

*\*New larger ship movement plans are in process involving turning ships and backing them into Black Falcon terminal.*

*\*Traffic concerns (8K trucks per day) make congestion a real concern.*

*\*The new cranes are on order (for the new, larger ships)*

- **MBHSC**

*Planning is underway for a Fall meeting. Suggested topics of interest may be entered on the website or email. My suggestion is seaplane status, a possible briefing by Cape Air?*

- **NOAA**

*They have recently updated shoreline information in the Mass Bay area*

- **ACOE**

*\*7 million cubic yards, of a total projected 12 million cubic yards, of material has been removed.*

*\*Projected completion is October 2020 versus scheduled 2021. The phase II blasting of rock will remain as planned*

*\*Maintenance dredging (approximately 50 days total) will take place in the North channel, Nubble, etc. shortly.*

- **GENERAL**

*\*Concern was expressed over boating traffic congestion along the North side of Long Wharf. Approval is in place for another 150 feet of docking facility, which will worsen Congestion.*

*\*There is a Federal EPA requirement that facilities annually update their Stormwater Pollution Plan. Failure to comply can result in **substantial** fines.*

*\*Chris Nolan (Boston Harbor Cruises) announced that his company is being sold to Entertainment Cruises, the company that operates the ODYSSEY, etc.*

*\*There will be a fire training exercise next April/May.*

**LEGISLATION:** P.C. Bill Scanlon had no new information to pass along. He did thank our guest speaker for an informative and very interesting presentation. We look forward to working with him and would like him back to speak further.

**SAFE BOATING & RECREATION:** P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the Kayak rescue between Salem and Manchester. The orange sticker "If Found" was found inside the kayak. The 5 most important items you should have for kayak and small boats for safety are a VHF FM radio, epirb, a horn, visual signals and a cell phone.

**MEMBERSHIP:** V.C. Carolyn Bargoot reported 13 clubs, 10 delegates and 6 alternates were in attendance.

**YEARBOOK:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm had the 100% participation Booster plaques ready for pickup. She thanked all clubs that came in 100% for the yearbook.

**COMMODORE'S REPORT:** Commodore Paul Dubiel spoke on the cautions when winterizing your boats. Be careful with electric heaters. If you leave your boat, unplug it.  
With regard to public access, think about what it would be like to not be able to get to the water's edge anywhere in Boston.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Ralph Levy – Watertown Yacht Club  
Brian McMahon – Jubilee Yacht Club  
Michael Miller – Newton Yacht Club

2020 SLATE OF OFFICERS: Commodore: Carolyn Bargoot  
Vice Commodore: Jack Swanson  
Rear Commodore: **VACANT**  
Secretary: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Treasurer: P.C. Ted Chisholm  
Directors: Ex-Officio: P.C. Paul Dubiel  
Directors: P.C. Russell Hoy  
P.C. Peter Caten  
P.C. Peter Gilson  
P.C. William Scanlon

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR A REAR COMMODORE!!!!**

**Nominating Chair: Ralph Levy announced:**

Independent candidates may be nominated by ten (10) or more delegates; and their names shall appear on the ballot, if filed with the Secretary on or before the first Friday of October. Candidates and delegates nominating candidates shall be from member clubs in good standing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Bob Thomas, Lipton Cup Chairman from Squantum Yacht Club is looking to expand the scope of the cup event by having it associated with a charity, such as the American Cancer Society. He is looking for more volunteers to be involved. If anyone has any new ideas please contact him. Robert Thomas: email: [rft@asthomas.com](mailto:rft@asthomas.com)*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Fox Hill Yacht Club, 114 Ballard Street, Saugus, MA  
Election of Officers**

**50/50: \$45.00 was won by Andrea Scanlon from Winthrop Yacht Club**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:30 pm. It was seconded and passed.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**



**P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Secretary/MBYCA**

**CPC:cc**