



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 25th, 2022
(Zoom Meeting)

The February 25th, 2022 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held as a Zoom meeting. Commodore Neal Caten called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. He welcomed the attending members and asked they introduced themselves and the club or organization they represent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following emails and attachments that were sent to each club or delegate in the last few weeks. Most information will also be on our website under the proper folders or under the minutes.

- ARMIT/Bilge Sensor – Mike Tangora – (under **Links of Interest**) – also emailed and mailed
- 2022 Delegate/Alternate form (under **Links of Interest**)
- Club Offerings letter sent to all Commodores - mailed
- Marine Safety Bulletin – Port Access Route Study – Approaches to Maine/New Hampshire/Massachusetts – emailed
- NOAA Fisheries – Off Race Point Seasonal Management Area in effect – March 1st through April 30th, 2022. – emailed
- MBYCA By-Law Revision draft – emailed – (under **Links of Interest**) – to look over and will be removed and replaced with the final after a vote on March 25th, 2022 by the delegates.
- Recycle Your Boat Shrink Wrap-Shrink Wrap Recycling – (under **Links of Interest**) – also emailed and mailed

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report. It was seconded and passed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 28th, 2022, general, as email or mailed was made. It was seconded and passed.

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND ATTENDANCE:

- All officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C. Paul Dubiel, P.C. Carolyn Bargoot and P.C. Russell Hoy.
- 23 clubs were represented and 29 delegates were in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$11,545.76.

- All 2022 dues have been mailed.
 - The end of the year report for 2021 is in the hands of our Audit Committee and our board.
 - The 2022 Audit Committee consists of delegates Ralph Levy from Watertown Yacht Club and Paul Luzinski from Salem Willows Yacht Club.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.*

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

Max Kraimer: Clean Ocean Access



Email: max.kraimer@cleanoceanaccess.org

Information: www.cleanoceanaccess.org/shrink-wrap-recycling

(401)236-2561 ext.5

(Also see MBYCA website: under Links of Interest)

**Save the Date: 2nd Annual Shrink Wrap Recycling Virtual Summit
March 16th, 2022**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP: P.C. Peter Gilson spoke on the following:

- **USCG:**

- *Tom Petulo has replaced Rich Klein as the USCG coordinator of the Port Security Grant Program.

- * The Boston Harbor dredging project is nearly finished. Both the blasting barge APACHE and the clam shell barge will be returning shortly to remove several remaining high spots. All activity will be complete by the end of April, which is several months ahead of the contract schedule.

- *Work continues on the Bly, a.k.a. Fox Hill, bridge with ongoing closures. Check the weekly Notice to Mariners for updates.

- *The CG icebreaker will be operating in the Fore River channel on Wednesday, April 16th, 2022.

- * **MASSPORT:**

- *Mike Myron has left Massport and Joe Morris is the acting replacement.

- *The first cruise ship is scheduled to visit Boston on the 4th of April, with 125 calls scheduled for the season.

- * **MBHSC:**

- *A mid-March meeting is being planned. Please contact the Safety Committee with any topics of concern that you feel should be on the agenda.

- *Planning is well underway to host the 18th Biennial National Harbor Safety Committee meeting to be held in Boston on June 13th – 15th at the Park Plaza Hotel. Several hundred attendees are expected, and a reception is planned for Tuesday evening, June 14th at the USS Constitution Museum in Charlestown.

- *The theme of this event, convened by the National Transport Research Board is: “**Maritime Strong: Navigating Diverse Growth and Change**”.

- *For detailed information about this event, visit the national website:

- <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/harborsafety>

- *We are soliciting funding support from all the Boston maritime community.

- **CYBER:**

- *Dennis Mott commented on ongoing malware attacks and reminded everyone to have a secure back up for files.

- *A webinar will be held on March 15th, between 1-3 pm on Active Shooter Planning. **Run-Hide-Fight** (details to follow)

- *Additional topics include bomb threat planning.

- Go to: stopransomware.gov for more information.

- **RIGHT WHALE:**

- *Fourteen new calves have been spotted partway through the season, which is encouraging.

- *A reduced speed (10 kt) zone is in effect in Cape Cod Bay.

- * **PILOTS:**

- *January/Year To Date saw 51 ships requiring a pilot, which is down 2 from a year ago.

- **GENERAL:**

- ***OCEAN PLANNING:** No changes to protected waters are anticipated for commercial and recreational boaters.

- ***MASS DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: (Mass DEP)**

- Attorney Jamy Madeja, Mass Marine Trade Association, reported that the DEP is considering a ban on all new structures on land subject to flooding@velocity zone (which is set by FEMA, not Mass). Docks and piers would be excepted; however, the impact of such action would be disastrous for all waterfront communities. Recommended that you call the DEP directly for more information and to comment.

RENDEZVOUS:

- Our first rendezvous in over 3 years will be held the weekend of August 13th and 14th. This will be held at Wessagussett Yacht Club. The theme for this event will be "**Margaritaville**". Detailed information and flier will be coming soon. Please **SAVE THE DATE !!!!!**

SCHOLARSHIPS: Commodore Neal Caten announced the following:

- The deadline for application submissions is April 8th, 2022.
- Applications may be found on our website as well as in the mail and email for the last 4 months.
- Announcement of selected recipients will be announced at our April 22nd, 2022, general meeting to be held at East Boston Yacht Club.

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following:

- 2022 yearbook packets have been mailed out to all clubs.
- To enter the raffle for "Club of the Year", all club information (officers and all club members) must be submitted by April 22nd, 2022.
- The Club of the Year will be drawn at our general meeting held at East Boston Yacht Club on the 22nd.
- The deadline for all other yearbook submissions is May 15th.
- Yearbooks will be ready for distribution and pickup at our general meeting, held at Port Norfolk Yacht Club on June 25th, 2022.

SAFE BOATING: P.C. Peter Caten mentioned the following:

- Boat Safety inspections – information to follow
- Industry Day in Gloucester – if and when it may be happening

SOCIAL: Social Chair Carol Gilson listed the following events:

- Lipton Cup – July 23rd-24th, 2022
- MBYCA Rendezvous – August 13th-14th, 2022
- St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held this year in South Boston

OLD BUSINESS:

- Audit Committee has received the 2021 financials records for review. Delegate Ralph Levy has reviewed the financials and found that the books are in order and laid out perfectly clearly. The books clearly represent the financial position of MBYCA. We are waiting for one other report to close the 2021 financial audit report.

- We are actively looking for a Rear Commodore for 2021.

Anyone interested in joining this meaningful board, please contact:

Commodore Neal Caten: kten1010@gmail.com

or

Secretary, Cheryl Chisholm: mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com

- The changes to the By-Laws were individually discussed, the original by-law and the change. A vote from the delegation shall be made at our March 25th, 2022, general meeting at Jubilee Yacht Club. Each club and delegate received copy of the actual by laws and the decided changes. They will temporarily be placed on the website under Links of Interest for the membership's review prior to voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Brian McMahon emailed a survey from Jubilee Yacht Club. It read as follows: Is your club having difficulty encouraging members to volunteer for leadership positions? Have you found some techniques that help keep new candidates in the pipeline? Or are you wondering if having a paid club manager is the solution? In any event, Jubilee would like to hear your experiences and we will share the results with all MBYCA clubs that respond to an online survey. Please click on this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2VDJJ7Y> to get started and thank you for your time and consideration.
- Dynamic Waste Solutions recycling program, as an alternative shrink wrap recycling program. (under *Links of Interest*)
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING: March 25th, 2022 – Jubilee Yacht Club**
127 Water Street, Beverly, MA 01915
- **Hearing no other business...**
.....a motion to adjourn was made at 8:54 pm.
It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm –
Secretary/MBYCA