



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING
January 28th, 2022
(Zoom Meeting)

The January 28th, 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 7:35 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm informed the attending membership of the emails with attachment sent during the last two weeks pertaining to this meeting. They are also on our website: mbyca.org.

They are as follows:

- Give Blood – Flynn Cruiseport Boston – January 25th, 2022
- Recycle Your Boat Shrink Wrap
- Boston-Gloucester-Salem-Plymouth Harbors – Severe weather advisory
- Port of Boston Bulletin – Potential Impact of Storm Warning – January 22, 2022
- Survey to improve outreach methods to help boaters and whales
- Fire protection for Recreational Boaters
- NOAA – Boaters 65 feet or larger – slow down to 10 knots or less (Cape Cod Bay from January 1st thru May 15th, 2022) Also recommended for smaller boats.

Max Kraimer, our guest speaker, is not available tonight due to an illness. He will be our guest speaker at our February 25th general in-person meeting.

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

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

All officers and board members were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS:

28 Delegates were in attendance representing 17 clubs.

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

- 2022 dues will be sent out with the next few weeks.
- Annual end of the year report will be in the hands of the board in the next two weeks.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and passed.

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- *The blasting dredge activity is expected to be complete in about 10 days and will be leaving Boston for a new assignment.*
- *The clamshell dredge, operating in the Reserve Channel, is expected to remain on site for about a month.*
- *The project is 90% complete*
- *Check on the federal register for planned activities on the Bly Bridge project, originally known as the Fox Hill bridge in Saugus.*
- *There have been some delays on the third segment of the North Washington Street bridge steel girders. At this time, they are expected to be complete in June, which coincides with the recreational boating season.*
- *The Long Island Bridge replacement proposal continues under review by the USCG. There has been no completion estimate at this time.*

MASSPORT:

- *The first large container ship (11,800 containers) arrived at Conley Terminal on January 15th. It successfully docked and unloaded/loaded several hundred containers. Today's maritime commerce requires this capacity to enhance Boston's competitiveness.*
- *The first cruise ship visit is scheduled for April 6th, 2022 and well over 100 ship visits are planned for the 2022 cruise ship season.*

MBHSC (Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee):

- *Captain Montanez was at the USS Constitution Museum discussing options for an evening reception during the National Harbor Safety Committee meeting to be held in June of this year.*
- *Several items were mentioned at this meeting. One, a Harbor Pilot stated that he almost collided with an electric surfboard. Waterwolf and Fliteboard are examples of this technology. They are electric surfboards. These objects have batteries and deep fins. The bottom of which has a battery and a propulsion system. They can go about 28 mph and can hold a 250-pound person. They go for about an hour and a half per charge. They recharge in about 2-4 hours. They have a 2.6-kilowatt lithium battery and weigh about 70 pounds. The cost for one is approximately \$7,000.00.*
- *Another item mentioned, the harbor masters have benefitted from some grant money, which has been earmarked for improving radio communications between the harbor masters and other port partners.*
- *The third item mentioned was the acquisition of drones, which will be utilized initially during the escorts of high valued targets, such as the LNG tankers coming in and out of the port.*

SECURITY:

- Cyberware attacks (many of Russian origin) continue on key communities.
- **EVERYONE IS A TARGET!!!**
- It is important that you maintain **SECURE DATA BACKUP** and a response plan. Call DHS (Department of Homeland Security) for help soon, if you are compromised.
- Visit stopransomware.gov for more information.
(See [our website under Links of Interest.](#))

LEGISLATION: P.C. Ted Chisholm stated the following:

- Please see the email sent regarding "Fire Protection for Recreational Boaters". (See [our website under Boating Safety](#)). We no longer must keep copious number of notes on our fire extinguishers. This regulation has been rescinded by the Coast Guard

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm spoke on the following:

- 2022 Yearbook Packets will be mailed to all clubs in the next week or so.
- The deadline for submissions is May 15th, 2022.
- To qualify for the "Club of the Year", the deadline is April 28th, 2022. To qualify as a candidate for this honor, a club must have all their members placed in the yearbook and have their submission in by the 28th of April for a drawing. The winning club will be hosted on our cover, along with a page facing their club, which will include a brief history and a collage of pictures personally sent in by the winning club.

SCHOLARSHIP: P.C. Paul Dubiel mentioned the following:

- A letter was mailed to all Commodores, with a scholarship application included, asking they post, distribute and/or place in their newsletter if they produce one. We are trying to get more applications.
- The deadline for 2022 Scholarship submissions is April 8th, 2022.
- The selected recipients will be announced at our April 22nd, 2022 general meeting
- We will present the scholarships at either our May or June general meetings, depending on the recipient's schedules.
- We are planning on giving two \$500.00 scholarships.
- The 2022 scholarship application is on our website. (See our [website under Links of Interest](#))

SAFE BOATING: P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the following:

- Update on wind power in Massachusetts waters:
The first licensed plant in producing wind power in Block Island will be forming a second wind farm, 15 miles south of Nantucket. This one will be industry use and will power over 400,000 homes. It will have over 100 turbines. It is expected to have output by 2023. There is also a third company applying.
- Mass Ocean Planning: The country was divided into 5 or 6 sections. Each section was requested to do a plan for use of its ocean for a 5-year plan and to renew every 5 years.

The second plan is just now being issued. This plan provides summaries of activities and the statistics of the number of transport boats, fishing boats, tugboats, barges etc. and where they are. All that make use of our waters. It is used to provide the logic and back up of material underlying the construction of something like the wind farms and the use of harbors like Boston harbor.

SOCIAL: Carol Gilson reported the following:

- Lipton Cup Regatta – July 23rd – 24th, 2022
- Savin Hill had its Trophy Night last Saturday evening
- South Boston Yacht Club will be asking for vaccination cards or negative tests if anyone plans to dine in their lounge.

OLD BUSINESS:

- By-Law Revision Committee has completed their review and will present the finished product for review by the membership at our February 25th general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2020 Audit Committee: Ralph Levy-Watertown Yacht Club and Paul Luzinski – Salem Willows Yacht Club have volunteered to audit MBYCA's 2021 books.
- 2021 Year-end report will be mailed to both committee members.
- **New England Boat Show – Boston Convention Center**
February 6th – 20th, 2022
Wednesday through Friday: 12:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 – 8:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 – 6:00 pm
Adult Admission: \$18.00

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: February 25th, 2022 – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 100 Constitution Way, Medford, MA 02155

Guest Speaker: Max Kraimer – Clean Ocean Access

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 8:00pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

P.C. Cheryl Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA