



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 19th, 2023

American Yacht Club

The May 19th, 2023 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at American Yacht Club, 115R Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Commodore Neal Caten opened the meeting at 8:00 pm. He introduced American Yacht Club's Vice Commodore, Amy Sison. She welcomed us all to one of the oldest, continually operating, private yacht clubs in the United States. She also wanted to highlight their sailing school. Their Historian, read about American Yacht Club's history and showed pictures of the various buildings before the final one that we are in.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 28th general meeting as distributed. It was seconded and passed.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following information included in each delegate packet:*

- *Minutes of the April 28th, 2023 general meeting.*
- *2023 Summer Rendezvous flier and Sign-Up sheet*

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: *There is a balance of \$9,080.16, as of April 30th, 2023. With a deposit on the 19th of \$5,900.00, we have a balance of \$14,980.16.*

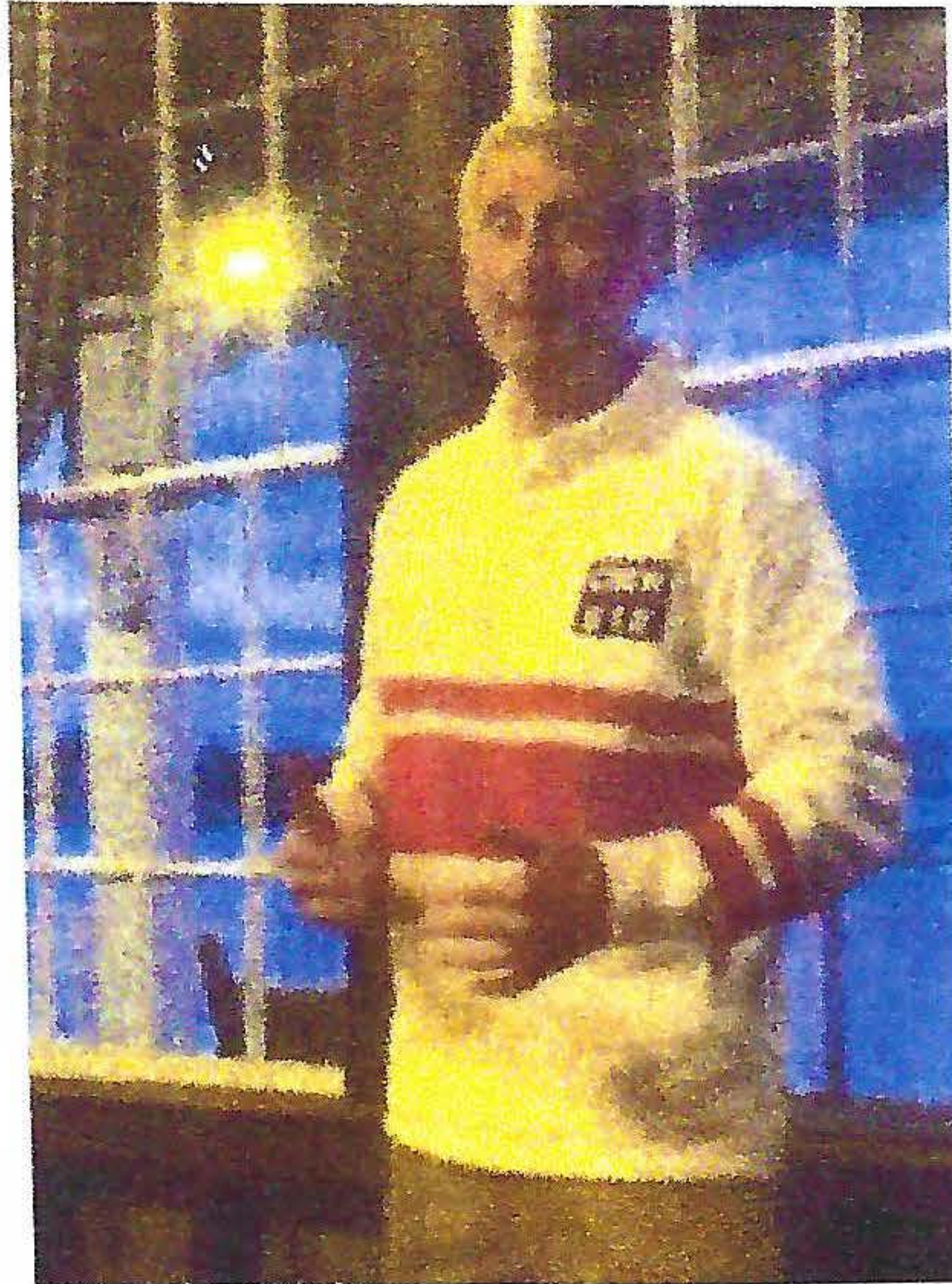
A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

A motion was made to suspend the meeting for our guest speaker:

Bill Golden
Speaking on the
Threats from Storm Surge, Sea Level Rises and Storm Water



(See Bill's Power Point Presentation on our website mbyca.org under Links of Interest)

CONCLUSION

- *Coastal flooding in the fifteen cities and towns that flood through Boston Harbor is an existential regional issue that will require a multi-billion-dollar investment in coastal infrastructure.*
- *To optimize federal, state and local funding, Massachusetts must act now to develop a US Army Corps of Engineers acceptable "shovel worthy" regional master plan.*
- *To obtain federal funding in a timely fashion, we must begin immediately to develop the institutional leadership capacity and a regional master plan with an in-depth economic feasibility cost benefit analysis that includes protection for not only coastal real estate and land-based infrastructure but also for our commercial and recreational maritime resources and activities.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- CDR Myles Greenway is retiring, and his replacement is CDR Peifer. LCDR Ben Lyons is transferring to another post and is being replaced by LCDR Cateahren.
- **Sail 250** is scheduled for July 11th – 16th, 2026. This event is expected to be “Marine Event of National Significance”.
- National Safe Boating Week will feature the Boston Public Garden ducklings dressed in PFDs with the mother in a USCG PFD!!! The date will be announced to allow everyone to have their picture taken with them.
- As mentioned last month, the General Edwards Bridge (in Saugus) replacement proposal received no comments. However, the ACOE is reviewing the proposed air draft to ensure adequate clearance for their dredging equipment in the future.
- June 1st is the beginning of hurricane season for the area. Be prepared !!!
- As mentioned last month, the planned replacement of the Chelsea Street bridge rollers was scheduled to coincide with the closure of the Sumner tunnel, which was projected to cause extreme traffic issues. As a result, the roller replacement has been postponed until Labor Day.
- The USCG Sector Boston has a new emergency phone number:
833-449-0539
- Seaplane flights have resumed in Boston Harbor.
- The annual Frogman Swim will be held on the 16th of June and will be in the East Boston area and **NOT** crossing the main channel.
- On June 3rd 2023, the Contemporary Museum swim will be held. Stay clear!
- On July 1st, a firework display will be held between 9-10 pm at Long Wharf.

- *ACQUAPOLUZZA will be held on July 15th between Noon and 6 pm.*
- *The annual Boston Light swim will be held on August 19th. Swimmers are accompanied by patrol boats and please stay clear!*
- *The annual Fourth of July fireworks on the Charles River will have a new rule: **NO BRIDGE OPENINGS WILL BE ALLOWED BETWEEN 11 PM AND 1 AM.** The state police will enforce this closure. Vessels not requiring a bridge opening **WILL NOT** be affected.*
- *The USCG is installing cameras on the Boston Light structure for security and safety purposes. Four cameras located on the light tower will provide 360 degree coverage of weather conditions, etc. Once the system is operational, the Coast Guard will publish URL information for the public. This system should be helpful in that it will allow recreational boaters to see the sea/wind conditions at the entrance to the harbor.*

MASSPORT:

- *9 vessels have visited in May.*
- *MASSPORT is holding a STS crane drill/training exercise with the Boston Fire Department.*
- *MASSPORT will be sending email notices to the Port Operators Group to update their information. You **MUST** respond in the affirmative to receive future emails. Detailed instructions will follow.*

MBHSC:

- *The committee is updating the status of previous action items, such as Large Vessel Awareness etc., new routes for large vessel traffic in Salem, etc.*
- *A storm surge committee is being formed:*
bostonharbor.stormsurge.com

CISA:

- *You are reminded not to open any emails from unknown senders, etc.*

NOAA:

- NOAA's precision electronic files for New York and Long Island are expected to be complete in mid-June. Wellfleet and Nantucket Sound surveys are in process. This is the first update in about 50 years.
- Offshore wind areas will be added as they develop.

SAFETY NOTE: A person entering 70 degrees Fahrenheit water experiences a 3–5-minute involuntary gasping reflex which threatens survival.

PILOTS:

- April had 78 ships requiring Pilots, which is up 18 from 2022.
- Year To Date there have been 256 vessels, which is up 75 vessels or about 39.3% from 2022.

OCEAN PLANNING:

- Nick Napoli indicated that they are adding wind farm planning information to their databases, which are available online.

GENERAL:

- A Storm Surge Working Committee is being formed to raise awareness.
- The next POG meeting will be on the 20th of June, 2023.

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

- The yearbooks will be ready for pick up at Port Norfolk Yacht Club on June 23rd.
- She thanked all who submitted material for this year's book and is looking forward to seeing the final print out.

RENDEZVOUS: Fleet Captain, P.C. Russell Hoy stated the following:

- The rendezvous will be held on August 18th, 19th and 20th.
- Tickets are \$60.00 per person, which includes Saturday lunch and dinner and Sunday brunch. The galley will be open to purchase Friday evening dinners and Saturday morning breakfast.

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- *The choices for the Saturday dinner are Steak, Lobster and Chicken.*
- *The theme for the weekend is a Hawaiian Tiki Party. First, second and third winner prizes will be awarded for the best Hawaiian outfit.*
- *Please sign up early. Space is limited.*
- *Please send in your sign-up sheet with all your boat information and the number attending to: a-hoy@comcast.net*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R.C. Phil Greenstein stated:*

- *The scholarship recipients will be receiving their awards at our June meeting at Port Norfolk.*
- *Please buy tickets to help support our scholarship fund. The raffle tickets are \$10.00 per ticket, with a minimum of 250 being sold for a 10 ½ foot inflatable.*
- *The winning ticket will be drawn at our Summer Rendezvous at Wessagussett Yacht Club on Sunday. The winner does not have to be present.*

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

- *Collisions*
- *Man Overboard*
- *Circle of Death*

ATTENDANCE: *Social Chair Carol Gilson announced 19 clubs, 25 delegates and 3 alternates were in attendance.*

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Searching for volunteers for the 2023 Nominating Committee.*
- *Commodore Rick LeBlanc announced Crescent Yacht Club's 2023 Canoe Race . This will be held on June 3rd, 2023. (Information will be on our website under Social.)*
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**
June 23rd, 2023 at Port Norfolk Yacht Club
179-181 Walnut Street
Dorchester, MA
**Guest Speaker: State Representative Tackey Chan*
**" Club of the Year", Savin Hill Yacht ,2,3,4,5,6*
to receive their plaque and photo-Op
**Scholarship recipients to receive their awards and photo-Op*
**2023 Yearbooks will be ready for pick up*

50/50: was won by Carol Caten.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:19 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA