



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**  
**(East Boston Yacht Club)**

The January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at East Boston Yacht Club, 1 Rice Street, East Boston, MA 02128.

Commodore Phil Greenstein called the meeting to order at 8:10pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced and thanked Commodore Larry Venezia and his club members for hosting our meeting.

Commodore Venezia welcomed us all and thanked us for coming. He said it was an honor to have Mass Bay at his club. He then asked if he could make a motion? We said of course. He made a motion to adjourn!!!

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

**ATTENDANCE:** Social Chair Carol Gilson stated 20 clubs, 33 delegates and 3 alternates were in attendance.

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

- General Meeting Minutes January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- MTM Insurance -Protector of All That Matters
- 2024 Scholarship application
- 2023 Yearbook Report
- Eliminatecardfees.com flier
- Better Beaches Grant Program
- NOAA – Resources for Fishing in the Greater Atlantic Region
- NOAA – Issuing Biological Opinion on the NE Wind Offshore Energy Project
- Safe Harbor Shamrock Splash – Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Constitution Beach
- Save Our Sound Monthly Newsletter
- Boating Skills and Seamanship Course -Jubilee Yacht Club, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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- *Boating Skills and Seamanship Course -Jubilee Yacht Club, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024*
- *Be Bold Be Cold Polar Plunge – East Boston yacht Club: Eradicate Polio Worldwide – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:00 am*
- *NOAA – 2024 Endangered Species Art Contest – K-12<sup>th</sup> grade*
- *Tee Commerce – Online Ship Store – April guest speaker*
- *NOAA – 2024 Fishing Year American Lobster Trap Tag Order Form available*

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$4,295.06, with 4 clubs still owing 2023 dues. 2024 dues invoices have been mailed. 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 SPEAKERS:***

*It was seconded and passed.*



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

### **USCG:**

- The old North Washington Street Bridge removal will be completed by the end of March. One channel will be open at all times.
- Work is progressing well on equipment positioning for work on the Beldon Bly bridge on the Saugus River.
- Green Harbor dredging is complete, pending a final depth survey.
- The Sector Boston Change of Command will occur on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Captain Jamie Frederick will relieve Captain Benson. He is currently in First District.
- Work continues on evaluation of possible Chelsea Creek modifications to allow safe nighttime operations. 90% of jet fuel transits the Chelsea Creek.
- The Captain reported that all six of the new "Fast Response Boats" are here and their new piers are complete. These are excellent vessels and are significant regional assets. The six do local work in port as much as out of port.

### **MASSPORT:**

- The USS Truxton will visit Boston on March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, berthed at the Cruiseport terminal and will be open for tours.
- The first cruise ship will visit Boston on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 124 are scheduled to date.
- Conley Terminal hosted the second largest container ship which has 13,800 ton/unit capacity.

### **MBHSC:**

- John Barry of Crowley Wind Services reported that the Salem Wind Terminal should be finished in about two years, roughly late 2026. This facility will support the large offshore wind farm planned northeast of our shore.
- There is strong interest in the establishment of a north shore Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) cell to support regional dredging efforts. This is important since the existing CAD cell off Boston is essentially full after servicing the recent Boston harbor dredging project.
- Consideration of possible enhancements to the existing Chelsea Creek channel to allow night operations continues. Repositioning existing underground utilities to allow deepening would require around two years. Widening the channel would require less surgery but would likely be less desirable.

- *The Little Brewster Island (which hosts Boston Light) transfer to the National Park Service is underway. The light will no longer be manned, but two maintenance cameras have been installed to allow diagnostics in the event of light failure. Additionally, through the efforts of the USCG, National Park Service and the Hull Lifesaving Museum, four additional cameras were installed in the light house to provide N, S, E and W views of weather conditions in the area. The objective is to allow recreational boaters, and others, to “see” weather conditions prior to leaving docks in Boston, etc. Google: [Boston Light webcam](#) to access the cameras. You can select individual cameras and zoom in a bit. The scene is updated every 60 seconds.*
- *Bill Golden briefed all on his efforts to inform the maritime community of the importance of addressing the “rising tide”. Emphasis is now being focused on establishing bonding ability to study the problem rather than “gates” such as New Bedford in his earlier study.*
- *Floating debris continues to be a problem in the harbor with few clear remediation possibilities. It was suggested that harbormasters could identify problems and notify Mass Department of Environmental Protection ([DEP.waterways.gov](#)). The Coast Guard Auxiliary could also assist in the process.*
- *The Boston Pilots will assist in funding an upgraded MBHSC website. It will include an option to donate to the committee, etc.*
- *Ferry service and whale watch tours will commence on March 16<sup>th</sup>.*
- *The Annual Industry Day will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm at the Base Boston function hall. It is important to email Tim Chase ahead of time to arrange base access. ([timothy.w.chase@uscg.mil](mailto:timothy.w.chase@uscg.mil))*

**YEARBOOK:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm noted the following:

- *The deadline for submission to become “Club of the Year” is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*
- *The deadline for all other submissions is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

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

- *HB910 – An act establishing a commission to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways. Sponsored by Representative William Strauss of Mattapoissett. Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources*

- DCR, with newly appointed heads, are closer to signing leases for the 17 DCR Yacht Clubs.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Commodore Phil Greenstein mentioned:

- The deadline for scholarship application submissions is April 9<sup>th</sup> and the recipients will be announced at our April 27<sup>th</sup> general meeting at Orient Heights Yacht Club.
- Daughters or sons of parents or grandparents of MBYCA member clubs in good standing are eligible.
- Students are eligible if they are accepted to a Maritime institution or are majoring in maritime studies at a college or university.
- An **incoming freshman or upper classman** who has not previously received said scholarship are eligible.

**SAFE BOATING/RECREATION:** Peter Caten spoke on the following:

- If Found Stickers
- Epirbs
- PLB's – Personal Location Beacons (**See website under Boating Safety - Safety Alert-Personal Locator Devices**)

**COMMODORE'S REPORT:** Commodore Phil Greenstein mentioned the following:

- EliminateCardfees.com – Jeremy Katz will be our guest speaker at our **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024** general meeting held at Chelsea Yacht Club. A full buffet dinner, along with an open bar, sponsored by our guest speaker, will be provided. Please bring your club members, especially your Treasurer, to listen to this important presentation. All are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to: Cheryl Chisholm: [mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com](mailto:mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com).
- MBYCA is in the process of updating the website. We will be using Club Express.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Audit Committee has received the 2023 MBYCA financials.  
Audit Chair: Craig Spear – Past Commodore Winthrop/Pelagic Yacht Clubs  
Tom Pappa – Commodore Chelsea Yacht Club  
Frank Pisano – Past Commodore Watertown Yacht Club

Tom Pappa has reviewed the financials and found them in excellent order. We are waiting for the full final report from our Audit Chair at our March meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commodore Phil Greenstein introduced and welcomed our newly appointed MBYCA Rear Commodore for 2024, Tom Pappa, Commodore of Chelsea Yacht Club.
- Tom will be focusing on New Yacht Club Membership for MBYCA.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024** – Chelsea Yacht Club  
One Broadway  
Chelsea, MA 02150

Guest Speaker: [Eliminatecardfees.com](http://Eliminatecardfees.com) – Jeremy Katz  
Complete buffet dinner will be provided along with an open bar, compliments of our guest speaker.


**OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND ESPECIALLY YOUR OFFICERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS INFORMATIVE MEETING.**

**Please RSVP to: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm: [mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com](mailto:mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com)**

**50/50:** Was won by delegate Paul Astrella Past Commodore of Squantum Yacht Club.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Was made at 9:25 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Secretary/MBYCA