



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 28th, 2020

The February 28th, 2020 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Braintree Yacht Club, 9 Gordon Road, Braintree, MA 02184.

Our Commodore, Carolyn Bargoot, called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm with a moment of silence for delegate Audrey Barrett, of Neponset Valley and Milton Yacht Clubs and Mike Kelley, Past Commodore of Squantum Yacht Club.

Our host, Commodore Frank Heran introduced his "World Class" bridge, Vice Commodore Jack Collins and Rear Commodore Bob Gustafson. He also wanted to thank the people who helped lay the foundation of Braintree Yacht Club, P.C. John Wong, S.P.C. Paul Keane, P.C. Doug Benoit, P.C. Mike D'Arrigo, P.C. Linc Williams and P.C. Sean Murphy. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and hoped we have a good evening.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 24th, 2020 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: All officers and board members were present with the exception of Rear Commodore Neal Caten and Directors P.C. Bill Scanlon, P.C. Russell Hoy, and P.C. Paul Dubiel, who were excused.

ATTENDANCE OF CLUBS: V.C. Jack Swanson reported 21 clubs, 32 delegates and 2 alternates in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegates packet. What was included follows:

- Minutes of the January 24th, 2020 general meeting – [website](#) – [Meeting Minutes](#)
- BoatUS – The demise of traditional paper charts
- 2020 Delegate/Alternate sheet
- 2020 MBYCA General Meeting Schedule with guest speakers included – [website Meeting Schedule](#)
- See Something – Say Something flier – [website](#) – [Safe Boating](#)
- Striped Bass Conservation plate flier
- 2020 Snowflake Regatta flier – [website](#) - [Social](#)
- USCG Auxiliary – Basic Skills & Seamanship classes - Hingham High School – [website](#) – [Safe Boating](#)
- USCG – Watertown Yacht Club – Weekend Navigator and About Boating Safety classes – [website](#) – [Safe Boating](#)

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

- USCG – Old Colony Yacht Club – Boating Skills & Seamanship classes — [website](#) – [Safe Boating](#)
- CampPals Flier – [website](#) - [Social](#)
- Massachusetts Kids & Fishing Week events flier – [website](#) - [Social](#)
- Kids in Boating Initiative flier – [website](#) - [Social](#)

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 \$11,359.29.

The 2019 Financial Report has been submitted to the 2019 Audit Committee for review. Once the review is complete, a copy of the 2019 financials will be available to any Commodore upon his or her request.

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

A motion was made to suspend the general meeting for our guest speaker: Stephen Kallock, P.C. –Veterans Advocate. Steve is a member of Crescent Yacht Club in Bradford, Massachusetts.

It was seconded and passed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- The Coast Guard presented a summary of current plans to handle Novel Coronavirus issues.
Coast Guard INTEL is gathering information on all potential ship visits to the Port of Boston
Any crew members, who have visited China within 14 days, will be confined to the ship.
Any cruise ships with suspected Coronavirus cases will be prohibited from docking.
This is a very fluid situation and rules are subject to change, etc.
The Coast Guard recommends a **type N95** protective mask.
- Massachusetts and Rhode Island are working to ensure that all potential wind farm grids in their waters are coordinated to ensure a straight path through the area for emergency vessels.
- Coastal Zone Management is considering reviewing the East Boston Designated Port Area with the objective of freeing up portions of the waterfront for implementation of global warming protective measures.

- The Boston Harbor deepening project has removed 9 million of a planned 12 million cubic yards of material and is on schedule for completion this Fall. The removal of hard ledge material off Castle Island will begin this Fall and take about 18 months. Current evaluation suggests less material will have to be removed than originally planned. They are looking for a depth of 42', instead of the 38 existing feet.
- The proposed Storrow Drive/Mass Pike changes will require that spoil material be temporarily stored along the shore of the Charles River and the Coast Guard has informed the rowing clubs of the details. It will take 2 to 3 years before actual permission to go ahead happens.

MBHSC:

- *The next Managing Board meeting will occur on March 4th, 2020. We will be briefed on details on the 2019 National Harbor Safety Meeting in Texas as an aid to planning for the 2021 National Maritime Harbor Safety Meeting to be held in Boston.
- *Other topics include safety planning for seaplane operations by Cape Air starting this year for a one-year trial period.
- *The plan is for the 9 passenger planes to dock at Long Wharf. No Fueling will occur and a maximum of four flights per day will be allowed. They will refuel at Logan Airport.
- *We are in the process of drafting a Seaplane Awareness flier.
 1. Stay away from the Seaplanes docking areas
 2. If a Seaplane is coming towards you-hold your course unless it is absolutely necessary to move.

STELLWAGON BANK ADVISORY COUNCIL:

- *There is ongoing concern about possible wind farm siting in this general area.
- *The council is encouraging increasing education of whale protection. Commercial vessels have been complying well with NOAA instructions and educating smaller vessels is the next step.

NOAA:

- *Paper chart sunseting will begin this Fall.

BOATING EDUCATION:

- *There was detailed discussion on the Hanson Act (**HB 4229**) This bill requires boating education for all boaters and the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Harbormasters strongly support it.
- *It was pointed out that several details need to be changed to garner broader support such as a 6-month grace period for someone purchasing a new boat and, as proposed by MBYCA, the training courses be run by the Coast Guard Auxiliary (i.e. expert existing training staffs) rather than MEP.
- *The next meeting will be held on March 17th, 2020 (**St. Patrick's Day**) at Flynn Cruiseport Terminal.

POST MEETING NOTE:

- *The **new** Boston Harbormaster is Sergeant Michael Coyne (michael.coyne@pd.boston.gov)
617-343-4721

LEGISLATION: Bills to keep your eye on in 2020 – [Website – Legislation](#)

YEARBOOK: The deadline for 2020 yearbook entries is May 15th, 2020.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- The deadline for the 2020 Scholarship application is April 8th, 2020. Freshmen entering a maritime institution or an upper classman who has never received a MBYCA scholarship are eligible from a MBYCA club member club in good standing, a son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter.
- Scholarship Raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 per ticket with a maximum of 250 being sold. The winner will be drawn at our Summer Rendezvous and does not need to be present to win. We will be raffling off a 9-foot inflatable.
- If you would like to sell some tickets at your club, please contact:
R.C. Neal Caten at: kten1010@gmail.com

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2020 Lipton Cup will be held on July 25th and 26th, 2020. Squantum Yacht Club is looking for some help with administering the on-water portion of the regatta. They are looking for race officers who would like to help with managing the marks during the race. Any assistance would be appreciated.
- Reciprocity: MBYCA encourages reciprocity, however, the individual clubs determine their own rules and it is up to each person to be aware of individual club rules.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Dorchester Yacht Club will be celebrating her 150th anniversary this year.**
- **Dredging:**
Braintree is looking for assistance in beginning the process of dredging.
Please contact Dredging Chair: Michael Dillon
617-875-0857
Email: ddgolfnut@aol.com
- **Question: Do any clubs have their Past Commodores become Life Members, directly after being Commodore? Email: P.C. Mike Sanders: finfan55@yahoo.com**
- **MBYCA will be looking for a 2021 Rear Commodore. Anyone interested, please contact: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com**


NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

***March 27th, 2020 at Danversport Yacht Club, 107R Elliott Street, Danvers, MA**
Guest Speaker: Jaguar Wear- How to set up an apparel store in your club

50/50: \$75.00 was won by P.C. Cheryl Chisholm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:02 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA