



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 22nd, 2021

Fox Hill Yacht Club

The October general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Fox Hill Yacht Club, 114 Ballard Street, Saugus, MA 01906.

Commodore Carolyn called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Our host, Commodore Tom Struzziero welcomed us all and thanked MBYCA for all their tireless efforts on behalf of the recreational boater. He wished us a good meeting and hoped we enjoyed their delicious dinner prepared by his club members.



ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: *All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C.'s Russel Hoy and Paul Dubiel, who were excused.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following items were in each delegate packet:*

- *Minutes of the September 24th, 2021 general meeting*
- *POG (Port Operator's Group) meeting of October 19th, 2021*
- *2022 Scholarship application*
- *2022 Slate of Officers*
- *North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Construction Look-A-Head October 17th through October 30th, 2021*
- *North Washington Street Bridge clearance height – email from Delegate Ruth Sargent from Charlesgate Yacht Club*
- *C.R.A.B. Buoys at the Big Curve near the Cambridge Boat Club*
- *C.R.A.B. River Activity from October 22nd through October 24th, 2021*
- *C.R.A.B. – "Twas the Night Before Charlesmas" – Head of the Charles*
- *Seafarer's Friend 2021 Cold Snap Ditty Bag & Cap Drive*

**Information on how to participate*

**Instructions on how to construct both the ditty bag and the cap*

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

The following items are now on the website (mbyca.org):

- Under Links of Interest:
 - *2022 Scholarship application
- Under Boat Safety:
 - *Seaplane Awareness flier
 - *Dredging Awareness flier
 - *Boston Harbor Deepening Project – 300 feet safety zone flier
 - *Large Vessel Awareness flier
 - *Charles River Water Shed (C.R.W.S.) Flagging Program

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 \$10,339.59, with 8 clubs owing dues for 2021. Re invoicing these clubs will be done at the end of this month.

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

ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES, ALTERNATES and CLUBS: V.C. Neal Caten, P.C. reported 17 clubs, 24 Delegates and 4 Alternates were in attendance.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE MEETING FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKER:
It was seconded and passed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- **USCG:**

- *The North Washington Street Bridge structural steel placement is in place and work is progressing well. Some short closures will be announced in the future. *(Watch the Notice to Mariners for specific details)*

- *The Belden Bly (aka Fox Hill) bridge four-year project continues with periodic closures. *(See Notice to Mariners for closure updates)*

- *The proposed Long Island Bridge replacement data review continues, with all comments being made to the Captain of the Port. Any decisions will be at least two weeks away.

- *The Coast Guard decided not to close the Scituate Coast Guard Station between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

- * **MASSPORT:**

- *The new cranes (higher and with a greater reach) were first used to unload a vessel earlier this week. This process went well with a steep learning curve, as these cranes are much more modern and employ far more sophisticated electronics than the older (17 year) cranes at Conley.

- *Boston has adequate container storage space to handle increased business.

- *At present, the Port of Savannah, Georgia is the choke point for shipping on the east coast and ships are being diverted to other east coast ports.

- *There are currently 132 ships scheduled for Boston during 2022, subject of course, to Covid developments.

- *A new passenger transport bridge will appear at Cruiseport Boston in the next couple of weeks. This will allow efficient passenger movement between the terminal and the newer 5,000 to 6,000 passenger ships entering service.

- * **ACOE: (Army Corps of Engineers)**

- *Jen reported that the Boston Harbor ledge removal (blasting) project is six months ahead of schedule. Some 306,000 cubic yards of material have been removed, which is 61% of the projected total. Consequently, the project should be complete by the end of March 2022, well before the peak of the recreational boating season.

The next POG meeting will be held on November 16th. It will be a combination in-person and Zoom meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS: V.C. Neal Caten reminded the delegates:

- Tickets were still being sold for an inflatable. He had tickets to sell - \$10.00 per ticket or a book of ten to sell back at your clubs.
- 2022 Scholarship application is in your packet and is also on the website under Links of Interest.

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

- The remaining 100% booster plaques will be available for pick up at our November 19th general meeting held at Savin Hill Yacht Club.
- She thanked all who sent in their payments for the 2020 yearbook.
- As of 10/22/21, the 2020 yearbook has another \$5,719.00 to be invoiced.
- Invoices will be mailed out at the end of October.
- Anyone looking to place a personal or business ad, please contact Cheryl at: mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com.

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

- Offshore wind farms and how important it is for our future. The Biden administration has an energy plan. The key element about wind energy is that you get it in such a way that it is to multiply by eight time in 2030.
- Salem wind port – (see attachment #3) (Also found on mbyca.org under “links of Interest”).
- Vineyard Winds

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Looking for a Rear and Vice Commodore for 2022**

We can't emphasize enough the importance of continuing the work of this 102-year organization! We would like to see Commodores from any of our member clubs join us to ensure the information sought after and given from many aspects of our boating community continues. This is a non-political group that only want to find and communicate important boating information, find new boat safety products, help defend the recreational boater's rights and to insure support for more access to all our islands and shorelines. **Please join us!!!**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Elections of officers:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm, hearing no motions from the floor nor from the mail, casts one vote for the following 2022 Slate of Officers:

Commodore – P.C. Neal Caten

Vice Commodore – Vacant

Rear Commodore – Vacant

Treasurer – P.C. Ted Chisholm

Secretary – P.C. Cheryl Chisholm

Ex-Officio – P.C. Carolyn Bargoot

Director – P.C. Peter Caten

Director – P.C. Peter Gilson

Director – P.C. Russell Hoy

- **William Butze – from Chelsea Yacht Club – looking for what other clubs are doing for the following....**

***Who is your insurance agent**

***Who is your insurance company**

***How much per square foot do you pay for how much coverage?**

Pease contact Bill at: billbutze@gmail.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Savin Hill Yacht Club

400 Morrissey Boulevard

Dorchester, MA

Friday, November 19th, 2021

Guest Speaker: [Mike Tangora](#) – a new security product for boat owners

Refreshments – 7:30 pm Meeting – 8:00 pm

[Swearing in Ceremony for Officers 2022](#)

50/50: Was won by Ken Webber – Delegate from Winter Hill Yacht Club

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 8:50 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm

Secretary/MBYCA