



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING
April 23rd, 2021
(Zoom Meeting)**

The April 23rd, 2021 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held as a Zoom meeting. Commodore Carolyn Bargoot called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She welcomed all delegates to our April meeting and hoped all were doing well and staying healthy.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P. C. Cheryl Chisholm listed all the attachments that were emailed to each club and delegate. If anyone wants another copy of any on this list, please let her know. Otherwise, most will be on our website under the minutes of this meeting.*

- *Minutes of the March 26th General Meeting*
- *Mass Dept of Transportation – North Washington Bridge Update*
- *Long Island Bridge Replacement Survey*
- *Jubilee Yard Manager position available*
- *N.H. Political Leadership School*
- *Charles River Yacht Club Safe Boating Class*
- *Come Sail Away – hiring crew and captains*
- *U.S. Coast Guard Changes Certificate of Documentation to 5 years*
- *Camden Maine Classic Cup, July 29th-31st – 61 boats registered for 5th annual regatta.*
- *Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) Earth Day Series*
- *C.R.A.B/ Weekend activity – April 24th-25th, 2021 and 4/10 thru 11/21/21*
- *Rebuilding the Long Island bridge may not be the answer*
- *Chelsea Creek Municipal Harbor Plan*
- *BoatUS Grant Program – Past projects that won/Application and Guidelines*
- *Hoisting information*

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *A motion was made to accept the minutes of our March 23rd, 2021 general meeting. It was seconded and passed.*

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND ATTENDANCE:

- *All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy, who was excused.*
- *15 Clubs were represented and 21 delegates were in attendance.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$14,794.48. 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 reported on the following:

USCG:

- The Coast Guard has requested inputs on the Long Island Bridge replacement survey from the MBHSC (Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee) and the City of Boston.
- The contract for the ledge removal phase of the harbor deepening project, #4 and #6 areas as you come into Presidents Road, was placed on April 22nd. The equipment staging will occur in the middle of May. **There will be some minor aids to navigation changes. (Details will be forth coming)**
- Harlan Doliner, Esquire is awaiting State approval to release the Chelsea Creek study recommendations. It will be posted online and is over 100 pages. The objective is to find a way to allow safe night transit of hazardous materials. Currently, only day transit is allowed.

MASSPORT:

- The three new Conley Terminal cranes have been shipped from Shanghai and will arrive in mid-June and be operational in September. At that point, pending the completion of the ledge removal, which is just starting, they will be able to handle much larger Panamax-class vessels coming into the harbor, which should increase business through the terminal.
- No cruise ships are scheduled in 2021. The Norwegian GEM, normally based in Boston, has been re-assigned to the Dominican Republic port.

MBHSC:

- Planning is getting underway to host the National Safety Committee meeting in June of 2022.
- Preliminary inputs to the Long Island Bridge survey have been sent to the Coast Guard, at their request. It seems clear that the interactions with the Coast Guard and the City of Boston, the City of Boston has not looked at anything other than the old bridge baseline. No one has done any safety surveys or traffic surveys of any nature. Since then, the City of Boston has sent out a survey asking for more information than even the Coast Guard requested. There will be an opportunity for further comments once current phase of the evaluation is complete, with the Chapter 91 state people.

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

- The "Club of the Year" for 2021 is Old Colony Yacht Club. Old Colony will be on our 2021 cover!!! This is also their 130th year Anniversary!!! Congratulations, Old Colony!!!
- The deadline for entries for the yearbook is May 15th.
- When sending in information please don't forget to list any members that passed in 2020 for our "In Memoriam" page.
- Thanks to all who have submitted their club's information and for all personal and business ads.

SCHOLARSHIP:

MBYCA will present (3) three- \$500 scholarships this year.

The students are:

- Emma Foley – Winthrop Yacht Club
- Jack Iversen – Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club
- Liam Murray – American Yacht Club

Congratulations to all our recipients.

All three have been invited to attend a Zoom meeting in the next two months to officially congratulate them and to get to know them and to see what their plans are for the coming school year.

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

- White Shark Conservancy – non-profit organization trying to find a better life for sharks, less hunting, less bad will. They have been quite successful and creative in moving to reduce the injuries after a shark bite has occurred. They have been active in the Chatham and Orleans area and Cape Cod Bay by making better access to remote beaches. They've also been active in putting in "News Flashes" to show if there have been sharks in those areas.

See website: [**Atlantic White Shark Conservancy**](#) for further information

OLD BUSINESS:

LAST MONTH'S – QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

- MBTA Railroad Bridge #1 rebuild - Will the rebuild have an impact on recreational boating?

Update from Tim Chase (Assistant Branch Chief CG Sector Boston): This project is still very much in the planning phase and the Coast Guard does not expect any construction activity to begin until 2023 at the earliest.

- Crescent Yacht Club -looking for helpful and legal ways to remove and/or stop a tour boat on the Merrimac River from further activity.

The tour boat broke away from its mooring and the situation seems to have taken care of itself.

Audit Committee 2020 Final Report

P.C. Ted Chisholm reported that the final report of our 2020 Audit Committee was that all financial records for 2020 were in good order.

We are in the process of searching and interviewing for a 2021 Rear Commodore.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANY NEW QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

- Commodore Chuck Maybardy – Charles River Yacht Club - Are any DCR Yacht Clubs losing parking spaces like Revere Beach is with meters? DCR wants to place meters on Memorial Drive and CRYC has no parking lot.
- Commodore Paul Astrella – Squantum Yacht Club – asked if any clubs were holding opening dinners?
After emailing the clubs and delegates, we found 98% that responded were not having any inhouse functions and no club was inviting guests.
- P.C. Alex Arcisz – Jubilee Yacht Club – Jubilee is looking for a Yard Manager – job description upon request and on MBYCA's website.

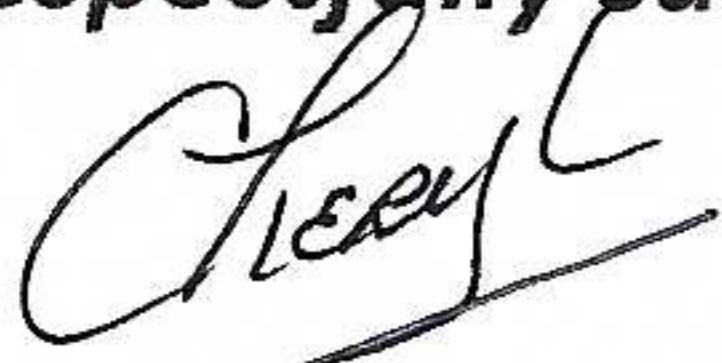
NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

Friday, May 21st, 2021 at 7:30pm – Zoom Meeting

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 8:45 pm. It was seconded and passed.

TAKE CARE.....STAY WELL.....SEE YOU IN MAY!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted by,



**P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA**