

# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

## MBYCA GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

(Winter Hill Yacht Club)

The May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Winter Hill Yacht Club, 500 Artisan Way, Somerville, MA 02143. Commodore Neal Caten, P.C. called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. He introduced Winter Hill Yacht Club's Vice Commodore Ken Webber, who wished everyone a good meeting and hoped they enjoyed the refreshments and the guest speaker.

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

- Minutes of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, general meeting
- C.R.A.B. Activity Week of May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Lipton Cup Regatta flier
- Lou Marcel Canoe Race – Crescent Yacht Club, Bradford, MA
- Picture of the Max Container Ship coming into port.

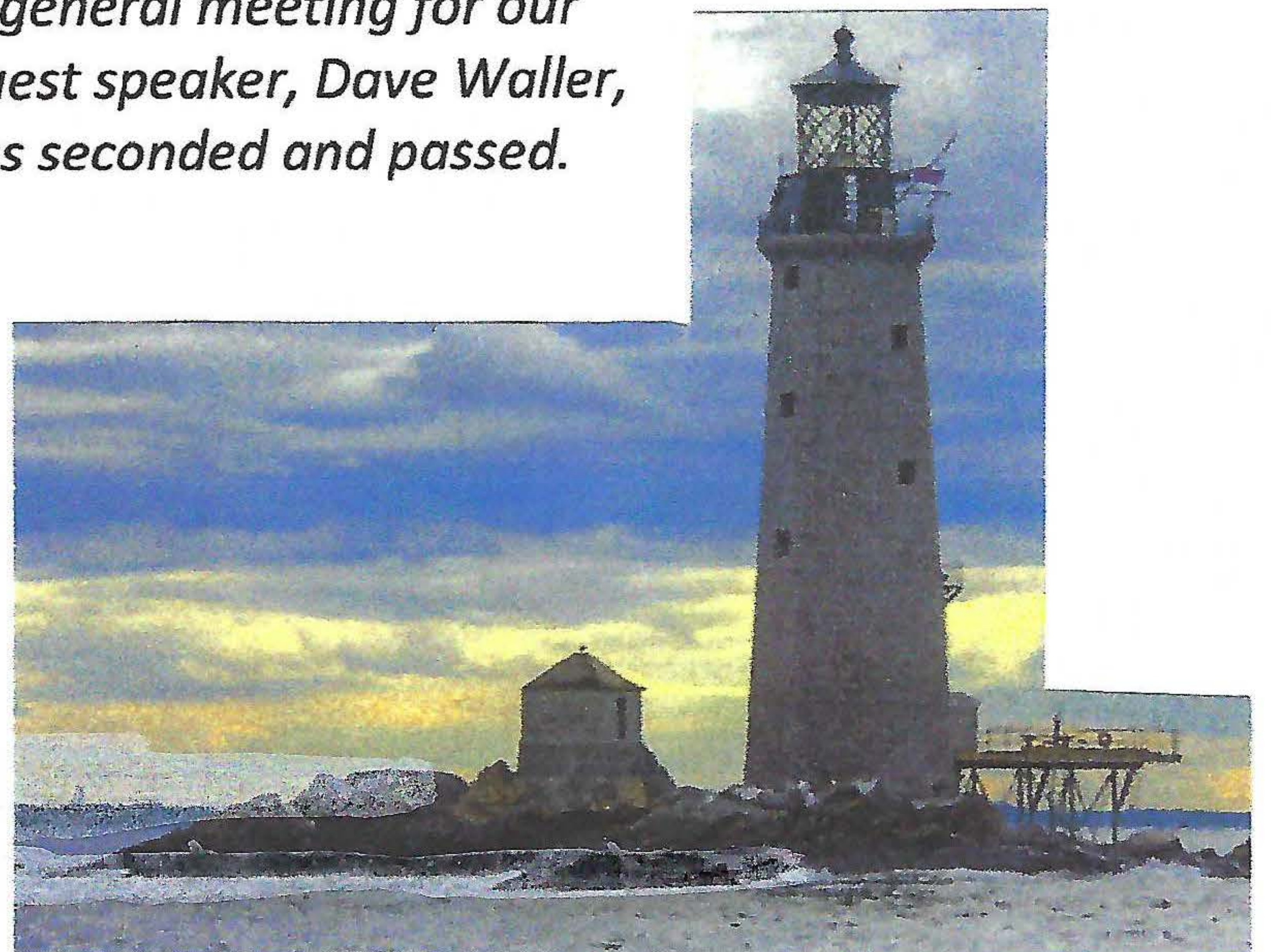
Motion was made to accept the Secretary's report. It was seconded and passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** P.C. Ted Chisholm announced the following:

- MBYCA has a balance of \$12,500 and change.
- 44 Clubs have paid the 2022 dues and 29 have not
- Invoicing will be sent out this month to the 29 clubs.

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 Scholarship recipient and for our guest speaker, Dave Waller, owner of Graves Lighthouse. It was seconded and passed.



*One of our two. \$1,000.00 2022 Scholarship recipients:*

*Kathryn Luzinski – Salem Willows Yacht Club*



*V.C. Paul Dubiel (Scholarship Chair)– Kathryn - Commodore Neal Caten, P.C.*

*Kathryn will be attending the University of Rhode Island, majoring in Marine Affairs. Her ultimate goal is to be a Harbormaster.*

*Our Guest Speaker, Dave Waller presented an amazing slide show of Graves Light, dressed in a traditional 1910 keeper's uniform. with before and after pictures, along with some fascinating stories.*



*Dave Waller, Graves Light Housekeeper & Owner – V.C. Ken Webber Winter Hill Yacht Club*

*Contact information: email: [dave@brickyardvfx.com](mailto:dave@brickyardvfx.com)*

*He can also be found on Facebook and his official website: Graves Light Station*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP:** P.C. Peter Gilson spoke on the following from the POG meeting held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

### USCG:

- The number 55 barge is working on clearing up small, localized areas of the harbor deepening project and is expected to be finished by the end of May. At that time, final depth soundings will be taken and forwarded to NOAA.
- Supply issues continue to impact the North Washington Street Bridge construction project. As a result, the schedule for arrival of the third and final structure components remains unclear. Best estimate is 2-3 months away.
- The Charles River Dam commercial channel will be down this Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Other channel areas remain open. As always, check the Local Notice to Mariners for the latest information.
- Based upon boat and boating sales over the past two years of COVID, the Coast Guard anticipates a significant increase in recreational boating traffic. To that end, everyone is reminded to observe the **"NO WAKE"** zone in the inner Boston channel. This zone will be enforced by the Coast Guard and law enforcement. *(ED. Note: copies of the regulations have been sent to all MBYCA clubs for posting)*
- Everyone is reminded that **SAFE BOATING WEEK** this year is May 21<sup>st</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Everyone is urged to obtain and utilize the **"IF FOUND-CONTACT"** stickers on their rowing craft. These provide contact information in the event the craft is found adrift or abandoned. Rescue personnel can contact your number and determine if **YOU** are missing or your craft came loose by itself. Contact your local Harbormaster for these stickers or Mr. Timothy Chase, USCG Sector Boston, Waterways Assistant Branch Chief at **617-447-1620** or [Timothy.w.chase@uscg.mil](mailto:Timothy.w.chase@uscg.mil).

Vessel Identification Sticker for Canoe, Kayak or Rowboat

**IF FOUND - CONTACT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Use waterproof marker

- The Port Security Grant program inputs are due in about four weeks.
- You are reminded that the annual **HURRICANE SEASON** begins on June 1<sup>st</sup> and extends through November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

#### **MASSPORT:**

- The 2022 cruise season is underway with approximately 10 of a scheduled 125 ship visits already completed.
- This month there will be five container ships representing three lines.
- **NOTE:** The vessel **EVER FASHION** docked at Conley Terminal on May 17<sup>th</sup> and represents the new class of large container vessels now in operation.

#### **MBHSC:**

- The National Harbor Safety Committee is scheduled for Boston on June 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Meeting topics will include CH 91 discussions, which impact all waterfront activities, including yacht clubs and recreational boating. The all-Volunteer Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee is seeking donations in support of its USS Constitution Museum social event to be held on the evening of June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see our website today and become a patron: <http://www.massbaysafety.org/index.html>. You may also contact Craig Hall, our Treasurer at [craihhall.uscgaux@gmail.com](mailto:craihhall.uscgaux@gmail.com)/ Phone: 617-875-6500 or Captain Bob Blair at [easternpointp@aol.com](mailto:easternpointp@aol.com)

#### **SECURITY:**

- On-Line threats continue to be a problem.
- There will be an active shooter webinar on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.  
Remember: In the event of an active shooter: **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT!!!**
- There are no known threats in our area at this time.

#### **NOAA:**

- After the dredge summary effort is complete (by the end of May), the latest Hydrodynamic data will be forwarded to NOAA, after which the final chart update will take approximately 3-4 weeks.

The next POG meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

#### **ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AND CLUBS:**

- All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy.
- 13 Clubs, 21 Delegates and 7 Alternates were in attendance.

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

- The 2022 yearbook has been laid to rest.
- Yearbook pick up will be held at our general meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.
- 100% Booster plaques will also be delivered for all clubs with their complete roster in the yearbook. Thank you !!!!!

**RENDEZVOUS:** P.C. Paul Dubiel stated the following:

- The 2022 Summer Rendezvous will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Wessagussett Yacht Club.
- Sign-Up sheets and tickets and all the details will be available at our June 24<sup>th</sup> general meeting along with a flier for your club to post.
- Inflatable raffle tickets will be available for purchase through to the Rendezvous. They are \$10.00 per ticket with only 250 being sold.
- The drawing for the inflatable will be held on Saturday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> of August at Wessagussett. You do not have to be present to win.

**SAFE BOATING:** P.C. Peter Caten mentioned the following

- "If Found-Contact" stickers
- Pass out from Marine Fisheries
- PFD's
- Tailwinds Seaplanes

**SOCIAL:** Carol Gilson listed the following events on our website:

- Lipton Cup
- Quincy Bay Race Week
- Summer Sailstice
- MBYCA Summer Rendezvous
- Pelagic Sailing Club's complete guest speaker program

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

*50/50: was won by Ron Figelski from Mystic Wellington Yacht Club  
\$50.00 West Marine gift card: was won by Richard Sargent-Charlesgate Yacht Club and donated by West Marine-Woburn, MA*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: *June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Port Norfolk Yacht Club***

- *Guest Speaker: Mark Vadaj – Int'l President – Int'l Order of the Blue Gavel*
- *2022 Yearbooks and 100 % Booster plaques available for pick up.*
- *2022 Scholarship recipient Ryleigh Benson – Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club to receive her \$1,000.00 scholarship*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** *was made at 9:24 pm. It was seconded and passed.*

*Respectfully submitted by,*



*P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Secretary/MBYCA*

***HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEXT FEW WEEKS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!!***