



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Fox Hill Yacht Club**

The October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 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 Neal Caten, P.C. opened the meeting at 8:15 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for Past Secretary Jeanne White (Secretary 1986 to 2011) and P.C. Michael Sanderson (MBYCA Commodore 1993).

He introduced Fox Hill's P.C. Tom Struzziero, who is also Fox Hill's Hall Manager. Tom thanked Dave Cecere, their chef and board members for cooking a delicious full course meal for our meeting and thanked MBYCA for all their support of all the clubs.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 general meeting. It was seconded and passed.

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

- Minutes of the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 general meeting
- 2024 MBYCA Slate of Officers
- 2024 MBYCA Scholarship application
- 2023 MBC Annual Hearing on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October – Beach Commission
- Return of the Tall Ships 2026 flier

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 \$3,263.84. There are 8 clubs owing 2023 dues.

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Social Chair Carol Gilson reported 29 delegates and alternates and 23 clubs were in attendance, with a total of 38 guests for our October meeting.

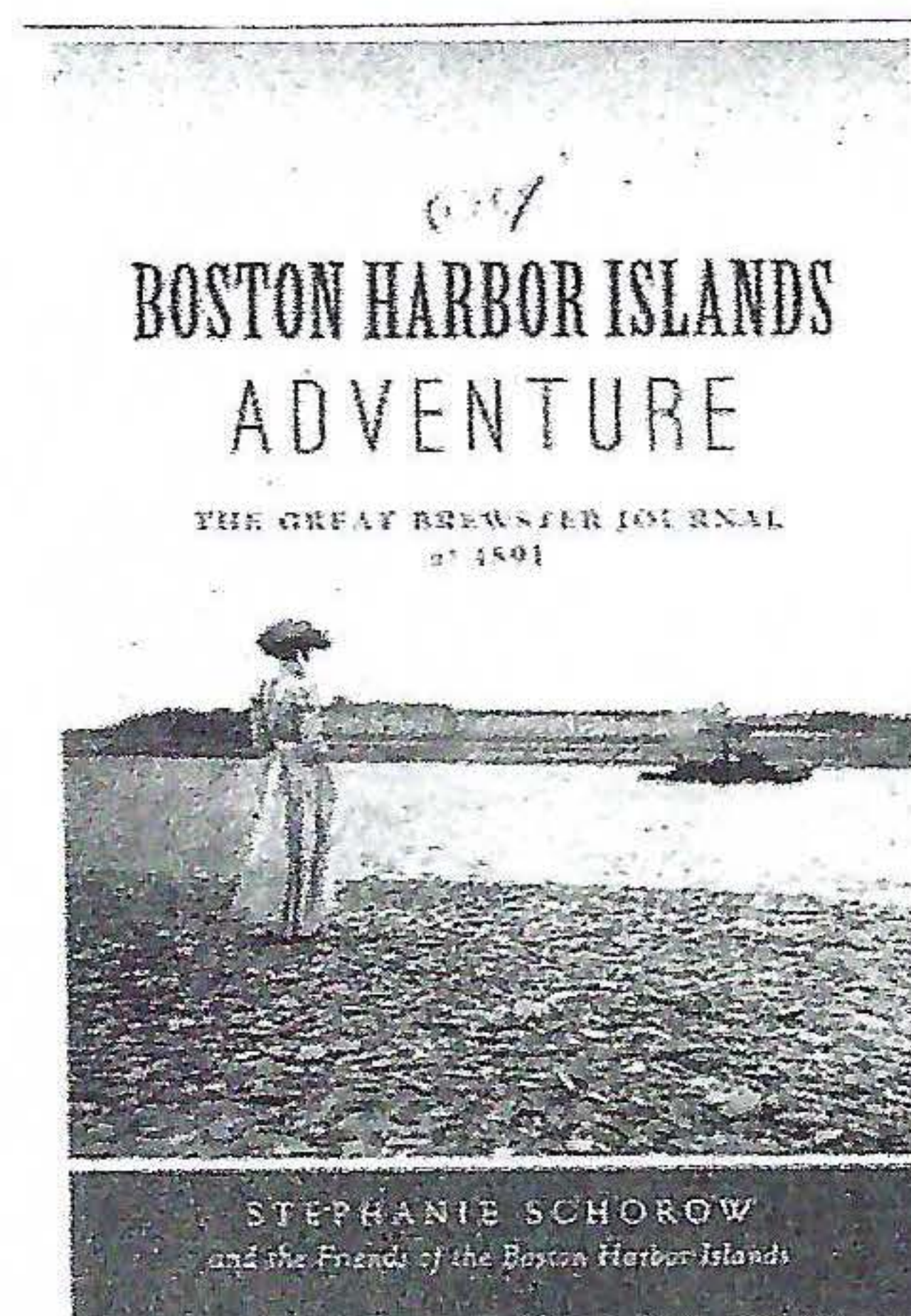
"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

A motion was made to suspend the meeting for our guest speaker:

**FRIENDS OF THE BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS**

President/Chairman Walter Hope



Walter spoke on "**Boston Harbor Islands Adventure: The Great Brewster Journal of 1891**". A journal about four intrepid women from Lowell Mass who sailed to a remote island in Boston Harbor, Great Brewster Island, for a 17- day escape from New England and prim and proper society. This book can be found in many libraries and on Amazon for \$21.08.

**Contact Information:**

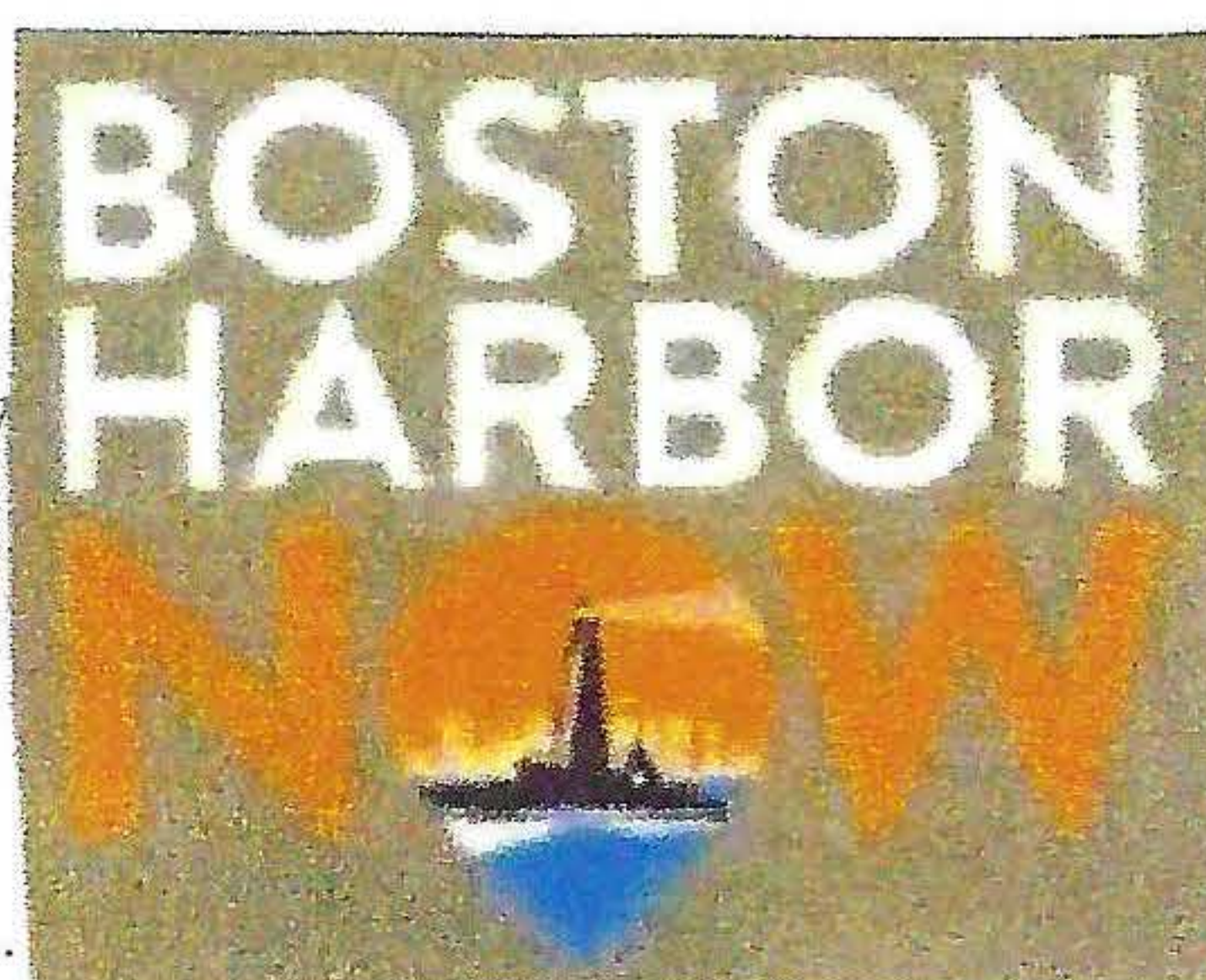
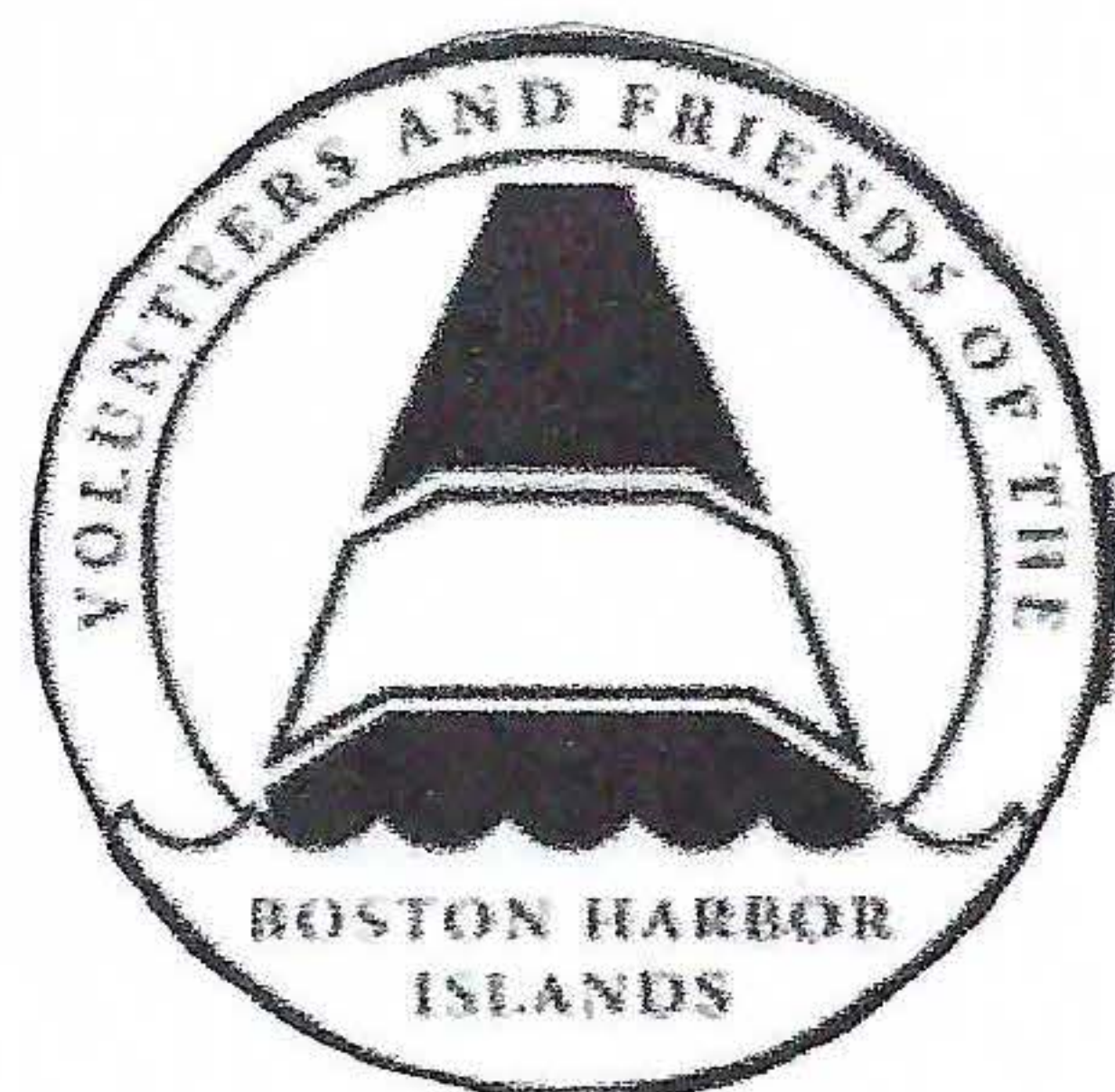
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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- One firework event remains scheduled for the Charles River on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The First CG District has approved the proposed clearance of the DCR Mystic River Pedestrian Bridge.
- The last cruise ship will visit on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**MBHSC:**

- The annual Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee general meeting was held this morning at the Eastern Minerals Conference Facility in Chelsea. Topics included:
  - \*Designated Port Area review process
  - \*Chelsea River navigation sub-committee report
- Coastal Resilience Cruise
- Boston Harbor deep draft/pleasure craft deconfliction discussions
- The Captain detailed the Active Shooter exercise held in the harbor earlier this week. 84 participants included autonomous IR vehicles, drones and other technologies.
- Five of the six new CG cutters are here with the 6<sup>th</sup> expected year end. Their new pier is nearly complete.
- CG operations are being negatively impacted by a 20-30% deficit in enlisted staff.
- The 2022 Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) was published yesterday and calls for additional sensors.
- Autos will be transiting the new Washington bridge by the end of the year.
- The Beldon Bly bridge has been approved and will be completed in about 24 months.
- The upgrades to the Chelsea Street bridge (allowing 139-foot clearance versus full air draft) will be complete by the end of the year which will improve vehicular traffic flow.

**MASSPORT:**

- Reported that ship visit frequency has increased from 2-3 to 5-6 per week. They will be going to 10,000 TCU vessels next year and handled a 14,500 unit ship in 2022 with some effort.
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- *The Chelsea River Committee will be holding a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at the CG with Lt. Governor Driscoll to discuss facilities deepening, cable changes and acquiring a non-federal sponsor.*
- *Bill Golden discussed the Resiliency Working Group and Lt Governor Driscoll will be involved with her 16-year experience as the Salem Mayor. A new agency is required with independent bonding authority.*
- *Deconflicting deep draft and recreational vessels was discussed. It was recommended that the suggestion that all private vessels monitor CH 13 (ship to ship) needs to be re-enforced. Also, that more "escort" vessels be provided and that we should invite additional law enforcement agencies to our meetings.*

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- *MBHSC is now a non-profit organization.*
- *300-ton cruise vessels will be visiting Plymouth.*
- *Mass marine Trade Association (MMTA) Safe Boater Bill is in committee.*

**NOAA:**

- *Reminded that prototype F102 electronic files are available for Boston Harbor. Future surveys are being planned for the Salem-Gloucester area in the 2024-25-time frame. They are looking to document the increase in ship calls due to the Boston deepening project.*
- *Ocean Planning will be releasing Gulf of Maine data and has concerns that recreational boating data is outdated. Ed. Note: The last recreational boating survey for Massachusetts was done in 2010 and included Mass Marine Trades Association (MMTA) and MBYCA inputs.*

*The next meeting will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023.*

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

- *\$9,392 is still owed for the 2023 yearbook. A third invoice was mailed out in October.*
- *Booster plaques that have not been picked up are available tonight at the back table.*
- *We will be dedicating our 2024 yearbook to our Past Secretary Jeanne White.*

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** R.C. Phil Greenstein stated the following:

- The 2024 Scholarship application is in your packet.
- Please bring this form back to your club and post it. The deadline for submission is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- This form will also be on our website to download.
- A raffle item has not yet been determined for next year.

**SAFE BOATING:** P.C. Peter Caten discussed the following items:

- During the cold months....
  - \*Hypothermia
  - \*Cold Shock
  - \*Cold incapacity
  - \*Life preservers with insulation
  - \*Dress for the water temperature not the air temperature
  - \*Wear synthetic material – cotton absorbs/synthetic repels

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We are looking for a Rear Commodore candidate. You must be a member of a yacht club in good standing. You do not have to have been an officer but must understand the rules and regulations of a yacht club.

If interested, please contact Commodore Caten or Secretary Cheryl Chisholm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Hearing no nominations from the floor or by mail, the Secretary casts one vote for the 2024 slate of officers as follows:

Commodore Phil Greenstein  
Vice Commodore P.C. Carolyn Bargoot  
Rear Commodore – vacant  
Secretary P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Treasurer P.C. Ted Chisholm  
Ex-Officio P.C. Neal Caten  
Director Peter Caten  
Director Peter Gilson  
Director Russell Hoy

- *MBYCA welcomes Constitution Yacht Club as a new member to MBYCA.*
- *Helen O'Malley – America's Boating Club*
  - \*World Class education for the recreational boater*
  - \*Learn the way you want to learn with classroom, online and on-the-water training programs*

*Contact information: [americasboatingclub.org](http://americasboatingclub.org)  
1-888-367-8777*

- *Boating Education Bill*
- *Boating access to the harbor islands*

***50/50: was won by Fox Hill's Treasurer Peter Rancourt.***

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING:***

***Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

***Point of Pines Yacht Club***

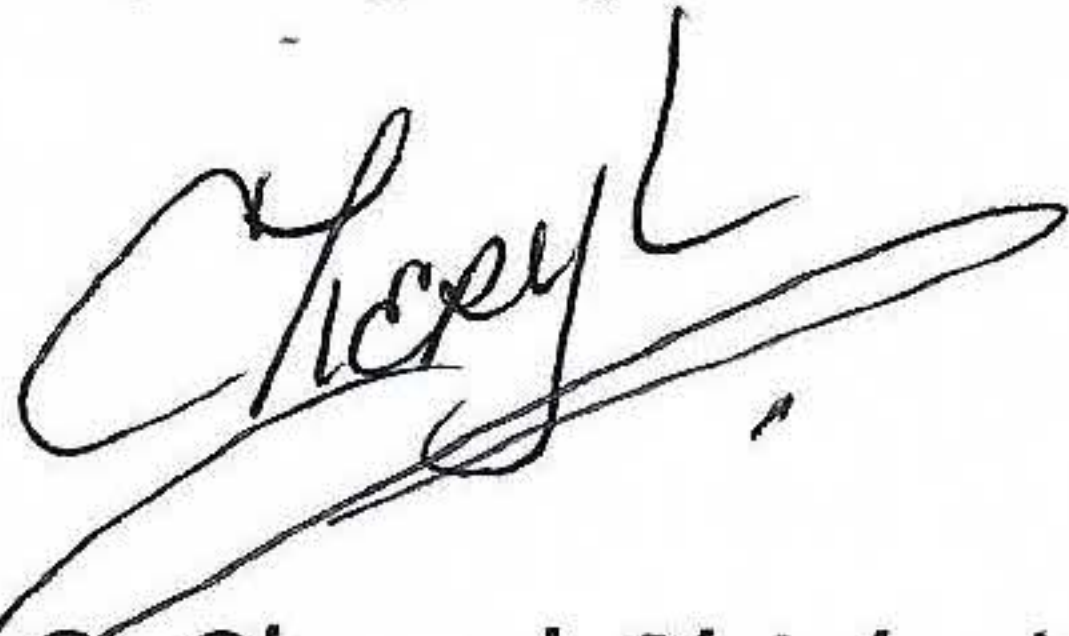
***28 Rice Avenue***

***Revere, MA 02151***

***Swearing in of 2024 MBYCA Officers and Board members***

***MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:39 pm. It was seconded and passed.***

*Respectfully submitted by,*



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