

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 18th, 2018
Savin Hill Yacht Club

The May general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. Was held at Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, MA 02122.

Our host, Commodore Anthony Champa welcomed us all and wished for better weather and invited everyone to come to enjoy the club all year round.

Commodore Peter Gilson also introduced Savin Hill's Vice Commodore, Andy Emmanuel and thanked him for setting the hall and the refreshments.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm announced all officers were present with the exception of P.C. Peter Caten, P.C. Peder Acres and V.C. Paul Dubiel, who were excused.*

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 27th, 2018 general meeting held at Chelsea Yacht Club, as distributed. The motion was seconded and passed.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm pointed out what was in each of the delegate's packets. The following was included:*

- *Minutes of the April 27th, 2018 general meeting*
- *Boating Infrastructure Grant Funding Opportunities*
- *Other Grant and Funding Opportunities*
- *Grants Available for Mass Youth Boating Programs*
- *Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Legislation and Administrative Review*
- *National Safe Boating Week promotes safe boating practices*
- *Boats and Motors Summer Hours*
- *Off the Hook Summer Comedy Tour*
- *Boston Harbor For All Summit*
- *3 Easy No Cost Ways to be Safer on the Water*
- *National Safe Boating Week – May 19th – 25th*
- *Alford Street Bridge Emergency Repairs*

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 \$21,926.02 and \$1,384 in the Scholarship Fund. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made. It was seconded and passed.*

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE GENERAL MEETING FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKERS:

General Manager Barbara Miele & David Young – West Marine
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A motion was made to suspend the meeting. It was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP/NBF: Commodore Peter Gilson, P.C. reported the following:

- *The search and rescue season is underway and the Coast Guard will be focusing on boating under the influence (BUI) and this we believe is linked to your driver's license.*
- *There will be a security exercise on May 23rd involving the Spirit of Boston. This is not expected to impact normal harbor activity.*
- *The start of the hurricane season is here and everyone should plan ahead for possible storm related disruptions.*
- *The FAA is renewing the previous Seaplane approvals and efforts continue to update Boston's ancient waterfront ordinances relevant to statutes relative to dockage to the inner harbor.*
- *Permitting is underway for the replacement of the Long Island Bridge. The baseline assumes the use of existing piers. There is a lot of interest in this project.*
- *There will be fireworks off of Fan Pier on June 6th. Boston Harbor Now will be having fireworks in the harbor on June 21st.*
- *Alford Street Bridge – plates are curling and buckling. To correct that, the plan is to shut down the use of the bridge from October 1st to April 30th of next year. Barges and heavy equipment will be in the channel under the bridge. More updates to come.*
- **SPECIAL ITEM:**
The Braintree Harbormaster mentioned that local sail boaters expressed concern about high tension electrical lines extending over the Fore River channel. The main tower approved clearance is 100 feet, (these lines pass overhead approximately over Metropolitan Yacht Club) however, this secondary line(s) south of the main towers have a reported clearance of only 56 feet. Some years ago a sailboat transiting the area was set on fire when her mast came within a few feet of the wires causing an arc.
- **MASSPORT:**
There will be a Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee managing board meeting on June 7th at the Boston Marine Society. Let us know of any items of concern. Anyone is welcome to attend as an observer.
- **ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:**
The Corp of Engineers is anticipating a summer start of the Boston Harbor main dredging project. As previously mentioned, there will be as many as three dredge plants operating simultaneously. Safety zones will be established and enforced by the Coast Guard and various police agencies and details, etc.
- **PILOTS:**
Ship arrivals YTD are 218, which is up 17 over the YTD arrivals of 2017.
- **OCEAN PLANNING UPDATE:**
There will be an Ocean Planning meeting on June 21st in Rhode Island. Details are available online at: <http://neooceanplanning.org/about>
- **BOSTON HARBOR NOW:**
There will be a meeting at the Aquarium on May 24th with Mayor Walsh.

BHN staff are walking the entire Harborwalk in an effort to assess and update their manual on the subject.

I inquired as to the status of the additional 111 plus moorings planned for Spectacle, Peddock's, George's, etc. BHN had no other information than to state they were managing the project. The Coast Guard had no further information.

- *The next **POG** meeting will be held on June 19th at the Diversified Auto Driver's room in Charlestown.*

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

- *Yearbooks will be ready for pick up on June 22nd at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.*
- *The Club of the Year, Dorchester Yacht Club, will be presented a plaque and framed cover photo.*
- *Eight \$50.00 gift cards will be drawn from the booster tickets. Please, if you are 100% in the yearbook, bring in your raffle tickets for the drawing.*

LEGISLATION: *P.C. Bill Scanlon reported the following:*

- *Nothing official with regards to legislation. There are a number of items of interests in your packets:
*Boating Infrastructure Grant Funding Opportunities,
*Other grant and funding Opportunities and Grants available to Massachusetts Youth Boating programs.
* Boston Harbor For All Summit*

RENDEZVOUS: *P.C. Russell Hoy mentioned the following:*

- *The 2018 Summer Rendezvous will be held on August 11th and 12th at Wessagussett Yacht Club. Please sign up early, as this is a very popular event and Wessagussett only has a limited number of slips. There are moorings as well. Sign-up sheets will be available at our meeting at Port Norfolk Yacht Club. The theme is "Heading to 100". We will have a personal Flotation swimming contest to be held in memory of Terri latta, our super winner of this contest. The tickets will be \$50.00 per person.*
- *The menu will be steak, lobster or chicken, so when signing up, please state what your preference is for dinner.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R.C. Carolyn Bargoot reported the following:*

- *The scholarship raffle items are: 9 foot Inflatable and a RTIC 65 Cooler. The cost of tickets are \$10.00 per ticket. We will sell 250 tickets, so your chances are great. We will be drawing the winners on Sunday, August 12th at Wessagussett Yacht Club. You do not need to be present to win. We have only sold 76 tickets so far. Anyone who has taken packets to sell, please try to sell them and return the stubs to me as soon as possible.
Anyone wanting to buy tickets, please contact me at: bargoot@yahoo.com.*

- *The scholarship recipients, William Rigby from Port Norfolk Yacht Club and Patrick Stafford from Winthrop Yacht Club will receive their scholarships at our meeting at Port Norfolk Yacht Club on the 22nd of June.*

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

- *Summary of the Mystic Wellington DCR Lease meeting:
All but one DCR Club was in attendance to discuss, as a group, where we go from here. This has been going on for over 8 years.
HB 950 was successful in passing the house. This bill would limit the annual increase from 5% reduced to 2%. The objective was to see if each of the DCR clubs could join in to contribute toward helping continue this effort. This bill now has to go to the Senate. Please talk this up to your clubs to contact your Senators and Representatives. There is a very small time frame to make this happen.*
- *Summary of the BAMSC meeting at the Federal Reserve:
This meeting happens several times a year and involves briefings on threats etc. There was an exercise on a simulated ferry.
If anything happens in regards to injuries, such as amputations of limbs and other severe injuries, are the staff on the ships familiar with a tourniquet? This is a certain type of tourniquet that only cost \$7.00 and should be part of a first aid kit.
Mass Boating has a seat on the safety committee and was recognized for their efforts.*

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: We are looking for volunteers for our 2018 Nominating Committee. If so, please contact P.C. Cheryl Chisholm at: mbyca.cpcp46@gmail.com.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Port Norfolk Yacht Club – June 22nd, 2018
179-1181-Walnut Street
Dorchester, MA

- **Club of the Year awarded**
- **2018 Scholarship Recipients awarded**
- **Yearbook Booster winners drawn**
- **2018 Yearbooks ready for pick up by clubs**

50/50: \$58.00 was won by Delegate Paul McDougall from Charlesgate Yacht Club.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Was made at 9:25 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA

