

**MBYCA**  
**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**(Mystic Wellington Yacht Club)**

**The January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 451 Rear Fellsway, Medford, MA 02155. Commodore Paul Dubiel called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.**

**Our host, Commodore Jack Jandreau welcomed us all and thanked MBYCA for all their efforts on behalf of the all member yacht clubs. He invited us to enjoy the refreshments and extended an invitation to visit Mystic Wellington Yacht Club during the boating months.**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegate packet as follows:

- 2019 General Meeting Schedule
- 2019 Scholarship Application
- 2019 Delegate/Alternate Sheet
- 2019 Summer Rendezvous flier
- 2019 Rendezvous Individual Sign Up Sheet
- USCG Boating Skills & Seamanship Class – Metropolitan Yacht Club – 03-03-19
- Autonomous Robotic Boat First to Sail Across the Atlantic
- Cannabis and Boating
- Camp Pals – inclusive experiences for young adults with Down Syndrome
- National Boating Federation January 2019 Bulletin
- Jubilee Management Survey Overview

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** P.C. Ted Chisholm stated we have a balance of \$15,802.68. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:** Secretary Cheryl Chisholm reported all board members were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Bill Scanlon, P.C. Russell Hoy and P.C. Peder Acres who were excused.

**ROLL CALL OF CLUBS:** R. C. Jack Swanson reported 18 clubs, 28 delegates and 1 alternate were in attendance.

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE MEETING FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKER:**

*Delegate, Commodore Alex Arcisz from Jubilee Yacht Club  
Speaking on: Member Clubs Management Survey Overview*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP/NBF:** P.C. Peter Gilson spoke on the following:

- The Army Corps of Engineers is getting permission to remove a sunken barge outside the North Channel. It is currently 100 below the water, but on angle with about 43 feet clearance and 400 feet near a pipe line.
- Chelsea Creek Deviation  
The Department of Transportation, along with the Chelsea community, are proposing a one-year deviation test which would not allow the bridge to open. This would restrict openings from two to two and a half hours in the morning and the same in the afternoon to improve traffic flow. All the jet fuel for Logan airport, car fuel and home heating fuel transits Chelsea Creek. There are typically 2,000 openings during a twelve-month period. A question as to whether loaded and unloaded vessels be subject to the proposed revised rule. CH 91 Colonial Ordinance guarantees access to fishing, fowling and navigation of our waters. The MBHSC and the Harbor Pilots want nothing to do with this process. MBYCA does support the Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee position. The clearance at mean high tide is nine (9) feet. This is ongoing. The Coast Guard makes the final decision.
- The Alford Street Bridge is on schedule for completion by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019.
- The North Washington Street Bridge temporary structure will be the same height.
- The "T" Bridge in Salem will not have any channel closures for construction this year.
- The entry channel opening under the Fore River Bridge will be dredged to depth.
- The harbor dredging project (Cashman) has removed 3.2 million yards so far.
- Bowditch Ledge replacement will take about 18 months for a pole (with light?) and three years to completely replace it. The Salem Marine Society may provide funding for a historically accurate (granite block) replacement.
- Industry Day will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at Flynn Cruiseport Terminal.
- The MBHSC Annual meeting date is TBD. Looking for subjects of interest. The sinking of the EL FARO is a possibility.
- The Safety Committee is recommending that people consider donating to the chief petty officer's organization at Boston Coast Guard headquarters to help the "coasties" that are not getting paid.

**COAST GUARD:** Money can not be given to the Coast Guard, but what you can do is donate gift cards that will be distributed to junior members and those living off base in financial difficulty. Also, in your packet is an article from BoatUS about this exact subject. There is a website in this article and it will tell you how to donate: [cgmahg.org/shutdown/clients.html](http://cgmahg.org/shutdown/clients.html)

**YEARBOOK:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm told the delegates that the packets are ready for pick up at the sign in table. The boosters are not in your packets. When you send in your 100% listing, boosters will then be mailed to you to fill out. The reason for this is that many clubs receive their booster raffle tickets and never fill them out. It is a waste of money and paper to print tickets

that would never be used. The deadline for all material is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Cheryl appreciated all the club's input.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** R. C. Jack Swanson let everyone know that in their packets is the 2019 Scholarship application. The deadline for submission is **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. This application is also on our website to download at your convenience. We have enough in the fund to support 3 scholarships this year. The qualifications are any child or grandchild of a yacht club in good standing attending a maritime institution or taking a maritime related curriculum may qualify for a scholarship. This includes not only incoming freshmen, but also upper classmen that have not previously received one of MBYCA's scholarships.

The Scholarship Raffle prizes this year will be a 9-foot inflatable along with two kayaks with paddles. There are only 250 raffle tickets and we have tickets in packets of 10 that we would appreciate having our delegates take back to their clubs to sell. Individual tickets may also be purchased.

The drawing will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup> at our Summer Rendezvous at Wessagussett Yacht Club. You **DO NOT** need to be in attendance to win. We thank all of you for your support.

**RENDEZVOUS:** Commodore Paul Dubiel stated the following:

The Rendezvous will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up early, space is limited. This is our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and this weekend will be very special. The tickets are \$50.00 per person, with lunch and a choice of Steak, Chicken or Lobster for our Saturday dinner and a lovely Sunday breakfast is included. For those coming on Friday evening, the galley will be open for dinner as well as the following morning for breakfast.

There will be a costume contest...." **Dressing for 1919**" and many more fun filled happenings.

**SAFE BOATING/RECREATION:** P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the Kidde Fire Extinguishers.

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

**Hazard:**

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

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- **Make sure your first aid kits and defibrillators are updated, either yearly or whatever the individual requirements are for each product.**
- **Cannabis and Boating: Impairment is impairment no matter the substance. But with marijuana there is even more at stake, regardless of legality in your state.** Even if cannabis is legal in your state, the federal government still considers it a Schedule 1 drug, which the feds say has the potential for abuse and has no accepted medical use. This is very important, because on any water (or land) under federal jurisdiction, it's illegal to possess cannabis even though a state may have legalized it. Waters of the United States are under federal authority. (See attachment #1 – website)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **DCR Leases**

*P.C. Paul Moran of Mystic Wellington Yacht Club gave a brief review on this subject.*

*The clubs decided to embark on trying to get legislation changed that would allow DCR clubs to enter into leases. Specifically, what the clubs were looking for was a more equitable rate of escalation with the rents. All the clubs felt that the rate of escalation that the DCR was looking for was financially not viable. It would put all the clubs out of business.*

*At that point the goal was to try to get an escalation cap of 2% of the rates as they were in 2015. This went through the House and Senate and landed on the Governor's desk. He was not comfortable with this and sent it back at the end of formal session. We didn't win anything at that point. But our legal and legislative friends kept working on this and in informal session, as of January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Governor signed the legislation capping the rate of escalation to 3% at 2015 rates. This leveled the playing field for all clubs.*

*Now we are at the next stage and we individually must negotiate leases.*

*Our legal team will now be trying to negotiate a base lease that we all can sign onto and then each club can take this base lease and go on to modify it to their respective club. Each club's characteristics are individual and need to be addressed in the lease process.*

*Paul thanked all the clubs for mobilizing their membership when we needed to. We are not finished and there will be more to come.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *The Audit Committee has been appointed for 2019. Included in this committee are:  
Chairman: Tom Stevens – Delegate Craig Spear from Pelagic Sailing Club and Delegate Paul Luzinski from Salem Willows Yacht Club*
- *MBYCA has purchased 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative pins which will be available to purchase at our February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Braintree Yacht Club.*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** *Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 at Braintree Yacht Club*

*9 Gordon Road, Braintree MA*

*Guest Speaker: Camp Pals – Boston*

**50/50:** *\$74.00 was won by delegate Brian McMahon from Jubilee Yacht Club*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** *was made at 9:05 p.m. It was seconded and passed.*

*Respectfully submitted by:*

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

