



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

## MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Point of Pines Yacht Club)

The November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Point of Pines Yacht Club, 28 Rice Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

Commodore Neal Caten, P.C. opened the meeting at 8:08 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

He thanked Point of Pines for opening their club to us and hosting this meeting and V.C. Phil Greenstein wanted to also thank Point of Pines for bailing us out and thanked Lynn Yacht Club for providing the refreshments. He gave a special thank you to Lynn's member, Doug, for bringing and setting up all the refreshments.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

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

- Minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting
- NROC Fall meeting and update
- Annual estimate of North Atlantic right whale population numbers was released
- Neptune update - two underwater buoys and a subsea pipeline designed for the importation of natural gas to the New England region
- Boston Area Maritime Security Committee Meeting of November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- 2024 MBYCA Scholarship application
- America's Boating Club information
- NOAA announcing 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity for NOAA's New England Bay Watershed Education and Training Program

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** P. C. Ted Chisholm announced a balance of \$9,364.76 as of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE GENERAL MEETING FOR:**

***The installation of officers for 2024***

*It was seconded and passed.*

**2024 OFFICERS & BOARD**

**Commodore Phil Greenstein – Winthrop & Lynn Yacht Clubs**  
**Vice Commodore Carolyn Bargoot, P.C. – Watertown & Winthrop Yacht Clubs**  
**Rear Commodore – vacant**  
**Secretary Cheryl Chisholm, P.C. – Mystic Wellington & Norfolk Yacht Clubs**  
**Treasurer Ted Chisholm, P.C. – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club**

**DIRECTORS:**

**Ex-Officio Neal Caten, P.C. – Winter Hill Yacht Club**  
**Peter Caten, P.C. – Winter Hill Yacht Club**  
**Peter Gilson, P. C. – South Boston Yacht Club**  
**Russell Hoy, P.C. – Fort Meyers, Nantasket Beach Salt Water, Wessagussett & Winthrop Yacht Clubs**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**COAST GUARD UPDATE:**

- *The dredging project of Green Harbor is ongoing, and the completion date is mid-January.*
- *The notice of funding opportunities for the Port Security Grant Program for this fiscal year does not get posted until 60 days after we have an approved federal budget. Then 80 days after that is when the port partners need to have applications in.*

**MASSPORT:**

- *Cruiseport had a wrap up on November 12<sup>th</sup> with a total of 136 ships and over 356,000 passengers. This was an extremely healthy cruise season.*

### **NOAA UPDATE:**

- *Surveys will start fiscal years 24 and 25.*
- *Fiscal year 24 will cover from north of Boston to past Salem. Fiscal year 25 will cover from Boston down to about Scituate.*
- *Images will be sent to this group soon.*

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Place TBD.**

### **BOSTON AREA MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- *The events of the 9/11 attacks served as a wakeup call to our country and fostered the formation of Area Maritime Security Committee to help preclude future tragedies. Ed. Note: (As a member of the BAMSC for over a decade, MBYCA has served on the Port Security Grants and Port Risk Assessment sub-committees.)*
- *It was emphasized that these threats are dangerous times for our country with a broad spectrum of potential threats from both international and domestic actors.*
- *The Port Security Grants fund a variety of equipment such as outboard motors for police vessels, electronics for underwater detection and night vision, etc. Ideally, alternate funding sources for routine maintenance will be developed in the future to allow PSG to focus on new technology.*
- *Marine Transportation Systems are increasingly dependent upon cyber systems for management of manifests as well as navigation, etc. which exposes them to hacking. Threats have the potential to disrupt shipping with consequent impact on international economic activity.*
- *Cutting edge technology advances in unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV's) and counter UUV's are underway.*
- *Ports play a pivotal role in mitigating climate change. One example is ships using electrical versus fossil fuel propulsion engines during port stays.*
- *Massport reported that YTD, we have had 136 vessel visits and 356,000 passengers. 2024 is expected to have 178 vessel visits, including 19 three vessel visit days. Conley Terminal now handles vessels visiting from 35 global ports.*
- *Mass Environmental Police reported that over 1,000 students participated in NASBLA training this year. Also distributed yellow "IF FOUND" stickers.*
- *With Sail Boston approaching in 2026, several agencies, including the Coast Guard, expressed staffing concerns.*

**SAFE BOATING:** P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the following topics:

- "If Found" Stickers
- Mass Environment Booklets
- Marijuana Regulations on the water

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** V.C. Phil Greenstein mentioned the following:

- The 2024 scholarship applications are out and on our website.
- The deadline for submissions is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- The scholarship recipients will be announced at our April 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting.
- To be eligible, one must be in a maritime study field in a college or maritime academy.

**ATTENDANCE:** Carol Gilson reported 20 delegates and 1 alternate, representing 15 clubs were in attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

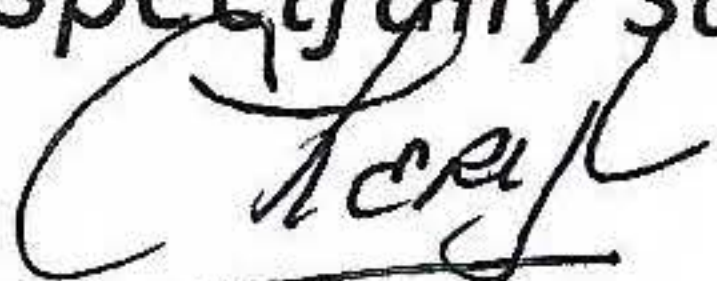
- A letter will be going out to all Commodore's to help continue our mission and find a candidate for Rear Commodore. Just to be sure all are aware, you must be a member in good standing of a MBYCA yacht club, but not necessarily an officer.
- All members of any club belonging to MBYCA are welcome to attend our meetings. You do not have to be a delegate, but do not have a vote.
- Audit Committee for 2024 will be announced at our January general meeting.
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT MYSTIC WELLINGTON YACHT CLUB ON JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**50/50:** was won by P.C. Peter Gilson.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made at 8:39 pm. It was seconded and passed.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON**

Respectfully submitted by,

  
P.C. Cheryl Chisholm