



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

## MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2023

### Orient Heights Yacht Club

The April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Orient Heights Yacht Club, 61 Bayswater Street, East Boston, MA 02128.

Rear Commodore Phil Greenstein opened the meeting at 8:00 pm. He introduced Commodore Mark McCarron who introduced his secretary, John Corrado and members of his yacht club and thanked MBYCA for all they do for the recreational boater.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

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

- Minutes of the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting
- NOAA Sets Ground Fish Common Pool Fishery and Other Measures for Fishing Year 2023 Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Own a piece of Squantum Yacht Club history.... **for sale:** Original 21' Alden Indian
- 2023 Summer Rendezvous flier and sign-up sheets
- Pelagic Sailing Club information
- Danversport Yacht Club's event calendar for 2023
- "Song of the Whale" flier

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have a balance of \$12,730.91.

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A motion was made to suspend the meeting for our guest Speaker:  
Captain David Winkler – Sea // Tow



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Please see 5 attachments also found MBYCA Website: Boating Safety.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- No comments were received by the Coast Guard on the proposed General Edward's Bridge fixed replacement. The new bridge will have a 140-foot span with 43-foot height at Mean Low Water and a 34-foot height at Mean High Water.



- *New rollers for the Chelsea Street bridge are due to arrive June 28<sup>th</sup>. Installation of the rollers will require closure of all vehicle traffic for approximately 2 days each for six operations between July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately, this activity coincides with the closure of the Summer Street tunnel, so significant traffic will occur.*
- *All Aids to Navigation (ATON's) are in place.*
- *Tailwinds flights (aka seaplanes) will resume on May 1<sup>st</sup>. An increased number of flights are projected for 2023.*
- *In mid-June, offshore wind farm equipment will be berthed in Salem prior to deployment off Martha's Vineyard.*
- *The Frogman Swim will be held in Boston Harbor on June 18<sup>th</sup>. All activity will be on the East Boston side with no channel crossings.*
- *The Red Bull Dive will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> between 10 am and 4 pm.*
- *AQUAPOLOUZA will be held off Peddock's Island on July 15<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 6 pm.*
- *The Boston Swim Event will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>.*
- *There will be six USS CONSTITUTION turnaround events this year: June 9<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.*
- *The deadline for Port Security Grant submissions is 5 pm on May 18<sup>th</sup>. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that you submit your proposals a week earlier.*
- *Initial planning is underway for a **TALL SHIPS** visit to Boston in 2026.*

#### **MASSPORT:**

- *Currently expect to have three ships in port on two separate days as of now.*
- *Massport will be hosting a **STEM** event on May 9<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Traffic management considerations have led to a first ship in-last ship out policy.*



- **MBHSC:** ([www.massbaysafety.org](http://www.massbaysafety.org))
- *The first meeting of the new Board was held on April 14<sup>th</sup> and the next quarterly meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. In person and online options will be available.*
- *William “Bill” Golden briefed on the Boston Harbor Storm Surge Working Group. See separate MBHSC meeting notes which include references to “see gates, etc”.*  
*Please note that a speaker’s appearance at the MBHSC is **NOT** an endorsement.*
- **MA-BOSTON HARBOR-MAIN CHANNEL-INNER HARBOR-NO WAKE ZONE**  
*Mariners are advised that a NO WAKE speed limit is enforced in Boston Inner Harbor commencing at the Northwest corner of Logan International Airport Southwesterly across the harbor to Pier Seven next to the fish pier. Increased commercial and recreational traffic within the enforceable zone poses significant hazards when operators choose to not operate responsibly. Mariners are advised that you are responsible for the wake your vessel produces and any damage to facilities or other vessels that may occur. For more information regarding the NO WAKE ZONE, mariners may contact the Boston Harbor Master via Channel 16/13 VHF/FM. Mariners are advised to proceed at slowest speed possible to minimize wake.*
- *Delegate Harvey Leibovitz, Coast Guard Auxiliarist, Division Commander, Division 5, District 1NR stated if a Coast Guard Auxiliarist asks you to slow down, please acknowledge this warning. If not observed, they will call the Coast Guard and you will be boarded.*
- **SECURITY:**  
*There will be an Active Shooter webinar held on May 18<sup>th</sup> between 1 and 3 pm (CISA).*



*Joe Flores was introduced as the new Cyber specialist. More details to follow.*

**PILOTS:**

- *Year to Date there have been 196 ship visits, requiring pilots, which is up 42% from last year.*

**OCEAN PLANNING:**

*([neooceanplanning.org](http://neooceanplanning.org))([northeastoceancouncil.org](http://northeastoceancouncil.org))*

- *Nick Napoli briefed on the availability of wind farm site information, etc. ([neooceandata.org](http://neooceandata.org)).*

**MASSDOT:**

- *Neil Boudreau presented a status of the Sumner Tunnel Closure followed by a Q & A section. In summary, the tunnel will be closed in the July-August time period and three alternate routes are being planned. **NONE** are entirely satisfactory and traffic will be significantly impacted. MassDOT recommends maximizing work-from-home/online alternatives, etc.*
- *As mentioned above, the Chelsea Street Bridge will also be closed periodically during the same time frame.*

**GENERAL:**

- *The next meeting will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

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

- *The 2023 “**Club of the Year**” will be Savin Hill Yacht Club.*
- *The deadline for Yearbook submissions is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

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

- *The two scholarship recipients for 2023 are:  
Philip Murray – Plymouth Yacht Club  
Thomas Balducci – Watertown Yacht Club*
- *Raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 per ticket for a 10 ½ foot inflatable. Only 250 will be sold. The drawing will be held on*



- August 20<sup>th</sup> at our Summer Rendezvous at Wessagussett Yacht Club.

**RENDEZVOUS:**

- Flier and signup sheet are in your packets. Please bring these back to your club to post.
- The Summer Rendezvous will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Wessagussett Yacht Club.
- Dinner selections are steak, chicken or lobster.
- Tickets are \$60.00 per person.
- Theme: Hawaiian Tiki Party
- First, second and third prizes will be awarded for the best Hawaiian outfit.

**ATTENDANCE OF CLUBS:**

- 19 clubs, 26 delegates and 3 alternates were in attendance.

**50/50:** was won by P.C. Bill Scanlon.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – American Yacht Club, Newburyport, MA. (**Early because of Memorial Day weekend**)

Guest Speaker: Bill Golden – Speaking on Storm Surge,

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made at 9:15 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Secretary/MBYCA