



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 23rd, 2022 Fox Hill Yacht Club

The September 23rd, 2022, 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 Tom Struzziero welcomed us all and wished us a good meeting and to enjoy the dinner his members made for us.

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

- *Minutes of The June 24th, 2022, general meeting at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.*
- *Long Island Bridge review by Craig Spear, Commodore of Winthrop Yacht Club.*
- *C.R.A.B. River Activity week of 8/26/22 - 9/01/22, with the Charles River Boring's Notice and Canal Access Layout Plan.*
- *C.R.A.B. Breaking News: For the First Time, EPA to hold Large Properties Accountable for Stormwater Pollution.*
- *C.R.A.B. River Activity week of 9/23/22 – 9/29/22*
- *MBYCA 2023 Slate of Officers*

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: *All officers and board members were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy, P.C. Carolyn Bargoot and P.C. Paul Dubiel.*

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *Motion was made to accept the minutes of the June 24th, 2022 general meeting. It was seconded and passed.*

ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES AND CLUBS: *Social Chair Carol Gilson reported 26 delegates and 3 alternates, representing 16 clubs, were in attendance.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm stated the following:*

- *A balance of \$12,086.86, as of August 31st, 2022.*
- *A third 2022 dues invoicing went out September 1st, with 7 clubs still owing.*

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"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- The Coast Guard is soliciting suggestions for improving the monthly Port Operator's Group (POG) meetings, as we return to "normal" conditions. Suggestions on possible speakers, membership suggestions and format are some possible topics.
- The Coast Guard will chair a meeting with the MBHSC on October 6th to review membership, etc., in an effort to update and enhance its effectiveness as we enter the second decade of its existence.
- The CYBER support is available for your organization.
- The Belden Bly bridge channel (8 ft X 50 ft wide) will be closed between the 14th and 20th of November. (*See Notice to Mariners*)
- The North Washington bridge work is resuming with fendering fixed. Steel for the third support is expected to be available around the first of next year. (2023)
- The Coast Guard will be posting results of the Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts Port Access Route Study around November 1st, 2022. Thank you to all who submitted comments.
- Maintenance dredging of the Merrimac River will remove between 280,000 and 300,000 cubic yards of material and deposit it on Plum Beach via a 6,000-foot-long welded pipe. Work will start on October 1st and will be complete by the end of March or earlier.
- The USS Constitution will be turning around on September 23rd and September 30th.
- Peak hurricane season is September and October so be prepared!

MASSPORT:

- 37 vessels visited with 42 expected in October.
- Two 13,500 unit and a 14,000-unit container ship are expected to visit Conley Terminal in the next few weeks. The purpose of the nearly \$400 million dredging and crane upgrade programs was to handle these larger vessels.

MBHSC:

- The next meeting will be held on October 6th, 2022.

SECURITY:

- An online active shooter seminar will be held on September 21st. If anyone need guidelines, please visit: cisa.gov/active/shooter/preparedness.
- Iran is actively issuing ransomware! **DO NOT CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS OR ANY LINK IN THE BODY OF A LETTER** unless you know the sender!!
Visit: stopransomware.gov.

RIGHT WHALE:

- The slow zone extends through October and November.

NOAA:

- Updated charts have been provided to the harbor Pilots.
- An RFP has been issued for the procurement of additional NOAA ships. Any support from the user community for this procurement would be most welcome.

PILOTS:

- Ships requiring pilots YTD number 448 which is up 20 from a year ago.
- The north channel buoy ("NC") will be removed. Electronic charts will continue to show its position.
- The new right whale zone restrictions (**for vessels 35 ft versus 65 ft**) to maintain a speed of 10 knots maximum are unacceptable to the pilots who must deal with swells, waves, etc. when trying to board vessels offshore.
- The comment period is being extended and NOAA expressed a willingness to consider some exceptions to the new rule in addition to "emergency" situations, etc.

GENERAL:

- Comments are due November 1st on the East Boston Designated Port Area. Mayor Wu supports modifications to the existing DPA to allow new construction.
- A real estate closing is scheduled for September 30th, allowing a \$200 million redo of Salem infrastructure which will support offshore wind businesses.

The next POG meeting will be held on October 18th, 2022. Location TBD.

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

- Flares – Please bring your outdated flares to the next meeting and he will safely dispose of them for you.

RENDEZVOUS: Commodore Neal Caten stated that the rendezvous was a huge success. There were over 70 attending with 26 boats. A full report will be presented at our October general meeting.

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reported the following:

- Extra 2022 yearbooks are available, if anyone would like an extra copy.
- A third invoice went out on September 7th, 2022.
- Outstanding balance is \$9,474.00 with 7 personal/business and 13 Yacht Club ads still owing.

LEGISLATIVE: P.C. Ted Chisholm mentioned the following:

- The National Marine Fisheries branch of NOAA has proposed a significant change in the regulations of all vessels 35 feet and larger for much of the Eastern Seaboard. With the goal of increasing protection of the North Atlantic right whale, these new rules were rolled out with little engagement of boaters and anglers. While we are supportive of reasonable, fact-based efforts to protect marine animals, BOATUS is concerned that these rules will have a significant impact on boating safety with little scientific justification or understanding of their effect on recreational boaters.

You can easily comment on these proposals by using BoatUS prefilled forms. Feel free to add your own views on what these proposed changes mean for your boating activities and safety

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/NOAA-NMFS-2022-0022-0005>)

SOCIAL: Social Chair Carol Gilson is looking for any events that clubs would like to share with member clubs to be placed on our social page. Please contact her at: cgilson2@aol.com

OLD BUSINESS:

- *We are in the process of actively looking for a Rear and Vice Commodore for 2023. One does not have to have been a Commodore to run for an MBYCA office, just a member of a MBYCA yacht club. If interested, please contact P.C. Cheryl Chisholm: mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Wally Pozark mentioned: Fire Extinguisher guidelines from the US Coast Guard:
*Beginning April 20, 2022, new US Coast Guard regulations take effect that change extinguishers expiration dates and the minimum classification of fire extinguishers carried aboard newer boats.
*The new US Coast Guard regulation puts a 12-year expiration on all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguishers. The manufacture date may be two or four digits (e.g. – 08 or 2008) stamped into the bottom of the bottle or near the UL label.
*And the other big change: boats that are model year 2018 or newer must carry newer “5-B”, “10-B”, and “20-B” classified extinguishers rather than those with the older “B-1” and “B-11” labels, which are being phased out. The number in the new labels refer to the size (in square feet) of a potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish.
*For boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer, fire extinguishers must be unexpired “5-B”, “10-B” or “20-B”. For 2018 and newer recreational boats 26-65 feet, requirement vary.
(Please see entire article in your packet or google: U.S. Coast Guard changes Fire Extinguisher requirements for boats)*
- **- Announcement of the Slate of 2023 Officers:**
 - Commodore: P.C. Paul Dubiel**
 - Vice Commodore: Vacant**
 - Rear Commodore: vacant**
 - Secretary: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm**
 - Treasurer: P.C. Ted Chisholm**
 - Ex-Officio: P.C. Neal Caten**
 - Director: P.C. Peter Caten**
 - Director: P.C. Peter Gilson**
 - Director: P.C. Russell Hoy**
 - Director: P.C. Carolyn Bargoot**

50/50: was won by Delegate Chris Harrington from Squantum Yacht Club.

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: October 28th, 2022 – Orient Heights Yacht Club
61 Bayswater Street, East Boston MA**

*** Guest Speaker: Bill Gallagher – Sonar and ROV Shipwreck sightings**

***Election of 2023 Officers**

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 8:45 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



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