



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES January 24th, 2020 (Mystic Wellington Yacht Club)

The January 24th, 2020 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 100 Constitution Way, Medford, MA 02155.

Our Commodore Carolyn Bargoot called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Our host, Director Paul Moran, P.C. welcomed us all and let everyone know that MWYC's door is always open for all to visit. He thanked MBYCA for all their hard work on behalf of the recreational boater and hoped we enjoyed the refreshments.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the November 2019 general meeting, as distributed, was made, seconded and passed.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: All officers and board members were present with the exception of P.C. Peter Caten and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P. C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegates packet. What was included follows:

- General Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2019
- See Something, Say Something flier information
- Mooring Liability email with attached response from Jubilee Yacht Club
- NOAA – How to obtain NOAA ENC-based paper nautical charts
- 2020 Scholarship application
- 2020 Delegate/Alternate form
- Right Whale plate flier
- Letter from the board of Director from Winthrop Yacht Club to all clubs regarding reciprocity and launch changes at their club
- Maritime 2014 Scholarship recipient Ryan Dalton success story
- Kids in Boating Initiative
- National Boating Federation November Bulletin
- From the Jamestown Press – Boatyard sale stirs concerns for neighbors
- Vinyl Yacht Club Burgees (VYCB) – 5 pages on ordering and installing – samples passed around ([See website under Links of Interest](#))
- Bass River Dredging called off - article
- It's time for a mid-winter visit to your boat: 8 secrets for a safe check up
- Mass House Bills to keep an eye on in 2020

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

- USCG Flotilla 12-3 Boating Skills and Seamanship classes (March-April-May)
(See website under Safe Boating)
- HB821 David Hanson Act – (See website under Legislation)
- Online Apparel – (See website under Links of Interest)

A motion to accept the secretary's report was made, seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$13,841.65 for the end of the year, which is almost what we started with at the beginning of 2019. Four clubs still have not paid their 2019 annual dues and another \$1,300 is coming in from the 2019 yearbook.

The end of the year report is ready. Any Commodore wanting to see a copy of this report please contact Ted and he will make sure you receive a copy. There were no questions.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- The Eversource Deer Island electrical cable removal was successfully completed. This required extensive coordination between shipping, general traffic, weather, etc.
- The deepening dredging project remains on schedule with completion around the end of this year. Some discussion ensued about the amount of "hard" material to be removed via blasting. (Hard meaning ledge) The total amount is within the originally estimated range, albeit toward the higher end. The actual removal will occur this Fall.

MASSPORT:

- Massport is projecting approximately 420,000 Cruiseport Boston passengers during 2020 – about 5% increase over 2019.
- Massport will present a draft Maritime Sustainability Plan at the February POG meeting. (approximately 35 minutes) Topics will include energy, air quality, biodiversity, climate resiliency, etc. They are trying to look at the future of what we are going to be dealing with in the port.

MBHSC:

- Plans are underway to meet representatives of the Texas Harbor Safety Committee as we begin planning for hosting the 2021 National Safety Committee Meeting. This will be a three-day meeting of Harbor Safety Committee representatives from across the country.

RIGHT WHALE:

- Dr. David Wiley reported on Right Whale Ship Compliance (reducing ship speed to 10 knots in designated areas) for vessels over 65 feet in length. It is running 85% which is excellent. The ships are tracked via AIS signals and are monitored by the coast guard. Significant federal fines have been levied on violators in some situations.

NOAA:

- Please submit your comments on the planned paper chart sunset which will take place over approximately 5 years. There was discussion about confusion in names between "official" sources e.g.
- NOAA will have further information available at the **FEBRUARY 8-16th BOSTON BOAT SHOW.**

The next POG meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th, 2020.

- **"SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING"** – The Coast Guard put out a notice to the port partners after the issues over in the middle east. It is a basic reminder of security.
(See website under Boating Safety)

The summary is as follows:

TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS OR ILLEGAL MARITIME ACTIVITY TO THE USCG

PHONE: 617-223-3162

EMAIL: Boston.Tips@uscg.mil

Please post this flier from your packets in your clubs. The Coast Guard will be happy to take your information and will respond.

LEGISLATION: P.C. Bill Scanlon stated the following:

- There is a long list of pending legislation to keep an eye on for 2020 relevant to boaters.
(See website under Legislation)
- 8 secrets for a safe mid-winter visit to your boat (See website under Safe Boating)
- Kids in Boating (See website under Legislation)

Please find what is interesting in your packet, bring it back to your club and discuss and post and come back with any questions you may have to our next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE: V.C. Jack Swanson reported on the following:

ATTENDANCE: 19 clubs, 30 delegates and 5 alternates were in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP: Jack stated his goal as Vice Commodore was to increase the membership of MBYCA by soliciting clubs that have never belonged to MBYCA and clubs that have left MBYCA. He stressed the enormous importance of power in numbers that this boating organization has and is looking forward to a productive-positive year.

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm had the 2020 yearbook packets ready for pick. The remaining that were not picked up, an unbelievable 3, will be mailed. Clubs wanting booster raffle tickets need to email Cheryl and let her know that they want them. They will be ready for the February general meeting in Braintree. Many clubs have received them in the past and never send them in for the booster drawing. Having clubs state that they want them will decrease the waste in paper and printing costs.

Please email Cheryl at: mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS: R.C. Neal Caten stated the following:

- There will be 250 raffle tickets sold at \$10.00 per ticket. Individual tickets may be purchased and packets of 10 may be picked up for delegates to sell in their clubs.
- The prize this year will be a 9.5-foot inflatable
- The drawing will be held on the Sunday of the Rendezvous.
- The date and place – TBD
- An ongoing scholarship fund balance will be provided each month for the delegates.
- We will have two scholarships this year and with a successful raffle, hopefully more.
- Because we are financially doing well, the board unanimously voted to donate our portion of the 50/50 each month to the scholarship fund.

COMMODORE'S REPORT: Commodore Carolyn Bargoot announced her objectives for 2020. They are the forming of the following:

- By-Law Revision Committee – Chair: Ted Chisholm, along with R.C. Neal Caten and P.C. Peter Caten
- 2020 Audit Committee – Chair: Tom Stevens, along with Craig Spear
- Membership Committee – Chair: V.C. Jack Swanson

OLD BUSINESS:

- Delegate/Alternate Sheets – please fill out and return. If only one member from your club comes, please put that name on the delegate sheet and send in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Circle Yacht Club will be celebrating their 80th anniversary this year.
- Squantum Yacht Club will be celebrating their 130th anniversary this year.

50/50: \$78.00 was won by Delegate Tom Doucette from Winter Hill Yacht Club.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: February 28th, 2020 at Braintree Yacht Club, 9 Gordon Road, Braintree MA.

Guest Speaker: Stephen Kallock, P.A. - Veterans Advocates

A table set up with Mass Environmental Trust – Right Whale information and handouts

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Was made at 8:30 p.m. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:



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