



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 26th, 2018
Mystic Wellington Yacht Club**

The January 26th general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 451 Fellsway, Medford, MA 02155. Commodore Peter Gilson called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Our host, Commodore Paul Moran welcomed us and thanked MBYCA for all its dedicated hard work on behalf of our member yacht clubs. He invited us to refreshments and extended an invitation to all delegates to come and visit Mystic Wellington during the summer months.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following was in each delegate packet:*

- * 2018 general Meeting Schedule*
- * 2018 Lipton Cup Regatta information*
- * 2018 Scholarship Application*
- * South Boston Yacht Club's 150th Anniversary yearbook ad application*
- * General Meeting Minutes of November 17th, 2017*
- * Jubilee's Management Survey form*
- * Autonomous Sailboats – Sensing Capabilities*
- * National Boating Federation January 2108 Bulletin*
- * Lighthouse Uniform Yacht Club link for all uniform-pin, etc. materials*
- * Swampscott Yacht Club seeking launch email*
- * Autonomous Vessel Operations and Potential Implications for Safety*
- * 2018 Delegate/Alternate form*
- * Save the Date – 2018 Maritime Community Industry Day*
- * Tour the Charles/Boston Harbor*
- * Mass House Bills in Session 2017-2018*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm stated we have a balance of \$14,857.39. \$5,000.00 was also mailed to Ink Spot for the 2018 yearbook that is now being worked on. This was already deducted from the balance. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.*

ROLL CALL OF OFFICER'S AND BOARD MEMBERS: *All Officers were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Peter Caten and P.C. Russell Ho6, who were excused.*

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS: *R. C. Carolyn Bargoot reported we had 14 clubs, 26 delegates and 1 alternate in attendance.*

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"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"*

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

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(see Seafarer's Friend link under Minutes 01-26-18)

COMMITTEES

PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP: Commodore Peter Gilson stated the following:

NBF:

- **The National Boating Annual Meeting will be held at Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, MA on Saturday April 14th, 2018. Further details will be forthcoming. Carolyn Belmore is the Secretary of the National Boating Federation.**
- **Under the new tax codes, there will be no new luxury tax on vessels. They preserved the second home interest expense deduction. The limit has dropped from 1 million to 750 thousand dollars interest.**
- **Rescue 21: You can connect your GPS to your DSC radio. When you hit the red button it constantly transmits a distress, calls approximately every two minutes until you get a response. For it to work, you have to connect the GPS to the radio or if you are fortunate and have bought a fairly new radio it may already have that option built in, so there is no physical connect.**

POG:

- **A Working Port Idea Exchange symposium, sponsored by Boston Harbor Now, was held at the Fish Pier on January 24th. Three of our board members were in attendance and they will have a summary report at our next general meeting.**
- **Captain Lou Gainor attended a hearing at Hull Town Hall regarding the 71 moorings to be installed at Peddocks Island, in the vicinity of Portuguese and Perry Coves. P.C. Bill Scanlon will report on further information in a few minutes.**
- **The Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee will hold its general meeting on March 7th, 2018. One item of interest will be autonomous vessels. (See packet sheets and on website under minutes 01-26-18 - Autonomous Sailboats and Autonomous Vessel Operations and Potential Implications for Safety) The Coast Guard is having a number of meetings in Washington regarding rules and requirements. The dredging of the main channel is supposed to be awarded momentarily. Activity wise dredging should begin in the June timeframe. **Stay away from the dredging equipment.****
- **The next meeting POG meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at the Flynn Cruiseport Boston.**

- *The Greater Boston Maritime Community Industry Day will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at Flynn Cruiseport terminal from 8:30am until Noon. All are welcome to attend this very interesting event.*

LEGISLATION: *P.C. Bill Scanlon reported on the following:*

- *Kim Starbuck – Ocean Harbors Institute – This group is getting involved in a futuristic study of the existence of a harbor dam or dike to help present the effects of global warming to the harbor, i.e. high tides. We have been requested to respond to this study as to our position. We will prepare a draft and soon after get it out to the members.*
- *Peddocks Island Moorings – Peddocks Island is part of the Harbor Islands, although Hull has the management of all moorings. They have the primary input on plans for the moorings on that area. We have put together a document responding to this. A recent meeting on this topic was postponed to a later date. Boston Conservation Commission has already given their approval for these moorings. No Army Corps of Engineers permit is required because the moorings will be temporary. DOCKWA will be in charge of the reservations. The moorings will be for boats 25 feet or less, which is discouraging, because many of our boaters have much larger boats. The DCR has hired a private pumpout company to do pump outs. The money for the pump out boat came from the remediation money from the Big Dig. No one was represented from the DRC. Moorings are good, but they are not a replacement for marinas or slips. So if you ever have a chance to discuss this issue with your representative, make sure you get this point in.*
- *See Mass House Bills In Session (your packet & on Minutes 01-26-18)– House Bill 410 forces state agencies to spend monies collected from boaters be spent on boating activities and access. (go to BoatUS/Legislation and select your state)*

YEARBOOK: *P. C. Cheryl Chisholm noted that the 2018 Yearbook packets are available at the back of the room and will also be available at our February meeting at Braintree Yacht Club. The deadline for submission is May 15th, 2018. To be eligible for “Club of the Year” a club must be 100% participated, dues paid and all material submitted on or before the April 27th, 2018 at our general meeting being held at Chelsea Yacht Club. The club drawn at our April meeting will be on the cover of our 2018 yearbook, with the picture selection of their choice.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R. C. Carolyn Bargoot stated that one of the items for the Scholarship Fund raffle will be a 10 foot aluminum inflatable. A second raffle item has not been decided. Raffle tickets will be available at our February general meeting. This year we would like to ask the clubs to take 10 tickets or more to sell as well as delegates and our board. This may insure that we sell all 250 for our scholarship fund. We are hoping to give 4 scholarships again this year. Tickets will be \$10.00 apiece and we will only sell 250. The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 12th at our Summer Rendezvous.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Audit Committee has been selected. They are as follows: Chairman Tom Stevens, Craig Spear, Pelagic Sailing Club and Paul Luzinski, Salem Willows Yacht Club.*
- *The By-law Committee has been formed. They are Chairman V.C. Paul Dubiel, P.C. Ted Chisholm and P.C. Russell Hoy.*

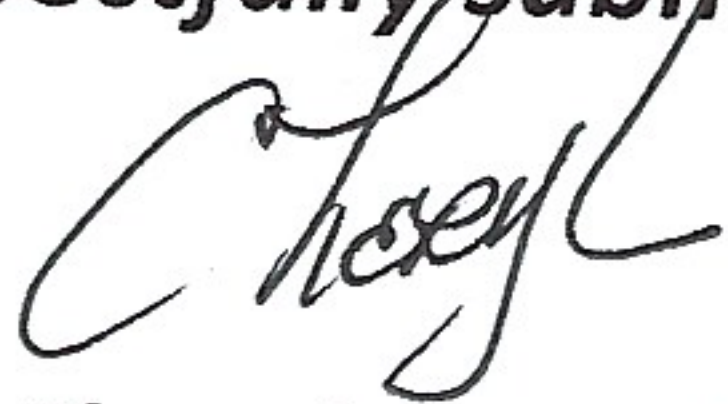
NEW BUSINESS:

- *NEXT GENERAL MEETING: will be held on February 23rd at Braintree Yacht Club.*

50/50: \$68.00 was one Mike Koehler from Mystic Wellington Yacht Club. Congratulations!!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:30 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



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

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