

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 23rd, 2018
Braintree Yacht Club

The February general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Braintree Yacht Club, 9 Gordon Road, Braintree, MA 02184.

Our host, V. C. Michael D'Arrigo, introduced members and officers of Braintree Yacht Club. He hoped we all enjoyed the refreshments provided and to have a good meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: *All Officers and Board members were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy and P.C. Peder Acres, who were excused.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm informed the delegates of the contents of their individual packets. In the packets were the following:*

- *Minutes of the January 26th, 2018 General Meeting*
- *2018 Delegate and Alternate sheet*
- *2018 Scholarship application*
- *A little Girl needs our help – Bone Marrow donation*
- *Mass Environmental Police – Boating Safety Courses – Complete Schedule*
- *Friend of Boston Harbor Islands – Information Sheets*
- *National News – Recreational Boating and it's economic impact on Mass*
- *Camp Pals Boston –seeking tour of the Charles/Boston Harbor*
- *Snowflake Regatta flier to post at your club*
- *South Boston Yacht Club's 150th yearbook ad application*
- *5 tips to stay safe when checking up on your boat this winter*
- *Boating Skills & Seamanship Class – Old Colony Yacht Club*
- *Boating Safety Course – Orient Heights Yacht Club*
- *Industry Day Flier*
- *Designated Report for the South Boston Designated Port Area Boundary*

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26th, 2018 GENERAL MEETING:

This was seconded and passed.

ATTENDANCE: *R. C. Carolyn Bargoot reported we have 22 clubs, 37 delegates and 10 alternates in attendance tonight.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported we have a balance of \$10,449.49. The 2017 financial year end report has been completed and sent to the Audit Committee for approval. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed. John Wong, a delegate from Braintree, under new business, would like a motion to have the financial report made available for all clubs who are members of MBYCA.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- *The Coast Guard emphasized that they are working on enforcement of ballast water rules. This has to do with primarily large vessels carrying ballast water and occasionally tossing it away over the side. It is supposed to be treated and have certain characteristics or lack certain characteristics. They are increasing enforcement and emphasis on this topic. It does not affect boaters in this room, but it does impact recreational boaters. Keep in mind you are not supposed to throw any trash, oily products in the water.*
- *Greater Boston Industry Day will be held on March 7th at the Raymond Flynn Cruise Terminal. There is free parking and refreshments.*
- *There is an archaic ordinance in the City of Boston, this deals with tie up of certain vessels within the harbor. This has an impact on the schedule of the seaplane operations within the harbor. Trying to be pro-active, the Harbor Safety Committee will be issuing a Seaplane Awareness flier.*
- *The Alford Street Bridge on the Mystic River has developed a series of panels that are cracking or deteriorating and have to be replaced, prior to the opening of the Wynn Casino. The Coast Guard is trying to coordinate that repair schedule. They are considering July/ August and are now convinced to postpone it to October at the earliest.*
- *The next meeting of the Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee will be held on the 29th of March at the Flynn Cruise Terminal. The primary topic will be autonomous vehicles. All are invited to attend.*
- *A contract has been signed with Cashman-Dutra Dredging Company for the Boston Harbor Deepening Project. The start date is before June. Dredging Awareness fliers will be distributed. There will be a lot of enforcement as soon as this project begins and they should be starting in the North Channel working their way in. This is subject to change.*
- *The next POG meeting will be on the 20th of March at the Flynn Cruise Terminal and all are invited to attend.*

YEARBOOK: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reminded all delegates to pick up their club's 2018 yearbook packets. The deadline is May 15th and to be eligible for Club of the Year, 100% boosted information must be delivered on or before the April 27th general meeting.*

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

- *We as an organization, are working on a document, a position document on Tidal Barrier that is being proposed for global warming, rising tides. This may or may not happen. This will be prepared for our next general meeting.*
- *Boston Harbor Walk map – prepared by Boston Harbor Now*

- *Another article from Boston Harbor Now -A question of Access- shifting of transportation conversation. Talks of the future of transportation around Boston which includes ferry boats in the harbor. (see 02-23-18 Minutes on website)*
- *A position document on the mooring project by Boston Harbor Now.*
- *No leases have been signed, other than Northeastern University. The underlining thought is that Mystic Wellington Yacht Club may be the first to sign. Mystic Wellington would like all clubs to wait and not sign anything and wait and see what happens.*

RENDEZVOUS: *V.C. Paul Dubiel stated that we have a location and a date. The dates are August 10-12th at Wessagussett Yacht Club. The theme of this event is to be determined. There will be more information to follow.*

COAST GUARD: *Delegate Brian McMahon reminded the delegates of the Kidde Fire extinguisher recall. The program is well underway. Fire extinguishers that are in question may be returned and they will be replaced with new ones. The process is fairly easy to complete.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R. C. Carolyn Bargoot stated the following:*

- *This year we will have another raffle for the Scholarship Fund. The first prize will be a Coastal Inflatable with an aluminum deck. The second item is an RTIC 65 Cooler. Tickets are available tonight. This year we would like clubs to take ten tickets each and sell them. Our goal is to give four scholarships for 2018. We would appreciate all the help we can get. The tickets are \$10.00 apiece and we will only sell 250. The drawing will be held at Wessagussett at our 2018 Summer Rendezvous on August 12th. We thank everyone for all the help you can give.*
- *The Scholarship applications are due by April 15th and the finalist will be announced at our general meeting at Chelsea Yacht Club on April 27th.*

SAFE BOATING/RECREATION: *P.C. Peter Caten reported:*

- *Brochures from the Division of Marine Fisheries are on your tables. We are waiting for a bulk shipment by the March meeting.*

COMMODORE'S REPORT: *P.C. Peter Gilson announced:*

- *In your packet is a copy of the updated Designated Port Area in South Boston. Normally, we don't pay a lot of attention, as recreational boaters, to designated port areas. There is a good introduction in this report. It talks about the importance of designated port areas, ie. development of commerce, key to the health and wellbeing and future of the area involved. Boston is the oldest commercial port in the country. There is increasing pressure in a variety of areas to develop hi rise buildings. There is a push to condize the old power plant area in South Boston. It's good for the community. However, it has an impact on traffic and safety.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *The Audit Committee has the 2018 Annual Report*
- *The preliminary Report on Jubilee's Management Survey is available. (See website Under Minutes) The survey is being sent out one more time and then a final report will be forthcoming. This information will be shared with all participating clubs.*
- *Moorings: We are in favor of them if they are done right. We are also looking for marinas and slips and designated areas for safe anchoring.*
- *Al Circeo stated that Boat US had an article regarding the federal government's "Big Program". It's federal money to rebuild or put in new marina situations. There are millions of dollars available from the Fuel Tax. "BIG" stands for Boating Infrastructure Grants. The article can be found in BOatUS.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Year End Financial Report:
Delegate, P.C. John Wong asked for a motion that the complete financial report with all the expenditures and income go to the officers of all the clubs. A clarification was made to send a report to the commodore of each club. It was seconded and passed.*
- *Carolyn Belmore of the National Boating Federation announced that NBF will have its annual meeting at Savin Hill on April 13th & 14th. All are welcome to attend.*
- *Braintree Yacht Club donated the tip jar money from the bar to the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$50.00.*

50/50: *\$88.00 was won by Wally Pozark of Dorchester Yacht Club*

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: *The next general meeting will be held on March 23rd, 2018 at East Boston Yacht Club, 0 Rice Street, East Boston, MA 02128*

MOTION TO ADJOURN: *Was made at 9:10 pm. It was seconded and passed.*

Respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary/MBYCA**