



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

March 25th, 2022

(Jubilee Yacht Club)

The March 25th, 2022 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yachts Club Association, Inc. was held at Jubilee Yacht Club, 127 Water Street, Beverly, MA 01915. Commodore Neal Caten called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. He introduced our Delegate to Jubilee, P.C. Alex Arcisz. Alex welcomed us all and invited us to enjoy refreshments at JYC's gorgeous bar and lounge with a stunning view.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following items that were in each packet. They are as follows:

- 2022 Scholarship Application ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- 2022 Delegate/Alternate form ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- Minutes of February 25th, 2022 general meeting ([Website – Minutes](#))
- Chapter 91 – “Resiliency” Regulatory Changes – Exemption for “Water-Dependent” Uses ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- Chapter 91 Resilience comment letters from:
 - Mass Marine Trade Association and MBYCA to the MassDEP
- Bomb Threat Procedures and Checklist ([Website – Boat Safety](#))
- Bomb Threat Planning and Preparation ([Website – Boat Safety](#))
- C.R.A.B. Wall Mural of the Charles River Depth Chart
- From the Mass Harbormasters Association:
 - *Vessel Safety Check Program ([website – Boat Safety](#))
 - *Form to make an appointment ([Website – Boat Safety](#))
- NOAA Update with Right Whales Slow Zone notifications
- NOAA Speed restrictions 322 <ass Reg 12.05
- CG Marine Safety Information Bulletin – Port Access Route Study ([Website - Links of Interest](#))
- ARMIT – Bilge Sensor Information ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- From Jubilee Yacht Club – Is your club having difficulty encouraging members to volunteer for leadership positions and retention?
- Metropolitan Yacht Club Newsletter “Cruiser”
- West Marine looking for applicants for the following positions:
Sales Manager-Assistant-Sales Associates-Stock Associates-Cashiers
([Website – Links of Interest](#)) – **incentives** – **40%** discount from day one !!!

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- **HB867 – An Act relative to DCR clubs fees reflecting waterway access**
- **BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grant – (Website – Links of Interest)**
- **From National Marine Manufacturers Association – Strengthen Outdoor Recreational Access and Infrastructure – Reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2022**
- **Gas Saving Tips for Boaters (Website – Links of Interest)**

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report. It was seconded and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$8,238.54. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made seconded and passed.

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



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PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 25th, 2022 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

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

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS AND DELEGATES: 27 delegates and 2 alternates, representing 15 clubs were in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG::

- The Boston Harbor dredging project has been extended until the end of April. Some equipment will be arriving in about two weeks to complete the project.
- The last of three girders for the **Washington Street Bridge** is delayed several months. In the meantime, about 95% of the fendering is complete.
- The **Fore River Bridge** will be closed on March 26th between 3 am and 12 pm.
- The **Alford Street Bridge** will be closed on March 29th and 30th.
- As previously announced, the Coast Guard will be conducting a **Port Access Study**, covering the Massachusetts Bay, as well as approaches to Maine and New York. Announcements will follow and the Coast Guard solicits comments/suggestions from the recreational as well as commercial maritime interests. The study will cover an area of approximately 20,000 square miles.

MASSPORT:

- The first cruise ship call (200 passengers) is scheduled for April 4th at Black Falcon Terminal.
- Thus far, there are 94 calls scheduled for the 2022 season, with ships carrying over 1,000 passengers for the fall.
- A third shipping line (from Southeast Asia) has negotiated a contract with Massport, bringing the total to three lines.

- Plans are underway for the National Harbor Safety Committee meeting being held on June 13th through the 15th of June at the Boston Park Plaza.
- * The theme is: "Maritime Strong: Negotiating Diverse Growth and Change".
- For detailed information, visit the national website: <http://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/harborsafety>.

CISA:

- The importance of establishing bomb threat plans was emphasized, given the increasing incidence of such incidents. (*Website – Boat Safety*)
- Don't open emails you don't know
- If you **See Something – Say Something**.

GENERAL:

- Michael Coyne, the Boston Harbormaster, reported that the maritime security channel is coming online and initially covers 42 square miles. It allows multi-agencies to communicate on a common channel and initial use will be for the LNG movements. It will have the ability to patch in the usual VHF channels as required.
- The current harbormaster will be retiring in a couple of months and a replacement is under consideration.
- Last Month, Attorney Madeja reported on a proposal by the MassDEP (**Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection**) to modify Ch.91, i.e., "Resiliency" Regulatory Changes, which would be devastating for the Massachusetts Marine Trades Association (MMTA). An exemption for docks and piers alone would be totally inadequate.
- She strongly recommends that everyone comment to the MassDEP. (*MassDEP, Waterways Program, c/o Stephanie Moura, Assistant Commissioner, One Winter Streetm Boston, MA 02108*)
- The POG plans to invite the MassDEP to attend the April meeting and present their plans, etc.
- The next POG meeting will be held on April 19th, 2022.

COAST GUARD: Delegate from Jubilee, Brian McMahon will be looking into the possibility of events for Safe Boating Week. Nothing has been heard from Gloucester or the Coast Guard.

RENDEZVOUS: The 2022 Summer Rendezvous will be held at Wessagussett Yacht Club on August 13th and 14th, so **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**. The theme will be “**Margaritaville**”. Further detailed information and a flier will be forth coming.

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

- BoatUS Foundation Grassroots Grants ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- From the National Marine Manufacturers Association – strengthen outdoor recreation access and infrastructure – Reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2022. ([Website – Links of Interest](#))
- DCR Leases – No one has signed thus far. Looking for an end hopefully within the month.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Two applications have been received so far.
- The deadline is April 12th, 2022.
- The recipients will be announced at our April 22nd, 2022 general meeting held at East Boston Yacht Club.

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

- Deadline for “Club of the Year” is April 22nd, 2022. Each club must have all their members listed and submitted by April 22nd, 2022.
- All other submissions, personal, business and club ads, must be submitted by May 15th, 2022.

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

- Tailwinds Sea planes
- National Safe Boating Week – May 21st – 27th, 2022, reminding all boaters to brush up on safe boating skills and prepare for the boating season.
- Safe Boating Events are being investigated.

SOCIAL: Carol Gilson mentioned the following:

- Lipton Cup Regatta – July 23 - 24th, 2022
- 84th annual Quincy Bay Race Week – July 28th – 31st, 2022
- Mass Bay Sailors - “Summer Sailstice 2022” – Saturday, June 18th, 2022 at noon. ([All three, see Website – Social Activities](#))

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2022 Audit Committee, delegate Ralph Levy from Watertown Yacht Club and Delegate Paul Luzinski from Salem Willows Yacht Club have found the financials for 2021 in order.
- By-Law Revision draft: After a full review last month with the delegates and through a mailing, a vote was taken to approve all the changes to the MBYCA By-Laws. All were in favor and the revised By-Laws will be mailed to all Commodores of MBYCA this coming month.
- **Jubilee Yacht Club** is looking for a **Yard Manager**. The job description and application form will be on MBYCA's **website – Links of Interest**.
- **MBYCA is looking for a 2022 Rear Commodore – please contact Cheryl Chisholm (mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com) or Commodore Neal Caten (kten1010@gmail.com) if interested.**

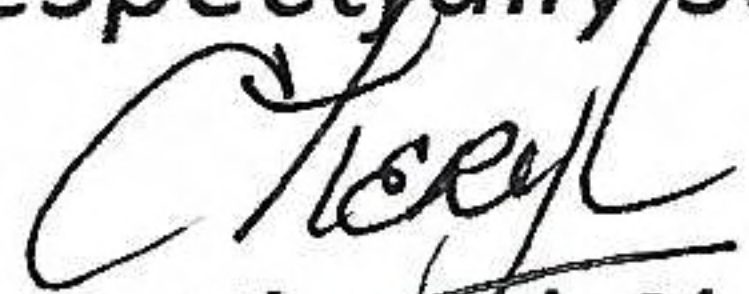
NEW BUSINESS:

- Delegate Jason Mirabello from Saugus River Yacht Club requested assistance on how to begin the dredging process. Bass Haven and delegate and Commodore Tom Struzziero of Fox Hill also requested this information. The Massachusetts Dredging Program, which includes a webinar, all permit requirements and Grant information will be mailed to each delegate and club.
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING: April 22nd, 2022 – Fox Hill Yacht Club, 114 Ballard Street, Saugus, MA.**
 - * **Guest Speaker: Lisa Kumpf – Charles River Water Shed**
 - * **2022 Scholarship recipients to be announced**
 - * **"Club of the Year" will be selected for the cover of MBYCA's 2022 yearbook.**

50/50: was won by Mike Repetto from Salem Willows Yacht Club.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:08 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,


P.C. Cheryl Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA