

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 27th, 2018
Chelsea Yacht Club

The April general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Club's Association, Inc. was held at Chelsea Yacht Club, One Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150.

Our host, Commodore Carmine Citro, welcomed us to Chelsea Yacht Club. The doors to Chelsea Yacht Club have been open since 1886. Please feel free to come and visit us any time.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: *All Officers were present with the exception of P.C. Peder Acres and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *In your packets are the following:*

- *General Meeting minutes of March 23rd, 2018*
- *2018 Audit Committee Report*
- *Parliamentarian Conference – Roberts Rules*
- *One-Up Self-Inflating PFD*
- *Chris Flahive – CPF Productions – A Boston-based Comedy Show*
- *Propeller Club*
- *Aviation and Maritime STEM Expo 2018*
- *Voluntary Right Whales Speed Restriction Zone*
- *National Boating Federation April 2018 Bulletin*
- *Seafarer's Friend Information*
- *Boston Harbor Now Position on Boston Harbor Moorings*

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23rd, 2018 GENERAL MEETING:
This was seconded and passed.

ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES/ALTERNATES & CLUBS:

R.C. Carolyn Bargoot reported there were 13 Clubs, 37 Delegates and 1 Alternate in attendance this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported we had a balance of \$10,406.57, with approximately \$6,000 plus going in shortly. 32 Clubs have paid their 2018 dues. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.*

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE GENERAL MEETING FOR OUR GUEST SPEAKER. It was seconded and passed.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

POG:

USCG: *The Coast Guard is assisting in the evaluation of a dielectric spill at the Alford Street Bridge. There is no further information at this time.

*The original FAA approval for seaplane operations in Boston Harbor has expired and must be renewed along with an environmental impact study. Cape Air and Tailwind could begin operation in the June/July time frame. There is still an issue with an 1800's Boston ordinance dealing with dockage.

*The Alford Street Bridge deck grating panel replacement will be performed between October 2018 and April 3, 2019 and the Coast Guard will inform boaters of closures.

MASSPORT: * The cruise season is underway.

*Captain David Cox, Pilot Commissioner and MBHSC member will serve on the Chelsea Creek Development review committee, which will deal with the development in that general area. In the past, there have been concerns about putting marina type facilities in that area beyond what currently exists. The concern comes from the Harbor Pilots that are trying to drive very wide, limited clearance, barges through that area.

MBHSC: * The annual meeting was held on March 29th, 2018 with excellent attendance.

Mr. Taylor, US Coast

Guard Sector Boston, Pete Gilson of MBYCA and Lt. Atkins of MEP presented recreational boating status and

issues in the harbor. Matt Tessier of the Army Corps of Engineers presented the harbor dredging status and a

panel discussed the Rules of the Road, tech ecology and legal aspects of autonomous vehicles. If there is a

collision, who will you sue?

*ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: The harbor improvement dredging is expected to start in July depending upon a resolution of the contract award protest. The award was given to Cashman-Dutra and a couple of the other bidders are protesting the award. The Coast Guard cannot initiate any advance planning with the selected contractor prior to the protest resolution.

The Piers Park Sailing Center is having a celebration day event involving 14, 23 foot sonar sailboats and around 300 people to be held on the 28th of April between 12 and 3 PM.

BOSTON HARBOR NOW:

**The first island ferries will begin on May 19th, going to Spectacle and George's Islands. The wave slats at Spectacle and the decking boards at George's should be completed by that time. The Peddock's improvements will begin this fall.*

**There is a possibility of fireworks at Spectacle Island on June 21st, 2018.*

**There is a possibility of a naval vessel visit in September.*

**The Beverly Salem RR bridge is awaiting the arrival of a custom mechanism component replacement from South Carolina. In the meantime, the commercial fishing fleet is being accommodated by manual operation of the bridge. The part will be replaced prior to most recreational boat traffic.*

The next POG meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th, 2018 at Diversified Automotive.

RENDEZVOUS: *V.C. Paul Dubiel reminded all delegates that the 2018 Summer Rendezvous will be held at Wessagussett Yacht Club on the 10th, 11th and 12th of August. The theme will be "Heading to 100". The fliers will be available at our May 18th general meeting at Savin Hill Yacht Club. Please post these flier in your yacht clubs.*

YEARBOOK: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reminded everyone that the deadline for submission is May 15th, 2018. Those that are 100%, please don't forget to send in or bring in your booster tickets for our drawing. The drawing will be for 8 - \$50.00 gift cards to Boats and Motors at our June general meeting.*

The 2018 Club of the Year drawing included the following clubs: Salem Willows Yacht Club-Dorchester Yacht Club – Jubilee Yacht Club – South Boston Yacht Club – Watertown Yacht Club – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club – Fox Hill Yacht Club and Newton Yacht Club. Dorchester Yacht Club will be the 2018 Club of the Year.

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R. C. Carolyn Bargoot announced the 2018 Scholarship recipients. They were Patrick Stafford*

from Winthrop Yacht Club, an incoming freshman attending the University of Maine, majoring in Marine Biology and William Rigby, from Port Norfolk Yacht Club, a second semester freshman attending the Mass Maritime Academy. Congratulations! Each will receive a \$500.00 scholarship to be presented at either our May or June general meeting.

**2018 Scholarship Raffle: There are 250 tickets in all to be sold at \$10.00 apiece. Those that have taken packets, please sell and return to Carolyn as soon as you can. The drawing will be held on Sunday, August 13th at Wessagussett Yacht Club during our Summer Rendezvous. You do not have to attend to win. The prizes are an inflatable and an RTIC 65 Cooler.*

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

Bill, over the last few years, has been harping on a number of state agencies, including Boston Harbor Now

and the DCR, about the loss of access for recreational boaters to the Boston Harbor Islands. One of MBYCA's agenda items this year was to get some action out of these agencies. Bill wrote to Boston Harbor Now and the response is attached to these minutes and is also on

our website under "Legislation". Bill was congratulated for all his hard work in making this happen.

With regards to DCR Leases, those who are a DCR Club, there is a meeting at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club to discuss the legislation that we have been dealing with for over 8 years. Some good results have happened. The meeting is at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018.

SAFE BOATING/RECREATION: P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the OneUp self-inflating PFD that weighs only .8 pounds and is 20 times smaller than the traditional life preservers.

He also brought in many handouts, including the "If Found" orange laminated card for kayaks, paddleboards and canoes.

COMMODORE'S REPORT: Commodore Gilson spoke on the new TWIC card feature.

There are new ground rules and design features for the TWIC card. (Transportation Workers Identification Credentials. They are good for 5 years. Starting this summer, the design is going to change. Current cards are good through 2022. A 29 page briefing with detailed information is posted to our website under "Links of Interest".

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit Committee Final Report: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported that the Audit Committee found all material presented for 2017 in order and if your Commodore would like a copy of this report to personally contact him and he will take care of your request.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 18th at Savin Hill Yacht Club, 400 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, MA.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Barbara Miele – West Marine.

50/50: \$85.00 was won by Cindy Laba – Old Colony Yacht Club

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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