

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 21st, 2018
Fox Hill Yacht Club

The September general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Fox Hill Yacht Club, 114 Ballard Street, Saugus, MA 01906.

Our host, Treasurer Peter Rancourt welcomed us and thanked us for all we do for the associated clubs. He also thanked his staff for an amazing meal served to all our delegates. His club loves being the permanent September place to meet and wished us well in the future.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: *All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of Directors, P.C. Peter Caten and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm informed the delegates of the contents of their packets. This included the following:*

- *2019 Slate of Officers*
- *BoatUS – Have Your Say On Ethanol*
- *BoatUS – Speak Up Now To Reduce the Chance of Putting Harmful E-15 Fuel in Your Boat (Minutes – attachment #1)*
- *Alford Street Bridge closing for extended period of time from October 1st through April 1st, 2019 (Minutes – attachment #2)*
- *Conservation Law Foundation: Public Waterfront access in jeopardy (Minutes – attachment #3)*
- *NOAA: Coastal Survey – Online NOAA Custom Chart lets boaters create their own charts (Minutes – attachment #4)*
- *BoatUS Fueling Survey Shows Recreational Boaters Challenges with Ethanol Fuels (Minutes – attachment #5)*
- *Mass DOT planning to conduct a pilot program that will temporarily modify restrictions on the South Boston Bypass Road and segments of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane system (Minutes – attachment #6)*
- *National Boating Federation August 2018 Bulletin*

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P. C. Ted Chisholm reported that we have a balance as of today of \$15,166.49. There are a few copies of the end of the year report for 2017. After a motion from Braintree Yacht Club that the detailed end of the year financial report be sent to each Commodore of all member yacht clubs and going to Staples to find out the cost of duplicating the complete copy of the end of the year report and after conferring with our attorney, he suggest that it would be in keeping with the intent of the motion that we would simply ask and have available to any in good standing club's commodore, at their request, be given a copy in person. Mailing one does not mean that it gets in the hands of the Commodore. If*

there is a commodore in the audience that would like a complete record of MBYCA's 2017 financials, please come and see me after the meeting.

Ted also has copies of the Audit Committee report from two of the three from the Audit Committee, with the third having a written statement, agreeing with the reports from the other two audit members. Anyone who would like a copy may see me after the meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- **POG:**

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Mass DOT on plans for a pilot program that will temporarily modify access restrictions on the South Boston ByPass Road (SBBR) and segments of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane system. The proposed 12 month Pilot Evaluation Program will begin in October 2018 and terminate on September 20, 2019.

The objective is to improve traffic flow in the South Boston and waterfront area. The DOT will provide status updates every two months to the POG. (see attachment #6)

- **USCG:**

The CG thanked all participants in a recent successful pollution control exercise. The CG also thanked all responders (USCG Pt Allerton & Boston, MSP, MEP, Quincy, Weymouth and Hull Harbormasters) to a man overboard effort conducted off of Peddock's Island, involving the Provincetown II cruise vessel. Unfortunately, the person did not survive.

The North Washington Street bridge project was approved and is expected to start in about a month.

The Alford Street bridge channel will be closing beginning October 1st, 2018 for six months. Any smaller vessels may use the "side Channel". Two "six pack" vessels plan on leaving the area early to avoid closure. MBYCA was thanked for informing recreational interests of the scheduled closure. (see attachment #2)

- **MASSPORT:**

The Norwegian Dawn sailed north versus the scheduled Bermuda route due to a storm.

The additional 25% import tariff impact is TBD. There is only one thing of interest, new cranes for Conley will not be subject to the additional tariff. This is an ongoing negotiation.

- **MBHSC:**

The next Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled for October. The Committee is looking for any items you may have of interest that should be on the agenda.

- **ACOE:**

There are now four dredges on site and operating.

One, the PAULA LEE, is operating in the North Channel, in the vicinity of G1. It is important to note that this dredge differs from the others in that she utilizes anchors, rather than spuds (poles) to maintain position. STAY WELL CLEAR OF ALL EQUIPMENT!!!

Efforts are underway to communicate with lobster trawls interests to provide a two week in advance window of planned dredge operations. This should help preclude damage to lobstering gear, etc.

Approximately 1.3 million cubic yards of material have been moved.

- **PILOTS:**

68 ships arrived in August which was down 6 from 2017.

There are 610 arrivals to date.

- **GENERAL:**

Representative-elect David Biele announced he will be holding a South Boston transportation meeting. Details to follow,,,,

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

- **The Conservation Law Foundation is requesting anyone to reach out to their representatives regarding HB4505.**

HB4505 is a bill that is quietly making its way through the state legislature which would allow private property owners to prioritize their own private interests over public access they're required to provide by law. The public has spent billions to clean up Boston Harbor and the public should be able to partake in the benefits of that effort. (see attachment #3)

- **He will look into the E-15 situation. (see attachments #1 and #5)**

SCHOLARSHIPS: R. C. Carolyn Bargoot stated:

- **The raffle for the scholarship fund brought in \$1,930.00 by selling 203 of the 250 raffle tickets. With the cost of the inflatable and the cooler deducted, there was a profit of \$880.00 for our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all who participated. We will be searching for new items for next year's raffle.**

MEMBERSHIP: We had 18 clubs, 24 delegates and 5 alternates in attendance.

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm had the 100% participation plaques available in the rear of the hall. She thanked all clubs who came in at 100% for their full support of MBYCA and the yearbook.

COMMODORE'S REPORT:

This year has seen a number of troubling events in and around the water:

- **Several serious shark attacks along the outer cape.**
- **A vessel was destroyed by fire and sank in the Hull Gut area, during the MBYCA Rendezvous at Wessagussett Yacht Club in August.**

- *A passenger fell over board from a ferry in the Peddock's Island area. Despite the combined efforts of the USCG, Harbormasters, MSP, MEP, the individual perished. These events serve to remind us that our beloved pastime can be hazardous and that we should be alert and vigilant.*

SEE SOMETHING.....SAY SOMETHING!!!!!!!

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Mike Sanders, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the 2019 Slate of Officers and read the rules pertaining to the election.*

These rules are as follows: Article VI – Section B:

The report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted at the September general meeting. Independent candidates may be nominated by ten (10) or more delegates; and their names shall appear on the ballot, if filed with the Secretary on or before the first Friday of October. Candidates and delegates nominating candidates shall be from clubs in good standing. Absentee ballots or write-in candidates will not be allowed.

The 2018 Nominating Committee consisted of: Mike Sanders – Fox Hill Yacht Club (Chairman), Mary Jane Gambale – Winthrop Yacht Club and Raeleen Parsons Bandini – Winthrop Yacht Club

2019 SLATE OF OFFICERS (MBYCA's 100th)

Commodore – Paul Dubiel – Watertown Yacht Club

Vice Commodore – Carolyn Bargoot – Watertown Yacht Club

Rear Commodore – Jack Swanson – Squantum Yacht Club

Secretary – P.C. Cheryl Chisholm – Circle Yacht Club

Treasurer – P.C. Ted Chisholm – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club

Ex-Officio/Director – P.C. Peter Gilson – South Boston Yacht Club

Director – P.C. Peter Caten – Winter Hill Yacht Club

Director – P.C. Russel Hoy – Nantasket Beach Salt Water Club

Director – P.C. William Scanlon – Winthrop Yacht Club

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, October 26th, 2018 – Metropolitan Yacht Club, 39 Vinedale Road, Braintree, MA 02184**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

50/50: \$63.00 was won by Delegate Maureen Mazrimas of Wollaston Yacht Club.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Was made at 9:05 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

