

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 27th, 2017
Braintree Yacht Club

The February General Meeting of the Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Braintree Yacht Club, 9 Gordon Road, Braintree, MA 02184.

Our host, Commodore Brian Carr welcomed the delegates and board to Braintree Yacht Club and hoped that they all enjoyed the sandwiches and chowder made and served by Linc Wiliams and Ken Luoni and to their gracious bar server, John Wong.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January 27th, 2017 meeting held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club. It was seconded and passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated what was contained in each packet.*

The packets contained the following:

- *Minutes of the January 27th, 2017 General Meeting*
- *February National Boating Federation Bulletin*
- *Updated MBYCA General Meeting & Speaker Schedule for 2017*
- *2017 Scholarship Application*
- *2017 Delegate/Alternate form*
- *Fund Raiser flier for Terri Latta & Shadow for their fight against cancer*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$16,429. The end of the year report: Total deposits: \$57,572 and withdrawals \$55,664. Yearbook money is still due – projected profit is 8,000. Scholarship balance \$1,752, 50/50 raffle took in \$524 and the scholarship jar \$572. 65 clubs paying \$250 each – 5 have not paid*

All records are in the hand of the Audit Committee and they will have a report at our next meeting.

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

Dan Shermerhorn – ProMarine Distributing

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- *The Captain of the Port thanked everyone for their support for the Tall Ship 2017 event in Boston, Security is a primary focus given the anticipated large crowd both on land and on the water. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING.....SAY SOMETHING!!! Don't be shy!!!*
- *The annual Coast Guard Industry Day will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 at the Flynn Cruiseport Boston facility. Everyone is welcome to attend and meet representatives of various Coast Guard and port partners.*
- *The Fore River Bridge project is planning approximately a 10 day shutdown in the April/May timeframe for the installation of counterweights, etc. The air draft will be 50 feet at mean high water, so most recreational boats will not be affected.*
- *Great Lakes Dredging expects to begin the maintenance dredging of the inner harbor sometime in April. The actual date depends upon the availability of certain heavy equipment which is finishing a project outside the state.*
- *The Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee supports boater education and the Hanson Bill. Their next general meeting will be held at the Flynn Cruiseport Terminal on April 13th between 10 and Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about the current safety issues in the Massachusetts Bay area.*
- *The Corps of Engineers is considering the removal of the piers from the Long Island Bridge in less than 10 years from now.*
- *The MBTA Swing Bridge in Beverly (Salem Bridge) will have its center section fabricated and it should be completed by April/May time frame. We believe the bridge will be completely shut down to complete this project..*
- *The Corps of Engineers is evaluating possible options for sequencing the planned dredging operations of the North and South Channels. For example, ships might be routed through the South Channel while dredging commences in the North Channel. This is part of the ongoing planning for the main harbor dredging project. We'll brief you as we get updates.*
- *Northeast Regional Ocean Plan has been published and will be briefed at the March POG meeting. This is the roadmap for ocean planning for our region over the next several decade.*

GO TO: <http://neooceanplanning.org>
<http://northeastoceancouncil.org>

It is definitely worth reading.

- *SAIL BOSTON 2017: 45 vessels – 14 Class A's, 12 Class B's and 19 Class C's ships are registered for this event. There will be no Fireworks on either the evening of the 17th when the ships parade into the harbor, or the evening before their departure on June 22nd. This news came with much disappointment. The US Navy will have an LSD berthed at the north jetty. The design of the new navy hulls preclude berthing at several existing piers due to overhang. The starting area for the race to Canada will be at: 42-38.0 N, 070 26.0 W. Start will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 22nd, 5 miles east of Cape Ann. It will be a staggered start.*

Delegate Lou Gainer stated: The Coast Guard doesn't want anything to do with the Tall ships. They are asking the Harbormasters to do the patrolling and there is no funding. They have no plans for Kayakers, Jet Ski's etc whether or not if they can stay in the line. Boaters don't pay anything while watching the ships from the water. The Coast Guard wants viewers to go aboard the ships and pay for souvenirs etc.

LEGISLATION: *P.C. Bill Scanlon reported on the reoccurring issue of the boater education issue. A number of organizations are favorable of this bill as MBYCA is. The Legislation is in recess now, but when they come out, it will be in committee and discussed. It is possible that a boater education bill will happen this year. Hopefully our input was taken under advisement.*

Delegate Ralph Levy from Watertown reported on the following: /DCAM Leases: The only lease that has been signed is from Northeastern University. Several boat clubs have had sporadic talks with the DCR. There is one boiler plate and each club will plug in their individual numbers and tier information. If an organization dissolves, they still owe the money. There is no provision in the current lease for relief. They haven't thought about that yet. There has to be some relief clause produced. DCR really want all clubs to be on a 30 year lease.

The Charles River Yacht Clubs, the Rowing Clubs, the duck boats, kayak people etc have formed an organization called CRAB. (Charles River Alliance of Boaters) They will all be acting in sync in developing a methodology with which to approach the DCR. They are hiring a high powered lobbyist. The one who wrote the lease for Simmons College and the lease for Community Rowing. It is important to increase your outreach program to the community each and every year. The more the outreach the less the increase.

Commodore Peder Acres spoke on the Fundraiser for Terri Latta and Shadow. It will be held on Saturday, March 11th at the US Bunting Club, 449 Boylston Street, Lowell MA from 7 until 11:00pm

RENDEZVOUS: *P.C. Peder Acres states that we are still looking at other locations. If anyone would like to offer their club for the 2nd weekend in August, please let us know.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *R. C. Paul Dubiel stated that we have enough funding for 3 scholarships this year, so please get you application in as soon as possible. The deadline for receiving the scholarship applications is April 15th and the names of the selected applicants will be announced at our April 28th meeting held at Winter Hill Yacht Club.*

Raffle tickets will be available for the scholarship raffle. We will be raffling off a 10' inflatable with a bladder floor that weighs about 90 pounds. We also will be raffling off a 24" NAXA TV. It is also a 12 volt. We will be selling only 250 raffle tickets at \$20.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held at our Summer Rendezvous in August.

MEMBERSHIP: *R. C. Paul Dubiel announced that we had 40 Delegates, 9 Alternates and 23 clubs represented tonight.*

SAFE BOATING/RECREATIONS: : P.C. Peter Caten spoke on PFD's.
(see marine safety alert flier)

Matt Mulvey from the USCG will be speaking at our June meeting on the subject of Canoe, Kayak, paddle boat safety and rules and regulations.

SOCIAL: Carol Gilson let the delegates know that the Lipton Cup Regatta Auction, the Lipton Cup Regatta, and the Quincy Bay Race Week are on the website.

COMMODORE'S REPORT: P.C. Peder Acres mentioned the fund raiser for Terri Latta and Shadow for their fight against cancer. It will be held on March 22th, 2017 at the US Bunting Club, 449 Boylston Street, Lowell, MA from 7:00pm until 11:00pm. Donation of \$10.00 per person to get in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Audit Committee has received all the 2016 financial records to review and report back to our delegates next month. Tom Stevens is the Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

- If any trailer a boat at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club to use the public ramp, the MBTA is taking back their parking for trailer use.
- Boston Harbor Now – has a proposal for 70 moorings on the north side of Peddocks Island, with seasonal, hourly, weekly rental with no one to enforce it. This entire idea was made up by non-boaters. The Town of Hull actually owns the island.
- The Hingham Harbormaster has raised the moorings to \$500.00 at World's End and it will be going up to \$1,000 the following year.
- A book - *And the Sea Shall Have Them All* – available at Amazon for \$20.00
- Our Condolences go out to Braintree Harbormaster Richard McDermott and his family on the loss of his wife, Louise.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: March 24th at Watertown Yacht Club with guest speakers:
Becky Pineo and Matt Fradette from DOCKWA

50/50: \$95 was won by Delegate Brian McMahon from Jubilee.
\$34 from the tip jar at the bar was donated to the Scholarship Fund.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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

