

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 27th, 2017
Mystic Wellington Yacht Club

The January General Meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 451 Fellsway, Medford, MA 02155.

Our host, Commodore Joseph DiGirolamo welcomed us and thanked MBYCA for all its dedicated work for our yacht clubs. He invited us to refreshments and extended an invitation to all delegates to come and visit during the summer months.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed all items in each delegate packet. The packets include: 2017 Delegate/Alternate form, 2017 Scholarship application, January 2017 National Boating Federation Bulletin, 2017 MBYCA General Meeting Schedule, 2017 Sail Boston preliminary dockage and anchorage maps, 2017 Sail Boston midterm planning information and House Bill 4574.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported that we have a balance \$15,919.00. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy, who was excused.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS: R. C. Paul Dubiel reported that we had 16 clubs represented and 41 Delegates in attendance.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE MEETING TO SWEAR IN P.C. PETER GILSON AS VICE COMMODORE AND TO WELCOME OUR GUEST SPEAKER, ANITA ROSSI OF CLASSIC YACHT CHARTERS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG: An important reminder regarding reporting suspicious activity, if you see something, say something.

During 2016, the Coast Guard initiated some 500 search and rescue activities, saving 260 lives and about \$14.2 million dollars in property.

The next meeting of the Sail Boston 2017 Planning Committee will be held on February 8th at the BEC.

A Mexican ship, the CUAUHTEMOC will visit Boston on March 15th and exchange a gun salute.

MBHSC: *There were 792 ship arrivals during 2016, including several yachts.*

The next meeting of the MBHSC Managing Board will be held at the Boston Marine Society on February 10th at 10:00 am. If you have any safety issues that you would like discussed, please let Peter Gilson know.

The next general meeting of the MBHSC will be held on the 13th of April from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Flynn Cruiseport Boston terminal.

RIGHT WHALE: *The whales are heading south for the winter.*

CORPS OF ENGINEERS: *As reported, the inner harbor dredging project CAD cell construction will begin in March and the overall project will be completed by the end of the year.*

SAIL BOSTON: *There are now 15 Class A ships (over 150 ft) signed up for the event. There is still a possibility of fireworks on the evening of June 21st prior to departure as the ships race to Nova Scotia.*

There are 8 Class B ships (over 100 ft and less than 150 ft)

There are 13 Class C ships (less than 100 ft)

LEGISLATION: *P.C. Bill Scanlon reported on House Bill 4574. The bill, in its entirety, 11 pages, will be on the website under legislation. The bill is still in committee. As a board, MBYCA will be going over this once more. We will pass our results on to our Attorney, Michael Spillane and hopefully some adjustments will be made.*

DCR LEASES: *To the best of our knowledge, no yacht club has signed a lease.*

YEARBOOK: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm asked everyone to pick up their 2017 Yearbook packet. If not, they will be available at our February meeting at Braintree Yacht Club. The deadline for submitting yearbook material is May 15th, 2017.*

SCHOLARSHIP: *R.C. Paul Dubiel reported that we have \$1,752 dollars in our scholarship fund. This will allow for 3 full \$500 scholarships and a remaining \$252 for a fourth.*

There will be another raffle this year. We will be selling only 250 tickets at \$10.00 per ticket and the drawing will be held at our Summer Rendezvous on August 12th. The items to be raffled this year will be a 10 foot Coastal inflatable and a 24" NAXA TV, which is 110 and 12 volt. Tickets will be ready to purchase at our Braintree meeting next month.

RENDEZVOUS: *Commodore Acres reported that we are looking for a new venue this year, either another club that may want to host, or a marina. We don't have a place set, but the dates are still August 12th and 13th. We will update as we go forward.*

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

Cyber Defense Matters: *The Coast Guard is looking to almost to do everything to achieve a level of cyber protection. Some items to watch out for are the use of unauthorized entry ports, don't click on a suspicious URL link and minimize the use of unsecure laptops. Always use a firewall.*

The Boat Show will be held the 11th through the 19th of February. Boats and Motors have Boat Show tickets for half price.

SOCIAL: *Carol Gilson announced that the Lipton Cup Regatta Auction will be held on June 10th at Squantum Yacht Club. The auction is looking for new and old items to auction off. They will have a silent auction, live auction and raffles. All proceeds from this auction go toward the Lipton Cup Regatta costs.*

South Boston Yacht Club is looking for a new Director of Youth Sailing. If you know of anyone interested in a summer job, please email Carol. (cgilson2@aol.com)

COMMODORE'S REPORT: *Commodore Peder Acres reminded everyone that recently we have had some storms with high winds. Because the ground did not freeze the grounds are soft. Be careful of your jack stands and check your chains if you use them.*

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2017 Audit Committee has been formed, which includes Tom Stevens, Carolyn Bargoot and Larry Capriotti.

NEW BUSINESS:

The By-Law Committee has also been formed. It will include Chair, R.C. Paul Dubiel, Commodore Peder Acres and P.C. Russell Hoy.

Lipton Cup Regatta will be held on June 15th and 16th.

Quincy Bay Race Week Race will be held on July 22nd and 23rd.

Donations given to clubs that have invited MBYCA to their Opening dinners will be given once again to the Seafarers Friend for 2017.

50/50: \$90.00 was won by Delegate Tom Doucette from Winter Hill Yacht Club.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: *February 24th at Braintree Yacht Club*

Guest Speaker will be Dan Shermerhorn from Pro Marine Distributing.

Remaining 2017 Yearbook packets will be available for pick up

Respectfully Submitted by

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