



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm stated a balance at Eastern Bank of \$2,186.30 and a balance of \$5,695.80 at TD Bank. The account at Eastern bank will be closed at a later date. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO SUSPEND THE GENERAL MEETING TO PRESENT OUR 2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, EMMA FOLEY, WITH HER AWARD. It was seconded and passed.



Commodore Gregg Hamm - Emma Foley - Commodore Phil Greenstein.
Winthrop Winthrop MBYCA



Grandfather James "Gus" Foley - Sean Foley - Emma - Saadia Foley

Emma is a second semester freshman at the University of New Hampshire studying Marine Biology. She spent her second semester at James Cook University in Australia taking ocean samples and performing many other lab work. She spent the last two summers on the Isle of Shoals studying mammal life. She will be working all summer taking samples of water and then going back to the lab at UNH to analyze. **CONGRATULATIONS, Emma!!!** We are extremely proud of you!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- *Captain Jamie Frederick is the new Sector Boston commander and will attend the next POG meeting which will be at Base Boston.*
- *The Deputy Commander will be JJ Shark, who is from Cape Cod. The assistant will be Commander Susan Landberg.*
- *Tim Chase's new boss is LCDR Jessica Hall.*
- *The small barges, which have been stored overnight very close to the channel leading to the Charles River locks are being relocated to allow more room for vessels transiting the area.*
- *The Chelsea Street bridge can now open with a 139-foot clearance as well as the full 175 foot clearance. This reduces the bridge cycle time and thus improves the vehicular traffic flow.*
- *The Kernwood bridge in Beverly deconstruction plan is in process.*
- *The Port Security Grants will be awarded in late August. Sector Boston submitted eleven grants.*
- ***Part of the Andrea Doria Anniversary activity includes a USCG Search and Rescue Demonstration on July 25th at 1:00 pm. It is free and to the public.***
- *June ferry ridership was 6,800 per day on weekdays and 4,000 per day on weekends.*
- *The T has purchased two New York catamaran vessels which will be coming into service and travel around 16-17 knots.*

MASSPORT:

- *Labor negotiations are underway.*
- *Conley Terminal handled 145,000 container moves in the last month. This is the fifth most in their history.*

MBHSC:

- *The Chelsea Creek sub-committee continues work on safe options for nighttime operation.*
- *Webcams are available onsite.*
- *Additional pre-arrival issues should be communicated to vessels.*

- Some visiting vessel crews have been prohibited by Federal personnel from having shore leave. Massport is pursuing the issue with the US Government,

NOAA:

- Some paper chart updates may be available in the future.

PILOTS:

- There were 12 fewer arrivals year over year and 70 less ships.
- April 2024 saw 51 pilots required versus 71 pilots required in 2023.
- YTD total is 221 pilots required, which is down by 45 or 15.9% from 2023.

OCEAN PLANNING:

- Offshore wind farm safety zones are available.

GENERAL:

- Boston escort services are limited (Harbormaster, etc). Contact the CG to request assistance in enforcing the **NO WAKE ZONE** in the inner harbor.
- Large wakes have become a major issue in the harbor during the recreational boating season.
- It was suggested the **NO WAKE ZONE** signs be placed on waterfront structures (Piers, etc). Floating signs require anchoring, maintenance, etc, which becomes expensive and requires sponsorship, etc.
- Jamy Madeja (Mass Marine Trade Association) emphasized the need to approve mandatory boater education courses. (The Hanson Milone Bill)
- Sumner Tunnel closures will be in effect for about a month, between July 5th and August 5th.
- The proposed right whale speed restrictions are impossible for Pilots as they travel to and board ships. An exemption must be made.
- The next POG meeting will be held on September 17th at Base Boston.
- Peter also spoke on the Long Island bridge proposal by the City of Boston. (See under Links of Interest on MBYCA website) Delegate Craig Spear asked that MBYCA write a letter rejecting the new proposal from the City of Boston. The board agreed to do so.

COAST GUARD: P.C. Russ Hoy spoke on the following:

- July 4th week is the busiest week of the year for the Coast Guard.
- He gave the list of cities that will have fireworks, also in your packets.
- Coast Guard will be looking for boats with children under 12 not wearing life jackets.
- Constitution turn-around on the 4th. Leaving her berth at 10 am and will turnaround at Castle Island and return.

YEARBOOK: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm spoke on the following:

- The Club of the Year was awarded to Winthrop Yacht Club.



P.C. Cheryl Chisholm Commodore Gregg Hamm
Yearbook Chair Winthrop Yacht Club

- We welcomed Constitution Yacht Club to the Yearbook and to our organization.
- Pleasant Park Yacht Club was in the yearbook 100% for the first time in years. Thank you PPYC!!!
- A huge thank you to Ken Carson and his wife Emily for beautifully setting up the room for our meeting and making sure every detail was perfect for us.
- The 8 - \$50.00 gift cards to Boats and Motors were awarded to the following clubs:
Charlesgate-Crescent-Jeffries-Newton-Point of Pines-Squantum-Volunteer and Wessagussett yacht clubs. Thank you for making the April 15th deadline to have all your members listed in the yearbook.
- Thank you to all clubs, business and personal ads for aiding in making this a book to enjoy and keep for reference on your boats.

COMMODORES REPORT: Commodore Phil Greenstein spoke on the following:

- Club Express is still being worked on. Updates to come at the September meeting.
- Vote for the By-Law change:
- Commodore Greenstein explained the change and P.C. Neal Caten read the new change/addition as follows:

Associate Members:

Section G: Associate members are defined as commercial organizations having interests and business operations in boating, yacht clubs, marinas or maritime entities.

Section H: Associate members will pay the same dues and admission fees as regular members. Associate members will have their organizational name printed in the annual yearbook and receive a copy of the yearbook each year. Associate members will not be entitled to membership lists held by MBYCA and shall not cast a vote during meetings of the body. Associate members are entitled to attend general meetings and designate delegates under the procedures of regular members. There will be one automatic delegate of the associate member which will be the principal of the organization. The principal is defined as the person having the highest leadership position in the organization. If there is more than one person having equal leadership authority, only one may be designated the principal. Associate members are subject to Section E and F to this Article 3.

A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Commodore Phil Greenstein – email: mbyca.info@gmail.com
- Boatwise has a new course, **Suddenly Single Handed**. This is a 3-hour Zoom course. The date is July 28th at Noon for \$49.00. The best \$49.00 you'll ever spend!
- Crescent Yacht Club, the last Saturday of every month has a Cars and Coffee event from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. All are welcome to come and enjoy the club and the cars and meeting some great boaters as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**
September 27th, 2024 at Wollaston Yacht Club
2025 Slate of Officers announced
100% Booster plaques will be ready for pick up
Guest Speaker: State Representative Tacket Chan

50/50: was won by Delegate Ken Carson.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; Was made at 8:54 pm.
It was seconded and passed.

HAVE A SAFE AND MEMORABLE BOATING SEASON!!!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!

Respectfully submitted by,



P.C. Cheryl Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA