

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 26th, 2024
Orient Heights Yacht Club

The April 26th, 2024 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Orient Heights Yacht Club, 61 Bayswater Street, East Boston, MA 02128.

Commodore Phil Greenstein called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our boating members that have crossed the bar.

He then introduced our host Commodore, Mark McCarron who welcomed the members and applauded us for our hard work.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March 15th, 2024 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.*

ATTENDANCE: *Social Chair Carol Gilson stated 19 clubs, 28 delegates and 2 alternates were in attendance.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT: *P. C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following information included in each delegate packet:*

- *A1 (artificial Intelligence) Onboard Flier*
- *US Department of Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 EPA, Army Corps of Engineers and the Mass Department of Environmental Agency for a joint outreach event – April 30th (in person and virtual)*
- *Mass Department of Marine Fisheries – Stripe Bass Update*

- *Boat Safety Check List for summer regulations*
- *Vessel Safety Check s*

- *Why a Float Plan and a float plan form*
- *Minutes of the March 15th, 2024 general meeting*
- *Boston Light Swim looking for escort boats*
- *40th Run of the Charles – April 24th, 2024*
- *Mass Marine Trade Association concerning Resilience from Coastal and Inland Flooding*
- *Three major regulatory changes proposed regarding Chapter 91 licensing.*
- *2024 MBYCA meeting Schedule*
- *Upcoming Community Workshops*
- *Charles River Water Shed Flagging program.*

A motion was made to accept the Secretary’s Report. It was seconded and passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chishollm reported a balance of @2,664.26 at Eastern Bank and \$10,531.17 at TD Bank. We are in the process of closing Eastern Bank.*

42 clubs have paid their dues for 2024

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

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

David Rose – CEO and Co-Founder of LOOKOUT
(A1 Camera to navigate safely)

The essential A1vision system to spot hazards. The LOOKOUT synthesizes data from charts, AIS, computer vision and the cloud, then fuses it into one intuitive 3-D augmented reality view.

For those interested in using one for test purposes for David, please contact:

..... David Rose: david@lookout.team

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PORT OPERATOR’S GROUP: *P.C. Peter Gilson spoke on the following:*

COPT:

- The USCG EAGLE will visit Boston on June 9th through the 11th and will be berthed adjacent to the USS Constitution in Charlestown. Visiting hours to be announced.
- Captain Jamie Frederick will assume command of Sector Boston at the Change of Command Ceremony on July 12th, 2024.
- The Coast Guard supported security operations during the Boston Marathon.
- Station Newburyport will no longer be a search and rescue base. Ocean side responsibilities will now be supported by Portsmouth and Gloucester stations. There will be **NO** loss of capability and **NO** degradation of service.
- Boston Search and Rescue will now be handled **primarily** by the Point Allerton Station.
- The CG will be holding a CYBER exercise on June 11th and 12th, 2024.
- A reminder that video coverage from Boston Light is available on the National Park Service website. (**Google: National Park Service (NPS Boston Light webcam)**)

MASSPORT:

- Eleven ship visits are scheduled in May.
- The 15,200 TCU container ship MS Kayley visited Conley terminal. She is one of the largest such vessels in existence and the Boston deepening project and new Conley terminal cranes were required to handle this size vessel.
- The closure of the Delaware terminal is expected to result in an increase in car carrier visiting in Boston.

MBHSC:

- The website is being updated.

PILOTS:

- 170 vessels required pilots last month, which is down 25 (12.8%) from last year.

GENERAL:

- The MBHSC general meeting will be held on October 24th, 2024 at the JFK Library.
- The Mass DEP is proposing new Chapter 91 rules, which could **severely**

impact waterfront commercial and recreational boating activities (i.e. existence) in the future. The Mass Marine Trade Association (MMTA) is submitting letter(s) of concern as is the MBYAC. The deadline for response is April 30th, 2024. (See website under Links of Interest)

- *North Washington Street Bridge update: Demolition Ops are ongoing.*
- *Expect the last of the old piles to be removed by mid-April. Demo of the temporary bridge will continue until late April into early May. All work is being done north of the new bridge. Early May into June, the final stages will be completed, which includes installation of new permanent fendering system. No full channel closures are expected to and from the Charles River. One lock will always be available for vessel traffic.*
- *A full channel remains in effect on the Saugus River, commencing February 1st, 2024, through May 1st, 2024, to accommodate the installation of the new Belden Bly Bridge. Progress is going well as the majority of the steel is in place and the concrete deck was poured on April 11th, requiring a 14-day cure period. The bridge lift counterweight installation is to begin next week. Please refer to updated Local Notice to Mariners for specific details.*
- *Aids to Navigation discrepancies: During the last two Spring storms, we encountered a significant impact to the Aids to Navigation system throughout our entire AOR. As you are out operating, please report any Aton issues to our Command Center. Additionally, our Aton units are focused on getting the seasonal buoys out prior to the start of the boating season. Once seasonal aids are completed, units will be shifting to correcting the multiple discrepancies currently listed in the Local Notice to Mariners*
- ***The third annual Red Bull Diving Event will be held on June 6th, 7th and 8th this year. June 6th and 7th are reserved for diver practice days and be conducted at high tide. The 8th is slated for the actual competition and will also be conducted at high tide.***
The venue remains the same, Fan Pier Cove IVO and the Museum of Contemporary Art building. The Boston Police Harbor Master, Mass State Police Division and the Coast Guard Sector Boston will have assets assigned to this event for the duration.
- ***See packet and website under Links of Interest for the Soft Targets and Crowded Places webinar –***

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th at 2:00 pm

- *Cruiseport Boston handles vessels from 33 countries.*
- *The Duck Tours are starting their summer schedules.*

YEARBOOK: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following:*

- *The deadline for submissions is May 15th, 2024.*
- *We are proud to announce the “Club of the Year” is Winthrop Yacht Club. We are looking forward to having them on our cover!*
- *Yearbooks will be available for pick up at our meeting held at Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut Street, Dorchester, MA on June 28th, 2024.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: *Commodore Phil Greenstein announced the recipient for our 2024 scholarship is Emma Foley from Winthrop Yacht Club. Emma is studying at UNH with a focus on Biology. Her second semester was at James Cook University in Australia, taking ocean samples along with other lab work. She has spent her last two summers on the Isle of Shoals studying mammal life. She will be working for UNH all this summer taking samples of water and then going back to the lab to analyze.*

Congratulations, Emma!!!

Emma will receive her scholarship at our June 28th meeting at Port Norfolk Yacht Club with a photo op!

SAFE BOATING /RECREATION: *P.C. Peter Caten talked about the following items that were in the delegate packets:*

- *Float Plan and information sheets*
- *Spring Boat Safety Checks*
- *Areas of decay to look out for on your boat before being launched.*

(See website under Boat Safety)

COMMODORE’S REPORT: *Commodore Phil Greenstein will be giving an update on updating our website with Club Express and an update on Eliminate Card Fees at our next general meeting.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- *The 2024 Audit Committee will be presenting their final report of the 2023 financials at our May 17th general meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS:

- *MBYCA By-Law change:*
The board is looking into having Vendors become members of MBYCA. The format for this is in the research stage and will be presented to the membership at a later meeting.
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** *Early because of Memorial Day weekend*
May 17th, 2024 – American Yacht Club, 115R Water Street, Newburyport, MA
Guest Speaker: Ethan Maass - SeaTow

50/50: was won by Commodore Mark McCarron from Orient Heights Yacht Club.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: *was made at 9:24 pm.*
It was seconded and passed/
HAPPY SPRING!!!!

Respectfully submitted by,

P.C. Cheryl Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA