

MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
May 17th, 2024
American Yacht Club

The May 17th, 2024 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held on May 17th, 2024 at American Yacht Club, 115R Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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, military and family and friends that have crossed the bar.

He introduced our host, Commodore David Sestini, who welcomed us all and talked about the damage to their seawall, which happened during the last two major storms. **American is looking for people to give quotes on rebuilding their pier and pile driving for a new seawall. Please contact Commodore Sestini at: david.sestini@gmail.com.**

PREVIOUS MINUTES: A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 26th, 2024 general meeting, as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

ATTENDANCE: Social Chair Carol Gilson reported 17 clubs, 26 delegates and 1 alternate were in attendance.

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

- Minutes of the April 26th, 2024 general meeting
- Response letter from MBYCA to the Mass DEP Waterways, Wetlands and other interested parties regarding Wetlands-401 Resilience
- Comments regarding proposed changes to Chapter 91, the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act
- Chapter 91 in its entirety
- Proposed By-Law revision – Article 3
- Guest Speaker in April, David Rose, CEO of LOOKOUT, is looking for members of MBYCA clubs to join the LOOKOUT Pilot Program. LOOKOUT uses AI to spot hazards like buoys, debris, lobster traps and other boats and hi-lights them on the camera view.

They are offering a limited number of systems to be installed and use this season at no cost. They hope to get LOOKOUT onto 30 to

60 boats this season going to interesting places, navigating at night, through congested waters or areas with floating hazards. (See [Links of Interest](#))

Contact David Rose at: david@lookout.team or 857-222-4416

getalookout.com

- NOAA issuing a Biological Opinion on the Revolution Ind Offshore Energy Project
- From **Boatwise** School:
 - *National Safe Boating Week - May18th through the 24th
 - *Hanson-Milone Safe Boating Act – call to action
 - *Boating Safety Seven
 - *Traditional Wooden Boat Building Course
 - *Mass Kids Boating and Fishing Week – June 1st through the 9th
- Seeking supporters for the Clean Coast Coalition

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$16,783.17. This includes a \$4,000+ balance that is in Eastern Bank, in the process of being closed.

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:

ETHAN MAASS - SEATOW

800-4-SEATOW

SeaTOW.COM

(See under Boating Safety)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- The next POG meeting will be held on May 21st, 2024.
- The USCG Eagle visits Boston on June 9th through June 11th and will be berthed adjacent to the USS Constitution in Charlestown. Visiting hours to be announced.
- 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 in Hull.
- A reminder that video coverage from Boston Light is available on the National Park Service website.
(google: [National Park Service \(NPS\) Boston Light Webcam](#))
- The next MBHSC board meeting will be held on June 21st.
- The next general meeting of the MBHSC will be held on October 24th at the JFK library. If you have any concerns, please let myself or Cheryl Chisholm know of them, and I will address them at the meeting.

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

- The yearbooks will be ready for pick up on June 28th, 2024 at our general meeting held at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.
- If you are unable to pick them up, please have another delegate or alternate do so.
- Thank you to all who have submitted material in our yearbook. This helps continue our mission.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Commodore Phil Greenstein mentioned the following: Our scholarship recipient, **Emma Foley, from Winthrop Yacht Club**, will be receiving her scholarship award at our June 28th meeting at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.

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

- Hanson-Milone Bill
- Boat Safety Courses

COMMODORE'S REPORT: Commodore Greenstein mentioned:

- He thanked Commodore Sestini for hosting our meeting.
- *DRC Leases: It is imperative to call, write or email your State Representatives and State Senators to let them know how your club feels. There is power in numbers and MBYCA has the numbers, if the members all work together, they will listen!*

OLD BUSINESS:

- We are looking for volunteers for our 2025 Nominating Committee.
- **By-Law change:** Please read and review to be voted on at our June meeting. (See Links of Interest)

Article 3

Associate Members:

Section G: Associate members are defined as commercial organizations having interests and business operations in boating, yacht club and 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 our 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 of this Article 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Paul Melanson of Boatwise spoke on a new course called: Suddenly Single Handed.

Suddenly Single handed is a course designed to aid the captain, if he or she is incapacitated. This teaches a passenger to be prepared to operate a vessel to safety in case of an emergency, with our 3-hour certificate course, Suddenly Single Handed. During this 3 hour zoom course, they will discuss emergency response, vessel operation, safety precautions and aquatic sea life.

*One course: July 29th, 2024 – Noon (Eastern Time)
Online Virtual - \$49.00*

- *Commodore Rick Leblanc from Crescent Yacht Club invited us all to the following:*

**Cars and Coffee - the last Saturday of every month from 9 - 11 am.*

**Canoe Race - June 1st at 9:15 am*

***NEXT GENERAL MEETING: June 28th, 2024 – Port Norfolk Yacht Club,
179-181 Walnut Street, Dorchester, MA***

***2024 Yearbooks will be available for pick up
Scholarship recipient to receive her award and photo-op
Club of the Year to receive their plaque and photo-op***

50/50: was won by Commodore Rick LeBlanc.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:01. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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