

**MBYCA GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
April 22, 2022
(East Boston Yacht Club)**

The April 22nd, 2022 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at East Boston Yacht Club, 0 Rice Street, East Boston, MA 02128. Commodore Neal Caten called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm. He introduced East Boston's Commodore, Ed McDonough. Commodore McDonough welcomed us all. He thanked MBYCA for all they do for the recreational boater and invited us to stop by anytime for a visit and to enjoy the refreshments and our meeting.

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

- *Minutes of the March 25th, 2022 general meeting*
- *2022 revised MBYCA By-Laws*
- *Coast Guard Marine Safety Bulletin – Covid 19 requirements in the Maritime Transportation System: Change 5*
- *Approach Buoy Racons – identifying the nine remaining Aids to Navigation within the First District that have installed RACONS.*
- *NOTICE TO MARINERS: Boston Harbor "NO WAKE ZONE"*
- *C.R.A.B. Activity: Weekend 4/22/22 – 4/24/22*
- *Jubilee Yard Manager – on MBYCA website under [Links of Interest](#)*

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

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS: *All officers and board members were in attendance with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy.*

PREVIOUS MINUTES: *The previous minutes of the March 25th 2022 general meeting were accepted.*

TREASURER'S REPORT: *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$13,513.96. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.*

A motion was made to suspend the general meeting for our guest speaker, Ms. Lisa Kumpf of the Charles River Watershed Association, Inc. It was seconded and passed.

The Charles River Watershed Association protects and restores the Charles River and its waterways through science, advocacy and the law.

Contact Information

*Ms. Lisa Kumpf – Charles River Watershed Association
River Science Program Manager*

Email: lkumpf@crwa.org

Phone: 617-540-5650 ext.1085

Home office: 41 West Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02111

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP: *P. C. Peter Gilson reported the following from the Port Operator's Group meeting:*

USCG:

- *As mentioned last month, the Coast Guard is conducting a **PORT ACCESS STUDY**, covering the Massachusetts Bay area, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts and solicits comments/suggestions from the recreational, as well as, commercial maritime interests. The form announcement was forwarded to our clubs last month. Comments are due by the **15th of May on document 2022-0047.***
- *The Coast Guard will be expanding severe weather notifications to include e-mail, etc.*
- *Sector Boston is in the process of hiring a CYBER coordinator. In the meantime, CDR Ben Lyons is handling this activity.*
- *The Boston Harbor deepening (dredging) project is now expected to be completed by the end of May. Dredging equipment has returned to clean up several areas in berth 10 and 11 via minor blasting of a much-reduced intensity from the main project. The Boston Harbormaster is providing security coverage for this activity, which is expected to take 6-10 days. NOAA will be updating depth soundings upon completion of this activity.*
-

- Tom Virtullo (Thomas.J.Virtullo@uscg.mil) was introduced as the new CG Sector Boston lead for the upcoming Port Security Grant program. The formal announcement will be issued soon, and response time will be shorter than usual. Consequently, you should do as much pre-planning and background work as possible prior to receipt of the announcement.
- There were two general information presentations as follows:
 1. Ron Ceravolo of Flytropic, briefed on his company's capabilities and their interest in starting seaplane operations in Boston in competition with TailWinds. They currently operate in New York and Miami and plan to operate in the existing seaplane zone off Logan airport, etc. In addition to weekday commercial business flights, they anticipate offering lower cost weekend flights between Boston and the Cape and Islands, etc.
 2. The International Fund for Animal Welfare Right Whale Project representative briefed us on compliance data for the 10-knot reduced speed zone program. In the Massachusetts area, they reported 82% compliance during 2020, which earns us an A or A+. The southeast zones have the worst performance. They are considering extending the 10-knot mandate to vessels under the current 65-foot length.

MASSPORT:

- The cruise season is underway and a number of ships have already visited Boston.
- The second large (12,000 TCU) ship is at Conley terminal and being serviced by the new cranes, with a similar vessel scheduled to arrive in June.
- The mask mandate has been lifted for Logan airport and Conley terminal.

MBHSC:

- The National Harbor Safety Committee meeting is being held at the Park Plaza Hotel on June 13th-15th. Early registration rates apply through the 28th of April. Unlike many of the larger ports around the country, the Massachusetts Bay Harbor Safety Committee is comprised of all volunteers. We actively solicit your financial support in **ANY** amount. Please visit our website at: <http://www.massbaysafety.org/index.html> for more information.

You may also make checks out to: Massachusetts Bay Safety Committee and mail to: Mass Bay Safety Committee, C/O 15 Sawyer's Lane, Marshfield, MA 02050. Thank you for your consideration.

CISA

- *Another Active Shooter webinar is being held on May 18th between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Visit the CISA website for more information. There is increasing concern about possible jamming of GPS signals. There are indicators that Russia is already doing this in the Ukraine. The signals are relatively weak and thus a relatively easy target for jamming, modification, etc.*
- *Do not use a master password.*
- *If you “**see something....say something**”...no matter how foolish you may think it is. It may be very important information to the authorities.*

RIGHT WHALE

- *A number of Right Whales and calves have been sighted off the Race Point in Provincetown. You are reminded that a Federal safety zone, 10-knots or less, is in effect off of the Cape and a **State slow zone of 10 knots or less is in effect in Cape Cod through the end of April.***

NOAA

- *Check the local Notice for Mariners for the latest announcements on local chart depth, etc.*

PILOTS

- *YTD there have been 45 vessels requiring pilots versus 49 last year.*

GENERAL

- *Captain Benson announced that the USCG **EAGLE** will be visiting Boston between late July and the 1st of August. She will be berthed near the USS Constitution.
Ed note: The **EAGLE** was originally a German vessel and was taken as a prize of war following WWII.*

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

- *The deadline for 2022 yearbook submissions is May 15th, 2022.*
- *The 2022 yearbook “Club of the Year” is Riverside Yacht Club.*

SCHOLARSHIPS: V. C. Paul Dubiel, P.C. mentioned the following:

- *The two 2022 scholarship recipients are:*
 1. *Ryleigh Benson from Nantasket Beach Saltwater Club*
 2. *Kathryn Luzinski from Salem Willows Yacht Club**This year we will be presenting \$1,000 scholarships to each recipient.*

- *Scholarship raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 each. Only 250 will be sold and the drawing will be held at our 2022 Summer Rendezvous at Wessagussett Yacht Club. The prize is a 9-foot inflatable. Tickets may be purchase at each meeting and at the Rendezvous before the drawing.*

RENDEZVOUS:

- *The 2022 Summer Rendezvous will be held at Wessagussett Yacht Club on August 13th and 14th, 2022. The theme is Margaritaville, and more information will be forth coming at our May 20 meeting.*

SAFE BOATING/RECREATION: *P.C. Peter Caten talked about the following:*

- *Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall*
- *Fire Extinguisher Requirements for the recreational boater. (See website under Safe Boating)*
- *Boating Education*
- *Check for cities that will take old unused flares.*

ATTENDANCE OF CLUBS: *Carol Gilson stated:*

34 Delegates and 4 Alternates were in attendance, representing 19 clubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *No action on the DCR leases*
- *No Industry Day at Gloucester Coast Guard Station*

NEW BUSINESS:

- ***NEXT GENERAL MEETING: May 20th, 2022 – Winter Hill Yacht Club
One week early due to Memorial Day.***

50/50: *was won by Commodore Tom Struzziero of Fox Hill Yacht Club.*

MOTION TO ADJOURN: *was made at 9:37 pm. It was seconded and passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

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