



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 24th, 2021
Port Norfolk Yacht Club**

The September general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Club's Association, Inc. was held at Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 179 Walnut Street, Dorchester, MA 02122.

Our host, Commodore Kathleen Ellis, P.C. welcomed us all and hoped we enjoyed our meeting and invited us to a delicious buffet of refreshments.

ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS: All officers and board members were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy, P.C. Paul Dubiel and P.C. Bill Scanlon who were excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following were in your packets:

- June 25th, 2021 General Meeting Information which was mailed and emailed to all delegates and Clubs.
- Vinyl Yacht Club Burgee informational sheets and order form
- Official Publication of a Mass Bay News (monthly) dated July 1945
- History & Activities of Mass Bay Yacht Clubs Association – 1951 – John Murphy – Legislative Chair
- New Hampshire and Massachusetts eye offshore wind in Gulf of Maine
- City of Boston Long Island Bridge Vessel Survey form
- Large Vessel Awareness placard
- Dredging Awareness placard
- Maintain 300 feet safety zone around barges, tugs and scows while in Boston Harbor information sheet – Federal Navigation flier
- Seaplane Awareness flier
- Charles River Water Shed Flagging Program and information – understand the hazards – bacteria risks
- North Washington Street Bridge Look Ahead – 9/19 -10/02/21
- Charles River Alliance of Boaters (C.R.A.B.) River Activity 9/24-9/26/21
- Port Norfolk Yearbook Submission 1967 – Commodore Henry Brawley
- Best Marine Water Rescue Throw Bag
- 2022 MBYCA Slate of Officers

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AND THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25th, 2021, GENERAL INFORMATION REPORT: It was seconded and passed.

"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"

"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"

ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES /ALTERNATES & CLUBS: P.C. Neal Caten reported there were 17 Delegates, 3 Alternates, representing 15 Clubs in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$9,775.13.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT: It was seconded and passed.

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

Jan Nethen – Vinyl Yacht Club Burgees
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443-600-0007
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It was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

USCG:

- The North Washington Street Bridge will be **CLOSED between 5:00 am on October 4th and 5 pm on October 8th**. A 100-yard safety zone will be in place. Watch the Notice to Mariners for updates.
- Work continues on the Belden Bly (aka Fox Hill) drawbridge over the Saugus River with a 100-yard safety zone in place.

MASSPORT:

- The cruise ship **CHRYSTAL SYMPHONY** recently completed four successful Boston/Bermuda runs with 100% vaccinated crew and passengers.
- At this time, the 2022 cruise schedule out of Boston is anticipated TO RETURN TO "NORMAL".

MASS BAY HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE - (MBHSC)

- Planning is well underway for the National Harbor Safety Committee Convention, which will be held on June 13th -15th, 2022 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. One event will be held at the **USS Constitution Museum** in Charlestown. Visit the National Harbor Safety Committee website for more information.
- At the recent time MBHSC meeting, Boston Pilots expressed concerns about small sailing and other vessels operating much too close to large ships transiting Boston Harbor. The Boston Harbormaster held a meeting with interested parties. (Pilots, sailing schools, etc.) A number of different small vessels, including sailing school, commercial schooners and fishing boats chasing bait (porgies, etc.) were identified as operating dangerously close to large commercial ships.

- At the Harbormaster's request, MBYCA has distributed electronic copies of our **Large Vessel Awareness** and **Dredging Awareness** flyers and will distribute hard copy flyer cards for posting at our general meeting on September 24th at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.
- MBYCA has also distributed an electronic draft **Wake Awareness** summary and **Seaplane Awareness** flyers to all clubs.
- The US Coast Guard will continue to operate Station Scituate, Massachusetts, and it is scheduled to reopen for seasonal operations Memorial Day weekend 2022. Following a Federal Register public comment period, and after careful consideration of the unique operational and geographic challenges highlighted through the comments, it was determined the station should continue operating in the Scituate Harbor area, during the summer months. The station operates seasonally, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, when recreational boating is at its highest. The station's crew conduct search and rescue, maritime law enforcement, and recreational boating safety missions. The station is crewed by Coast Guard Station Point Allerton, in Hull, Massachusetts.

SCHOLARSHIPS: V.C. Neal Caten, P.C. stated:

- There will be two \$500 scholarships presented in 2022.
- The applications will be in your packets for the October general meeting and also found on the website.
- The Scholarship Raffle will stay on hold and tickets still may be purchased for \$10.00 a ticket or delegates may take a packet of 10 to sell at their individual clubs. Anyone that has purchased tickets for this drawing since February 2020 are still in the raffle pool. Once 250 have been sold, we will have a drawing for a 9-foot inflatable.

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

- Engine Cut-Off Switches:

On April 1st, 2021, a new law went into effect that requires the operator of a boat with an installed **Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS)** to use the ECOS link. The link is usually a coiled bungee cord lanyard clipped onto the **operator's person, Personal Floatation Device (PFD)** or clothing and the other end attached to the cut-off switch, but there are plenty of variations on the market, including electronic wireless devices. The law applies to all "Navigable Waters of the U.S."

When an operator is wearing a link while underway, the engine will cut-off if the operator is separated from the operating area, an occurrence that can happen if the operator is ejected from the vessel or falls within the vessel. The shutdown of the engine is essential for safety reasons. If the operator is ejected from the vessel, the shutdown may prevent the operator from impacting the vessel's spinning propeller and may aid the operator in safely returning to the drifting vessel.

The law applies to "**Covered Recreational Vessels**", which means any motorized boat with 3 or more horsepower that is less than 26 feet in length and takes effect on April 1st, 2021.

- Therefore, one of the critically important reasons to also be wearing a PDF!!!

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2022 Slate of Officers**

Commodore: P. C. Neal Caten

Vice Commodore: vacant

Rear Commodore: vacant

Treasurer: P.C. Ted Chisholm

Secretary: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm

Ex-Officio: P.C. Carolyn Bargoot

Director: P.C. Peter Caten

Director: P.C. Peter Gilson

Director: P.C. Russell Hoy

We are currently looking for a Vice and Rear Commodore. The Vice Commodore will have a 3-year commitment and the Rear a 4- year commitment. Anyone interested please contact Commodore Carolyn Bargoot, P.C. - bargoot@yahoo.com or Secretary, P.C. Cheryl Chisholm - mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com before October 21st, 2021. We'd love to have you on board!!

- Delegate Maureen Mazrimas, President of the Friends of Wollaston Beach presented MBYCA a framed Certificate of Appreciation for providing educational coloring books on marine habitat and species and promoting FWB's Shamrock Splash effort in 2021. Friends of Wollaston Beach's mission: to promote the wise use and preservation of the Beach, encouraging volunteerism, alerting others to issues affecting the Beach through educational, cultural, social and civic programs and advocating on behalf of Beach users.


NEXT GENERAL MEETING:

- **Fox Hill Yacht Club – October 22nd, 2021**
114 Ballard Street, Saugus, MA
Full course dinner will be served.
- **Election of Officers**
- **Guest Speaker: Pam Tomlin – Ipswich Rivercraft**
- **Remaining 100% plaques ready for pick up**
- **2022 Scholarships available**

50/50: was won by Winter Hill Yacht Club delegate Tom Doucette.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 8:50 p.m. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,


P.C. Cheryl Chisholm
Secretary/MBYCA