



# Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

**MBYCA**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**(Zoom Meeting)**

*The March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held as a Zoom meeting. Commodore Carolyn Bargoot called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. She welcomed all to our March meeting and hoped all were well.*

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm mentioned the attachments that were emailed to each club and delegate, as follows:*

- *Minutes of the February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 general meeting*
- *5 Ways to Get Your Boat's VHF Radio Ready for the Season*
- *North Washington Bridge Update*
- *BoatUs: New Boat Engine Cut Off Switch Law Goes into Effect April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021*
- *2021 Scholarship application on website*

*All the above information will also be on the website under the Minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** *A motion was made to accept the minutes of our general meeting held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It was seconded and passed.*

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND ATTENDANCE:**

- *All Officers and Board members were present with the exception of P.C. Paul Dubiel and P.C. Russell Hoy, who were excused.*
- *17 Clubs were represented and 21 were in attendance.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** *P.C. Ted Chisholm reported a balance of \$12,437.10 as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and passed.*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**USCG:**

- *North Washington Bridge: Second cofferdam commenced in November with an estimated completion date of August 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.*
- *Annisquam River MBTA Railroad Bridge Project: Full channel closure in effect and will run through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*
- *Neponset River: Granite Avenue bridge deviation for clearance values to accommodate structural steel repairs and scaffolding installation for painting operations, with a completion date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*

*"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"*

*"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"*

- Demolition of the old Belden Blye Bridge over the Saugus River has commenced and no impacts to vessel traffic to report, with an estimated completion date of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.
- Discussion with the Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee, City of Boston and Quincy with regards to the replacement project of the old Long Island Bridge. A document was distributed to mariners to provide comments pertaining to clearance values of the new bridge and waterway usage activities. **(NOTE: MBYCA has sent documents to all clubs and delegates requesting input.)**
- Future Bridge project in planning and design phase for the MBTA Railroad Bridge over the Saugus River, an estimated four-year project with channel closures expected. No official timelines yet. Updates to follow at the next POG meeting.
- **Final note:** Sector Boston Waterways and Command Center are piloting a new e-mail notification for receiving Broadcast **Notice to Mariners**. This venture allows for in hand notification for mariners and the goal is to reduce radio clutter for frequent broadcast. **TO SUBSCRIBE:** proceed to **USCG NAVCEN** web site, click on subscriptions, locate Sector Boston link, click and enter your email address and you will begin receiving notifications. Any questions please feel free to contact: **Mr. Tim Chase Sector Boston Waterways at 617-447-1620** for assistance.

**MBHSC:** (Mass Bay Harbor Safety Committee)

- Meetings are being held with Boston, Quincy and the Coast Guard to discuss a planned replacement for the old Long Island Bridge between Quincy and Long Island. Numerous concerns are under consideration and the committee is assisting the CG in reaching out for comments from the various boating communities.

**MASSPORT:**

- Ships are delayed for days due to congestion. China and Norwegian ships are expected to resume next month.
- As mentioned last month, Canada has banned most shipping through the end of the year.

**ACOE:** (Army Corps of Engineers)

- Great Lakes Dredging was awarded the "blasting" contract for ledge removal in the amount of \$62 million. The 18-month project is expected to begin in May. Outreach meetings with interested parties will be scheduled in the near future. This activity will be focused in the general area of N4 and N6 in the channel just off Castle Island. There will be some closures during this process.

**LEGISLATION:** P.C. Bill Scanlon reported the following:

- Nothing new to report.
- If anyone has any question or suggestions, please feel free to contact Bill.

Email: [BostonCaptBill@yahoo.com](mailto:BostonCaptBill@yahoo.com)

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** P.C. Neal Caten stated the following:

- We have 3 scholarships that have been submitted so far.
- The deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

- Gloucester Coast Guard base Safe Boating Day has been cancelled for mid to late May this year.

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

- The yearbooks will be ready for pick up on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.
- Anyone that is planning on picking up books from their club should email me so we will definitely know if someone from your club is coming to get them. Normally if we see that clubs have not picked up their books, we have a nearby club take them for us.
- The deadline for submissions is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Audit Committee will have their report result at our next general meeting held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- If anyone is interested or knows of someone who is interested in becoming MBYCA's Rear Commodore for 2022, please contact Commodore Bargoot ([bargoot@yahoo.com](mailto:bargoot@yahoo.com)) or Secretary P.C. Cheryl Chisholm ([mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com](mailto:mbyca.cpc46@gmail.com)).

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 7:30pm – Zoom Meeting

**ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:**

- 1: Rick LeBlanc – Delegate & Commodore – Crescent Yacht Club  
email: ([xilr8nboat@yahoo.com](mailto:xilr8nboat@yahoo.com))

A tour boat -105 foot long -20 feet wide with a 7 foot draft. Ready to do tours up and down the Merrimac River.

Adjoining cities, Harbormasters and Crescent Yacht Club do not want to see this boat on the river. Rick is looking for helpful and legal ways to stop this boat from being able to do tours.

2. Ralph Levy – Delegate & P.C. Watertown Yacht Club - email: ([rlevy@rcn.com](mailto:rlevy@rcn.com) )

Does anyone have any more information about the railroad bridge over the Charles River? This was the response from the Coast Guard. The MBTA railroad bridge 1 leading to North Station is currently in the permit process for rebuild. No impacts to the waterways at this time.

Ralph is concerned that it may be closed during the summer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Was made at 8:00 pm. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm  
Secretary/MBYCA