

**MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Lynn Yacht Club**

The March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Lynn Yacht Club, 84-86 Lynnway, Lynn, MA 01902

Commodore Neal Caten opened the meeting at 8:15 pm. He introduced Vice Commodore Glenn Howard and Rear Commodore Gardner Parker, who welcomed us all and wished us a good meeting.

We had a moment of silence for Commodore Kathleen Collinson of Norfolk Yacht Club. May she rest in peace.

**PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES:** A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting as distributed. It was seconded and passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following information included in your packets:

Minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 general meeting

- 2023 MBYCA general meeting schedule
- Boston Area Maritime Security Committee Meeting information
- NOAA:
  - \*Fisheries Announces 2023=35 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications
  - \*Industry Input Sought for Atlantic Cod Assessment
  - \*Fisheries Approves the Recreational Harvest Control Tule
  - \*Proposal Management Measures for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery for 2023 Fishing Year
  - \*Please contact Our Northeast Stranding Network if You See a Marine Animal in Distress
- Preliminary Public Notice – USCG is soliciting comment on a proposal by the Mass Dept of Transportation to replace the General Edwards Bridge, a moveable bascule bridge over the Saugus River with a fixed bridge
- 2023 Scholarship Application
- 2023 Delegate/Alternate form
- New Regulations on Fire Protection for recreational boats
- MBYCA 2023 Rendezvous Flier – *also on the website*
- MBYCA 2023 Sign Up sheets – *also on the website.*

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** P.C. Ted Chisholm stated the following:

- Balance of \$17,831.96

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 mentioned the following:

### USCG:

- General Edwards bridge's Public Notice was distributed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and will run until April 14<sup>th</sup> for comments. This bridge is to be preplaced with a fixed bridge.
- Port Security process is underway. The absolute deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, 2023. More information: Tom Vitullo - 617-223-5204 office phone  
email: [thomas.J.Vitullo@uscg.com](mailto:thomas.J.Vitullo@uscg.com)
- The final report for PAWSA should be ready within the next 3 to 4 weeks.
- The Coast Guard has two new cutters and at the end of the year will have 6.

### MASSPORT:

- The first cruise ship is expected on March 31<sup>st</sup>. One hundred fifty-five ships are expected in all for the season.
- Sgt Christopher Bailey is Boston Harbormaster Sgt Coyne's replacement.

### CISA:

- Continuing work with the law enforcement and partners on the upcoming Boston Marathon. One of the ways they are doing that is by improving upcoming device and risk mitigation reigning through our office for bombing prevention. They will bring those teams up to Massachusetts to train those techniques to law enforcement officers. This course is designed to help law enforcement to detect hostile surveillance.

**RENDEZVOUZ:** Commodore Neal Caten spoke on behalf of Director, P.C. Russell Hoy, who is our fleet captain. He mentioned the following:

- The Summer Rendezvous will be held at Wessagussett Yacht Club on August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The theme is Hawaiian Tiki Party. There will be first, second and third prizes for the best Hawaiian outfit.
- The tickets will be \$60.00 per person, which includes a welcome drink, lunch and dinner on Saturday, entertainment and a continental breakfast on Sunday. Those wanting to arrive on Friday may do so, but let Russ know in advance.
- The menu will be hamburgers and hotdogs, watermelon and chowder for lunch and steak, chicken or lobster, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, and a dessert for dinner and a continental breakfast for Sunday.
- For early arrivals on Friday, entertainment will be provided with food available to purchase and also available for breakfast on Saturday.
- The flier and sign-up sheet are on our website under Social, plus, both have been mailed to all the member clubs and delegates.
- More details to follow.....

**SIGN UP EARLY – SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS FANTASTIC WEEKEND**

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** R.C. Phil Greenstein stated the following:

- *Deadline for submissions is April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*
- *Recipients will be announced at our April 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting, held at Orient Heights Yacht Club.*
- *Scholarship raffle tickets are available for \$10.00 per ticket for a chance to win a 10 ½ foot inflatable.*
- *Only 250 tickets will be sold.*
- *You also may take a packet or packets of 10 to sell to friends at home or your yacht club.*
- *Drawing will be held at our Summer Rendezvous on August 20<sup>th</sup> and you do not have to be present to win.*

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

- *He will have a review on the electronic LED flares.*
- *Department of Marine Fisheries material will be available as soon as we can get it.*

**ATTENDANCE:** 18 clubs, 29 delegates and 1 alternate were in attendance.

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

- *Yearbook submissions must be submitted by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*
- *The Club of the Year will be announced at our April 28<sup>th</sup>, general meeting held at Orient Heights Yacht Club.*
- *2023 MBYCA Yearbook will be available for pick up at our June 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting held at Port Norfolk Yacht Club.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- *2023 Audit Committee comprised of Tom Pappa from Chelsea Yacht Club, Peter Rancourt from Fox Hill Yacht Club and Frank Pisano from Watertown Yacht Club stated that the 2022 financials were in very good order.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Lipton Cup will be July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 this year. Love to see more clubs come and participate, especially from the north shore.*
- *There is an Indian sloop, hull #5, built by members of the Squantum Yacht Club for sale. It is the oldest Indian Sloop still functional. More information will be mailed to our clubs and delegates as well as have it on our website under Links of Interest.*
- *Delegate Frank Hart stated: The Lipton Cup was originally raced in 1930 in Indians. That's the boat that was raced for the Lipton Cup that was first given away for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Boston in 1930.*

- *Delegate Brian McMahon, from Jubilee wanted to thank MBYCA for their help in doing a Club Management Research Study about 6 months ago. With the help of MBYCA Jubilee was able to get many Commodores and Past Commodores of MBYCA clubs and asked questions on how the clubs were run, such as do they have Club Managers, membership numbers and retention and how to get members more involved and to become leaders. Jubilee finalized this report to their members, and it was well received. Brian wanted to thank MBYCA for all their help in making this report more valuable.*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Orient Heights Yacht Club**

**Guest Speaker: *David Winkler -SeaTow***

***(at this meeting you may renew or newly join SeaTow)***

**50/50:** *was won by delegate Tim White from East Boston Yacht Club*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** *was made at 8:50 pm. It was seconded and passed.*

*Respectfully submitted by,*

*P.C. Cheryl Chisholm  
Secretary/ MBYCA*