



Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association, Inc.

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2019
(Watertown Yacht Club)

The November 22, 2019 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at the Watertown Yacht Club, 425 Charles River Road, Watertown, MA 02471.

Our Commodore, Paul Dubiel called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

Our host, Commodore Peter Graham welcomed us all. He thanked MBYCA for all their hard work and support of the yacht clubs and invited all to Watertown Yacht Club during the summer months. He hoped we enjoyed the food and the night.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegate packet. What was included follows:

- Minutes of the October 25th, 2019 general meeting
- NOAA Invites Comments on Ending Production of Traditional paper Nautical Charts
- 2020 Scholarship application – **(PLEASE POST)** - also on the website
- 2020 Delegate/Alternate sheet - also on the website
- A dangerous precedent: Public access to Boston's waterfront - HB.833
- North Washington Street bridge work update (on website under Links of Interest) (4 charts with dates on all work being done 10/25 to 12/05)
- MarineMax becomes a provider for BoatUs Marine Insurance
- We need Congress to help protect boaters from E15
- Owner mooring email:
- Question from Paul Melanson of American Yacht Club: Are Yacht Club members, who own their own moorings, required to carry \$500,000 liability insurance?
- Mass Environmental Trust: Striped Bass Conservation license plate information **(PLEASE POST)**

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 \$12,659.47 as of the 22nd of November 2019. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and passed.

*"BOATERS ARE VOTERS"
"THE VOICE OF OVER FIFTY THOUSAND BOATING FAMILIES"*

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: All officers and board members were present with the exception of P.C. William Scanlon and P.C. Russell Hoy who were excused.

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

Paul Kirschen, PhD

and

Installation of MBYCA 2020 Officers and Board members

It was seconded and passed.

Paul Kirschen, PhD information:

Professor of Climate Adaptation, UMass Boston, School for the Environment

Area of expertise: Water Resources Engineering and Management, Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, Climate Change Adaption Planning

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS for 2020

Commodore Carolyn Bargoot – Watertown Yacht Club

Vice Commodore Jack Swanson – Squantum Yacht Club

Rear Commodore P.C. Neal Caten – Winter Hill Yacht Club

Secretary P.C. Cheryl Chisholm

Treasurer P.C. Ted Chisholm

Directors

Ex-Officio P.C. Paul Dubiel

P.C. Peter Caten

P.C. Peter Gilson

P.C. Russell Hoy (absent)

P. C. William Scanlon (absent)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- **USCG**

*The CG is performing a 5-year update of contingency plans for the Boston area, to include flooding and wind impact to the coast and harbor islands.

*Plans are underway to seek funds for a Chelsea River widening engineering study. The plan would be to increase the channel width by 50 feet or more to accommodate larger vessels.

*The barge 200 removal is on hold due to ongoing activity to remove the GOLDEN RAY off the Georgia coast. The contractor, DonJon, does not have enough equipment to perform simultaneous salvage operations. Specialized equipment is limited on the East Coast which emphasizes concern for possible future incidents.

*The CG has accepted handheld X-ray backscatter equipment to facilitate less destructive drug and other contraband inspections of vessels during boarding's. This equipment was initially validated during a recent security exercise.

- * **MASSPORT**

*Massport has received \$20 million in funding from the DOT for constructing a dedicated bypass road between the Haul Road and Conley Terminal. This funding, together with \$9 million from the state and \$35 million from Massport, will be used to perform the project.

*Massport is studying flooding barrier options as a solution for handling increased flooding and increasing wind impacts on shipping in the harbor.

- * **MBHSC**

*The next MBHSC managing board meeting will be held in January. Please submit any topics of concern for discussion at that meeting.

- * **NOAA**

*NOAA is soliciting comments on its plan to sunset (eliminate) paper charts. Comments May be submitted to: <https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist>

LEGISLATION: Attorney Mike Spillane spoke on a bill H.833 regarding Central Wharf condominium association that owns the entire structure in Boston harbor, trying to skirt the law. The bill would roll back the public rights to access waterfront areas. A Massachusetts law called the Public Waterfront Act (commonly referred to as Chapter 91, enshrines our collective right to access waterfront areas. The law requires developers and property owners to agree to certain public benefits in exchange for being allowed to build on tidelands

Make a call to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, and tell them to kill H.833 before it rolls back protections for our waterfront.

<https://malegislature.gov/Committee/Detail/J21> Senate: 617-722-1750/House: 617-722-2210

ATTENDANCE: P.C. Neal Caten reported 25 delegates, 5 alternates and 15 clubs were in attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS: V.C. Jack Swanson wanted to thank all who contributed to the Scholarship Fund which included the Scholarship Raffle.

SAFE BOATING: P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the David Hanson Bill. This bill is to make it mandatory to take a boating education safety course on seamanship.

COMMODORE'S REPORT: Commodore Carolyn Bargoot wanted to thank Watertown Yacht Club for hosting this evening and for all their support to MBYCA. She thanked P.C. Paul Dubiel and MBYCA officers and she is looking to expand new yacht club membership with the help of V.C. Jack Swanson as her chair. She is also looking forward to having P.C. Russell Hoy chair the Rendezvous for 2020 and P.C. Neal Caten to chair the Scholarship Fund. She wished all a safe and memorable holiday and looks forward to being together for her year as Commodore beginning in January of 2020.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- P.C. Ted Chisholm spoke on the inquiry email from delegate Paul Melanson from American Yacht Club. The question: Are yacht club members from MBYCA, who own their own moorings, required to carry \$500,00 liability insurance? To respond, please email Paul at: pjm1000@comcast.net or call: 603-767-8544
- P.C. Paul Dubiel thanked P.C. Peder Acres for taking on the newly formed Membership Committee and for staying on as Commodore for an extra year. He congratulated him on his new marriage and upcoming retirement!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: January 24th, 2020 at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club, 100 Constitution Way, Medford, MA 02155

50/50: \$75.00 was won by Madeline Healey

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:15 pm. It was seconded and passed

Respectfully submitted by:



P.C. Cheryl Chisholm/Secretary- MBYCA