

MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 1st, 2019

(Braintree Yacht Club)

The February 22nd, 2019 general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating & Yacht Clubs Association Inc. was held on March 1st, 2019 at Braintree Yacht Club, 9 Gordon Road, Braintree, MA 02184.

Commodore Paul Dubiel called the meeting to order at 8:00pm.

Our host, Commodore Michael D'Arrigo welcomed us all and introduced his bridge, Vice Commodore, Frank Heron, Rear Commodore, Jack Collins, Treasurer, Paul Cavallaro and Secretary, Ken Luoni. Also, Commodore D'Arrigo acknowledged his Past Commodores that were in the audience.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND BOARD: All Officers and Board were present with the exception of P.C. Russell Hoy, who was excused.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm reported on the contents of each delegate's packet as follows:

- Minutes of the January 25th, 2019 general meeting.
- National Boating Federation February 2019 bulletin
- 2019 Scholarship application
- 2019 Delegate/Alternate sheet
- Boating Skills & Seamanship Class – Metropolitan Yacht Club – Begins March 3rd, 2019
- Why do Boaters Wave at Each other?
- For Sale: 21' 1994 Alcar Environmental Pump Out Boat
- Snowflake Regatta – Saturday, March 16th, 2019
- Summer SAILstice – Global Celebration of Sailing
- Three Camp Pals fliers
- Updated 2019 general meeting schedule

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 \$13,951.01 as of January 31st, 2019. The Financial 2018 Report was sent to the Audit Committee for review. A copy of this report will be available to any Commodore of a MBYCA member yacht club in good standing upon request.

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

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

Directors: *Shelby Jones and Domenic Dipersia and Christina Paccadolmi*

Contact Information: www.palsprograms.org

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- **USCG:** (U.S. Coast Guard)

Due to the partial government shutdown, Industry Day is being rescheduled for late in March. Everyone is welcome to attend. An announcement will follow soon.

The dredge 200, which sunk outside of the North Channel entrance while being towed to a Hingham project, remains in position and remains clear of a local pipeline. The ACOE is coordinating with the barge owner on a removal schedule and the CG has formally deemed the barge a hazard to navigation. Removal will require 3-5 days of absolutely flat water, as divers working in 90 feet of water, attach lifting cables, etc. Removal could be in one to two months or later this fall. Meantime, the Boston Pilots are maneuvering around the marked barge area.

The McArticle bridge (Alford Street) repair is on schedule for completion by the end of April. Note that another two months will be required to paint the structure, which will involve scheduling movement of work barges and recreational vessels. The CG plans on issuing periodic updates to minimize impact on boaters.

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

The annual MBHSC meeting will be held on April 4th, 2019 at Flynn Cruiseport Terminal from 10:00 am to Noon. Subject will include: dredging status, Dredge 200 status, Captain Bill McHugh, Salem Harbormaster briefing on the status of improvements to their port area and Bowditch Ledge replacement, seaplane status, CG marijuana enforcement and the Plymouth 400th anniversary.

Please contact the MBHSC with any other subjects of interest or P.C. Peter Gilson (petegilson@aol.com)

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

Approximately 3.6 million cubic yards, or about 33% of the total. Have been removed to date. The project is on schedule for completion by October 2021. The ACOE and Eversource have agreed to postpone blasting the ledge area until the end of November 2019. This will ensure safe completion of Eversource's new cable pulling between South Boston and Deer Island.

- **PAUL MILONE:**

There will be a three-day boating class (FREE !!!!!) held at Wessagussett Yacht Club: March 2nd, March 9th and March 16th from 9:00 am until Noon

Contact: Paul Milone @ 781-682-6109

or

Mass Environmental Police on their website

800-632-8075

- **BOSTON HARBOR STORM SURGE WORKING GROUP:**

Bill Golden of two Boston Lightships and the filer of the suit to clean up Boston Harbor, briefed on efforts to generate mitigation plans for sea level rise and storm surge, a 3-6-foot wall along the waterfront could handle simple sea level rise, while unpredictable storm surge will be the most devastating. It appears that a Sea Gate System between Hull and Winthrop is the best option. This would allow sealing off the

storm surge by closing the gate(s) at low tide. The emptying of the Charles, Mystic, Fore rivers, etc. into the harbor would not come close to filling the waterfront area.

Bill is looking for more groups to support their efforts.

He can be reached at: wgolden@nichiusa.org.

YEARBOOK: *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm thanked all who picked up their club's packets. Also, anyone who will be 100% boosted in the yearbook will have the booster tickets mailed separately after Cheryl has received all material. Many clubs come in 100% and never send in the booster raffle tickets. Therefore, to reduce waste of time and paper, club's will be mailed their booster raffle tickets to bring to the June general meeting for the drawing.*

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

- *There is an event, A Revolutionary Harbor: Boston Harbor's Resiliency, being held on Monday, March 25th at 5:45pm sponsored by Boston Harbor and the National Parks of Boston. This event is free, and one can sign up on their website and it is also found on MBYCA's Facebook site.*
- *Boston Harbor Now and moorings – have permits for 103 and are asking for 15 more for Spectacle alone, which brings it to 118 moorings. DOCKWA has been hired to take care of and control reservations.*
- *An article by Boston Harbor Now stated "BHN and MBYCA have long advocated for the mooring approval by planning its support to DCR, the Army Corps of Engineers, MASSDOT and the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management. "*
- *Pending House bills relevant to recreational boaters:
HB 734 – Act relative to abandoned vessels on DCR property
HB 740 – Act authorizing and directing the Director of the Division of Waterways to dredge the harbor area surrounding Hough's Neck in the city of Quincy
HB 741 – Act expanding pleasure boat access to Boston Harbor, represented by Representative Tackey Chan
HB 742 – Act relative to DCR yacht club fees reflecting waterway access, represented by Tackey Chan*

COAST GUARD:

- *In your packet, a class entitled Boating Skills and Seamanship being held at Metropolitan Yacht Club on March 3rd, 2019. Contact information is included on that sheet.*

RENDEZVOUS:

- **Held at Wessagussett Yacht Club**
- *August 10th and 11th – sign up early – space is limited*
- *\$50.00 per person – includes: Saturday lunch and dinner and dancing and Sunday breakfast*
- *Saturday evening dinner: choice of Steak – Lobster – Chicken*
- *Prize for "Best 1919 Costume" – 1st – 2nd and 3rd prizes during dinner*

ATTENDANCE: R.C. Jack Swanson reported 15 clubs, 31 delegates and 15 alternates were in attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS: R.C. Jack Swanson states:

- Deadline for submission is April 8th, 2019
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at our April 26th, 2019 general meeting held at Old Colony Yacht Club.
- These scholarships are awarded to a son or daughter or grand child of a member of a yacht club in good standing with MBYCA, who is attending a maritime institution or taking a maritime related curriculum as an incoming freshman or an upper classman in September 2019 and who has not previously received said scholarship.
- Raffle tickets:
 - *Only 250 being sold at \$10.00 per ticket
 - *Two prizes: 9.5-foot coastal inflatable and two (2) kayaks (sold as a pair)
 - *Please take a packet of 10 to sell at your club to help us sell all 250

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

As a result of shark attacks.....

- *Call boxes on Beaches
- *Shark recognition buoy
- *Four wheelers to get onto the beaches
- * Tourniquet training

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Audit Committee: Chairman: Tom Stevens, Craig Spear and Paul Luzinski have received the 2018 Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

QUESTION: *Has any club that discontinued their launch service had any negative or unforeseen problems because the launch was discontinued?*

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, March 22nd, 2019 at Jubilee Yacht Club

127 Water Street

Beverly, MA

Guest Speakers: Keegan Whitehair – SAIL/Salem

Barbara Miele – West Marine

50/50: \$80.00 was won by Roberta from Braintree Yacht Club

MOTION TO ADJOURN: was made at 9:05 p.m. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

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