

**NEW JERSEY BOAT REGULATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**October 26, 2022**  
**Raritan Yacht Club**  
**160 Water Street**  
**Perth Amboy, NJ 08861**

**I. ROLL CALL: MEMBERS PRESENT**

Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr.  
Christopher Wozniak  
Philip Weisbecker Jr.  
Bruce Strigh  
Roland Gehweiler Jr.  
Leonard Mangiaracina  
Shaun Blick

**STAFF**

DAG Kevin Dronson	Office of the Attorney General
Sergeant Robert Frake	NJSP, Marine Services Bureau

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT (OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW)**

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr., at which time he also announced that this meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, known as the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, various news media outlets via the New Jersey State Police Public Information Unit, the New Jersey State Police website, and posting at State Police Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ.

**III. MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING**

Minutes from the September 2022 Boat Regulation Commission Meeting were approved.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Mechanically Propelled Personal Hydrofoils (EFOILS) and Motorized Surfboards (JETBOARDS)**

Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. mentioned that this was discussed at the last

meeting. Bruce Strigh acknowledged United States Coast Guard research which had been provided by Sgt. Robert Frake, and stated that further review of these USCG documents will be helpful for proposing regulations on this matter. Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. considered that they should be labeled as vessels, and referred to the August 26, 2022 United States Coast Guard Policy Letter 01-22. He stated that New Jersey Title 12:7-62 defines a Personal Watercraft and advised that the Commission needs to further research this topic to see where Hydrofoils and powered Surfboards would fit. Bruce Strigh concurred that the information gathered would need to be digested. Roland Gehweiler Jr. queried if these watercraft would need to be registered and have numbers assigned by the Motor Vehicle Commission. Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. and Bruce Strigh discussed how the US Coast Guard documentation might be used as a guide to create New Jersey Regulations for these watercraft, while also mentioning the need for consistency with the USCG rules. Both Roland Gehweiler Jr. and Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. mentioned the lack of navigation lights on these watercraft, while also discussing how they can reach speeds of 35 miles per hour on the water. Shaun Blick questioned whether or not the Boat Regulation Commission has the authority to decide whether or not these watercraft would need to be registered with the State. Philip Weisbecker Jr. advised that they could suggest that they be registered. Bruce Strigh commented that if these watercraft are included under the existing category of Personal Watercraft then they would need to be registered.

Lieutenant Christopher Jones, the New Jersey State Police Boating Law Administrator (BLA), suggested the Commission's role with safety related issues for the eFoils, and also indicated that the New Jersey State Police could work with the Motor Vehicle Commission as it pertains to registration matters. Bruce Strigh also mentioned the involved safety equipment to be considered. Phil Weisbecker Jr. moved to table the issue pending further research. Lieutenant Christopher Jones advised that once the United States Coast Guard puts their rules into COLREGS, we must match that CFR. Sgt. Robert Frake queried about the USCG time frame for finishing the COLREGS, and Lieutenant Christopher Jones advised this is undetermined and unknown at this time. Christopher Wozniak seconded the motion to table the issue for now.

- **Vessel Registration and the Motor Vehicle Commission**

Sgt. Robert Frake advised that no mechanism currently exists within the MVC for memorializing the sale of a vessel via receipt or documented proof. Sgt. Frake advised that meetings with the Motor Vehicle Commission are ongoing in hopes of resolving this concern.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **BRC@njsp.org Email Communications Inbox Report**  
Sgt. Robert Frake provided an update regarding the Commission’s email inbox, and advised it was negative for relevant comments or questions for the Commission.
- **Clarification N.J.A.C. 13:82-1.4 regarding Exemptions (d) to apply to (f)**  
Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. read this portion aloud while Sgt. Robert Frake explained to attendees the verbiage of the proposed Exemptions. Phil Weisbecker Jr. motioned to acknowledge the Exemptions as written while Bruce Strigh seconded the motion. Sgt. Frake advised that 13:82 remains under review by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.
- **Approval of the 2023 Boat Regulation Commission Meeting Schedule**  
Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. addressed the topic of the 2023 Boat Regulation Commission schedule, and mentions the two new locations, both of which were secured and confirmed by Sgt. Robert Frake. Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. read aloud the following list of venues, which Bruce Strigh moved to Approve. Phil Weisbecker Jr. seconded that motion. Lieutenant Christopher Jones, the New Jersey State Police Boating Law Administrator (BLA), advised that parking would not be a problem for the January meeting in Camden. The Approved 2023 Boat Regulation Commission Meeting Schedule is as follows:

January 11, 2023:  
Battleship New Jersey, Officers’ Wardroom  
100 Clinton Street  
Camden, NJ 08103  
(856) 966-1652

March 8, 2023:  
Ocean City Yacht Club  
100 Bay Road  
Ocean City, NJ 08226  
(609) 399-6600

May 10, 2023:  
Spray Beach Yacht Club  
23<sup>rd</sup> & Long Beach Blvd.

Beach Haven, NJ 08008  
(609) 492-6845

July 12, 2023:  
Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club  
75 North Bertrand Road  
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856  
(973) 929-9809

September 13, 2023:  
Toms River Yacht Club  
1464 Riviera Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08753  
(732) 929-9809

October 25, 2023:  
Liberty State Park Central Railroad of NJ Terminal Building  
1 Audrey Zapp Drive  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
(201) 915-0615

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Chris Windeler, United States Power Squadron:* states that he has a concern pertaining to MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identities) when a boat is sold, and the identity of the ownership as it pertains to changing the MMSI number. Bruce Strigh responded that he was pretty sure that the MMSI number needs to be regularly renewed but acknowledged that it was a good thought. Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. stated that it was a good point and further research would be warranted, while various members indicated agreement. Chris Windeler also followed up by stating that Boat US had dumped the MMSI issue onto the Power Squadron.

*Marty Kane, Lake Hopatcong Foundation:* Marty Kane stated that things are calming down on the lake although the water is coming up. He indicated certain issues require discussion regarding over use of the lake. Mr. Kane advised of a meeting to be held on November 15 between the NJSP and the Morris County Sheriff. He mentioned the 2200 homes on the lake involving four municipalities, noise ordinances, houseboats on the lake, the need for more pump out stations, and the fact that all four mayors are working with his foundation.

Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. mentioned a grant which supports pump out vessels.

Roland Gehweiler Jr. added that Ocean County has pump out boats, while Marty responded that he was not aware of this. Sgt. Robert Frake advised that there is a pump out boat based in Waretown at Key Harbor Marina. Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. mentioned that the grant is good for five years.

Roland Gehwiler Jr. revisited the topic of houseboats and inquired if they are powered, and also advised that down south in Kentucky and Tennessee there has been quite a bit of houseboat activity. Bruce Strigh mentioned the importance of knowing the laws with regard to the topic. Marty Kane responded that certain municipalities are creating ordinances for the houseboats. Phil Weisbecker Jr. queried to Mr. Kane whether or not the D.E.P. was involved, to which Mr. Kane answered to the affirmative. Marty Kane expressed the desire for further guidance on the topic. Sgt. Frake advised he would obtain pump out boat contacts in order to provide to Mr. Kane after the meeting.

**VII. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. expressed his appreciation to the providers of the facility.

**VIII. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Acting Chairperson Ed Harrison Jr. indicated the following topics for discussion at the next meeting: eFoil surfboards and the houseboat conversation.

The Agenda for the next meeting will be posted and filed with the Secretary of State, various news media outlets via the New Jersey State Police Public Information Unit, the New Jersey State Police website, and at State Police Headquarters, West Trenton, NJ.

**IX. DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next Boat Regulation Commission meeting is posted publicly on the New Jersey State Police website, [www.njsp.org](http://www.njsp.org), under Public Information, Marine Services, New Jersey Boat Regulation Commission Annual Schedule of Meetings. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00AM, Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at the Battleship New Jersey Officers' Wardroom, 100 Clinton Street, Camden, NJ, 08103.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned via motion by Bruce Strigh. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Roland Gehweiler Jr.