

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB NEWSLETTER

HARBORLIGHTS

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT
DAVE SCARNATI



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to MHYC and express my heartfelt thanks for being appointed Rear Commodore for the 2023 season. I have been a Full Member since 2014 and enjoy cruising the Lakes with Mary Ann on our sailing vessel Painkiller. The Club has reopened and will once again be offering food and beverage service to the Membership and their guests. Please reference the February Club Hours noted

within and come and share our warm friendly atmosphere as the winter season continues.

The January shut down allowed our staff to make necessary repairs to the kitchen area and elsewhere. The floor by the dishwasher was failing. All have been reinforced and repaired just in time for a new dishwasher unit to be installed. Additional maintenance was performed on the drainage system, so the Club is now ready to take on the full demand. The grounds have never looked better as Ron May and his staff continue to clean and organize the yard in addition to dock upgrades and repairs during the off season.

During the January closing, MHYC participated in the 2023 Boat Show where Steve Goczko - GM and John Schoenbeck - F & B Manager presented a great booth showcasing MHYC to the crowds. Steve and John along with a steady stream of member volunteers manned the booth for the four days with great results. Over 60 families expressed interest in the Club and were invited to our Open House the following week. My thanks go out to all that participated



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and especially to Brian Litra and others for organizing a fun Boat Show outing in the Flats.

As everyone knows, membership is the key to our success. With the Boat Show leads requiring follow up, we must continue to support our members and take every opportunity to promote our fine facilities. Having an up-to-date Roster is extremely valuable to all. A 2023 Roster Information Request will be sent very soon. ALL are asked to verify your information. If no changes are needed, just simply discard the request and your prior information will be used. Additionally, new Dock Contracts and Proof of Insurance for all boaters is mandatory prior to launch. It's best to keep your paperwork up to date as it protects both you and the Club.

Keep a steady eye out for the MHYC calendar of events which is growing. A trivia night is upcoming in February along with a boating safety seminar in March. The Cruising Fleet has organized additional events and as a reminder, anyone may join the Fleet including boaters and non-boaters alike. Skeet is in full swing with practice and shooting events scheduled through the end of March. Pickleballers are occasionally meeting offsite to keep in shape and will have a full season of events planned for 2023. Again, Pickleball is open to all members. Should you wish additional information on any events, or wish to join one or more of our ancillary activities, please contact the Club.

I look forward to being Rear Commodore and anxiously await the warmer weather to appear. Start thinking about your summer activities and plan to attend the many wonderful events both on the water and ashore at MHYC.

Best regards,

David Scarnati
Rear Commodore – MHYC

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**The House Committee was able finalize a number of ongoing projects during the month of January. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank Cecilia Duer for all her hard work and leadership over the past year, which truly facilitated the completion of these projects. Thank you Cecilia!**

- A section of the kitchen floor has been replaced and retiled which alleviates a safety concern. In addition a new dishwasher has been installed which will ensure all plates and flatware are cleaned and returned to service as quickly as possible.
- New Chaise lounges and umbrellas for the pool are on order and are expected to arrive well in advance of the pool opening. Lounges will have a white frame and a navy blue, fine mesh sling material. We are looking forward to putting them out on the pool deck!
- We have a new pool deck canopy on order and will have it up in time for Memorial Day. Our vendor will also be repairing some of the damaged components on the frame prior to putting the canopy up.
- A fresh coat of paint is being applied to the walls in our entrance way and down the hall that leads to the dining and fireplace room. We are covering the salmon color with an off-white color. It brightens things up nicely
- The roof has become a concern and the House Committee is in the process of addressing it. We will be using tiles made with composite technology. These tiles will stand up better to the high winds and inclement weather that Lake Erie throws at our clubhouse over the course of any given year. Given the magnitude of this project, we will be completing it in phases. The first phase, to be complete this spring will include the pitched roof over the fireplace room and may also include replacement of the flat roof over the bar. Timing is a factor in this decision, as we want this project to be completed before we enter the summer season.
- Spectrum has been out to replace some of the cables that connect to our TV's. The result is more reliable reception and a better picture. We will also be working on the Sonos music system shortly so we have music available for the lounge and dining areas.
- We have updated a few of our PC's that are used by our staff. Doing so has opened the door to updating our Jonas software. For those who are not aware, Jonas is the software we use for our club operations. From accounting to dinner reservations, Jonas keeps the club running. And once Jonas is updated, we will have the chance to consider a number of new capabilities from analyzing member dining preferences to better ways our staff can take your order.
- In the previous bullet item, I mention reservations. Please make dinner reservations. Our management team puts great effort into right-sizing the number of dining staff we have on hand in a given evening. If we have a large influx of unexpected members without reservations, our staff becomes overwhelmed and the likely result is a poor dining experience. Needless to say, this is something we all want to avoid. Of course there will be times when you want to drop in at the last minute and by all means our members are always welcome.

**If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at my email address: [scottgsavage@icloud.com](mailto:scottgsavage@icloud.com)**



Cruise Fleet is for power and sail cruising, year 'round activities and fun, tons of camaraderie and friendship, and so much more!

The Mission of MHYC's Cruise Fleet is to promote the use of our boats for the exploration and enjoyment of destinations on and around the water. Our Fleet will provide opportunities for adventure, companionship, and education. We will encourage and assist each other, and boaters of all levels, who own boats of all types and sizes, to leave their home port, and experience Life at Sea.

Have your boat at MHYC...but haven't thought about joining Cruise Fleet before? Thinking about boat ownership...but not sure yet? Being part of Cruise Fleet means you can join us for a just a few, or many of our events. You can get to know boaters of all experience levels, and owners of all boat types, who can help with advice and support! Here's just one example of how fleet members encourage and help each other...

We were pretty much new to sailing when we bought our Catalina 309 sailboat in 2016. As we got to know members of Cruise Fleet, we noticed such a sense of community. Though we were a bit intimidated due to our lack of experience, we decided to join, and it was one of the best decisions. We've made many wonderful friends, become better sailors, and gained comfort in venturing from our home harbor, thanks to encouragement and advice from our fleet friends. On one of our cruises, to Rock'n Dock, we had a mishap not far off-shore from downtown Cleveland, and as the last ones in, arrived at our dock, quite frazzled and with a damaged pedestal. Everyone was waiting at our dock to help guide us in and tie us up, I was immediately greeted with a (much needed!) glass of wine, and Tom instantly had many helpers who aided in troubleshooting and making a temporary repair to our pedestal, We were able to enjoy ourselves with everyone, sail back after our weekend, and what could have been a stressful and costly situation became manageable thanks to the help of our fellow cruisers! Talk about fulfilling our Cruise Fleet Mission!! ...Tom and Harriet Holleran

Whether you already own a boat, or are considering it, if you love boating or just being on the water, Cruise Fleet is for you! Dues are only \$50 per year. If you'd like to join, please text or email Harriet at 216-410-7164, haholleran@me.com.

Cheers...To Cruising!  
Harriet & Tom Holleran  
2023 Fleet Captains



CRUISE FLEET CONTINUED.....

# CRUISE FLEET EVENTS 2022

**JANUARY 28-30: ELICOTTVILLE SKI WEEKEND - BRIAN & ANGELA KECK**  
**FEBRUARY 24: TRIVIA NIGHT - KAREN SACKETT-RAMPE & RICHARD SPINE**  
**MARCH 4: CREW TRAINING/SAFETY DAY - CECILIA DUER & BRIAN LAKE**  
**MARCH 5: PEEK'N PEAK SKI DAY - LEE & KATHLEEN HOMYOCK**  
**MARCH 31: COOKING SCHOOL AT PAGANINI'S - ED & AMY VADAKIN**  
**APRIL 15: CREW TRAINING PLUS SHOPPING & LUNCH - JON & CHUCK DUER**  
**MAY 13: FITTING OUT/BURN THE SOCKS - CINDY GUEST & AMY VADAKIN**  
**JUNE 2-4: GENEVA SHAKEDOWN CRUISE - DAVE SCARNATI & MARY ANN PEACE**  
**JUNE 16-18: FATHER'S DAY CRUISE - DON HUDAK**  
**JULY 4: CRUISE FLEET POTLUCK PICNIC - CINDY GUEST & JANIS GALLAGHER**  
**JULY 21-23: ROCK'N DOCK CRUISE - ED & CINDY GUEST**  
**JULY 30: DINGHY DRAG - JANIS GALLAGHER, DAVE SCARNATI & MARY ANN PEACE**  
**AUGUST 6: EAST BEACH POTLUCK - KAREN SACKETT-RAMPE & CINDY GUEST**  
**AUGUST 14-20: EASTERN/WESTERN LONG CRUISE - KELLEY & WALT PAYERL**  
**SEPTEMBER 15-17: WHERE THE WINDS BLOW CRUISE - HARRIET & TOM HOLLERAN**  
**SEPTEMBER 30: GOLF OUTING - KAREN SACKETT-RAMPE**  
**OCTOBER 12 -15: ANNAPOLIS BOAT SHOW**  
**OCTOBER 22: CLAMBAKE & SEAFOOD BOIL - ED & AMY VADAKIN**  
**NOVEMBER 12: CRUISE FLEET BANQUET - HARRIET & TOM HOLLERAN**





**A Cruise Fleet Evening at the  
Loretta Paganini Cooking School  
Friday, March 31  
6PM - 9PM**

**ICASI (International Culinary Arts & Sciences Institute)  
8700 Mayfield Road, Chesterland  
\$100 per person**

This is a private event for our group. Guests bring their own beverages...wine, beer, soft drinks...no hard liquor. Everything else is provided.

Our menu is still in progress but will focus around a cruising theme... easy and delicious boat meals, stove top dishes, and ones that lend themselves to preparing ahead.

Questions: contact Cruisemaster Ed Vadakin at 440-796-2105, or [evadakin@progage.com](mailto:evadakin@progage.com). Payment must be received in advance not later than Wednesday, March 22, to reserve your spot. Venmo to @Ed-Vadakin or mail a check to: 9819 Cutts Rd., Chardon, 44024



# SAFETY DAY MARCH 4TH, 2023

**Mentor Harbor Yachting  
Club Safety at the Harbor  
Day  
Saturday March 4, 2023  
10:00 am / FREE Admission**

Bring the family and the 'crew' for a fun Saturday to beat the winter blues and warm up by thinking all things boating! Cecilia Duer, Brian Lake and Christian Lim, representatives of the USCG, first responders, ice divers, and Executive Producers of the Cold Water Boot Camp USA and The Three R's (Rescue, Recover and Re-warm) will be on hand to share their expertise with all attendees.



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- \* The new local, state, federal laws for 2023 and how they affect everyone on board
- \* Drinking and Boating / It does affect everyone
- \* Life Jacket demos ... buy the best, WEAR the best
- \* Safety Equipment / It's not just about what is required
- \* Cold Water immersion prevention and 'Rescue, Recover, Re-warm'

Dress for a safer day on the water

\* Flare demos. Hands on. (Please bring any expired flares, any type, and, weather permitting, you will be able to ignite and utilize those flares under the direct supervision of professional first responders) If you do not have your own expired flares we will be providing as many as possible.

\* And, any topic you would like to discuss ... PLENTY of time for questions and answers!

Please let Cecilia Duer know if you can attend, by February 27th so we can plan for materials and handouts. [Director@SpiritofAmerica95.org](mailto:Director@SpiritofAmerica95.org)

Stay for lunch if you wish too ... reservations for lunch at the club will be on your own so please be sure to contact [reservations@mhyc.us](mailto:reservations@mhyc.us) or call the club at (440) 257-7214

Hoping to see you all on March 4th





# Message from the Commodore



Please join us for our first  
Commodore's Coffee of 2023.

March 19, 2023 at 11am.

Commodore Ken Balogh and Flag Line will  
present a Mid-Year review of Club Operations,  
Financials, Opportunities, and Challenges





COMING UP



17 MARCH

*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

Irish Themed  
Drinks & Dinner  
Specials

5pm - 9pm

Reservations:  
[reservations@mhyc.us](mailto:reservations@mhyc.us)



# FEBRUARY HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY & TUESDAY  
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY  
5PM – 8PM

THURSDAY, FRIDAY,  
& SATURDAY  
5PM – 9PM

SUNDAY  
12PM – 4PM





I'd like to start off by wishing you and your families a Happy New Year. We finished last year strong with a great holiday season and look to keep the momentum going into 2023. Even though we were closed for the month of January, there's been a lot going on here at MHYC.

As most of you are aware Chef Alex has moved on from Mentor Harbor. In the interim, Nik Wynn will be working with our most tenured employee Matthew Hope to ensure this transition period has little impact on the memberships dining experience. I've had the pleasure of working with Nik periodically for over fifteen years. Nik has a deep passion for the Culinary Arts and has an extensive background in clubs and instructional cooking. Nik has already begun working with John Schoenbeck to create dynamic food and wine pairings to make Saturday night dinners more appealing. With Nik having a full time job during the day and Matt flying solo for now, we will unfortunately have to suspend lunch service on Fridays and Saturdays for the month of February. This is only temporary and we appreciate your understanding.

With the club currently having multiple key roles open, the goal is to fill these positions with professional, energetic individuals that want and deserve to be a part of Mentor Harbor. I am proud to announce that we have filled the position of Sous Chef. Natalina Musacchio will begin her career here at MHYC on February 22nd. Natalina has had a passion for cooking her whole life. Growing up in an Italian family, Natalina was taught the importance of how to use food to bring people together. We look forward to her bringing this same philosophy to Mentor Harbor.

Being closed for the month of January also gave us the opportunity to make some aesthetic improvements around the clubhouse. Ron May and his team have been busy painting, deep cleaning, and replacing fixtures. These improvements have given the club a cleaner appearance and feel when you walk through. We will continue these efforts inside the clubhouse until it is time to move our focus to the docks and club grounds to prepare them for season.

Lastly, thank you to everyone that participated in the Boat Show and Open House weekends. The teamwork displayed by the membership and staff lead to over seventy leads. This translated into twenty families attending our open house and five of those joining. We'd appreciate the same efforts at our open house in April.

Thank you for your continued support of Mentor Harbor and I look forward to seeing you at the club soon!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Goczko" in a cursive, flowing script.

Steve Goczko  
General Manager

