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MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB NEWSLETTER
HARBOR LIGHTS

**COMMODORE'S REPORT
KENNETH BALOGH**



First and foremost, thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me as your 2023 Commodore. I am proud and honored to serve the membership in this capacity. I am equally confident in our 2023 Board of Directors, Committee Chairman, and committee members that are helping to bring about great things and their ongoing efforts to our club. As I have said before, there are many challenges, but I assure you that if we stay the course with a steady hand and a disciplined approach, we will emerge at the desired destination.

As you have no doubt noticed, the board and management have been busy over the winter working to freshen up the clubhouse. Thanks to Ron, Joe, and Zach for their efforts in the clubhouse with some new paint and lighting. We also had all the carpets cleaned throughout and turned out very nice. Equally we have some new faces around the club and welcome Nik Winnyk and Burak Albasar to our staff.

Here we are again, April knocking on the door and the Cleveland Home Opener right around the corner. Thankfully it has been a mild winter with a few snow events in the mix.

As we near spring, our calendars are quickly filling up. The Chili Cook Off and St. Patrick's Day got the club off to a great start. Thank you to all that braved the early morning snow storm to participate in our first Commodore's Coffee of the year. We appreciate the great attendance and feedback. For those of you that were unable to attend, the power point presentation reviewed that day will be available in the member's only section of our website in the coming days. On April 1st we have the Adult Easter Party, April 9th is the Easter Brunch, April 22nd is the MHYC Disco Party you won't want to miss, and then finally, the Channel Opening party on April 28th.

If you haven't been to the MHYC Channel Opening Party, you won't want to miss it this year. It's just such an exciting time of year for all our members as we welcome the thought of finally getting the boat in the water after a long winter break and get back to the summer activity we all love. Channel Opening is also the time that we take to recognize all our New Members and invite them to join in on all the festivities the club and summer have to offer here at MHYC.

Finally, as we muster all our 2023 committees and their chairs I would be remiss not to thank everyone for their dedication and commitment to MHYC. This is what makes our club the best around. It is your willingness to get involved and help to make MHYC the club we want it to be!

35 Days to Channel Opening, but who's counting!!

Suiteness!

Commodore
Kenneth Balogh



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



JOHN & TINA MIESS



MARIO INNOCENZI & TAMI TAY



MATHEUS & ALINE BULHO





GREGORY & KATHRINE
CHEMNITZ



JOHN & ALYSSA PATKA



DOUGLAS & JULIA HARDMAN



THE LONG CRUISE CONTINUES

This March I celebrate two important events in my life. 70 years ago on March 4, 1953 I departed from the Terminal for the United States Navy. Even More important that week I submitted my application to be a Member of Mentor Harbor Yachting Club. I have written previously about why I joined when I knew that I would be gone for FOUR YEARS. The answer of course is the RECIPROCITY. During my years on the MHYC Junior Sailing Team, I had learned that we are welcome at yacht clubs all over the Great Lakes. The same is true all over the world and I made good use of it during my Navy years and ever since. I have visited over 100 yacht clubs in the past 70 years. Some of them great, but none as great as MHYC.

In November 2010 Sheila and I visited the Royal Oak Yacht Club in Ireland. It is the world's oldest, founded in 1720. We were guests of my friend Don Street, author of several books about Cruising in the Caribbean who lives in Glandore, Ireland. We left a Mentor burgee to add to the clubs collection. In their gallery of pictures of former Commodores, early ones are depicted in oil paintings and are mounted on horseback!

I have a trove of wonderful memories of these 70 years. I sailed a total of six boats at the club. JULIA B, MERDEKA, TORTUE, EIGHT BALL, HIYAKU, and LEPRECHAUN. All were great fun and now we continue to enjoy the shore side activities of the club on a weekly basis.

The best thing about the club has always been the wonderful people, both the members and the staff. I have my great parents to thank for first bringing me here to sail on board FALCON II in June 1944, and encouraging my development as a sailor and a person.

I look forward to more years here and treasure the memories of this wonderful club.

Warren M. "Pat" Black
MHYC Historian



Hello Pickleballers,

Looking forward to warmer weather and getting out on "The Courts".

Please have a look at the schedule below and save the dates!

Anyone wanting to learn and join the fun, please contact Kelley at 440-279-3376.

All welcome!

Fleet dues are the same as last year - \$75 individual, \$100 family. Last year's members, please let me know if you want to opt out this year (no way!).

Scheduled Round Robins/Tourneys

10:30-12noon Beginner/Novice

1:45-3:45 Intermediate/Advanced

Sunday April 23 Bunny Hop

Saturday May 13 Fitting Out party

Sunday June 4 Doubles Partners RR

Sunday June 25 White Party recovery

Sunday Aug 6 (Pre cruise pot-luck)

Sunday Sept 3 Labor Day weekend

Sunday Oct 1 Club Championships

Regular Drop-in Open Play:

Mondays/Wednesdays

9-11am

Tuesdays/Fridays

5:30-8pm

Wednesdays (doubles teams)

5:30-8pm

Sundays

10-12noon - beginners

1:45-3:45 - intermediate-advanced





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Pickleball Registration Form

Registration Year _____

Member Number _____

Member Name _____

Family Member Names _____

Please check your desired Pickleball Membership Level

Family Membership \$100.00 _____

Individual Membership \$75.00 _____

Additional Pickleball Charges/Donations _____

Please charge my member account for the above.

Member Signature

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CRUISE FLEET EVENTS 2023

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 HOMOYCK
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



MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB

**ADULT
EASTER
EGG HUNT**

APRIL 1, 2023



EGG HUNT AT 6:00 PM

RSVP BY 3/28

PRIZES FOR BEST EASTER HAT

EGGS FILLED WITH ADULT SURPRISES

Please Join Us To
reminisce and kick off



MHYC Summer Parties 2023

April 2, 2023

Slide Show & Dinner 6pm

Dinner \$35

Casual club attire





Mentor Harbor Yachting Club

EASTER BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2023

SUNDAY BEST ATTIRE

\$39 ADULTS \$16 KIDS

BRUNCH BUFFET 11AM - 3PM

EASTER BUNNY AND EGG HUNT 1PM

Kindly RSVP by April 5th



MENTOR HARBOR
YACHTING CLUB



DISCO PARTY

TIME TO PUT ON YOUR GLOW AND JOIN US

FEATURING DJ MARC

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

6 PM

DISCO
ATTIRE

DINNER
\$30

PRIZES

RSVP BY APRIL 15TH



With the clocks turning forward this month, it seem that spring has sprung and winter is coming to a close. It s been an interesting one to say the least. Now it's time to get focused on preparing for a great 2023 season at Mentor Harbor.

With a lot of help from Mother Nature, Ron May and his team have already begun working in the Harbor. As most of you already know, our docks took a beating this winter. With the lake not freezing and the strong winds, the dock connections were stressed and stretched to the brink. A few fingers even took a ride into the Lagoons. To combat this problem, Ron and his team have been reinforcing the bolts that hold the sections of the docks together to ensure they are securely connected. This will now be a common practice annually. The few docks that cannot be reconnected in house will be addressed in early April by outside contractors. While we have the contractors on property, we will also be replacing the dock post pvc covers that have slipped down into the harbor. We expect all this work to be completed by mid April.

Before we move on to a busy summer full of outdoor activities, there is still some unfinished business in the clubhouse. As we approach the one year anniversary of our last Queen of Hearts winner, the Queen lives on! The pot is now over \$35,000. Thank you all so much for coming out and supporting the club on Thursdays, the winter months are tough on private clubs. We also appreciate your patience on these nights when your food takes a little longer than usual. In the winter our staffing dwindles down to only seven hourly Food & Beverage employees. In the past, the club has chosen to offer a buffet to handle extremely busy nights. After a buffet filled summer last year due to the staffing challenges, our team would rather give their all then go back to a buffet. However, until we have a winner, we will now be offering a more condensed menu with efficient specials to make your experience more enjoyable. Also, please keep in mind that if you have an early reservation it's in your best interest to order in a timely manner. Two weeks ago we fed around one hundred people in a little less than two hours. This is challenging for any kitchen, but especially for one with a staff of three.

Even though most people consider Memorial Day the beginning of summer, we have plenty of activities here at the club for you in April and May. Let's get the season started now!

Sincerely,

Steve Goczko

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General Manager



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