

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB NEWSLETTER

HARBOR LIGHTS



VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT KEN BALOGH

I thought winter was well on its way a couple weeks ago when the winds and temperatures started to remind us that summer was over and winter was coming. Then all of a sudden the weather turned to greet us with a last bout of Indian Summer and some amazing late October and early November temperatures in the 70's and even 80's. I don't know about you, but we will take it! Having said that, I hope you were able to get your last fix of summer before putting your boat away for the winter. We know it will inevitably be here before you know it.

After a full throttle summer, our staff turns to all the fall and winter activities. Thanks to all our membership and staff for a safe and successful haul out. With much to do in order to prepare the club grounds, docks and facilities for winter, I want to thank all of you, our staff and our committees for all their efforts in this regard.

As you read this you will most likely be preparing for the Holidays. With Thanksgiving on the near horizon, please be reminded that our Chef has many delightful ways to help you in your kitchen to prepare your homes for the holidays. If cooking is not on your list of things to do, then certainly our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner may be the way to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family. Either way, Jeanie and I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

As a reminder, our Annual Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend this all important meeting where we will discuss the year in review and elect our new directors for the upcoming 2022/2023 year. While this meeting is open to all membership classes, this meeting does require a quorum to conduct our annual business with the membership and therefore requires the attendance of all Full members. If for some reason you are not able to attend in person, please know that proxies will be sent to your mailing address around the middle of November. It is very important that you please be sure to return your proxy to the office prior to the meeting.

I want to thank Commodore Mike Pettrey for his service and leadership this year. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with someone who has so much passion and love for MHYC. Through his leadership, he has helped set a course for the club to sustain itself into the future on various levels. With this in mind please be reminded that our Change of Watch ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022. Please plan to join us for the festivities to celebrate Commodore Pettrey's accomplishments as we pass the torch for another year.

Finally, as we close the year and begin to celebrate the holidays with our families, Jeanie and I wish all of you the best for a very happy and merry holiday season, and we look forward to celebrating with all of you at the club.



Suiteness!

Kenneth A. Balogh | Vice Commodore

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



HALLOWEEN PARTY



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS



TRUNK OR TREAT





End of the '22 Season

The season flew by too fast! It was nice to see the Harbor almost full thanks to our Membership Committee. Most of the boats have been pulled already and there have been no boating incidents this summer either!!

Thank you also to Cecilia Duer and Christian Lim for taking the time to make our safety equipment more up to date!!

Thank you for being safe in every aspect and be careful on those ladders!!

See you next summer!

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet M. Blanchard, MD, Fleet Surgeon

A REMINDER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE....

First, thank you to all those who have taken the time to introduce yourself to any new members you've seen around the club. As a reminder, pineapples are the universal symbol for hospitality. This started during early American exploration. The route from America to the Caribbean Islands was often rough and treacherous, and people would use a pineapple to signify a safe place for travelers. Winter time is a great time to keep an eye out for the "Pineapple Pennants", which are placed on the tables of anyone who's joined MHYC in the past year. If you see someone you don't know when you're in for lunch or dinner, be sure to stop by and say hello!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If interested in representing the club at our booth, email Jordan at jwalter@mhyc.us.

JOIN THE FUN

Group visit to the show and hanging out downtown on Saturday. Contact Brian Litra for more information (330)284-1468.





Cruising Fleet *Thanks for a great '22 Season*

Thank you to all who attended the banquet, held on Sunday, November 7th! We had a wonderful gathering and recap of the cruise season. Special shout out to the Chef, Cody and Jordan for a scrumptious meal of tender beef and salmon. As usual the staff spoiled us with excellent service and lots of smiles.

Big news is the Cruise Fleet change of leadership to Harriet and Tom Holleran. They are eager to take up the challenge and we know they are so keen and capable.

Tom and Harriet's boat is Third Wish on B Dock.

Anyone who wants to join, get more info, feel free to reach out.

They will also be accepting any offers of assistance, time and talent.

We also had a moment to welcome our newest fleet member, Ken Hughes. Welcome!

Thanks for a great season of cruising,

Kelley and Walt
440-279-3376





The MOST Important Past Members

That may seem like a bold statement, but for me it is true. They were my parents, Herman Black and Julia Warren Black. They each contributed a great deal to the club, each in their own way. Neither of them had boating experience as children. They were both born on September 1st, my Father in 1900 and Mother in 1904.

Dad grew up on E.89th Street in Cleveland, was in the Class of 1918 at University School then located nearby on Hough Ave. He did a post graduate year at the Berkshire School. He Then studied engineering at Harvard. While there he was the engineer on a steam launch which took alumni out on the Charles River to watch Harvard's Crew Races. It was the beginning of his lifelong love of boating.

Mother grew up in East Cleveland, then a top suburb, and graduated from Shaw High School at age 16. She then studied acting and dance and had a career on the stage which culminated with a year and a half in New York with the Ziegfeld Follies. Her mother went along and sewed her costumes.

Dad went to work for his Father at The Lindner Coy, a store on Euclid Avenue at E.11th. Not really what he wanted to do with his engineering interest, and little time for boating. Mother returned to Cleveland and was a sportswear buyer for Halle Brothers department store and then later The Lindner Coy. You can see where that is leading.

They both spent a lot of time in Chardon with their friends, the Bostwick brothers. They were married in 1931 and went on a 6 week honeymoon to Europe which included a boat trip on the Volga River in Russia. They both vowed to never go there again. Upon their return, the Great Depression was in full swing and Dad found himself out of a job, so he finally got into engineering related business selling boilers and related products. We lived in an old farmhouse in Newbury in Geauga County on property the family owned.

I was born in 1933 and Mother filled her spare time? With a one acre vegetable garden. By now you are asking, 'what does this have to do with MHYC. About this time the Bostwick brothers, Dick and Harold(Bags) bought the first Falcon and moored her at MHYC. By 1938 Dick was Commodore and again in 1939. He started persuading my Father to join and be part of the crew on Falcon. By then I had a younger brother, Jim and between work and two young children it was not yet possible for the family to get into boating, but the desire was there.

In the Fall of 1939 Commodore Bostwick invited Dad, Mother, and myself to dinner at the club in an effort to recruit his life long friends to membership. I was only 6, but I remember being impressed by the cannon in the lobby, now





out by the flagpole. With my brother, Jim just 3 months old and business conditions still unsettled, it was still not feasible for us to join. And then came WORLD WAR II.

Dad worked 80 hour weeks at a company making artillery shells and Mother worked 6 days a week as a volunteer Nurses Aid at Rainbow Babies and Children's hospital. We moved to Shaker Heights in April 1940 and my grandmother, Lenore Black lived with us and helped take care of us kids.

With schedules easing a bit as the war went in the right direction, Dad started sailing with the Bostwicks on Falcon II. I had been reading books about kids sailing and was enthused about the prospect of learning to sail. I started "bugging" the Bostwicks for a chance to sail with them. Dick said that could happen when I demonstrated the ability to swim 50 yards. This precipitated a crash program of swimming lessons at University School.

The day finally came in June 1944 when both Mother and I were invited to sail aboard the Falcon. We were the first woman and child to do so, although I suspect that there had been women on board before that. Dick and Bags went out of their way to "show me the ropes" and I was hooked for life!

Dad was a regular crew from then on and joined the club after the War ended. He immediately got involved with the mechanics of the club such as helping with plumbing issues and the installation of a new boiler. We bought our first boat, a 17ft. THISTLE in 1948. I was the skipper and Mother and Dad took turns crewing for me. Dad continued to sail on Falcon until Dick Bostwick's death in 1950. She was sold to Clare Jacobs in Detroit and Bags bought a powerboat which he named Bags' Blonde. We continued to sail our Thistle named "Julia B" until I joined the Navy in March 1953 and joined the club the same week. As I have written before, RECIPROcity was the motivating factor with a 4 year absence from Ohio in view.

During my absence, Mother and Dad really got into Club activities, helping in all sorts of ways. Mother started the Harbor Chest gift shop to offer members MHYC branded products and Dad was always behind the scenes with mechanical projects. He supervised the original plumbing for the swimming pool as well as continuing to monitor the heating and cooling systems. He joined The Board of Directors in 1956. He was Harbor Committee Chairman in 1957 when The University of Michigan was commissioned to do a study of the harbor to find a way to mitigate surge. Dad went to Ann Arbor several times to observe the model of the harbor they had built to study wave action. The result was the series of "groins" or baffles along the East Wall of our channel.

In 1956 Dad also purchased the 41ft. John Alden designed sloop which was built by James Van Dorn in Rocky River in 1938. I was still serving in South East Asia at the time and suggested the name MERDEKA, the Malay word for





freedom. We sailed her actively as a family until his death in 1967 with several Mackinac Races and North Channel Cruises.

Meanwhile Mother was very active with the club's Women's Group and used her acting and dancing skills to good use in several theatrical programs called The Dry Rot Revue.

Mother and Dad decided that they were wasting a lot of time driving when they could be at the club so they decided to build a house close to the club. They enlisted the help of fellow member George M. White, an architect and good friend to design their dream house and moved in in 1960. I am fortunate to live in that wonderful house today. George also designed the great bar at the club which we all enjoy before he moved on to be Architect of the US Capital in Washington, a lifetime position.

After Dad's death in 1967, Mother remained very active at the club until her death in 1991. She was a regular with the Sunday night supper group. One afternoon about 5PM she was looking out the window at our house and noticed that a tugboat about 2 miles offshore had stopped and was getting lower in the water. She called the Coast Guard in Fairport who didn't believe her. Finally after much conversation they asked her "Madame What Are You Drinking?" She replied "Scotch of Course"! They sent a boat to rescue the crew. The wreck of the tug "North Carolina" is still out there.

I was incredibly lucky to have such parents. Thanks for reading this long story of devotion to MHYC.



HERMAN AND JULIA BLACK,
taken at a party up the street from the club



WE WERE SO LUCKY WITH THE WEATHER, FOR BOTH THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND HALLOWEEN ROUND ROBIN!!



Club Championships trophies were awarded in three divisions ... and the winners were:

3.0 Doubles team Jenn Wulff and Auntie B

3.5 Doubles team Sarah Ryan and Kathy Allyn

4.0 Doubles team and defending champs Colleen Gallagher and Kelley Payerl

We had a great turnout and lots of fun, music and food. Thanks to all who rounded out the buffet with delicious salads and goodies.







THE HALLOWEEN ROUND ROBIN SAW GREAT MATCHES, WITH A FEW GOOD COSTUMES.

AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL FOR THE DELICIOUS POTLUCK THAT FOLLOWED. THANKS TO PATTY AND ANNE FOR ORGANIZING THE AFTER PARTY.





Happy November, from your House Committee!

Ok, so winter may be showing up after all.

As we close out the 2022 year, on behalf of the House Committee we are grateful for your patience and appreciation for the jobs that had to be done this past 11 months. We came a long way with a great new staff in place. The staff had never experienced opening for the season, not to mention all of the great events and then of course shutting down for winter. They have done an extraordinary job of working through all of the items the House Committee requested they work on. When you see them please acknowledge their work in all kinds of weather for long hours this past season and especially now that the weather has turned less favorable for boaters.

Reminder, in November you should be seeing a couple of surveys coming out. You will receive one through our constant contact list (email) and hope that you will participate and return the information requested. Another reminder that cards, that can be completed and dropped in the new 'Improvement Opportunity' box, are in the in the foyer on the reception desk. Please do participate in these very important surveys. All comments are read and discussed in committee, with Management, and with the BOD. They honestly do make a difference in your clubs operations. Thank you in advance.

Skeet has started in the circle in front of the club. When you come through the gate please remember you cannot access the dock parking lot to the right. It is blocked. Be extra careful, especially after dark, to watch for stored boats and auxiliary equipment in places you might not expect. Take your time and please drive slowly on the property.

If you're still boating PLEASE remember to dress for the water temperatures and WEAR those life jackets!

As the sunsets on our beautiful season we look forward to seeing you in the club house for a wonderful fall menu, all of the holiday special events and of course next spring!!



Coming Up...

MHYC SOCIAL EVENTS



November

- 11/23 GUEST BARTENDER NIGHT
- 11/24 THANKSGIVING
- 11/26 WING EATING CONTEST
- 11/28 CLUB DECORATING
- 11/30 ANNUAL MEETING

December

- 12/3 CHANGE OF WATCH
- 12/9 CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 12/11 SANTA CLAUS BRUNCH
- 12/14 ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
- 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE



GUEST *Bartender* **NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

**SPEND THE NIGHT BEFORE
THANKSGIVING WITH DRINKS, FRIENDS,
AND DRINKS MADE BY FRIENDS!**

**NO ENTRY FEE, BUT A BUFFET OF
HEAVY APPETIZERS OFFERED FOR
\$25 PER PERSON**

Brad Copper
Marc Burr
and Richard Spine!



DUE TO THE HOLIDAY

Queen of Hearts

**WILL BE HELD 11/23 ON THE
WEEK OF THANKSGIVING**

*Just another reason to
join the fun!*



Family Style

Thanksgiving at MHYC

Adults \$45 Kids \$19

DON'T FORGET

Homemade Pies

FOR THANKSGIVING!

Chocolate Peanut Butter

Apple

Pumpkin

Pecan



\$21 EACH
ORDER BY 11/20
PICK UP 11/23

Hawaiian Dinner Rolls

Fig Salad with Cinnamon Vinaigrette

Mixed Greens, Dried Figs, Toasted Pecans,
Goat Cheese, Cinnamon Vinaigrette

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Yukon Gold Potatoes Whipped with Butter,
Cream, Cloves of Roasted Garlic

Green Bean Casserole

Classic French Style Green Bean Casserole
with Crispy Shallots

Sweet Potato Casserole

Sweet Potatoes Baked with Brown
Sugar, Cinnamon, Pecans and
Marshmallows

Roasted Asparagus

Fresh Roasted Medley of Green and
White Asparagus

Candied Carrots

Brown Sugar, Maple and Bourbon
Caramelized Candied Carrots

Rosemary and Sage Stuffing

House-Made Traditional Style Stuffing
Seasoned with Fresh Rosemary and Sage

Roasted Turkey

Slow Roasted Whole Turkey

Sage Turkey Gravy



MHYC

WING EATING CONTEST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
DURING THE OSU MICHIGAN GAME



\$20 TO PARTICIPATE

SOLO EVENT

MOST IN 10 MINUTES

PRIZES FOR
WINNERS!

GROUP EVENT

FIRST TEAM TO EAT
75 WINGS

\$10 TO COMPETE IN THE
Super Spicy 6 Pack CONTEST



JUST WING IT

**SIGN UP BY EMAILING
RESERVATIONS@MHYC.US**



COMING UP

Volunteers Needed!
Christmas Decorating
at the club!

Monday, November 28th

*We'll start at 7:30 pm but feel
free to join later, too!*

ANNUAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30TH
6PM



COMING UP

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB

CHANGE OF WATCH

Ceremony & Dinner

DECEMBER 3RD, 2022

An annual tradition you don't want to miss

5:30 PM COCKTAILS - 6:00 PM CEREMONY - 6:45 PM SERVED DINNER

*Formal Attire
(black tie not required)*

Reservations can be made by
calling the club or by emailing
reservations@mhyc.us

Tables of 8 to 12 people

Be sure to include your **meal
choice** as well as any special
seating requests when making
your reservation

Music by Soulshake

Menu

House Salad
with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Choice of
Chicken Marsala
with Risotto Cake
or

Beef Stroganoff
with Egg Noodles

both served with Green Beans

Coconut Cream Pie

Vegan option available
upon request

\$34 per person



COMING UP

MHYC ANNUAL

Christmas Party

MUSIC FROM

Eric Sconyers
Saxophone
Slayer

FRIDAY,
DEC. 9TH 6 PM

CALL THE CLUB OR EMAIL
RESERVATIONS@MHYC.US TO RSVP

Menu

House Salad

Surf & Turf Dinner

6 OZ FILET AND SHRIMP SCAMPI
SERVED WITH BROCCOLINI AND A CLASSIC

BAKED POTATO

Creme Brulee

VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

BRUNCH WITH
Santa

Sunday,
December 11th

11:00AM



SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS PLAN TO ARRIVE
BETWEEN 12:30 AND 1:00 PM

WE WILL HAVE COOKIE
DECORATING AND OTHER
CHRISTMAS FUN TO ENJOY
WHILE WE WAIT FOR OUR
GUESTS OF HONOR!

*Make your reservation today at
reservations@mhyc.us*

Please include the number of children as
well as their age and gender



GIVE BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

THIS SEASON, MENTOR HARBOR INVITES YOU TO HELP US

ADOPT A

Families



MAKE CHRISTMAS MORNING BRIGHTER FOR TWO LOCAL FAMILIES

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL DECEMBER 15TH



MHYC is partnering with Forbes House, Lake County's domestic violence shelter, to adopt 2 families this holiday season. Each family has a mom and three children. There will be ornaments on a board in the lobby containing specific items needed by each member of the two families. If you would like to help, please take an ornament or two and include the items on your shopping list this season.

We will be collecting gifts in our MHYC holiday boat in the lobby until **December 15th**. Gifts should be wrapped and tagged with the family number and member, as listed on selected ornament.

This is being coordinated by the Membership Committee. For more information, contact

Patty Perry (440.477.9283 or pat@usepromark.com)

Janis Gallagher (440.463.9594 or janisgallagher2021@gmail.com)



November Hours

Monday & Tuesday

Closed

Wednesday

5PM - 8PM

Thursday

5PM - 9PM

Friday & Saturday

12PM - 3PM

5PM - 9PM

Sunday

12PM - 4PM

Go many ways to stay updated!

See below to see how you can follow, like, or subscribe to all the MHYC communication outlets.



Members Only Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/434272377243502>

Public Page <https://www.facebook.com/mentorharbor>



@mhyc5330



Send an email to **membership@mhyc.us** to be added to the e-mailing list



Text 440.221.5060 to receive text message alerts and updates!



A message from the manager...

With a gorgeous October now behind us I hope everyone got out to enjoy the beautiful weather, fall baseball, and one more boat ride or two. Even though 70 degree temperature are now behind us until the spring, there is still much going on a MHYC.

With boating not an option for the next few months, the management team and entertainment committee are working on a schedule of activities to keep the membership engaged in the club. Annual events like Thanksgiving, Change of Watch, and the Holiday Ornament exchange, are sure to make the holiday season a fun time. Then early in the new year we will be distributing our 2023 club event calendar. Our goal is to have this distributed in January, so MHYC events are first priority when planning your own 2023 social calendar.

In years past, the club has traditionally closed for a month during the off season to allow for annual maintenance and repairs to the facilities. This year we will be closing for the month of January. Our main focus during this time will be the removal and replacement of the dish machine, along with extensive repairs to the kitchen floor and hallways beneath. These repairs have been drastically needed for a while, but have been put on hold due to the volume of business we've been fortunate to have the last few months. This project will make the kitchen and lower level a much cleaner and safer workplace for our employees.

In October we published our revised winter storage contract. It had been a number of years since this document was updated and both the Harbor Committee and Board of Directors agreed it was time. One of our goals with the contract was to add more details to the safety and nonmember portion. Historically we've allowed nonmembers to access their boats at anytime and they received gate keys to come on the property whenever they chose to. Nonmembers will no longer receive gate keys, and they may only access the grounds during regular business hours. This rule does not apply to members. The membership is welcome to access their boats at anytime. Also for safety reasons, we have added to the contract that battery chargers and other electric devices may not be plugged in for extended amounts of time. This rule was necessary due to people in storage leaving battery chargers and other electrical items being left plugged in for prolonged periods of time. This is a serious and dangerous fire hazard that puts many boats at risk. Even though it is now listed in the contract, we will still monitor the yard diligently to ensure this rule is being followed.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Stephen Goczko
General Manager

