

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB NEWSLETTER

HARBOR LIGHTS

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT JON DUER



Happy spring! I am pleased to announce that I am writing this from the comfort of my boat that is sitting quite happily in the water on C Dock. While I regret being the first one in as I was the only target for the seagulls this spring, it makes me thrilled to know that the boating season is finally getting started.

With the start of spring, the club and grounds are awakening from the long winter rest. The grounds are being cleaned up from another terrific skeet season and the channel is being dredged as we speak.

Harbormaster Ron and his crew are diligently working to get all of the docks ready for the incoming boaters. We have been welding and repairing many of the docks and seawalls in the harbor and taking care of a long list of harbor maintenance.

In the house, Chef Nick and Food and Beverage Manager John have been working to put together an amazing dining experience for all our members to enjoy. The new drink menu has something for everyone and the spring food menu is just around the corner. As we welcome back some of our amazing staff from the past let's all be sure to give them and our new staff a warm MHYC welcome this spring. We are truly blessed to have such a great team. We are also excited to see our new outdoor pool furniture arrive along with matching umbrellas and stands. It won't be long before we can sit poolside and enjoy all our club has to offer.

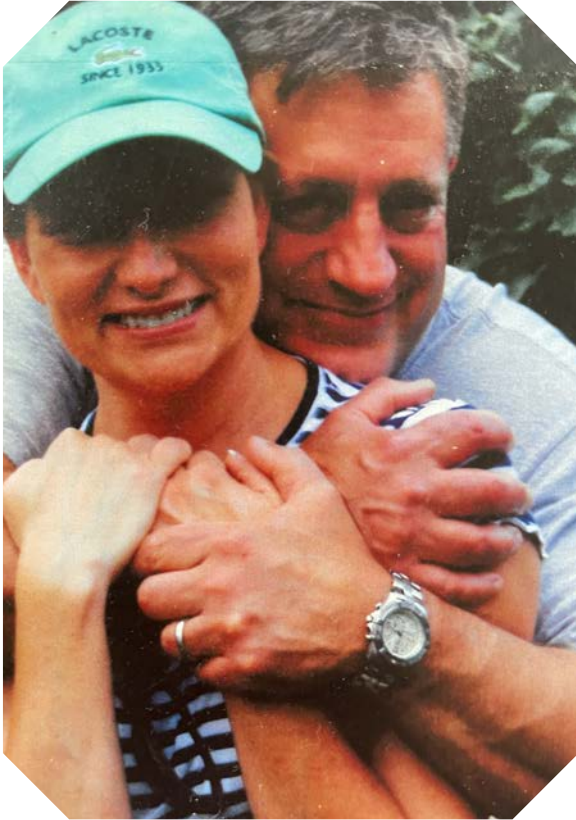
As we move through the month of April, please be sure to mark your calendars for the Annual Channel Opening Ceremony and New Member Dinner to be held on Friday April 28th. For those of our new members that have not experienced this event, this is the true kick off to the season. We start the evening by heading out the channel where Commodore Balogh will cut the ribbon across the entrance signaling the start of the boating season. Following the ribbon cutting we will move inside and enjoy a celebration of our new members. If you have joined the club in the last year this is a night for you to come and mingle and meet new friends and old as we introduce each of you to the rest of your MHYC family. Drinks will be flowing and music will be playing late into the night as we celebrate one of our oldest club traditions.

While spring is a season of new growth, I take this time to reflect on how much we have grown as a club over the last year. It is really something we should all be proud of. Not more than a year ago we were starting out with an all-new staff from the front of the house down to the gas dock. These staff members have been pouring their heart and soul into our home here at MHYC and it is really starting to show. This spring as the trees start to bloom and the sun starts to shine be sure to take time to stop and take it all in. Whether on the water or near it, this really is one special place to be a member of. Heather and I look forward to seeing all of you at the club this spring.

Respectfully
Jon Duer
Vice Commodore



Welcome New Members!



Richard & Laure Black



David & Leslie King



Ted & Kelly Otero

CLEAN MARINA

Clean Marina Update:

MHYC is a Platinum Level Clean Marina, an important and very distinguished title in Ohio.

This year for the first time we were able to participate, thanks to our members, staff and contractors, in a recycling program for shrink wrap.

'Since 2006, boaters, marinas and greenhouses participating in the Ohio Clean Marinas Program shrink wrap recycling program have diverted more than 2.3 million pounds of waste from landfills. The low-density polyethylene has been recycled into guard rail blocks along nearly 430 miles of Ohio highways'.



"Ohio is one of longest running shrink wrap recycling programs in the Great Lakes, said Sarah Orlando, Ohio Clean Marinas program manager.

This year the program gets a boost from a new partnership with Firelands Local, a nonprofit business in Norwalk, Ohio. The business will pick up the shrink wrap from marinas and bale it for Mondo Polymer Technologies, the company that recycles the plastic'. Even better

"At Firelands Local, our mission is to find and provided meaningful work for adults with developmental disabilities," said James Johnson, executive officer. "Boat wrap recycling is a win on multiple fronts. We are helping keep tons of plastic out of our dumps every year, and it helps us provide quality work for our employees."

Sarah explains that unlike discarded paper, wood and food, the plastic never breaks down completely. "We know plastic only breaks down in smaller and smaller pieces," she said. "It's one of the most perpetual types of waste in our environment. The shrink wrap recycling program is a partnership of the Ohio Clean Marinas Program, NOAA, Ohio Department of Natural Resources Ohio Coastal Management Program and Ohio Sea Grant.

MHYC will continue the pilot program with our 'Sea Bin' gathering plastic from the water and recycled. We are hoping for greater success this summer, getting the bin in prior to duck weed and leaf falling season.

And finally, we are awaiting the final paperwork for the grant which will provide us with the new pump out station, lift station and ADA dock replacing the older steel dock north east of the gas dock. Have a safe and clutter free summer!



Welcome to another boating season!

I first would like to welcome all our new boating members. Boating is a lot of fun, and our power and sailing fleets certainly have events organized for this year. Be sure to contact and register with who is organizing them this year. Also, just ask your next store neighbor!! You will meet a lot of new friends here.

However, we also take Safety and Rules at MHYC seriously. I will be publishing an article each month on different aspects of safety. **On April 1, 2023, MHYC hosted a Safety in the Harbor 2 hr., very informative session on Safety in the Harbor. We are grateful too the USCG Station Fairport Harbor for joining us and relaying the new safety information. I will post most of this information and leave copies at the Front Desk so you can have a copy for your boats.**

There was a lot of activity this past weekend getting everything prepared. The channel dredging is almost completed as I write this article. Even though it is warmer inland, it much chillier by the lake due to the temperature of the lake being 40+ degrees. We have a few boats in the water, so I think it is appropriate to address Hypothermia ;i.e. Cold water immersion prevention and Rescue, Recover and Re-warm.

A few reminder points:

1. Dress in layers for the temperature of the water.
2. Remember the 1-10 Rule: Rule – You may need one minute to control your breathing, if immersed in cold water. Slow down your breathing, so you can think clearly. **Depending on the temperature (now), you may have 10 minutes for self-rescue before losing your ability to use your arms and legs, then 60 minutes until hypothermia sets in.**

#1 DO NOT ATTEMPT LEAVE THE BOAT AND ATTEMPT TO SWIM TO SHORE UNLESS THE SHORELINE IS A FEW FEET. The body cools down 35x as fast and children will cool down even faster. For example, a good swimmer at best can swim only 8/10 of a mile before becoming overcome with hypothermia.

#1 If there is more than one person huddle together and:

#2 Assuming a fetal position helps to reduce heat loss.

#3 Keeping ones head out of the water will also help reduce the heat loss.

#4 Always have a flotation device available and if there is more than one person, huddle together. Survival time with this device, which should absolutely needs to be Coast Guard approved, increases the chances of survival.

#5 If you rescue someone in this type of water, rapid rewarming is essential.

Removing heavy clothing, towels, blankets and whatever else you have available. Obviously, call 911 immediately.

Be Safe !!

Also, I have to thank Cecilia Duer, Christian Liam and Brian Lake for hosting the very informative Safety Event given by the USCG!!

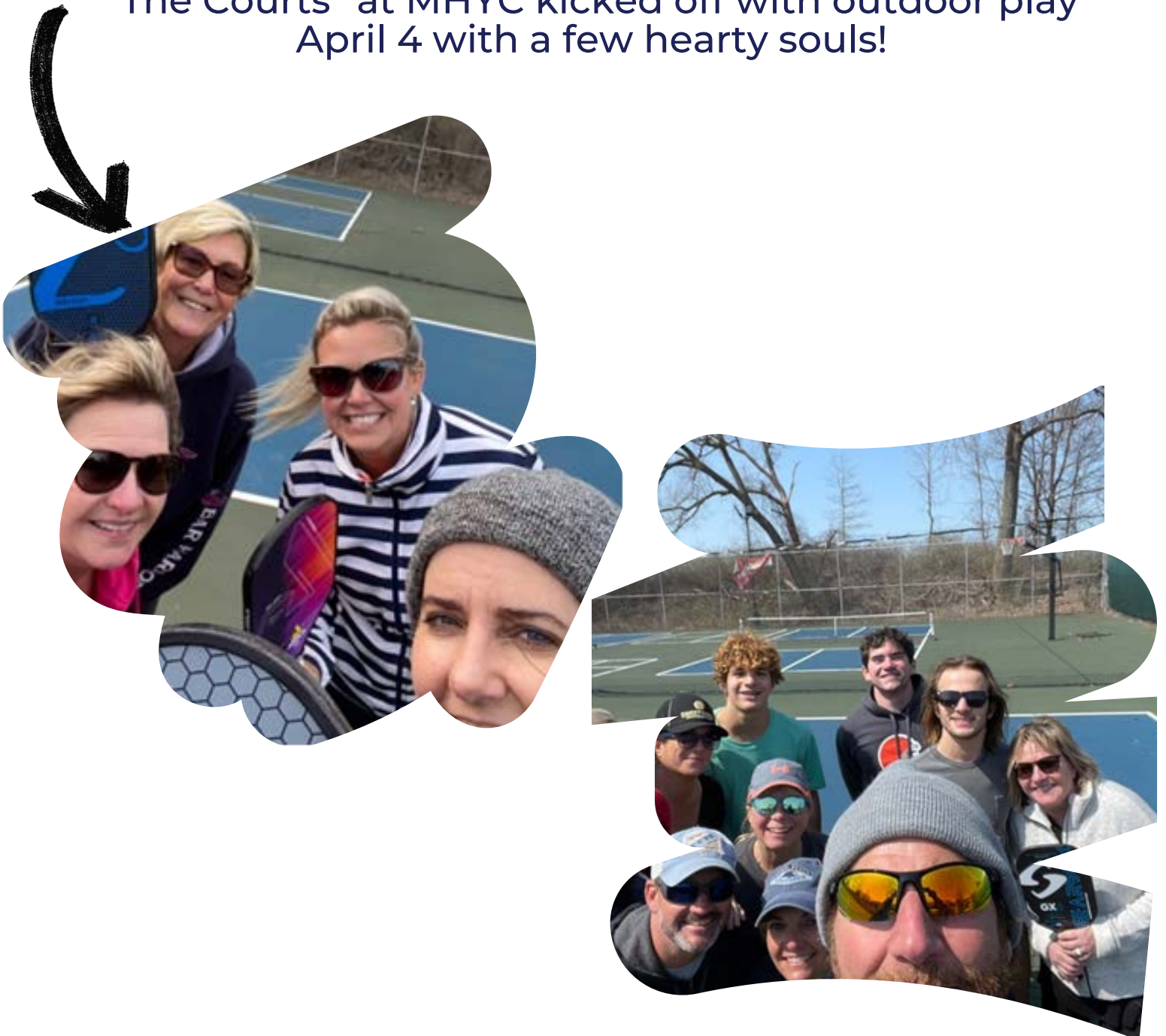
Janet M. Blanchard, M.D.
Fleet Surgeon and Past Commodore



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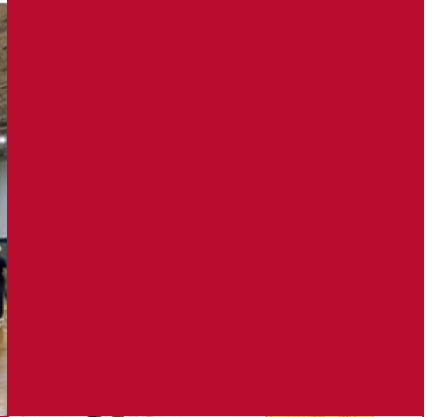
Happy Spring! What a week of wonderful weather. We are now fully operational, thanks to everyone who helped clean up the courts, including our MHYC staff! Just a few windscreens left to install. Thanks, Ron, we all appreciate it. (Porta Potty arriving this week, too!)

“The Courts” at MHYC kicked off with outdoor play April 4 with a few hearty souls!



PICKLEBALL CONT.....

Winter did not stop pickleball, though!!
The Painesville YMCA kept our group going from Dec to February. Thank you, Pat Perry, for holding down the fort and keeping it organized.



PICKLEBALL CONT.....

A couple rule changes in 2023 that apply to our rec play:

If the ball hits the net on the serve, and still lands in the correct service box, it is a replay (let).
If it hits the net, and lands short or out of bounds, there is no replay.

Prior to 2023, a violation of the service motion (for instance, contacting the pickleball above your waist) would result in a fault and loss of your serve. Starting in 2023, any such violation may now result in a replay (let).

If the server (or referee) calls the wrong score, any player may stop play at any time before the return of serve to correct the score. However, if any player stops play after the return of serve (or if any player stops play and the score was correct), then that player would have committed a fault.

One more rule for "The Courts" ... No gum. Too hard to get off!

Below is the schedule. Mark your calendars.

Scheduled Round Robins/Tourneys
10:30-12noon Beginner/Novice
1:45-3:45 Intermediate/Advanced

Sunday April 23 Bunny Hop – weather dependent
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

Nearly 50 Million Americans Play Pickleball (Almost 20% of American Adults), Average age about 35. (I've heard that if you don't include the MHYC players, the average age goes down to 22.)

Come join the fun!

Give me a text, call, or email any time if you are interested in Pickleball at "The Courts"
440-279-3376 kelley@rapidshot.com.



Cruise Fleet is sub-group at MHYC for power boaters, and sail cruisers. We cruise to a variety of destinations throughout the season, organize year 'round activities, enjoy camaraderie and friendship, and 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.

If you have your boat at MHYC, but haven't looked into cruise fleet...if you're considering boat ownership...if you're not a boat owner, but love being out on the water...consider joining the fleet. Dues are \$50 per year. For more information, or you'd like to join us, text or email Harriet at 216-410-7164, haholleran@me.com.

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



CRUISE FLEET CONT.....

EVENTS "ON THE HORIZON"...

COAST GUARD VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Saturday, May 27

The Coast Guard will be at MHYC to conduct free, on-board, vessel safety checks. More details will be out in the May Harbor Lights. Contact Cecilia Duer at (440) 477-8367 or director@spiritofamerica95.org for more information.

FITTING OUT/BURN THE SOCKS

Saturday May 13

Cindy Guest, Amy Vadakin

SHAKE DOWN CRUISE

Friday - Sunday, June 2-4, 2023

Geneva Marina

Cruisemasters - Dave & Mary Ann Scarnati

FATHER'S DAY CRUISE

Friday - Sunday, June 16-18, 2023

Erieau, Canada

Cruisemaster - Don Hudak

ROCK'N DOCK CRUISE

Saturday - Monday, June 22- 24

Cleveland

Cruisemasters - Cindy & Ed Guest



CRUISE FLEET CONT...

CREW TRAINING, SHOPPING, & LUNCH AT DOYLE SAILS/GREAT LAKES RIGGING, GREAT LAKES BOATWORKS, BRENNAN'S



EVENTS "IN OUR WAKE"...

Gills in the Galley Cooking Class at the Paganini School - Ed & Amy Vadakin





As April 19th comes and goes, so does my one year anniversary here at Mentor Harbor. Thank you all for allowing me to be a part of such a historic club. With my experience being primarily in country clubs, it's been a tremendous opportunity for me to learn and grow as a club manager. I remember sitting in my first harbor committee meeting and thinking, managing a golf courses is a piece of cake compared to this. When we started discussing docks, channel walls, and welding, I thought I'd sink for sure. However, I learned very quickly that I was surrounded by a wealth of knowledge. I found this to be true with all the committees and members I had the pleasure of working with.

When I came on board, there was a lot of work to be done with the summer season quickly approaching. We needed to get the clubhouse and grounds ready, hire and on board the seasonal help, and recruit the missing management pieces. It was a challenging time for me, and I'm sure at times for all for all of you as well. But thanks to amazing support and understanding from the membership it all came together.

Heading into my second year I am confident that this will be a great one for MHYC. The Board and Committees have been working with our management team to execute our long range plan to enhance the member's experience. You'll see the impact of this work at the pool, in the clubhouse, and around the docks. We are still in the early stages of the overall plan, but we're off to a great start.

At the end of the day a successful club needs to be full of life. I have to say the membership has done its part so far this year. The Boat Show Bus Trip, Summer Kickoff Party, and of course the Queen of Hearts Thursdays have all been well supported and a great time. With a full social calendar ahead, let's keep the energy going!

Cheers,

Steve Goczko

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General Manager





You're invited to the
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club

CHANNEL OPENING

Ceremony + Ribbon Cutting
New Member Dinner

RSVP by 4/22 ● ● ● ● ●

Friday April 28th, 2023
Ribbon Cutting 6:15pm
Dinner & music to follow

Dinner \$49
Yacht club formal attire





Cinco de Mayo Dinner Specials

May 05, 2023

Dinner Specials | Drink Specials | Prizes for best Hat



MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING CLUB
INVITES YOU TO

Derby Day

Please join us to watch the race!

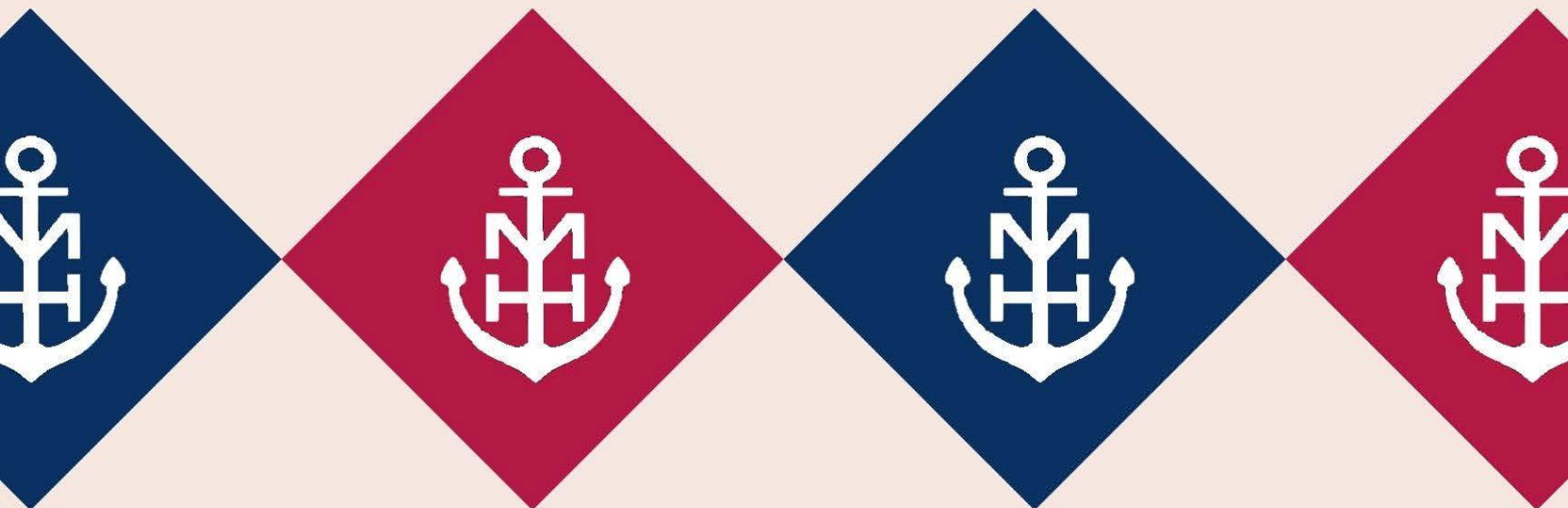
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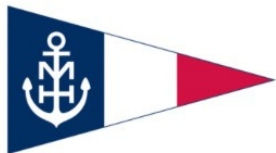
Dinner specials | drink specials

Prizes for best dressed and best derby hat

MAY 6TH, 2023

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 29TH
DERBY DAY ATTIRE REQUESTED





MHYC EVENT CALENDAR

January

Club is Closed

February

Valentines Day Dinner

March

11th- Chili Cook Off
17th- St Patrick's Day Dinner

April

1st- Adult Easter Egg Hunt
2nd- Summer Party Dinner & Slides
9th- Easter Brunch & Kids Egg Hunt
22nd- Disco Night
28th- Channel Opening & New Member Dinner

May

5th- Cinco De Mayo Dinner
6th- Derby Day Dinner
13th- Fitting Out Day/Burn the Socks
14th- Mother's Day Brunch
20th- Spring Planting
26th- Summer KickOff Party
29th-Memorial Day Service & Brunch

June

10-11th- Mentor Regatta
10th- Motor Boatin' Bar Crawl
12th- First Day Sail Camp
18th- Father's Day Cookout
24th- White Party
30th- Goodtime III Club Cruise

July

1st- Steak Roast
3rd- Dinner & Fireworks
4th- Commodores Review
4th- Fish & Irons Race
4th- 4th of July Cookout
6-10th- Junior Olympics
21st- Summer Celebration/Luau
29th- Shrimp Fest
30th- Dinghy Drag

August

2nd- Sailing Awards
4th- MHYC Classic Car & Boat Show
12th- Falcon Cup
26th- Dock Challenge

September

1-4th- Beach Campout
2nd- Steak Roast
9th- Poker Run
23rd- Commodores Ball

October

7th- Clam Bake
11th- Witches Tea & Warlocks Brew
28th- Adult Halloween Party
29th- Kids Trunk or Treat

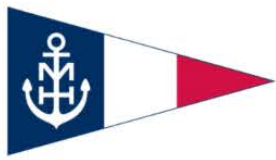
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22nd- Guest Bartender Night
23rd- Thanksgiving Dinner
27th- Christmas Decorating
29th- Annual Meeting

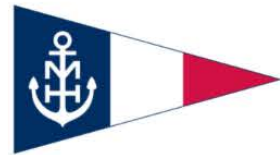
December

2nd- Change of Watch
9th- Club Christmas Party
10th- Santa Brunch
13th- Ladies Ornament Exchange
31st- New Year's Eve Party





MHYC CRUISE FLEET EVENT CALENDAR



January

12-15th- Cleveland Boat Show
28-30th- Ellicottville Ski Weekend



February

24th- Trivia Night

March

4th- Crew Training- Safety at the Harbor
5th- Peek'n Peak Ski Day
31st- "Gills in the Galley" Cooking Class



April

15th- Crew Training at Great Lakes Rigging / Great Lakes Boat Works
15th- Crew lunch at Brennan's

May

13th- Burn the Socks Party
27th- Coast Guard Vessel Safety Checks



June

2-4th- Geneva Shakedown Cruise
16-18th- Father's Day Cruise

July

4th- Potluck Picnic
22-24th- Rock'n Dock Cruise
30th- Dinghy Drag



August

6th- East Beach Potluck
14-20th- Eastern/Western Long Cruise

September

15-17th- Where the Winds Blow Cruise
30th- Golf Outing



October

12-15th- Annapolis Boat Show
22nd- Clambake & Seafood Boil

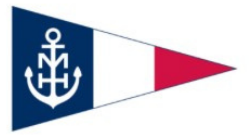
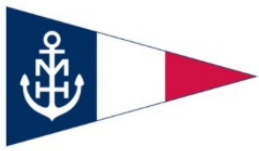
November

12th- Fleet Banquet



December





MHYC PICKLEBALL EVENT CALENDAR

January

Courts are Closed



February

Courts are Closed

March

Courts are Closed



April

23rd- Bunny Hop Round Robin

May

**13th- Fitting Out Round Robin
Drop in Play**

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

June

**4th- Doubles Partners RR
25th- White Party Recovery
Drop in Play**

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

July

Drop in Play

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

August

**6th- Pre-cruise Pot-luck RR
Drop in Play**

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

September

**3rd- Labor Day Weekend RR
Drop in Play**

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

October

**1st- Club Championship
Drop in Play**

Mon/Wed 9-11am

Tues/Fri 5:30-8pm

Sun 10-12 beginners

Sun 1:45-3:45 Inter/Advanced

Doubles Teams

Wed 5:30-8pm

November

Courts are Closed



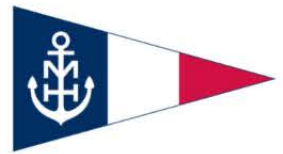
December

Courts are Closed










MHYC RACE FLEET EVENT CALENDAR



2023

<p>January</p>	<p>February</p>	<p>March</p>
<p>April</p>	<p>May 28-29th- Spring Regatta</p> 	<p>June 10-11th- Mentor Regatta</p> 
<p>July 4th- Fish 'n Iron Race 29th- Freedom Race (CLYC & GRSC)</p> 	<p>August 12th- Falcon Cup and Sundance Trophy Race</p> 	<p>September 3-4th- Fall Regatta 8th- Indigo Race</p> 
<p>October</p>	<p>November</p>	<p>December</p>

