

MENTOR HARBOR YACHTING
CLUB NEWSLETTER

HARBOR LIGHTS

COMMODORE'S REPORT
KEN BALOGH, REAR COMMODORE



Hard to believe that it's the end of summer and before long we will be involved in the activity of putting our boats to rest for the winter.

We had a great summer! It started out a little slow but eventually showed up in fine fashion with just enough rain to keep us wondering if it was a wet summer or a dry summer. However, all in all I believe it was a great summer for the club as a whole.

We welcomed many new members to our club and based on the ones I have talked to, they all seemed to have the same sentiments, which were, "I don't know why I didn't join here sooner." Along with new members, we added a full pickleball schedule which seems to have taken hold very well and is allowing many members to enjoy the sport and competition in a family friendly atmosphere.

Our Membership Chairman, Jon Duer has done an outstanding job of "filling the ranks" with many new members. Through his leadership, he has led the way to new avenues for membership and ways in which we market MHYC to prospective members. Our members are the life blood of our club, without our members there is no need for any of the great amenities we have to offer. When you see Jon around, tell him thanks for all that he has done to help our club.

Our facilities have come along and are moving in the right direction under the watchful eye of House Chairman, Marty Weber. We have repaired roofs, doors, taken care of trees, repaired sewer lines, as well as many other day to day facilities maintenance issues that can really keep you busy with a facility as large as MHYC. On behalf of the membership, I send many thanks to Marty, for his dedication, vigilance and oversight of this all important part of our club.



This summer our harbor has been full and our East Beach docks have now come back into play for many members. We all love our East Beach and the many things it has to offer. Thanks go out to Dave Scarnati, our Harbor Chairman. Dave has worked hard this year bringing the many harbor issues to the forefront. There is much to do and as we head into the fall season, we will begin to see the fruits of all the planning and effort it takes to bring these usually large projects to fruition. Our West Beach erosion is a huge issue here and will most likely take many dollars to keep our future moving in the right direction.

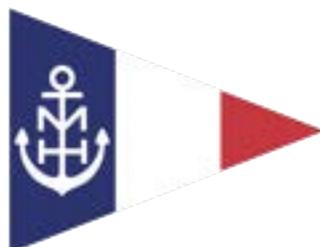
Finally, many thanks go out to our entire staff. Club operations and seasonal staffing issues can be challenging. While we may have hit a couple bumps along the way, undoubtedly our restaurant and bar operations were excellent and our events were well attended. While it's on my mind, how about that Commodore's Ball? Now that was a great party and the food was excellent. It was awesome!

All of this is entirely due to our membership. Without your physical and financial support, none of this is possible. The future of our club rests in the hands of the membership. A lot of times I feel that members think that the board, officers, and staff are the ones that run the club. They may volunteer to try and add a little day to day direction, but don't ever fool yourselves. YOU are the ones that run the club. YOU are the ones that pay the bills. YOU are the ones that decide what should or should not be done. Our committees are where the voices are heard. I encourage you to join a committee. We need YOU.

Again, thank you to our membership for all your support in the past, present and most importantly, the FUTURE.

Suiteness!

**Rear Commodore
Ken Balogh**



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October Club Events



House Meeting

Wed 6th at 6:00 PM



Membership Meeting

Wed 6th at 6:00 PM



Clambake

Sat 9th at 6:00 PM



BOD Meeting

Thurs 14th at 6:00 PM



Pumpkin Carving

Fri 15th at 5:00 PM



Entertainment Meeting

Wed 20th at 6:00 PM



Cruise Fleet Banquet

Sun 24th at 4:00 PM



Witches Tea & Men's Brew

Fri 29th at 6:00PM



Trunk or Treat

Sat 30th at 12 Noon

KEEP YOUR HOUSE CLEAN AND COME
CARVE PUMPKINS AT MHYC

Bring the whole family down for pumpkin carving and candy apple decorating on
Friday, October 15th at 5PM.


Please RSVP by Monday, October 11th



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ENTERTAINMENT

The Italian Wine dinner was a hit! Chef Rob hit the menu out of the park with excellent food pairings, some of which are showcased on the new October menu. Another huge thank you to John Winters for organizing and putting this event together for our members. Since this event was such a success, we will be hosting a "Frozen Bubble Dinner" on Wednesday, December 8th. This will be another 5 course meal with 5 different sparkling wine pairings! More details to come, but it's never too early to make a reservations!



With Queen of Hearts still growing each week, we will continue to have live music every Thursday night through the end of October.

October Harbor Night Artists

7th

Maria Petti

14th

Those Guys

21st

TBA

28th

Josh Rizzo

Thank you to all of the MHYC members and our dear friends and family who came out on September 25th to celebrate our Commodore's Ball with the Island Ball theme. We could not have asked for a more fun night, everyone brought their A-Game with gorgeous attire, and enjoyed their Island adventure from the steel-drummer to the excellent dinner and dancing past midnight to Glass House. We want to give special thanks to Katie Lechner, John Winters and Chef Rob Clough for their professionalism, creativity, and great ideas. We were so lucky to have this team to work with!

The professional photos can be downloaded at this link:

<https://travisleephotography.pixieset.com/yachtclubball/>



As we slide into October, many of us are trying to get that last perfect day on the water before we schedule a haul out date. We feel like this has been the first summer that we spent more time on Aquavit than we did at home. The word must be out that we are a fun, active and adventurous group because we've had many requests this summer from new boaters and social members to join the Cruise Fleet. Our final "Where the Wind Blows" cruise took on a different twist with five boats sailing out to C mark (or beyond) and then docking at East Beach for the weekend. The weekend included Friday & Saturday night cookouts, breakfast in the pavilion, and an awesome fire carefully tended by Walt Payerl! The highlight of the weekend was a clambake with 60 cruisers attending. Our flag line helped cook and serve and many of you helped with prep and cleanup all while being serenaded by The Lost Sheep Band. It was great to see F Dock filled with boats. The food was great, the dancing was fun, nobody got hurt, and we never ran out of beer or wine. A perfect party!

Our last event of the season is our Annual Cruise Fleet Banquet on October 24, at 4PM. In addition to finishing all of our leftover wine, we traditionally introduce the new Cruise Fleet Captain(s) at that dinner. So you still have a few weeks to raise your hand!

It is important for us to recognize all the people who have helped make this a Cruise Fleet Summer to remember. Thanks to our Commanders of Off Season Events, Jennifer Brush and Harriet Holleran, for organizing a ski trip, and a Coast Guard presentation, during pandemic times. They had more ideas, but it was a COVID Spring. Our Commander of In Season Events, Cindy Guest, helped out with a Burn the Socks Party, a Christening party, a Dinghy Parade, 2 picnics, and a Clam Bake! Our Cruisemasters Dave Scarnati, Scott Savage, and Don Hudak took us to Geneva, Kelleys Island, and Downtown Cleveland. Aquavit led week long cruises West, and then East. This was the busiest Summer in many years for Cruise Fleet, and that was only possible because these people stepped up to help. So for all of you thinking about being the next Captain(s), it should be nice to know that there are so many great people willing to help you out!

If you would like to join Cruise Fleet next year, send an email to MHYC.CruiseFleet@gmail.com. The new Captain will get back to you.

Thanks for a Great Season,

Ed & Amy Vadakin



JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

KATHY ALLYN, CHAIRPERSON

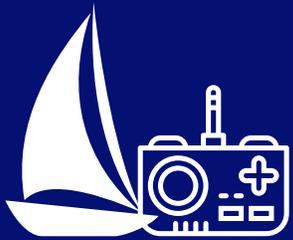
Our kids are still sailing this fall! Congratulations to our Fall Junior Sailors for competing in the Parker High School Regatta at the Cleveland Foundry Oct. 2. This was the first regatta for several of our sailors (grades 8-12) who have been working their way up through camp into race team. They will compete in several more weekend high school sailing regattas this month, ending on Oct. 30. The teams are set by school, so we had 1 full Hawken School team and 1 "mixed" team with University School, St. Ignatius and Hawken School Sailors. Coaches Halle Buescher, Scott Trask and Delaney Imbler are doing a great job this fall both on and off the water.



2022 Crow's Nest and Race Team Update

MHYC's 80+ year old Crow's Nest Sailing Program is a 6-week summer program Pre-Registration opens November 1 for 2022 Crow's Nest Sailing Camp. For \$100 you can reserve your spot. MHYC Member families receive priority in registration. Once our spots fill up, we will create a waitlist. Questions? Email Sailing Program Director Caitlin Aguero at mhycsailcamp@gmail.com.

Remote Control Sailing Racing

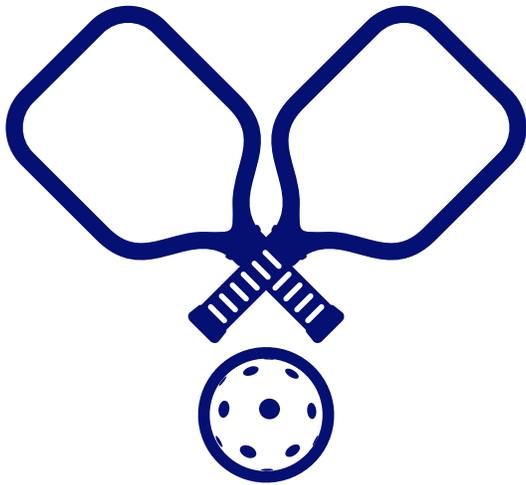


Let's try to get this fun winter event going. We will meet October 16 at 1pm to try them out and come up with a plan to get together with friendly competition and learning.

2022 Swim Team

Our MHQH Swim Team registration will open in January to MHYC and Quail Hollow swimmers from age 6 to 18. This team provides a fun, supportive program for all levels and is a great way to get started or build on your current swimming skills, and stay in shape over the summer. If you can swim 1 lap, you can be on our team! Practices are in late mornings, 3 days/week at MHYC and 2 days/week at Quail.

Meets are weeknights, and always fun for everyone. Pollywog swimmers are 8 and under with their own special practice. We are always looking for volunteers to help. Lena Valencic is our Swim Team Chair, and can be reached at mhqhswimteam@gmail.com.



Indoor Pickleball

Drop-In to play pickleball this Winter! Starting October 17, from 1:45 to 3:45. \$10 per session. All levels, no reservation required.

Yoga - Every Saturday at 10AM

We continue to enjoy incredible yoga classes with instructor Melissa Klimo-Major, either on the West Beach or in the clubhouse fireplace room as weather permits. Melissa does an incredible job of teaching all levels. Just bring \$10, a yoga mat, and an open mind! No need to sign up ahead of time. A growing core group is always there and there's always room for more.



Skeet Shooting

Don't be sad that your boat has to come out of the water, be excited that Skeet season is about to start! For any questions about Skeet Club, contact Brian Litra or Kevin Horvath.

The 2022 Adult Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 29 combines the former Halloween Costume Party and Witches Tea, for ALL members to dress up, enjoy a fun night of food and dancing to a DJ. Look for more information from party chairs Jeanie Balogh and Paige Pettrey. If nothing else, come to see if Vice Commodore Mike Pettrey can top his Daisy Dukes from the Dock Challenge! Please make your reservations soon for this is sure to be fun party.

Mentor Harbor Yachting Club invites you to a Halloween
Combo Costume Party:

ADULT HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

WITCHES TEA & MENS BREW

Friday, October 29th @ 6:00PM

Wear your favorite Halloween costume or decorative
Witches Hat

Costume Contest Categories to include:

Best Witches Hat

Best Couple Halloween Costume

Best Group Costume

Most creative individual costume

Live Music by DJ Jeremy Verdi

\$25 per person + +



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 30th @ 12PM - 3PM

Trunk or Treat will take place down by the docks.
Starting at E-Dock and ending at the Gas Dock.

Contests:

Best Kid's Costume
Best Decorated Trunk
Best Decorated Dock

The club will have a concession stand open
with beer, soda & hotdogs





JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER AT MHYC!

Mark your calendars for Thanksgiving at Mentor Harbor. We will be offering family style service with full turkeys for each group!

2021 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Membership Committee Meeting	4	5	6 Spirit of America Fundraiser
7	8	9	10	11 BOD Meeting	12	13
14 Mary Wood Fundraiser	15	16	17 Entertainment Committee Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 House Committee Meeting and Guest Bartender Night	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27
28	29	30				

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO GET IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Let Mentor Harbor Yachting Club take care of everything while you spend your holidays with loved ones. The calendar is filling up quick, give us a call today to book your company's holiday party!

2021 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Membership Committee Meeting and Annual Meeting	2	3	4 Change of Watch
5	6	7	8 Frozen Bubbles Wine Dinner	9 BOD Meeting	10 Member Christmas Party	11 Kid's Christmas Brunch
12	13	14	15 Entertainment Committee Meeting	16	17	18 Ornament Exchange
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 House Committee Meeting	30	31 New Years Eve Party	

October Restaurant Hours of Operation

Here are the updated restaurant hours of operation for October. We have been lucky enough to have a few beautiful fall days. We will continue seating on the Patio as much as possible. Please continue to make reservations for dining.

Monday:

Club Closed

Tuesday:

Club Closed

Wednesday:

Lunch- Closed

Dinner- 5PM-9PM

Thursday:

Lunch- Closed

Dinner - 5PM - 9PM - Queen of Hearts Buffet

Friday:

Lunch- 12pm - 4pm

Dinner- 5pm - 9PM

Saturday:

Lunch- 12pm - 4pm

Dinner- 5pm - 9pm

Sunday:

Lunch- 12pm - 3pm

Dinner- 5pm - 8pm

October Gas Dock Hours of Operation

As more and more boats are being taken out of the water, please contact Mike Jablonski our Harbor Master to schedule your boat pull out. With limited Gas Dock hours, please make appropriate arrangements with Mike if you are docked on East Beach.

Monday and Tuesday:

Closed- call for service

Wednesday-Sunday:

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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As I write this, we are one week removed from our annual Commodore's Ball and it was a good one! This night is all about celebrating and congratulating the current Commodore and his spouse and family and that is what we did in true Mentor Harbor fashion. The Island theme that was chosen by Duke and Kathy Allyn and it was beyond obvious to all in attendance that they put a lot of thought and effort into every detail! Kudos to our F&B team of Chef Rob, John Winters and Katie Lechner for helping to plan, organize and orchestrate a spectacular and thoroughly enjoyable party. Thank you to Commodore and Mrs. Allyn for leading the Club in what has been a very successful 2021!

October is here and please keep an eye for all that we have going on this month on the social calendar. Clam Bakes, Halloween parties and football will be the focus along with the Queen of Hearts, which has grown a life of its own as most of you are aware.

If you are planning on hosting any Holiday parties this year, please keep the Club in mind. We would love to host them for you and our team is very versatile and creative in what they can put together. Please watch for a Holiday flyer coming out very soon and contact John, Katie or myself if you would like to take us up on it.

Thank you all and I hope to see you very soon.