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Commodore – Carl Butler



Hello everyone, and welcome to February. Or as I like to call it, the worst month of winter.

If all this gloomy weather is getting you down, come out to the club and enjoy some of the many things going on. We have Sunday euchre starting at 1pm. Free pool on Sunday evenings.

Daily lunch specials Monday through Friday, not to mention the best bartenders on the lake every day! The Thursday Burger Nights for February and March will help fund my Commodore’s ball. I hope to see you there.

To recap some past events. I attended the New Year’s Eve party hosted by V/C Tony. It was a fun night of football and friends. Good food and snacks were enjoyed by all who came out.

MBC was honored to host the AYC Commodore/Fleet Captain’s meeting on January 8th. The Vice Commodore will have more on that.

Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa



January was a very busy month around the club.

Hello members! We started 2023 off on New Year’s Eve. Thank you to everyone who came to the club for the big football games. Too bad neither Big 10 team made it to the big show, but we had fun. We hosted the AYC Fleet Captain meeting with over 50 AYC members in attendance, later that evening we hosted the AYC Tim Ames Ball Committee. Yes, it was a busy day.

The Muskrat Dinner was a huge success! We sold out again!! As I went around and talked with our guests that night, I heard a lot of stories from guests who reminisced about how their Grandparents used to make them. We had two people over the age of ninety. One had mentioned her mom didn’t have a recipe for muskrats back then, so they just made it up as they went along. I would personally like to thank Brad Fichtner for continuing the tradition along with; Johnny Jenkins, Jake Geiger, Tom Potcova, Kyle Harris, John Kuriwchak, Mike Morrison and John Peer for cleaning and serving up all the delicious rats. Thank you, Mike and Gail McCormick, for checking

Congratulations to MBC on the Muskrat Dinner. This was a sold-out event. We received some very good press regarding this dinner. Thank you to all that helped make this a success.

Deana and I attended the ORYC Ball. We had a great time representing our club and meeting new friends from the 2023 class. It looks like we have a fun year ahead of us.

My Ball Committee has been working hard to plan a great evening for you all. We would really love to see our friends there. Also, don’t forget to look in the ship’s store for the Commodore section. We are nearly sold out, so get yours while you can.

The Rear Commodore has been busy making plans for entertainment. By this writing the first “Name that Tune” will be history. Please keep an eye out for events in the bar. Let’s support Carl in his efforts.

February 10th the Auxiliary is hosting family game night. I’m really looking forward having fun with you all that evening, while supporting the Auxiliary. I hope you can make it out for the fun.

everyone in along with selling fifty -fifty tickets. The month ended with the Fundraiser for Sergeant Devin Kachar. On behalf on the bridge, we would like to thank the membership for their support. Whether it was buying tickets, donating raffle gifts or helping with the enormous set up and tear down at the event, you all did an outstanding job.

This year the AYC is going to be focusing on boater safety. Last year boating accidents increased to a high rate. Some of the thought behind this was during the pandemic people went out and bought watercrafts and had no opportunity to take a safety boating class. The AYC will be looking for clubs to step up to allow space for the United States Power Squadron, Coast Guard and Sheriff’s Office to come in and teach classes. Several safety classes will be offered at local clubs. Please see the fliers on Page 8 and 9 for details.

Calling all Captains ...have you ever considered getting your Captains’ license? Well, the opportunity is coming this spring and again in the fall. The classes include fifty-six hours of classroom and test. The classes will be 8-5 on the weekends and 6-10 in the evening for one week. Details will be sent out once the class is set. The cost will be approximately \$1,000.00.



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello everyone! So here we are in February and the days are getting longer. So far, winter has been pretty kind and good to us.

I am really happy seeing people frequenting the club bar. Not too much longer and we will be into March and the days will be warmer. Soon after that we'll be seeing boats at the docks!

Monthly Entertainment has started this January with "Name That Tune!" Friday lunch specials are happening most weeks. If anyone has a Friday favorite for lunch, please let me know.

Euchre is played every Sunday at 1p, and the pool table is free every Sunday evening.

I have been asked about a Chili Cook Off. If there are people who would like to make chili for a Cook Off please contact me; we will see if we can get a group of chili cooks together and schedule an event.

This year's Super Bowl Party will be on Sunday, February 12th. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 pm and we'll ask everyone to bring in an appetizer to share. The bar is providing subs and sandwiches. Please come in to cheer your favorite team in this classic contest!

I hope everybody stays well. Thank you!



Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

Would like to say a BIG Thank You to all the members that helped me out for Burger nights for December and January. It was a tremendous success and support for our Monroe Boat Club A.Y.C. room in February.

I see other clubs visiting M.B.C. and stealing our burgee. This has been an ongoing tradition which gives all a chance to visit other clubs. This is a great chance to see other clubs and their facilities and show that MBC is the friendliest club on the lake. The visiting club must sign out the burgee at the bar. Do not take the burgee off the pole. We want our colors to continue to fly high and proud. Please be reminded that only members of MBC that are able to steal burgees from other clubs are the Bridge officer's, Fleet captains, and PC's of MBC

Take a look at the AYC board in the hallway. Their numerous events going on with our sister clubs that you are able to attend and have fun at. There is quite a variety there to strike your fancy.

Incoming Bus Trips to M.B.C.:

- March 4th Harbor View (Time TBD)
- March 18th Elba Mar approx. 50 people @ 4:30 PM

2023 AYC Poker Run Events:

- 06/16 - 06/17 - Cooley Canal Yacht Club
- 07/07 - 07/08 - Ottawa River Yacht Club
- 08/11 - 08/12 - Ford Yacht Club
- 08/18 - 08/19 - Seaway Boat Club
- 08/25 - 08/26 - SunSeekers Boat Club



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

It's February. We have a while still to go before boating season, and to help us get through the wait for Spring what could be better than creating a top ten list of bad boating jokes. These are very bad and may even cause you to groan out loud. Don't say you

weren't warned. Here we go:

1. How do you know when your boat is feeling affectionate?
When it wants to hug the shore.
2. What is the sailor's favorite laundry detergent?
Tide
3. Where do zombies go sailing?
In the Dead Sea
4. I went to the Black Friday sale at West Marine.
It was quite an oar deal.
5. Why do pirates have such a hard time remembering the alphabet?
They tend to get lost at "C".
6. During the sailboat race, the blue boat collided with the red boat.
The crews on the boats were marooned.
7. A thirsty sailor runs from his boat to the nearest bar and shouts to the bartender, "Give me 10 shots of your best scotch, quick!"
The bartender pours out the shots, and the sailor drinks them down with amazing speed.
The bartender is very impressed and exclaims, "Wow. I never saw anybody drink 10 shots that fast."

The sailor replies, "Well you'd drink that fast too if you had what I have."

The bartender says, "Oh my God! What is it? What do you have?"

"Fifty cents!" replied the sailor.

8. A magician was working on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience would be different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again. There was only one problem: The ship captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to figure out how the magician did every trick. Once he understood, he started shouting out in the middle of the show:
"Awwk! Look, it's not the same hat."
"Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table."
"Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"
The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was, after all, the captain's parrot.
One day, the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself adrift on a piece of wood in the middle of the ocean with the parrot, of course. They glared at each other with hate in their eyes, but neither uttered a word. This went on day, after day, after day.
After a week the parrot finally said: "OK, I give up. What'd you do with the ship?"
9. How many boaters does it take to change a light bulb?
None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local

marine supply store does not stock that type of bulb, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

10. A couple shopping for their first boat asks the salesperson: "Do boats like this sink very often?"
The salesperson replies "No, usually it's only once."

There you have it. Stay safe these next few months. Thanks.



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello members. As some of you have seen, the steel work on the 4 Banana Docks has been completed. The new composite decking is on order and will be delivered sometime in the next couple weeks.

February may be a deep freeze month but is also a time of getting things done. The billing for the dock holders has gone out and are still coming in. Soon I will know what Docks will be open

for dock assignment. For those members that want to try acquiring a dock I will be posting the sign-up list on February 17th and removed at noon on February 27th. Any member who would like to obtain a new dock MUST sign up on this list. Dock assignment will be held on Sunday March 5th at 2:00pm. Club seniority will prevail in all assignments. Oh yeah fun times ahead.

Life is a Misty Breeze!



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

I hope many of you got out to the fundraiser for Devin Kachar it was an amazing evening and a very successful fundraiser for a very worthy cause. Many thanks to Nicole and April for the donations to MBC of items left over from this.

Just a reminder to everyone using the kitchen if there are items you need or things that need to be replenished, please let us know. We

can't take care of this if we don't know. You can text me at 734 755-4195 or email ljelamb@hotmail.com, or Sharon Bagley at 419 704-8433.

The next Auxiliary meeting is February 13, 2023, Board at 6:30 General at 7:00 and you do get 1 work hour for attending. Hope to see all of you soon.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, February 7th, noon

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "We had a very enjoyable book club meeting on January 3. Our book selection, The Housemaid by Freida McFadden, was "un-put-downable"!!! We highly recommend this book. It will keep you involved to the last page!

We chose The Family Across the Street by Nicole Trope for our February 7 meeting. We hope everyone will read our selection and come to the meeting ready for some good discussion and some fun. Everyone is welcome!!!

Happy New Year!

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy...

The 2022 State of the Great Lakes Report can be accessed from the [OGL website](#). It highlights efforts toward a sustainable, equitable, prosperous, and healthy future for Michigan and the Great Lakes. Some examples of its content:

- More than \$1.9 billion for water improvements allocated in the bipartisan Building Michigan Together Plan to be administered by EGLE
- 60% renewable energy goal in the [MI Healthy Climate Plan](#)
- 16 school districts awarded a combined \$200,000-plus in 2022 for Great Lakes-based STEM education
- 100% employment of Northwestern Michigan College marine tech graduates in jobs that support understanding of waterways

- \$18 billion electric boat market expected by 2027, fueling demand for the first freshwater electric boat charging network in the U.S (*Is there interest by MBC?*)
- \$10 million budgeted as a first step toward removing millions of tons of mining waste from Lake Superior
- About 50 water bodies where fish are collected and sampled each year for PFAS contamination monitoring
- \$1 million budgeted to help restore Ox Creek in Benton Harbor as part of a communitywide effort
- \$100,000 two-year EGLE grant supporting a cross-cultural partnership to protect native wild rice
- 20 million acres of forest covering 56% of Michigan's land area and protecting water quality

Department of Natural Resources... What exactly goes into enforcing natural resources law around the state? If you've ever wondered, check out "Wardens" on the Outdoor Channel. [Last week's episode](#) featured Hot Boat Weekend at Hardy Dam and geocaching at Michigan state parks. Episodes air on the Outdoor Channel every Friday at 9:30 p.m., Saturday at 5:30 a.m., Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 10:30 a.m. (All times Eastern Standard).

The DNR will debut its free snowmobiling weekend, which will allow snowmobilers to operate their machines over a two-day period without the requirement of a snowmobile registration or trail permit. The dates for the free snowmobiling weekend are Feb. 11-12.

The World Economic Forum held its annual meeting last week (the 16th-20th) in Davos, Switzerland, bringing together more than 2,700 leaders from government, business and civil society. The program of the 53rd Annual Meeting focused on solutions and public-private cooperation

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to tackle the world's most pressing challenges. It encouraged world leaders to work together on the interconnected issues of energy, climate and nature, investment, trade and infrastructure, frontier technologies, industry resilience, jobs, skills, social mobility and health, and geopolitical cooperation. Representing the U.S were John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence, Martin Walsh, Secretary of Labor, and Katherine Tai, Trade Representative. You can find the agenda, podcasts, and webcasts on all the social media sites by searching for #wef23. Some of the session presenters' ideas and themes were:

- International Monetary Fund's Georgieva urged monetary authorities to "stay put" and be pragmatic, collaborative, and keep the global economy integrated for the benefit of all of us, despite optimism
- Larry Summers said, "No easing up on action to cut inflation."

MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The MBC-Association is the club's 501(c)3 arm, and as a charitable non-profit organization the MBC-A is able to provide programs and resources that are not funded through the club's General Fund.

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- Trade and investment emerged as the overarching theme at this year's meeting.
- Geopolitical shocks, globalization, climate action and technology were factors that emerged as having major impact on trade and investment in coming months and years.
- "As globalization evolves, it must become more sensitive to labor issues and inequality."
- A coalition of 50 trade ministers launched a high-level political directive and guidance to bolster inclusive international cooperation at the nexus of climate, trade and sustainable development, recognizing the need for climate action and trade policy to work in concert with each other.

It would certainly have been an exciting place to be last week, but all the sessions are available for viewing on the Davos site, or on the social media sites.

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MBC-A is always looking for volunteers. If a project seems interesting to you, just send an email to Charlotte Neuhauser cneuhauser@gmail.com.

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2023 at:

www.monroeboatclub.org

Applications due March 31, 2023.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, **including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.**

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18! Must be able to swim

This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539



SAVE THE DATE

**Please join us on Friday, February 24,
2023 at Toledo Yacht Club for the
annual Friends of the Mills party.**

6:30 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar)

7:30 p.m. Buffet dinner

8:30 p.m. Program

**Introduction of 2022 Mills Trophy
Race Honorary Chairman**

**The Mills Trophy Race
Continuing the Countdown to 100
Years!**

Watch for details on Facebook

**A fun, casual evening for anyone
interested in the Mills Trophy Race. All
are welcome.**

PRO WRESTLING RETURNS

FEBRUARY
15TH
WEDNESDAY



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Sweet Insane
Valentine

THE HOUSE OF INSANITY
1051 STRASBURG RD MONROE, MI

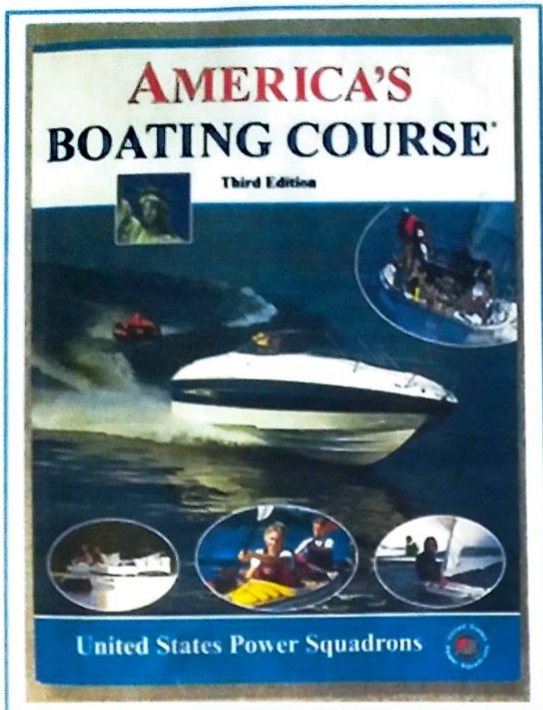
FRONT ROW VIP \$30 | SECOND ROW VIP \$25 | THIRD ROW \$20 | GENERAL ADMISSION \$15

DOORS OPEN: VIP 6:00PM | GENERAL ADMISSION 7:00PM

BELL TIME: VIP 6:30PM | GENERAL ADMISSION 7:30PM

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America's Boating Course

Information Covered in Class;

Required Safety Equipment

Water Safety

Navigation Rules

Aids to Navigation

Light and Sound Signals

State and Local Regulations (O.D.N.R. presentation)

Anchoring

Water Sport Safety

Knots and Lines

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Presented by

Americas Boating Club

of Western Lake Erie

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron

Meets all Ohio and Michigan boating law requirements.

Recommended age – 12 and over.

Location; River View Yacht Club

**(2) Saturday mornings, March 11th
and March 18th**

Two Saturday mornings

Class is 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.)

Address; 5981 Edgewater Dr., Toledo OH, 43611

\$20.00/person plus \$35.00 for book. Book is sold separately, not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged.

To register please contact:

Phyllis Zibbel

phylzib@yahoo.com

419-261-9060

Please register at least one week
prior to the class start date.

- Ohio law requires any person born after 1/1/82 needs to show proof of having taken a basic boating safety course if he or she operates a boat powered by a motor 10 HP or greater.



SUDDENLY AT THE HELM

LEARN WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
AND YOU SUDDENLY BECOME THE
CAPTAIN OF YOUR VESSEL

Wednesday

February 15, 2023

6:30 PM

Detroit Beach Boat Club

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE CLASS. DONATIONS TO THE COAST GUARD AUXILIARY ARE WELCOME.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT STEVE PETERSON @ 734-755-3708

SIGNUP SHEETS POSTED IN THE UPSTAIRS BAR

Open to all DBBC, AYC & I-LYA Members

BOATER SAFETY COURSE

DETROIT BEACH BOAT CLUB

March 4, 2023

8:30 AM until 4:00 PM

Presented by:
U.S. Coast Guard
Auxiliary

\$20.00/person
or \$25.00 for 2
(if sharing a book)

Open to all DBBC, AYC & I-LYA Members

Please sign the sheet in the upstairs bar with payment at the door.

Questions? Contact Steve Peterson @ 734-755-3708

Yard Master-February 2023

Its mid-winter in Michigan and our thoughts are turning to spring! Dock Master Henry Santiago has mailed the dock renewals, which means everyone is thinking about getting their boats ready for the season.

As spring arrives, boat covers come off and the boats in the storage yard generate thousands of square yards of plastic shrink-wrap.

You can now recycle this material by purchasing a special bag at the Club. These bags will hold all the plastic wrap from your boat; the plastic will be recycled and turned into new Trex dock planks! They will be available at MBC by early April. To help us estimate the quantity needed, please send David Ryan an email and I'll put you on the list: DRyan@bex.net

You simply take all the vents and fiberglass string out of the plastic, stuff the plastic in the bag and keep all that material out of the landfill!

MBC is registered at a Recycling Pick Up Point with the State of Michigan and the State will pick up all the materials by June 7.

Thank you for storing with Monroe Boat Club!

P/C David Ryan
Yard Master

RECYCLING RUN has been the official collection program for boat covers in Michigan for over 10 years! Join the over 50 marinas, boat dealers, and individuals across the state in reducing your waste and keeping our harbors clean!

WHY RECYCLE BOAT COVERS?

- Keeps the Great Lakes clean and waste free.
- For every bag recycled, there is a savings of 115 Kwh of energy, 13.5 gallons of oil, and 16-20 cubic ft. of landfill space.
- Your business can save money in disposal fees associated with dumpster rental, landfill fees, and hauling.
- Looks great on a Clean Marina application or recertification.
- Recycling marine film fuels the circular economy of Michigan. Recycled plastics from this program are used by domestic manufacturers, giving your used plastic a new life as new products.



RECYCLING RUN 20 23



REMOVE STRAPS, BUCKLES,
AND VENTS, SEAL, AND GET
READY TO RECYCLE

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Monroe Boat Club

Outside Boat and Trailer Storage Agreement

--MBC Member--



Owner Name(s) _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Summer June 1 to Oct 1 Year _____

Winter Oct 1 to June 1 Year _____

A Season is all or part of the term and includes a 30-day grace period.

There is NO grace period at the *end* of the Summer Season.

Check One: Power Sail Empty Trailer or Cradle Enclosed Trailer RV

Seasonal Rates:

Empty Cradle or Trailer 1-Axle	\$45.00/season
2-Axle	\$55.00/season
3-Axle	\$65.00/season
Enclosed Trailer	\$125.00/season
Boats/RV's: Under 30'	\$6.00/ft
30-39'	\$8.00/ft
40-49'	\$10.00/ft
50' and over	\$12.00/ft
Summer Storage-Boats Only:	\$6.00/ft any length

Registered Length: _____ Beam _____ Total Fee: \$ _____

Registration/Lic No: _____ State _____

Hull/Trailer ID or Serial No: _____

Boat Name _____ Manufacturer: _____ Year _____

Title State: Michigan Ohio Other _____

Year of Title and Owner Name _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No: _____

Proof of Insurance must be attached.

Check No and Date: _____

NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.



MBC member Rich Potcova was the International DN Ice Yacht Racing Association North American Commodore in 2013-2015 and in 2021 he was ranked 9th in North America. The "DN" Class is the most popular iceboat class in both North America and Europe. This January the World Championship and North American Championship were held on Lake Kegonsa Wisconsin, attracting sailors from the US, Canada, Poland, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland. Member David Ryan assisted with the event as Class Measurer.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7 12:00pm MBC Book Club	8	9	10 6:00pm Family Game Night Dock Fees MUST Be Paid	11
12 6:30pm Super Bowl Party	13 6:30pm Aux Board Mtg. 7:00pm Aux Member Mtg.	14 Valentine's Day	15 6:30pm MBC Board Mtg. 7:00pm MBC Member Mtg.	16	17 AYC Commodore's Ball, Romulus MI Available Dock List Posted	18 AYC Commodore's Ball, Romulus MI
19 AYC Commodore's Ball, Romulus MI	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24 6:30pm Friends of the Mills Dinner @ TYC	25
26	27 Available Dock List Removed	28 6:45pm MBC-A Quarterly Board Mtg. via Zoom				

Future Events

- Mar 4 - HVYC incoming Bus Trip
- Mar 5 – 2:00pm Dock Assignment Day
- Mar 12-19 - AYC Norwegian Breakaway Cruise
- Mar 18 – 4:30pm Elba Mar Incoming Bus Trip
- May 31-Jun 1 - Environmental Career Days

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Lunch Specials Every Day
 - Coney Dog Monday
 - Taco Tuesday
 - Wing Wednesday
 - Friday
- Sundays 1:00pm - Euchre

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Summer Storage Season
Jun 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Oct 1 - Jun 1
Contact Yard Master
Dave Ryan
(419)-260-9578 - dryan@bex.net

For Sale: C&C 33-1 Sailboat.
Fully equipped. Dacron and Kevlar sails, Harken
removable roller furling, GPS, safety equipment,
fenders and cradle.
Winter storage and spring launch included.
\$15,000
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net

For Sale: Brand New Dry Suit & Trapeze Boots
Neither were ever used.
Dry Suit is size Large - \$400
Trapeze Boots are size 11-12 - \$50
If interested contact Hope McEvoy
586-381-3483 (talk or text)
Hope0929@aol.com

For Sale: 1997 SeaRay 21ft 5 in
1997 Mercruiser 221 HP V8
Winterized every year, No mechanical issues
Bottom freshly painted, Includes trailer, boat cover,
batteries, anchor. Taken great care of.
\$9,500 OBO
Call: 734-241-9309 or 734-735-5590 (leave message)

For Sale: Aqua-cat Catamaran.
Red, White & Blue sail in great shape.
12 ft, 6 in.
\$600 OBO
Contact Jennifer 734-417-8332 (text only)