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Commodore – Carl Butler

I sure wish Mother Nature would make friends with the calendar!!!

Boy, am I glad that April is over. Two months of burger nights is a lot of work. I would like to thank all that helped during these two months whether it was in the kitchen, setting up or making soup. I met so many wonderful people during this time. Thank you all so very much. We were able to raise another \$5,000 towards the ball fund. This brings our total to over \$8,500 raised since I took office. That almost doubles our budget. Deana and I really appreciate all of the support we have received from the members.

By this writing the Monroe Boat Club Commodore’s Ball will be history. I hope all who attended had a good time. I will have more to report on that next month.

Well, we’re in the month of May. This month brings a nice change to our lifestyle. Soon boats will be filling the harbor, and members will start spending weekends at the club. Towards the end of the month there will be some very nice events to participate in. The Opening of the Port in Toledo as hosted by the four clubs (Bay View YC,

Maumee River YC, Toledo Sailing Club and Toledo Yacht Club) will be held on Memorial Day weekend. This is fun day for the officers of the club and members alike. This will be my first year attending the Memorial service held here at Monroe. I’m excited and honored to be a part of this tradition.

It is hoped that the west property will be completed before Memorial Day weekend. Progress is being made in great strides. The electrical work is done and the plumbing isn’t far behind. If this pace continues, we will be in good shape by the month’s end.

As we begin the season and start to work on our boats in the out lot lets be thankful for the work that was done this year. P/C Rick Campbell has been busy adding millings to fill in the low spots. A special thank you to John Gagne for sharing his tractor and skills to make fast work of the grading. Please familiarize yourself with the yard rules. ESPECIALLY the part about proper shrink wrap disposal.

Once again, I would like to close by reminding you to keep checking the club calendar on the website. There is a link provided every month that takes you to it. Keep up on events so that you can be a part of this fantastic club.



Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa

It’s boating season again!

Well last month we held our first two boating classes “Sudden in Command” & “ABC’s of Boating”. Congratulations to the following members:

- **Suddenly in Command**
 - Amy Brooks
 - Gail & Todd Valmassei
 - Samir Gumma
 - Mike Nagel
 - Shelly Orenstein
 - Pam Manor
- **ABC's of Boating**
 - Samir Gumma
 - David Buchko
 - Lianne Buchko
 - Andrew Buchko

We’ll be holding a navigation class in the future.

Thank you to everyone who attended Commodore Carl Butler and Lady Deana’s 2023 Ball, a good time was had by all!

You may have heard about a firepit that may be coming to MBC... here is some information on it.

1. The firepit will be located by the grill hut between the tree and the sidewalk.
2. There will be a brick paver boarder that will be 2ft wide, the reason for this is in case we need to repair the drainpipes again we’ll just have to pull up the pavers instead of breaking up concrete.
3. The patio will be 25x 29 we’ll be tying into the drain system and placing a 1-inch drain between the building and new concrete for additional draining towards the building.
4. The placement of the firepit will most likely be in the center of the area, we’ll have a 6ft pit with a 4 ft gas fire ring.

5. The rumor around the club is that the tree would be cut down!! This is not accurate at all, and at no time was this even a consideration.

Here is a link to the firepit proposal with sample photos: https://www.canva.com/design/DAFdYyg-8Tw/p09uGt0KZ4TuTwAVvGGumg/view?utm_content=DAFdYyg-8Tw&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=publishsharelink

The photos are just an example, once I have the rendering completed, I will be posting it on the T.V in the bar and will be sending out an email to the club with the rendering.



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello everybody. Well, warmer weather is coming and we are seeing boats back at the docks and we are looking forward to some very nice days. Congratulations to Gary Kaye for being the first boat at the dock in 2023. Happy to see members back for the summer. It's good to see them again. Hope those who winter in warmer climates had a great winter. Our Martini madness night went very well. Everybody had fun and enjoyed their martinis. Burger



Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

Wow, how fast a month goes by and you're still working on your boat to get it ready for the season. Remember, safety is the key while you're on the water. Go through your entire boat and make sure everything is in working order and up to date. There are numerous boat safety classes going on, please check the AYC/ILYA boards for information, or go on line to the AYC web site [Boating Safety Classes \(associatedyachtclubs.com\)](http://Boating Safety Classes (associatedyachtclubs.com)).

AYC 2023 Carefree in 23 yearbooks are in and available by the pool table. Please be aware that if a visiting club wants a burgee, the burgee comes from the Commodore's room. The one on the pole, stays on the pole. This has been discussed at the AYC meetings and the clubs feel that their colors will stay flying representing their club.

Opening of the Port 2023

Saturday, May 27th registration @ MRYC 9:00am – Noon Brunch 9am – 11:30 Ceremony starts at 1:00PM

Opening of the Island 2023



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

A reminder, if you cover your boat with plastic shrink wrap for the winter, be sure to take advantage of the Boat Wrap Recycle Program that Monroe Boat Club participates in to help keep our landfills and waterways free of this plastic. For a minimal fee, the club will provide you with a boat wrap recycling bag in which to hold the shrink wrap from your boat. The State of Michigan will then send a truck to pick the filled bags from the designated area of the club and take the material to be recycled for the production of synthetic dock planking and similar products. MBC has again been mentioned in newspaper articles lauding our participation to this very worthwhile program.

The recent PHRF-LE newsletter included a reminder to check for and replace any fire extinguishers that are over 12 years old. This is due to recent changes in USCG safety regulations. Also, if you plan to participate in races, be sure to request or renew a PRFH-LE rating certificate for your boat before May 15 to avoid the late fee. If you have not raced in the past, consider participating this year. There

As we move into the summer season and activities pick up around the club, I'll need help with the cleaning around the outside of the club. When you see a full trash can empty it. There are bags at the club you can replace it with. The large dumpster by the club is for the bar, burger nights and banquet rentals. Please do not throw anything away in that dumpster. Once you come back from a fun day out on the water and you have items to disregard, use the dumpster down by the west property.

Nights have been doing well and have been a great boost for the bar. Thank you to those who have been sponsoring Thursday nights, great job! On May 5 we will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Big thanks to April and Mark. Hope to see everybody there. We will be having entertainment performed by Lonnie Stump, along with margaritas and buckets of Corona for your enjoyment. A big thanks to members who helped with the Masters Walleye Circuit tournament. It was an amazing time. Also, I would like to thank Nick and April for the great success of their BLT lunch! Thank you all!

June 9th – June 11th full weekend of festivities (see flyer on board)

2023 AYC Poker Run Schedule

- 6/16-6/17 – Cooley Canal Yacht Club
- 7/7 – 7/8 – Ottawa River Yacht Club
- 8/11 – 8/12 – Ford Yacht Club
- 8/18 – 8/19 – Seaway Boat Club
- 8/25 – 8/26 – Sunseekers Boat Club

If you visit any of these Poker Runs, PLEASE come see me somewhere at the event to sign the Fleet Captains Logbook. The more from MBC the better!! Prizes are given for perfect attendance to all 5 events for at least 8 hours by boat and poker cards are handed out at each for at least 4 hours by boat. So as you're visiting these clubs,

Keep "Havin Fun" .

are races every Tuesday night starting on May 23. The races start at 7:00 PM. Registration can be done in person at the club on the evening of May 16 or can be done online at noticeofrace.net. In addition to filling out a registration form, you will need to provide proof of boat liability insurance as well as a valid current PHRF rating certificate for your boat. If you think you might like to participate but are uncertain and would like to experience what racing is like, contact me and we can arrange for you to go along onboard one of the boats to see how it all works. It is a lot of fun, you will improve your sailing skills, and you get to meet other sailors when we all gather back at the club after the race.

I am currently preparing to begin a sailing adventure. With two others, I am going to help sail a sailboat from the Florida Keys up to New York City. The boat will then come across the Erie Canal, then through Lake Erie up into Lake Huron and finally up to its final destination in Bay City, Michigan. I can be reached via email at danmont@umich.edu or text message or phone at (734) 905-0449.



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

I want to first say thank you to all who participated in helping with the walleye fishing tournament and helping with getting the dock work completed for the event. Our club showed that we have the motivation and determination to get the job completed in a professional manner. Again, a BIG Thank You.

On the agenda for the upcoming month: 1) There are six docks on the front seawall parking lot side that need sidewalks. I will be looking into building concrete forms and getting them poured. 2) For the dock holders: The docks are needing a good wash down. I have tried to get to this task but keep running out of time. If you have a power

washer and have some time, I could use the help. Let me know and I will get you the work hours. **Also don't forget that your dock poles have to be in by May 19th.**

A notice for all members if you see something on the docks that may need attention, please bring it up to myself or one of the dock committee members (Dave Collino, Dave Volker, Andrew Devenish, Dennis Lamb, Al Brooks, or Doug Petee) WE will see what can be done...

Thank you!



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

We have been cleaning in the kitchen and pantry. At this time we only have 6 usable roasters, we did throw a couple away but we did have 14, if you have any please return them. We are also missing 2 round plastic tables. These items were not on the sign out

sheet. I also have some blank spaces on the Auxiliary burger night sheet please check and sign up where you can help. The next meeting will be on May 8th with the Board at 6:30 and General at 7:00. We usually don't have meetings in June, July or August unless something special comes up. See you all soon.



MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The Club's 501c3 arm is the MBC-Association. MBC-A is able to provide educational programs for youth and adults without any cash expense to the Boat Club.

The Grade School Fishing Club for 5th -6th graders is now into the real-deal of fishing!

The last Monday of March was cool and cloudy, the perfect conditions for the kids first time to put learning into practice. The 5th and 6th Graders rigged their poles and cast them into LaPlaisance Creek in front of our club and caught an amazing total of 53 perch!

Every angler caught several fish, and then Coaches Jamie O'Brien and John Trout taught them how to clean and cook their catch in the BBQ Pavilion.

MBC members in the lounge were able to see the delight as the kids reeled in fish-after-fish, and also got to enjoy some of the delicious perch that was shared that evening.

It is worth mentioning that these kids have never fished before, and most have never seen Lake Erie in person. Monroe Boat Club has given them the foundation to appreciate our lakes and waterways for the rest of their lives.

On **April 21 and 22-** MBC-A brought the **Masters Walleye Circuit** to MBC. Sadly, the Friday weather and other issues prevented a Kids Night this year but we will ensure the kids are part of this in the future. This event was hosted by MBC and sponsored by Cabela's and Monroe Tourism Bureau. MBC-A paid for the club's special liquor license and the new township outside food vendor permit. The boat club had zero dollars spent on this event.

Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders – returns on May 31 and June 1 for its 12th year! We will be needing MBC Boaters to take kids out to get a water sample each day so get your boat ready and assist if you can. See the appeal for your help in this Harbor light, and say "Yes" to Charlotte Neuhauser asking for your help to put a few kids on your boat.

The program includes 2 groups of 50-60 students at MBC one day and Monroe County Community College one day...that's right, over 110 kids will be telling their parents what they experienced at MBC! The program focuses on: 1) the effects of aquatic and land invasive species and 2) the types of careers involved with the environment. The program is co-sponsored by MBC Association, River Raisin Institute and MCCC.

A Big Thank You! To all those who are participating in the Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling. MBC-A is subsidizing about half the total cost so that each bag costs you only \$5. A total of 56 bags of plastic are being recycled this year, a huge success that is recognized by the State of Michigan.

Fundraising Success! During the weekend of April 27, MBC-A raised money to fund these programs through managing poker games at the Vision Lanes in Westland MI. MBC members volunteering their time for this are: P/C Dan Thomas, Charles Kressback, Bob Zaki, P/C Fred and Lady Celeste Hoitash, Doug Petee, Rick and Sue Boose, Kevin and Carol Gabler, Don Blouin and Charlotte Neuhauser. They worked 4-to-8-hour shifts, sometimes until 2am, and generated over \$5,000. Great Job!!

You can make a positive difference!

Memorial Day Service @ MBC

Monroe Boat Club Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 29th.

Presented by the Blue Gavel, Monroe Boat Club Chapter

Monroe Boat Club honors those men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Club and Lounge opens at 8:30am.

Service begins at 9:30am.

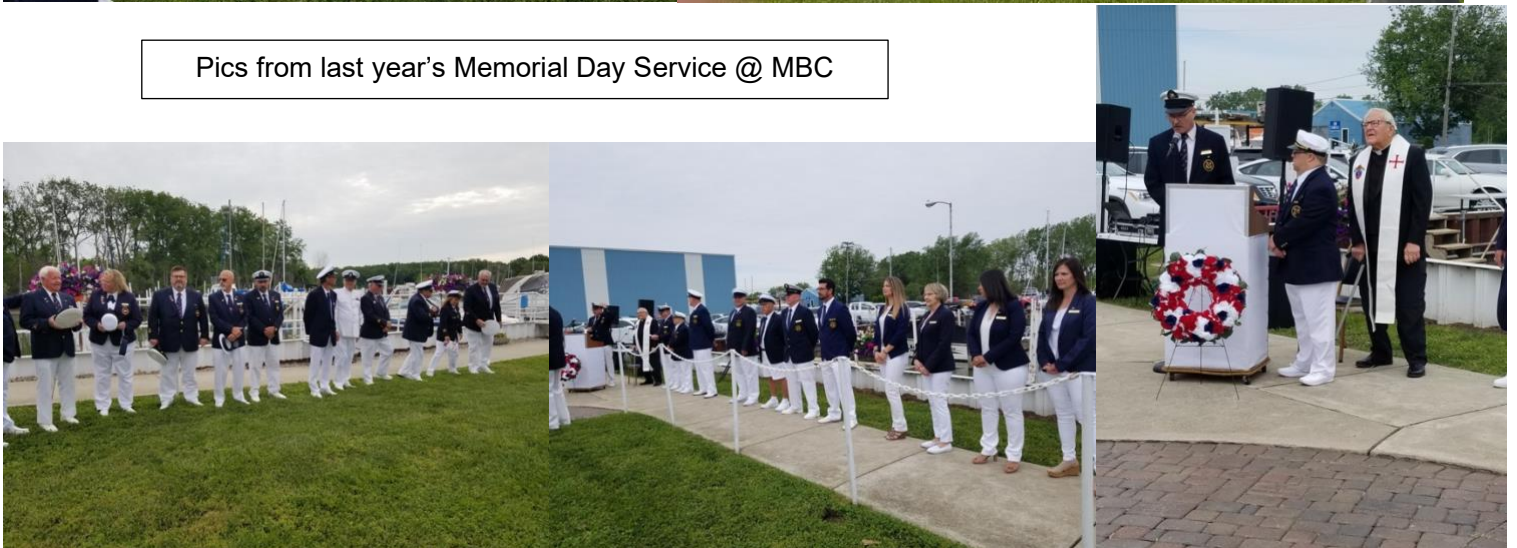
Brunch presented by Auxiliary to follow.

Monroe Boat Club welcomes all club members, friends and family. Our program includes a formal Blue Gavel welcome, blessing of the Club Fleet, laying of the harbor bouquet, and recognition of all former and current service members.

Officers and Past Commodore's uniforms are Summer Dress White: White trousers, white short-sleeved shirt with shoulder boards, white shoes, socks, white cap, navy blue blazer.



Pics from last year's Memorial Day Service @ MBC



Environmental Career Day @ MBC

To: MBC Boat-Owners

The Environmental Career Day is coming up again on May 31-June 1. Fifty-six 7th grade students will be coming to MBC on the 31st and 56 again on the first of June. I'm looking for about 8 boats to once again take the kids out, collect a bucket of water, talk with them about your career and how important it is for them to stay in school, and get a good job if they wish to have a boat they can enjoy.

Because of the importance of the boat activity to the kids, are you willing to take 6-7 students on your boat on both days (preferably) for about 1 ½ hours during mid-day on those two days. The time of the ride should include embarking and disembarking, going as far as you wish, then stopping long enough for the students to collect a small bucket of water, and returning to dock.

If you are willing to help out on May 31-June 1, please either e-mail me at cneuhauser@gmail.com or text me at 248.982.8199. Let me know if you need a co-captain and the number of students you can take on your boat. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Charlotte Neuhauser

Yard Master Report

Spring Boat Prep is now well underway! April and May are busy times with winter boats being launched and summer trailers moving in. Please be patient and courteous as we try to accommodate everyone's needs. Thank you to Fritz Peterson and Rick Campbell handling the day-to-day traffic.

When you bring a trailer or boat or other item into the yard, you must fill out a Storage Agreement Form along with the fee and place it into the wooden mailbox in the Commodore's Room. Please do your part to help us keep track of all the items in the yard.

MBC is providing several services to assist your spring prep this year:

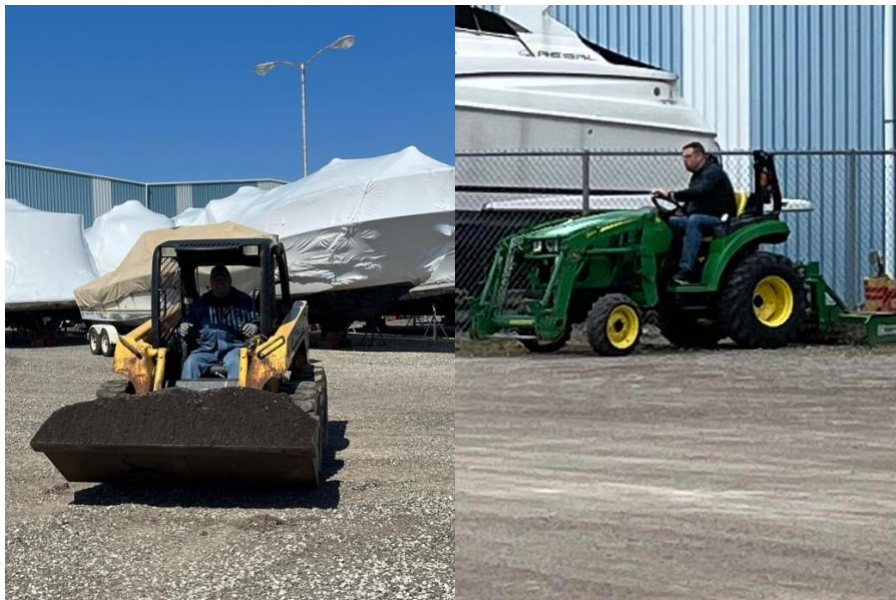
A) Water service is now available at each light post and along the center of the Blue Wall, with "Y" splitters to double the available service.

B) You can use a special recycling bag available for \$5 to keep your stretch-wrap plastic out of landfills. MBC received terrific Monroe News coverage for this effort and Trout's, Harbor and Big Daddy's are all participating.

A second order has been added to the initial order of 40 bags. Thank you to everyone keeping plastic out of the landfill, and to MBC-A for subsidizing the costs.

C) An additional 75 tons of asphalt millings are being spread on the surface to minimize dust and water puddles. Thank you to Rick Campbell and John Gagne Jr for spreading and leveling the surface!

D) Members Ron and Betty Miller upgraded the essential Case skid-steer with a high-capacity John Deer unit during April. Not only is the "bucket" larger, but it comes with a set of forks to make this a very versatile tool for MBC. Rick likes it so much he spent Easter Sunday putting it through its paces!



MBC Hosts 2023 Masters Walleye Circuit Professional Anglers!

The sun rise over the Lake Erie horizon was spectacular on Friday April 21, as 60 professional fishing teams from across the United States and Canada departed Bolles Harbor at 7am. By the time they returned 8 hours later, a cold steady rain had set in as the fishermen weighed their catch on the big stage in front of the MBC Marina.

Dock Master Henry Santiago and his team prepared for weeks for this event, installing dock poles and new dock planking, ensuring water and electrical were operating, and deploying all the necessary safety and emergency equipment.

His Dock Committee team all wore high-vis shirts so the visiting boaters could easily spot them, and they sure did! They docked 120 boats plus the fish-release boat and TV press boat over the two days.

Rick Campbell headed a dedicated group handling traffic control, directing all sorts of vehicles to appropriate parking spaces and transporting visitors in golf-carts from the far reaches. This was not easy work in the windy cold rain. We had a fully staffed beer and hot-dog stand, members were setting up tables and cleaning up garbage cans. What an effort! Thank you to everyone who made this possible!

Monroe Boat Club really impressed this group of professionals from all over. Teams came from New Jersey, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, New York, Indiana, South Dakota, Iowa and even Louisiana, Sault Saint Marie and Windsor to compete in Monroe this weekend.

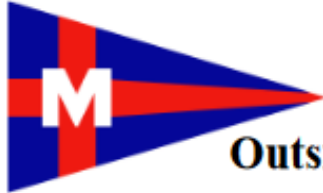
Local knowledge showed the country how it's done, with the area team of Michael Sitko (Pinckney MI) and Erick Schenavar (Newport MI) taking home the first place prize of \$10,600.00 with a total two-day weight of 61 lbs 10 oz. In second place just two ounces behind, was the husband and wife team of Liza and Jerry Plourde from Cornell Mi with a 2-day weight of 61 lbs 8 oz. Liza and Jerry also won the Daily Big Fish award with a 9lb 10oz walleye, and the heaviest single day catch of 35lbs 14 oz. Total prizes were \$58,000.00.

There were 530 fish caught during the tournament weighing a total of 2,449 lbs 10 oz.

The head of the Masters Walleye Circuit, Jeff Klem, was so impressed with the the MBC facilities and told Tim Lake of the Monroe Tourism Bureau they would like to hold their Championship Event here in 2025 or 2026, which would bring over 200 teams and upwards of a quarter million dollars in prize money. We'll be working on that in the next few months!

The MBC Membership made this all possible. The members gave up our parking lot and allowed use of our docks and facilities to host this tournament. That is a lot to ask of a private club and it is much appreciated. The efforts pay off in the intangibles of great newspaper and TV coverage and enhancing our reputation in the community. It also paid off in the 6 new applications that Membership Chairman Nick Pinotti achieved over the weekend.

Congratulations and *Thank You!* Monroe Boat Club.



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: _____

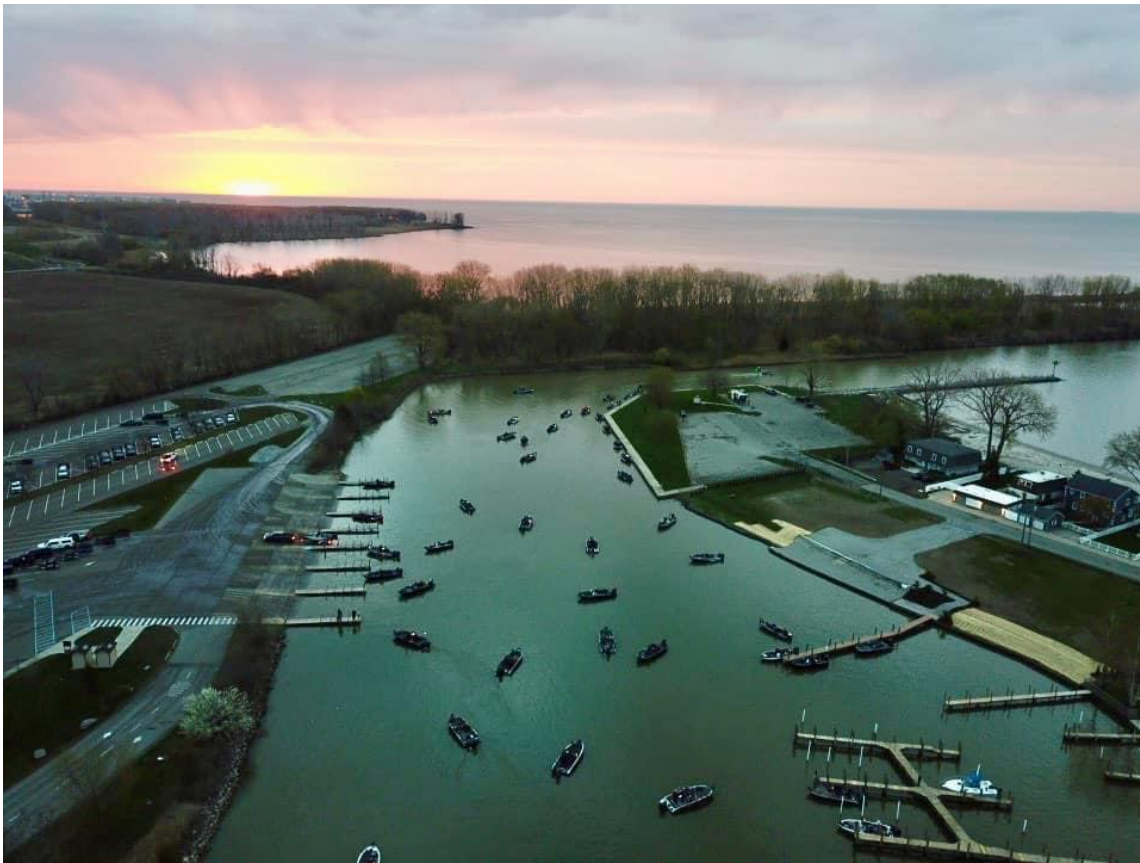
Proof of Insurance must be attached.

Check No and Date: _____

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



MBC-A Grade School Fishing Club. March 27, they fished, caught 53 perch and then cleaned, cooked and ate them for dinner.



Fishing Tournament @ MBC
(Aerial Photo by Craig Sauer)



More Fishing Tournament Pics

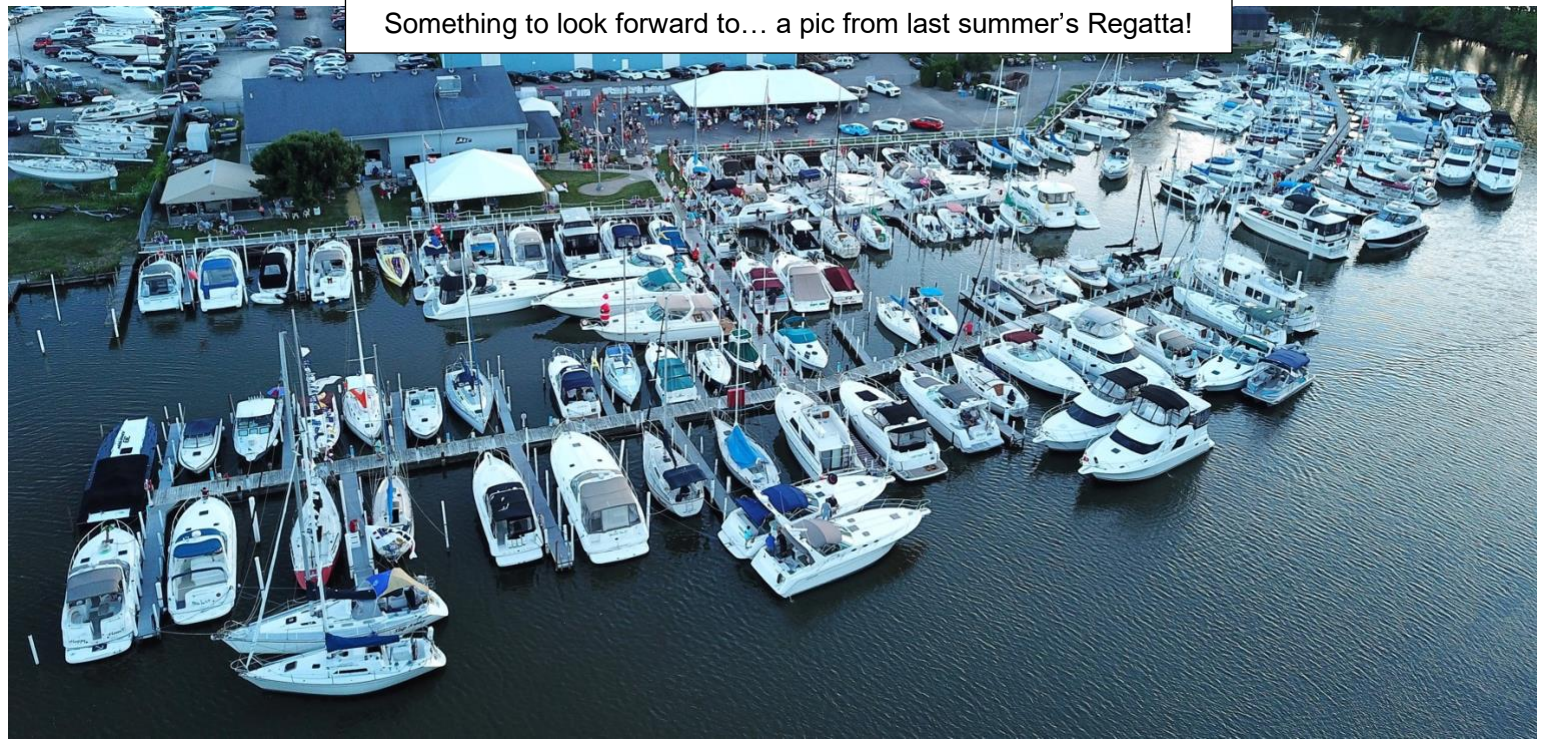


Commodore's Ball 2023



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To keep things simple, the club's calendar will no longer be displayed in the newsletter.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the club's calendar on the website.

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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)

Mercury Inflatable, Trailer & Motor
\$3,500.00
270 Sport - 8' 4" length; 5' 1" beam
4-person capacity/992 weight capacity
Genesis Trailer
Mercury 5HP 4 stroke motor
Purchased new in 2020
Ken - 734-771-0153