

Commodore's Corner

John Coultrap



Your leadership has gone through very labor intensive winter months in preparing our new accounting system, updating insurance coverage and planning for the upcoming summer season.

There are a few additions I will bring to your attention: The club management will be installing a new "Pay Phone" outside the limits of our leased property, common to the State Marina (north side, along MBIYC road). The installation of this phone has been mandated to us by ODNR for general and emergency usage for the general public. The cost associated with installation and maintenance will be offset by it's usage as our club will be the sole proprietor and benefactor from revenues realized.

Secondly, in the past, all electric consumption used by docks, A&B was calculated and included in our yearly lease with Lonz. It was brought to my attention by a state official, that the State, under the terms of our new lease, would no

longer accept responsibility for these charges. Subsequently, the meter now has been placed in our name and the club will pay all charges for electric usage. The distribution of this new

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cost to your club will have to be calculated by your board and passed on accordingly to all non-renters who use A&B docks. This amount should be fairly minor however; experience will be the board's best teacher. I will let you all know of the final outcome, at a later date.

Judy Hill, our dock master, will continue to serve in her current capacity for the coming season. She will assume the duties of "club manager" on a day-to-day basis bringing her concerns to me for consideration. Judy has demonstrated, time and time again, her ability to provide a safe, clean and comfortable environment for all of us to enjoy. Let's all give her the utmost cooperation and

support, as we have in the past, so she may continue her leadership as a member of your management team.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome...Have a safe and productive beginning to the season during your spring commissioning.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you all at our special place, on the

"Isle de Fleur"

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
MIDDLE BASS ISLAND YACHT CLUB

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Vessel Safety Checks



On Saturday May 24, 2003 the members of the United States Power Squadrons from Columbus and Akron will again be conducting a Vessel Safety Checks at MBIYC from 10AM-3PM. This is a free check of your boat's equipment for compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements.

A Vessel Safety Check can identify Safety and money saving opportunities:

- 1) by preventing citations meeting federal and state and local safety equipment requirements;
- 2) by identifying educational and equipment-related possible boating insurance discounts;
- 3) by increasing awareness of safety practices to avoid accidents and costly breakdowns.



Nothing says SPRING better than the smell of a can of fresh bottom paint. Most of us are rushing to the boat yards, trying to stake claim to an electrical outlet to run the buffer, washing, waxing, painting, checking mechanicals and electronics. Don't forget to check fire extinguishers and life jackets!

The Club will be opening soon, with many volunteers cleaning, painting, and checking mechanicals and electricals there too. All of the dock contracts have been returned, and sharing members assigned. The officers, directors, and committee members have plans for the new season finalized. Early indications are that the water levels will be slightly higher. This is going to be a GREAT season.

See you at the Club soon.

MBIYC & SYC

As some of our members became painfully aware last summer when they tried to dine at Sandusky Yacht Club, SYC no longer permits members of MBIYC use of their facilities.

This decision by the SYC board was not limited to, nor directly aimed at MBIYC, but includes several other clubs that SYC feels do not offer "like facilities".

This winter, MBIYC leadership requested SYC reconsider their position regarding our club as MBIYC has been a popular destination for SYC members. Unfortunately for members of both clubs, SYC has decided to remain with their original decision.

Therefore, MBIYC has in turn decided to not to permit SYC members use of our club's facilities in accordance with our long-standing policy of direct reciprocity.

Fishing Anyone?

Due to lack of interest, the tentative MBIYC Fishing Tournament has been put on hold until next year. If you are interested in helping or participating next year, please let us know by sending an email to MysticFlight98@aol.com, calling 330-995-6088 and leaving a voicemail if we don't answer, or dropping a note to John Wierzchowski, 375 Bent Tree Dr., Aurora OH 44202.



The I-LYA Spring Meeting was held April 4-5, 2003, at the Independence, OH. Holiday Inn, to prepare for the upcoming boating season. The business meeting consisted of "housekeeping" items for their operation. There were no items of business that affected MBIYC directly but a

request was made for all member clubs to turn in a current "reciprocity list" detailing fees and services available for visitors so the 2003 I-LYA Yearbook would contain up to date data.

Regatta Dates for the Islands include the following events:

- Mills Trophy Race 6/6/2003
- Cleveland Race Week 6/26-29/2003
- Sandusky S.C. Islands Race 7/5/2003
- I-LYA Jr. Race Week 7/20-25/2003
- I-LYA Power Boat Regatta 7/29-8/2/2003
- I-LYA Sail. Regatta 8/4-6/2003

Pics Needed for Yearbook

Hello from the MBIYC Year Book. I am looking for pictures to include in the yearbook, which will be out next March (if everything goes right). Any pictures of any of the trips and get-togethers or the club would be appreciated. If you enclose an envelope with your address I will return them. Please send to MBIYC Yearbook, D.E. Dirrman, 1619 Jeanwood Dr, Elkhart, IN 46514.

I am also looking for advertising for the yearbook. The cost will be \$75.00 for full page, \$40.00 for half page, \$25.00 for 1/4 page and \$15.00 for a business card.

If you have any ideas you would like to see for a front cover or for the yearbook, please email me at dirrman@hotmail.com or drop me a note at the above address.

See you all soon!





The form to sign up for the summer cruises is again provided below. Arrangements have been made for a dinner on Saturday night for all three cruises...you will pay for your dinner at that time. We are about half full on all cruises and can take about 10 more on each as of mid-April.

Memorial Day Picnic will be Saturday May 24, 2003. No raffle will take place and no entertainment for this picnic. There will be free Vessel Safety Checks being conducted from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by MBIYC and USPS members certified to conduct the checks and issue safety stickers by the Coast Guard. Bring a dish to share; the club will provide brats, beer and pop.

Friday July 4th Picnic (\$3.00/person)

- Karaoke
- Dinghy Poker Run
- Dinghy Handling
- Boat Parade

Since July 4th is on a Friday this year we are going to have the picnic on the 4th a little later in the day about 3 p.m. Everyone can bring a dish to share and a little appetizer beforehand. It is the Ohio Bicentennial so keep that in mind when preparing to decorate your boat this year for the 4th of July parade. We will be having a dinghy poker run around the island as well as a dinghy-handling contest. If interested in participating in these contests please e-mail us at: s.forward@sbcglobal.net.

Of course, the Annual Pig Roast will be the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend. Details later.

A fun summer is ahead!!

All members are reminded to call **419.285.9971** to reach the Dockmaster for questions on dock availability. Use of the toll-free club number is intended for use by the members who have paid for seasonal dockage to let the dockmaster know when their dock is available for others to use. **THANKS—MBIYC Board**

2003 Cruise Schedule

- **Pelee Island—June 14 weekend** - Pelee is confirmed and Saturday night we'll have dinner at Westview Inn.
- **Ford Yacht Club—July 25—26** - Near the mouth of the Detroit River. FYC will have a dinner for us in their clubhouse and provide entertainment
- **Leamington—August 22—24** - Black Beard's Weekend. We have a bus taking us to the Gallery for dinner Saturday night

If interested complete this form and return:

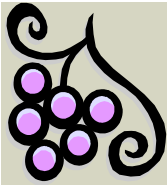
Please send a separate form per cruise with a **\$25/deposit per cruise**. We will have to take members first come/first served, and put the rest on the waiting list. We cannot add you to the list without your deposit. When you arrive at the cruise, your check will be refunded to you. If you are signed up for the cruise and do not show up, you will forfeit your deposit. The reason for this policy is the Club has had to put a deposit down and guarantee a certain number of boats.

Please make all checks payable to: MBIYC

Name: _____
Boat Name: _____ Boat Size: _____
E-mail address: _____
Phone #: _____
Cruise: _____



Mail your completed forms with **\$25/per cruise (made out to MBIYC)** to: **Scott & Chris Forward, 1206 Chatham Ridge Road, Westerville, OH 43081**. We will contact you prior to the cruise to let you know that we have room for you. Again, it is first come/first served on the cruises.



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MBIYC Calendar of Events

April 26, 2003	CLUB OPEN FOR 2003 SEASON MBIYC
May 24, 2003	Memorial Day Picnic MBIYC
June 13-15, 2003	Pelee Island Cruise Scudder's Marina, Pelee Island, ON
July 4, 2003	Independence Day Picnic MBIYC
July 25-27, 2003	Ford Yacht Club Cruise Ford Yacht Club, Detroit, MI
August 22-24, 2003	Leamington Cruise Leamington Marina, Leamington, ON
August 30, 2003	Annual Meeting & Labor Day Picnic MBIYC
February 2004	LandCruise 2004 Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, OH