

The Grapevine

Official Newsletter of the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club



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MBIYC is scheduled to reopen by June 15, 2009!

Please do not motor in until officially open as it may cause construction safety issues.

Did you know MBIYC has a Boat US cooperative discount? Just enter MBIYC's group number of GA82778Y when you sign up or renew.



Commodore's Corner Larry Ohler

Greetings!

As you are reading this, you can see that Spring has finally sprung. Hopefully, all of our boats are in the water or very close to launch. This is going to be a very exciting year for the club. We are finally going back to "our island home."

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to the land cruise in Feb. and supported our new Entertainment Chair Becky Vincent. She and Barry did a wonderful job. We all had a great time touring the 5 yacht clubs that welcomed us and showed us such warm hospitality. Please try to attend the Memorial Day picnic, May 23, at the Lockwood Shelter located in

the East Harbor State Park. We will eat at approximately 1 p.m. The Border Patrol will be on site to discuss and issue I-68 forms. Remember to bring 3 1" photos and passport if interested in obtaining that day.

We will also be letting the members share their ideas on what type and how much of a building we wish to develop as we proceed next spring.

The State of Ohio has asked me to relay that our members please do not enter the new marina until they give us the OK. While they are installing the docks, they do not want any boat wake for safety reasons. The newly assigned Park

Ranger will be here also and introduced to Club Members. Scott Doty has gone to Maumee State Park. We are still on schedule to be open on June 15, but we do not have a definite date as yet for the water or the electric service to the club grounds. Watch our Website, MBIYC.com. Remember too, the State takes reservations. This is great news for members who currently are not dock holders. Make your reservations early for party dates.

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC — MAY 23, 2009 — EAST HARBOR STATE PARK

Vice Commodore Gil Root

Greetings from the Vice Commodore!

I hope the winter went well and everybody is ready for a great summer. The docks are all leased and the dock-sharing program has started. We hope to have this completed real soon.

We are in the process of hiring the dock master and again hope to have this completed by the time the docks are delivered.

The docks have arrived at the staging area in Sandusky and are awaiting delivery to MBIYC. We're getting closer to the beginning of the all new MBIYC. If the weather is good and progress is made at the island, I'm still hoping for June 1 for dock usage. On another note, we have the Memorial Day event coming up and your chance to be part of the input for the new structure. Please plan to

attend and help get MBIYC off to a great start in 2009. June 12-14 is the cruise in to PCYC with a poker run Saturday and a cookout in the evening. We'll have a welcome aboard party Friday evening and coffee and donuts Saturday and Sunday morning. They have a great pool and tennis courts plus a beach to relax and enjoy the great weather.

Yours in boating

The Steamboat Captain brought his son along on a short cruise upriver to show him what he does for a living. All the kid wanted to do was steer the boat. Insisting that his father taught him enough to handle the job he asked the pilot to let him take the helm.

"Okay", said the pilot, "but you must pass a small test first.

If I asked you to turn to the left, what nautical term should I use?" "Turn to Port", said the boy. "Correct", said the pilot.

"If I wanted you to turn the boat to the right, what direction would that be?" "Starboard", said boy grinning from ear to ear. "Good for you", said the pilot.

"And straight?" asked the pilot. The boy quickly replied, " Without ice."

Treasurer Kaye Soka

With a successful membership renewal period behind us and all of our docks rented for the season, I am happy to report that MBIYC is financially very stable. These monies, plus dock fees which will be collected this summer, will assure that we meet both our operational budget and the financing payments on our docks.

As we move toward the next phase in the development of our new facility, the clubhouse, I hope each member who has not done so, will

consider the purchase of a bond. At a recent meeting, the board passed a motion to reduce the minimum bond purchase to \$500. Bonds may be purchased in \$500 increments and will pay 5% simple interest. Forms for the bond program and additional information are available on the website. Questions can be directed to me at treasurer@mbiyc.com or 419 297-6667.

I-LYA Delegate Kaye Soka

The Spring I-LYA meeting was held the weekend of April 3-5 in Perrysburg, OH. The current economic situation has taken its toll on the sponsorship budget for the up-coming Junior Sail, Senior Sail and Power Boat Regattas. Consequently, discussions focused on rethinking, rein-

venting and, of course, re-budgeting for these events. Anyone interested in participating in the Regattas should consult the I-LYA website at www.i-lya-org.

2009 Nominations John Wierzchowski

2009 Nominations

The Nominating Committee seeks suggestions for Officer, Director and committee member positions. If you are interested in running for an elected position or know someone who is, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members with your suggestion or to volunteer. Nominations for the Annual Meeting elections are finalized mid-summer so don't wait. Let us know now if you are interested in serving. The Nominating Committee can be notified at

nominations@mbiyc.com. Committee members are:

P/C Scott Forward

P/C John Wierzchowski

Ralph Renninger

Butch Wrocklage

Don Donantaccio

Rear Commodore Dora Dirrman

Spring has Sprung and none to soon! It was a long, cold winter and I am glad the warm weather has finally arrived. All of us are really looking forward to the opening of the club in June and seeing everyone in May for the Memorial Celebration at East Harbor. The new docks should be at Middle Bass soon, and we can't

wait to get busy getting everything ready for the members. For those of you who are not able to make it in May...See you in June!

Be Safe!

Rear Commodore Dora Dirrman

PIPING HOT

When something is served piping hot it basically means it has come more or less straight from the hob or oven. So why 'piping'? It is basically a reference to an old fashioned ship's form of dinner bell or gong. Rather than ring a bell or banging a gong the boatswain would pipe a signal to announce that meals were being served.

Entertainment Committee Becky and Barry Vincent

Officers

Memorial Day Picnic

May 23, 2009 (Saturday) East Harbor State Park

Join us for the Memorial Day Picnic being held in the Lockwood Pavilion at the East Harbor State Park. Plan to arrive between 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. We plan to eat about 1:00 PM. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish to share. The Club will provide burgers, brats and chicken breasts, soft drinks, condiments and tableware.

Arrangements have been made with the US Customs and Border Patrol to attend the picnic and inform members about the current border crossing procedures. They will be equipped to issue I-68's at the picnic. Members desiring an I-68 must bring three (3) passport style photos of each person, 1" x 1" and proper identification to prove citizenship (passport, original birth certificate with government issued ID). If you have questions regarding the proper paperwork for the issuance of the I-68, you may check with the Customs and Border Patrol for clarification. Cost is \$16.00 per person or \$32.00 per family—cash or money order.

There will be a short membership meeting and the building committee will be on hand to receive input from members as to what is desired for the new Clubhouse. Getting the building plans finalized is the next step as we continue to bring MBIYC back up to speed and to surpass what we left behind.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Ships Store Tim & Elaine Dembinski

We're sure everyone has their boats uncovered and ready for this boating season. This year you will be able to purchase all those neat items that identifies our special Yacht Club starting on Memorial Day Weekend. Tim and Elaine will be hosting the ship store

again this year and we are as excited as you are to start enjoying our new site. We will bring in new items with each event so don't miss out seeing what is available.

Tim & Elaine Dembinski

Fleet Captain's Steve and Karen Shireman

The summer is approaching rapidly and plans for club cruises are in the making. June 12,13, and 14 is the first cruise of the season. Gil and Pat Root have planned our cruise at Port Clinton Yacht Club. Friday night will be, bring a snack and drink and enjoy the company. Saturday a cookout and Sunday morning brunch. July is still pending, as several attempts at different facilities have not worked out. We still have a couple ideas, and anyone with suggestions, send them on to Steve Shireman, boxerden@yahoo.com.

August will take us to Kellys Island, hosted by Sandy and Larry Palmer, the weekend of the

14, 15, and 16th. Friday night fellowship precedes a weekend of fun for all. Saturday night may take us to one of the local watering holes for dinner, as the picnic area is no long available. Sunday morning brunch as usual. Can't wait to have some of the club cooks specialties. The boat goes in next week and we'll be seeing you all at the club, SOON! It'll be great to be back.



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WELCOME ABOARD!

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MBIYC Schedule of Events



Dates	Event	Location
February 6-7, 2009	2009 Land Cruise	Club Crawl Toledo, OH
May 23, 2009	Memorial Day Picnic	Lockwood Pavilion at East Harbor State Park
June 12-14, 2009	June Cruise	Port Clinton Yacht Club Port Clinton OH
July 4, 2009	Independence Day Picnic	MBIYC
July, 2009	July Cruise	TBD
August, 2009	August Cruise	TBD Kelley's Island OH
September 5, 2009	Labor Day Picnic Annual Meeting	MBIYC

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