

The Grapevine

The official newsletter of the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club



News

- Commodores Corner State of the Yacht Club.
- Special Membership Meeting January 5, 2008. Dues for 2008 must be paid to vote.
- Land Cruise February 23, 2008 at Lyman Harbor.

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Commodore's Corner John Wierzchowski



It's hard to believe boat's are out of the water and the snow has begun to fly. It's been two

and half months since I had the honor of being elected your Commodore and it seems like yesterday. I have much to say, so here goes...

Contrary to many rumors surrounding the Club, MBIYC is ALIVE AND WELL! Much has happened and much is going on. Throughout this newsletter your officers, directors and committee chairs will attempt to bring you up to date. Many issues remain in play so some of the information printed here may be outdated before you read this. The most up to date information can always be found on the MBIYC website.

State of Ohio Marina, MBIYC Lease and Docks

The Board and special committees have been working hard to

complete negotiations with the State for a long-term lease solution for the Club. While these negotiations have not been completed, substantial progress has been made. A draft lease was presented to us by the State, we have reviewed and revised it in committee and the Board has given it their approval. It is now back in the hands of the State for their review. It will probably go through this cycle a few more times before being finalized.

Specifications for the dock systems in the new marina have just about been completed by the State and they plan to release the bid package in mid December. This will result in a public bid opening in mid January. Then they will award the contract a week or so later. It will take about sixty days to finalize contracts and the successful contractor should be given the notice to proceed around end of March. The State plans to let a single contract for the manufacture and installation of the dock systems and associated support utilities.

The MBIYC docks will be bid as

part of this contract. Due to the way the marina construction is structured, we are required to purchase our docks from the same supplier and utilize the same contractor for installation. **Therefore, the State will bid "F Pier" (MBIYC) as an add-alternate to the base marina bid. Once the bids have been opened and a contract awarded, MBIYC must commit to the purchase of "F Pier" or back out of the deal completely.**

"F Pier" will consist of fifty-six slips. The current drawings have a 500' main pier with (24) 30', (16) 36', (8) 40', (4) 44' and (4) 48' slips. The main pier will be 8' wide and the docks will be 4' wide. Each slip will be equipped with at least twin 30A power and potable water. Believe me when I say this will be the finest dock system on the lake!

Most of you are aware construction started on the marina basin in October. While work has halted for the winter, it is scheduled to resume as early as March or April next spring. The basin work should be completed by next October and the dock (cont. page 6)

Special Membership Meeting

A special meeting of the active voting members of the Club has been called for January 5, 2008 at 3:00 PM to be held at:

Comfort Suites Sandusky
6011 Milan Rd
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the membership of our continuing negotiations with the

State of Ohio for a long-term lease and our plan for the purchase of docks and construction of a clubhouse on the leasehold property. A vote will be called for the membership to grant the Board of Directors approval to proceed with financing the project and enter into lease and loan agreements.

In accordance with the Constitution, this will be the only business

acted upon at this meeting and a member must be present to vote.

Additionally, members need to remember that dues are due on January 1, 2008. Members will not be able to cast a vote at this meeting unless they have paid their 2008 dues. We will be setup to accept dues payment at the meeting. ◀

Vice Commodore Larry Ohler



Remembering 2007 Memorial Day

100+ people gathered at the Club for the annual Memorial Day Picnic. A new tent was purchased to replace the worn-out one and erected on Saturday morning by most of the guys present.

A great meal was served although the rain continued to fall. The new tent was a great place to stay dry. The weather finally broke to clear on Sunday and Monday, Memorial Day was gorgeous.

June Cruise



Six boats braved the sun and calm seas to TYC. The members there welcomed us with open arms and a great cocktail party on Friday. We had such a great time on the dinghies on Saturday that Commodore Forward had to retire his afterward.



Greetings to everyone, I hope you had a great boating season and a good time at the club.

We had a lot of fun and some really fine parties this year with more to come. Since the purchase by the State in 2001 we have been at a standstill as far as our growth is concerned. Now it is November and a new

year and a new beginning is fast approaching.

Your board of directors unanimously passed a proposal to the State to secure approximately .7 acre and 56 boat slips. Now we need your vote. Please attend the meeting scheduled for January 5th as it is probably the most important membership vote to be taken since the formation of the club.

As Vice Commodore I have appointed a new dock committee to work with me to change

the present dock policy as needed when construction begins. They are Gil Root and Doug Wilson.

On another note, MBIYC hosts a room at the fall I-LYA meeting and this year Kaye has added a twist. Come to the party and enjoy another great night with your boating friends on Friday evening. We hope to see you there.

Larry Ohler—Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Gill Root



The sails are down and the props are at rest, but it's throttle up at MBIYC.

After the wake, and closing of the club, it's out with the old and in with the new at MBIYC.

All committees have been assigned with great enthusiasm and moving forward with plans for the new MBIYC.

We have many cruise outs lined up for the coming season. Coming soon, the ILYA meeting Nov. 30, 2007 at Perysburg Holiday Inn. Special Member meeting on Jan. 5,

2008, Land Cruise Feb. 23, 2008, at Lyman Boat Works, Sandusky and many more events throughout the boating season. Remember to visit the web site often for the latest updates.

Yours in Boating

Gil Root, Rear Commodore MBIYC ◀

Secretary Dora Dirrman

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers September 1, 2007

Summary of Minutes

Commodore Scott Forward called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm. Dora Dirrman then read the list of the new members and they are as follows: Lee and Shannon Frantz, Janet and Matthew Kenne, Don Simmons, Robert and Linda Brown, Brent and Fawn Carson, Robert and Joan Eischen, Robert and Marilyn Monti, and Stephen Ross and Mary Shumaker. Motion was made to accept those members and seconded. The vote was unani-

mous.

Scott briefly spoke and then turned the meeting over to John Wierzchowski to ask for a vote on the new By-Laws. Some discussion took place and John asked for a motion to pass the By-Laws, seconded by Dora Dirrman and was passed unanimously.

Larry Uland then presented the nomination committee nominees for office. Barb Uland made the motion that we vote on the officers nominated by the nominating committee as it stands and Karl Steuk sec-

onded. The motion to elect the officers as presented was unanimously passed. (See list of committee members in **Commodore's Corner**)

Kay Soka passed the silver stars and flag to Scott Forward and the flags to the new officers.

A motion to adjourn by Barb Uland and seconded by Mike Zavasnik adjourned the meeting at 3:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dora E Dirrman
MBIYC Secretary ◀

Remembering 2007

Independence Day

Plenty of food, music, games, sunshine and great company made the 4th of July picnic (held on 6/30) quite a success.



Membership - James Franchello



As we move forward into 2008, I would like to suggest that everyone contact former members you know that have allowed their membership to lapse and encour-

age them to consider rejoining the club. Next year will be a bit difficult with the closing of the marina area, but in 2009 and beyond there will be some exciting

changes! And don't forget: the Land Cruise tradition continues each year!

Since this is the *(cont page 7)*

Pirates Weekend

Pirates weekend was a HUGE success! See all the pics and video in the website Photo Album



I-LYA Fall Meeting

Inter - Lake Yachting Association Fall Meeting

November 30, - December 2

Holiday Inn French Quarter
10630 Fremont Pike, Rt. 20
Perrysburg, Oh 43551

As usual, Friday is the Hospitality Rooms and Saturday are the Meetings along with the Change of Watch and the Commodores

Ball. As always, all committees will continue to have their meetings on Friday and Saturday.

The Power Boat Meeting is Saturday at 900 Hours, the I-LYA General Meeting at 1500 Hours on Saturday. All interested persons are welcome to attend these meetings, with only the Club Delegate having the power to vote, so be sure to encourage them to

attend.

The ladies will have their luncheon on Saturday along with a program that we feel you will enjoy.

If You Got 'em - Wear 'em

We'd like to encourage everyone who was one of the diehards that attended the MBIYC Wake to wear their Wake T-Shirt to the I-LYA party on Friday 11/30/07. ◀



Labor Day

What a BLAST this year's picnic and party was! See all the action in the website photo album soon.



Commodore's Cruise

Wake



As announced last Labor Day, I will be leading a Commodore's Cruise vacation this summer. Currently we are planning a two-week cruise to the North Channel. Departing from the islands area on Saturday July 12, 2008, we will be on the water for the next 16 days. Planned stops include Sarnia, Kincardine, Tobermory, Killarney, Little Current, Port Elgin, Bayfield, North Channel Yacht Club on the St Clair river, Metro Beach in Detroit and Ford Yacht Club. We'll be

back home on Sunday July 27, 2008.

All plans are still being developed and subject to change. Of course, fuel prices next summer may dictate a reroute. To try and beat the high cost of fuel on a long cruise such as this, I would encourage members to try and double-up and share expenses on one vessel. The more the merrier. Keep an eye on the website (www.mbiyc.com/events.htm) for developing plans and sign-up.

More details to follow in the next newsletter. See you there...

John Wierzchowski
Commodore, MBIYC
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"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails."

William A. Ward

Entertainment –Rod & Joanne Brown



"I want a boat that drinks 6, eats 4, and sleeps 2."

Earnest K. Gann

The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be only the beginning..

Ivy Baker



Hi everyone,

Just because the club is closed this

year doesn't mean that the party is over or the fun has to end. Actually the only thing missing will be Middle Bass Island. We have already started planning for the 2008 season. The Memorial Day picnic will be held at the Toledo Yacht Club. Feel free to come by land or boat. This will be a joint event with Toledo and 3 other clubs from the Toledo area. Should be a very fun time. This years 4th of July picnic will be held on July 5th at Put in Bay hosted by our friends at Put in Bay Yacht Club. For Labor Day weekend we have reserved 48 docks at the Huron Boat Basin along with 2 picnic pavilions. The Land Cruise has also been finalized. Read on for more details and watch future newsletters and the website for updates and information.

We are presently working on several cruises throughout the summer months. One that is set up already is the Leamington cruise on Pirates Weekend on August 9th and 10th. Last year we had

16 boats attend and this year we would like to top that. Pirates Weekend is the best weekend to go to Leamington. If anyone would like to host a cruise or just assist in setting one up please feel free to contact us.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Labor Day Picnic/Wake you missed the party of the year. We gave MBIYC a proper ending. The coffin was a big hit. But this was not the end of MBIYC just the grounds that the club was on. Now we are on to a new beginning at a new location Bigger and Better.

Now on to the Details of the 2008 Land Cruise. The theme for this year is Camelot/ Medieval/ Renaissance. So feel free to come as your favorite king, queen, knight, peasant or fair maiden. Dressing up is optional but is encouraged. We will have the same band as last year 28 Daze. They are an excellent band that you are sure to enjoy.

This years Land Cruise will be held at Lyman Harbor in Sandusky on Saturday February 23rd 2008. For \$35.00 per person you will receive a dinner buffet that includes Roast Beef and Italian Marinated

Chicken. This Price also includes entertainment and transportation **from hotel to Lyman's and back to the hotel.** We will also have a hospitality room available at the hotel on Friday night and Saturday prior to dinner. Appetizers or snacks are welcome. MBIYC will provide beverages.

We will be staying at the Comfort Suites in Sandusky at a reduced rate of 59.00 plus tax. This is a brand new hotel. Rooms are available both Friday and Saturday nights. You will also be able to use the hot tub and pool next door at the Comfort Inn which also has a night club and restaurant. Please call 419-627-9595 for reservations. Mention MBIYC for group rate.

Please fill out reservation flyer and mail back to us no later than January 11th 2008 with a check payable to MBIYC for \$35.00 per **person. Don't forget to contact hotel as soon as possible.** Also I would like to request that everyone send in a 3x5 or 4x6 photo of their boat with their reservation. It will be returned to you at the Land Cruise

Rodney & Joanne Brown ◀

Additional Events

- December 1, 2007 I-LYA Fall Meeting 2007, at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, OH.
- February 22-24, 2008 Land Cruise Lyman Harbor Sandusky, OH
- May 26, 2008 Memorial Day Picnic at the Toledo Yacht Club Toledo, OH
- July 5, 2008 Independence Day Picnic, PIBYC Put-in-Bay, OH
- July 12-27, 2008 Commodore's Cruise North Channel
- August 8-10, 2008 August Cruise Pirates Weekend Leamington Municipal Marina Leamington, OH
- August 29, 2008 thru September 1, 2008 Labor Day Weekend Cruise Huron Boat Basin ◀
- August 30, 2008 MBIYC Annual Meeting Huron Boat Basin

Editors Stan & Debbie Porter

This year it will be particularly important to communicate the fun, friendship, and excitement there is within Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. This is important to keep

existing members, as well as attracting new members. Please send us stories of your experience in the yacht club, as well as articles and photos of activities you attend. We

will publish as many as possible. Send any information or photos you have for the next issue to newsletter@mbiyc.com. ◀

2008 Land Cruise

February 22nd and 23rd

Theme – Camelot / Medieval/ Renaissance. Kings, Queens, Knights, Peasants & Maidens

Location Lyman Harbor

Cost \$35.00 per person

Hotel - Comfort Suites Sandusky

6011 Milan Rd
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Price \$59.00 plus tax
Call 419-627-9595
Mention MBIYC for group rate

Location

Lyman Harbor
1615 First St.
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Deadline January 11, 2008

Make checks payable to Middle Bass Island Yacht Club.

Please send checks to:

Rodney & Joanne Brown
57 Boston Lake Drive
Valley City, OH 44280

330-483-8000
COST \$35.00 per Person

Please enclose 3x5 or 4x6 picture of your boat.

Itinerary

- Friday, February 22nd Hospitality room 5 pm to ?
- Saturday, February 23rd Hospitality room 3 pm to 6 pm beverages provided. Please bring appetizers and or munchies.
 - *Shuttle runs from 5 pm to 6 pm to Lyman's*
- Cocktails from 6 pm to 7 pm at Lyman's (cash bar)
- Dinner Buffet 7pm to 8 pm
- Brief meeting
- Band and dancing goes to midnight.

Band- 28 Daze



Please detach below and return along with check and photo of boat

Land Cruise February 22–23, 2008 Lyman Harbor

Name _____

Guest _____

Member# _____ Phone# _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number attending _____ Photo enclosed – Yes or No (circle one)

Commodore's Corner—Continued



A letter from Judy

The following letter was sent to the club.



*I want to thank
all of my
friends for the
cards, prayers,
and love.
God Bless
Judy*

*To all of our
friends,
Brant and I
want to thank
you for your
gift. It will
really help.*



system installation can begin. With the dock contract finalized in the spring, the dock manufacturer will use the summer and the fall to produce the docks with deliveries to the island to start in the fall of 2008. Dock installation will begin then and is planned for completion in the spring of 2009. While construction activities will probably continue throughout the 2009 season, it is still anticipated the marina and our Club will be open for business as the summer of 2009 begins.

MBIYC Club Plans

Your Board and Officers unanimously approved plans for the NEW MBIYC facility at the November 10-11, 2007 board meeting. In addition to the new docks, the Board and Officers unanimously approved the continued development of plans for a new clubhouse to include restrooms, showers, a galley, and an enclosed **large meeting area**. The Club's gazebo is part of the master plan together with the new clubhouse.

Of course, all of this new construction costs money. The Club has been saving for this day for many years, and your committees have been working overtime to formulate a plan that can fund these dreams and keep the Club solvent and operating to best serve the members for a long time to come. We believe we have that plan in place. The Board has approved it and we will be putting the final touches in place over the next 45 days or so.

However, you-the members, have the final say if we move forward or not. To that end, a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP is being called for JANUARY 5, 2008 to be held at :

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Sandusky Ohio 44870

The meeting will start at 3:00 PM.

All members are invited to attend, learn and vote. At this meeting you will be presented with the complete plan: docks, building, lease and financing for your approval. A vote will be called to allow the Board of Directors to finalize lease and financing documents. I truly hope each of you can plan to attend and get all the information you need to make an informed decision. This is probably the most important meeting since the Club was organized and will set the stage for the next several decades of Club operation.

New Constitution Approved

At the Annual Meeting last September the members were presented with and approved a revised Club Constitution. The new document combine the Constitution and By-Laws into a single document now referred to simply as the Constitution. The full document is currently available for viewing or download on the website at http://www.mbiyc.com/members_only/constitution.htm. We will also publish the complete text in the 2008 yearbook. Any member who desires a copy of the Constitution prior to then and does not have internet access may contact the Secretary for a copy.

Thank you for your support for these revised rules. The rules committee worked very hard to present a document that gave the members the final word in important Club decisions and provides a framework for years future operations that are fair to every member.

I want to personally thank Larry King and Ron Soka for participating in the effort. Larry provided the Club with the legal expertise to get the document right and in accordance with the law while Ron brought all of his experience as a past Commodore and involvement with the I-LYA and other clubs to

the table for our benefit.

Elected Committees

The revised Constitution also changed the way some of our committees are formed. The Nominating and Financial Assurance Committees are now elected by the membership. Normally, the Nominating Committee would nominate the candidates for election. But since the committee has not yet been elected, the Board of Directors has nominated the following candidates for election to the committees. The election for these posts will be held at the 2008 Land Cruise.

Nominating Committee – consists of five active members, two of which must be Past Commodores of the Club.

Past Commodore – 1 year term:
P/C Larry Uland

Past Commodore – 1 year term:
P/C Scott Forward

Member – 3 year term: Butch Wrocklage

Member – 2 year term: Don Donataggio

Member – 1 year term: Ralph Kurth

Financial Assurance Committee – consists of 3 active members.

Member – 3 year term: P/C George Weisenbach

Member – 2 year term: Bob Eichen

Member – 1 year term: Tony Dolejs

Other active members may be nominated by written petition by active members. The Constitution provides that a "petition in writing signed by at least five Active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before the date of election" nominates a person for election. The Secretary will then notify all other members of the nominations at least seven days before

Membership - Continued

end of the year our membership campaign for 2008 is about to begin (invoices will be in the mail in early December). I know there are a thousand other things that consume our time and energy at this time of year, but please return your invoice and payment as soon as possible; this keeps late fees to a minimum **and saves our volunteer's time!**

Finally, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.

New Members

Lee and Shannon Frantz of Port Clinton, OH

Janet and Matthew Kenne of Sandusky, OH

Don Simmons Belpre, OH

Robert and Linda Brown

Brent and Fawn Carson

Robert and Joan Eischen

Robert and Marilyn Monti

Stephen Ross and Mary Shumaker

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Mike Zavasnik
GCBA Delegate

Commodore's Corner—Continued

the election.

Appointed Committees

Several of our committees are filled by appointment. Following is a list of the members who have volunteered their time and have been appointed for these committees. Two of these committees consist of members with terms of three years. Normally, the Commodore appoints one new member each year for a three-year term. Since we need to fill these committees for the first time, I took my recommendations to the Board, and they agreed to appoint these initial positions.

Planning Committee

3 year term – Joanne Brown

2 year term – Gil Root

1 year term – Larry Ohler

Budget and Finance Committee

3 year term – Jack White

2 year term – Bill Potvin

1 year term – Ralph Renniger

Membership – James Franchello

Entertainment – Rodney and Joanne Brown

Newsletter – Stan and Debbie Porter

Ship's Store – Tim and Elaine Dembinski

Yearbook – Ralph Renniger

Groundskeeper – Jim Osenbaugh

I-LYA Delegate – Kaye Soka

GCBA Delegate – Mike Zavasnik

Dock Committee – Chaired and appointed by the Vice Commodore Larry Ohler
Gil Root
Doug Wilson

House Committee – Chaired and appointed by the Rear Commodore Gil Root
Joanne Brown
Bill Carpenter
Carl Dirrman
Dick Sisson

In Closing

As you can see, your Board has been hard at work for the last two months and will continue the effort until our future is secured. Of **course, we'll be taking breaks for all the Club** events being planned. The 2008 Land Cruise is sure to be hit. It is being held at the new Lyman Harbor facilities in Sandusky and offers great reception rooms as well as first-class dining and a night club. Please make room in your winter (brrrrrrh) schedule to join us celebrating the new MBIYC.

We now have plans in place for the July 4th weekend in conjunction with Put-In-Bay Yacht Club and have about 30 docks reserved at **Miller's Marina and PIBYC. Additionally, we** have secured the Huron Boat Basin with about 40 docks for the Labor Day weekend and Annual Meeting. Checkout all the info under entertainment and on the website as details are finalized.

Over the last several months we have solicited your opinions and direction and have worked hard to bring these to reality. I look forward to seeing you at the special meeting, answering all your questions and gaining your approval for our plans for a successful MBIYC future.

John Wierzchowski, Commodore ◀



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