



January 2024



Change is not easy – and it is harder for some than others. Thanks to those members who understand “CHANGE, We must!

MRYC is a business, plain and simple. Somewhere in the past, that perspective got lost. Yes, it’s about boats and water and fun trips to the islands and Commodore balls, poker runs, regattas, land cruises and more. However, if the business of the club fails, all that goes away.

Turning the business of MRYC around is the focus of my leadership and, hopefully, the current board and committees. We’ve been handed a neglected facility, unhealthy balance sheet and diminishing member benefits. This has happened over the past years. It’s time to wake up and understand the party is over if we don’t right this ship. The rough waters of the Maumee and its strong undercurrent are indicative of the changing world around boating and all private clubs. We can refuse to understand it and cling to a past that no longer exists or **let go to grow!**

The current board has accomplished a lot in its first month working together. Check out the board report in this newsletter.

You want to be “in the know”? Come to the monthly member briefings, the first one is Saturday Jan 13, 10am in the MDR. It’s casual. We’ll have donuts and coffee and plenty of straight talk, Q/A and I will listen to your ideas. Really, there is so much going on, I do hope you come. You will learn about the island project which is now underway right outside our windows
the status of the deck off the MDR
projects and events planned
and what’s on your mind?
What ideas do you have?

May 2024 be the best yet for you, your families, and MRYC!

Respectfully your Vice Commodore,

Sally Perz

Member Briefing:

Please join fellow members for our:

Vice Commodore Member Briefing
Saturday, Jan 13th 10:30a.m.

Coffee, donuts, and straight talk!
Come, ask questions, give your ideas, listen, learn!

Join Us!

Thank you

Big Thank You to **Dan Kekes** and **Bill Schmalzreid** for installing the new ceiling tiles in the tap room. What a difference that makes! Both of you do so much to keep this historic building in good repair. You always answer the call...and usually even with a smile! We appreciate you, truly we do!





Board Update:

Your board has been hard at work for the betterment of MRYC.

Here are a few of the recent accomplishments:

- Review of business on various days and change in December kitchen schedule
- Review and change in hours of operation starting Jan 1, 2024
- Change in gas and electric suppliers netting thousands of dollars of savings in 2024
- Contracted with an outside answering service to ensure ALL calls are answered and routed to the appropriate person
- Hired an excellent chef
- Completed extensive inventory of all food and liquor; currently reviewing pricing
- Installed new paper dispensers in all bathrooms on property
- And much more...

The two priority projects capture top attention:

lift station and the deck. Both major and expensive projects.

The board continues to explore avenues for increased revenue as well as decreased expenses.

Believe
in the
MAGIC
Christmas



The Schoen and Kreft families!



The Whitmire's from Perrysburg Boat Club enjoying MRYC!



The Canfield Family enjoying MRYC Christmas Brunch!



Board Member Bob Curcio's family!



Magic



**We are honored to have been chosen as a sight for these classes.
Please help spread the word and consider signing up as a refresher!**

Toledo Sail and Power Squadron, a part of the United States Power Squadrons, will hold an in-person “Basic Boating” training at MRYC two Saturdays, Feb. 10 and Feb. 17. Registration begins at 8 a.m., class runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for the class, \$35 for the book (can be shared amongst family members). Registration ends Feb. 3.

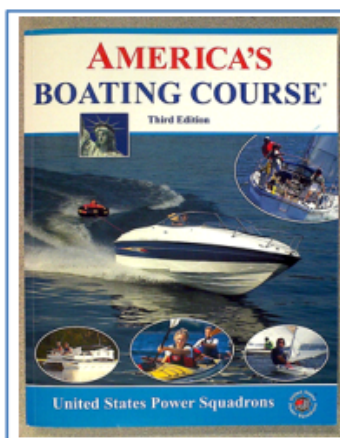
The minimum number of students is 10 and if that number is not reached by Feb. 3 the class will be cancelled. Any students registered will automatically be enrolled in the next class which is at River View Yacht Club on March 2 and 9.

We are told insurance rates are lower once a student takes and passes the course.

Big News!



Vicki Kwiatkowski, President of Ladies Auxiliary, hosted a large table of family and friends at the MRYC Christmas Brunch!



America's Boating Course

Winter/Spring Boating Classes

February 10th and 17th (Two Saturday mornings)
Maumee River Yacht Club
 Class at 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (Registration starts 8:00)
 There will be a half-hour break for lunch, which will be offered at \$6 per person for hot dog or sloppy joe sandwich, either offered with chips.

March 2nd and 9th (Two Saturday mornings)
River View Yacht Club (Point Place)
 Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:00)

April 13th and 20th (Two Saturday mornings)
Perrysburg Twp. Fire Department
 Class at 8:30 am to 1:30 pm (Registration starts 8:00)

Investment/ Cost

\$20.00/person for the class. Book is sold separately, not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged for \$35.00 (\$55.00 total/ person with book)

\$10.00 deposit due to register

Information Covered in Class:

- Required Safety Equipment
- Navigation Rules
- Aids to Navigation / Light and Sound Signals
- State and Local Regulations (O.D.N.R.)
- Anchoring / Knots and Lines
- Water Sport Safety and much more.

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.

To register please contact:

Phyllis Zibbel
phylzib@yahoo.com
419-261-9060

Registration required at least one week prior to the class start date.
Minimum of 10 students required.

➤ 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.

Share information on events at the club! Send ideas for newsletter articles and features! We want to hear from YOU!

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At the time of finalizing this newsletter, this is the tentative calendar. With the new, incoming leadership schedule may change. You will be notified.

Good News! Dinner now available in Main Dining Room Thursday, Friday, Saturday!

Main Dining Room open for lunch (11-2) and dinner (5-9) Thursday, Friday, Saturday!

January MRYC Events:

- 4th Dinner MDR
- 5th Dinner MDR
- 6th Dinner may have to be in tap room; stay tuned
- 6th (Saturday) private event MDR
- 7th tap room noon – 9pm with kitchen service till 7pm
- 11th, Bunco & Euchre @ 7pm tap room
- 11th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 12th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 13th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 13th 10a.m. member briefing by Vice Commodore
- 14th tap room, noon – 9 with kitchen service till 7
- 18th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 19th Lunch & Dinner (**with LIVE MUSIC with Chris Brown**) in MDR
- 20th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 20th 12:30-2:30 34 guests from Catawba West Harbor Yacht Club at MRYC
- 21st tap room, noon – 9 with kitchen service until 7pm
- 22nd MRYC Board Meeting
- 25th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 26th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 26th Live music in tap room 7:30 – 10pm (**with LIVE MUSIC with Spare Parts**)
- 27th Lunch & Dinner in MDR
- 28th tap room, noon – 9 with kitchen service till 7pm



Exciting **NEW HOURS!**
In effect January 1, 2024!



Tap Room Schedule!

Happy Hour in Tap Room
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 5-7pm!
* 1/2 off appetizers; \$2 beer; \$.50 off mixed drinks

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

Happy Hour 5-7pm (kitchen service until 8!)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Noon-9pm (kitchen service 1-7 pm!)



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