



# Mona Lake Boating Club Where Good Friends Anchor

## November 2023 Newsletter

### OCTOBER NEWS

**Welcome New Members!** The MLBC would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members that were voted in at the October membership meeting.

The Prospective new members listed below will be voted on at the November 6, 2023 Membership Meeting.

Prospective New Member	Sponsor	Prospective New Member	Sponsor
Eric/Jennifer Craft	Jan Piasecki	Skip/Heather Hall	Nancy Dobb
Diana Sparks	James Jaunese	Jeff Rumsey	Janet Winner
Linda Klein	Janet Winner	Michael Buckley	Karen Johnson
Tim Hubert	Howie Meloche	Renee Jackson	Howie Meloche
Dave Fegel	Scott Sanborn	Maggie Sullivan	Scott Sanborn
Bradley/Virginia Rahm	Larry Monroe	Linda/Woody Reed	Jason Bronold
Steve/Greta Thurkette	Diane VanDonklaar	Mike Roark	Mike Schroedter
William Fegel	Scott Sanborn	Arthur/Peggy Smith	Derrick Space
Kevin Lynette McCumber	Cece Riley	Amanda Morse	Linda Seymour
Todd Nowakowski	Ron Baker	Dusten/Sarah Rake	Dave Kendall
Tammi Jacobs	Lori Weiler	Jeremy Szost	Lori Weiler

### MEMBER NEWS

My name is Scott Sanborn and I'm your Commodore for 2023-2024. Thank You for voting for me.

I have been coming down to this club since I was 6 years old, so that's 55 years ago. I grew up at this club and have a life time of memories of our Mona Lake Boating Club. I remember spending a lot of time here but mostly remember the summers here at the club. I remember swimming, boating, spending all day at the Mona Lake Channel, learning to water ski, fishing with my Grandpa, family funday and the kids events they had for us, Fourth of July fireworks, Adult egg tosses, cooking on the permanent charcoal grills that set just off the beach and smelling the polish sausage cooking. If you know me we had shirts made up that say "Polish Sausage Mafia" that is where that came from, my memories " I have many stories to tell just ask". I remember the beer tents where cars and boat were all over the beach and gas dock and cars were all the way down to Ross Park and to Henry St. I have a lifetime of good memories of our club. My father was the Commodore in 1969-1970. Our children are even members of our club. Three generation strong! I love "This Club - My Club - Our Club"

My mission and goal will be to improve our volunteerism. We need help in this area and I'm asking you to help our Mona Lake Boating Club. We have a very strong membership and a lot of very good people, but struggle in getting some of our members to volunteer for our lunches on Wednesday and Friday and Variety Dinners on Friday nights. On Variety dinner night we sometimes need two volunteers to work the door and take orders, make salads, work the fryer, serve our special for the night and do dishes. Now we don't always need to fill every position. But sometimes we may need a couple positions to be filled. These are weekly positions that may need to be filled each week. Some of these positions will need some training and some are self explanatory.

We also struggle in our volunteerism in our Annual and Special Events. New Year's Eve and Kid's Christmas Party are examples of Annual events and Weddings, Life Celebrations are examples of Special Events. We may have a dozen or more of these events per year that in the past has exhausted our few volunteers because there may only be a small number of volunteers that HAVE to do them all or it has been up to our Manager to do it all and that's not fair and is also exhausting for her and them. Our Boat Club needs help putting up and taking down decorations. We need help with setting up and taking down for events, setting tables, clear dishes off tables which includes doing all dishes and putting them away. Preparing food, veggie trays, meat trays, sandwiches etc. for these party's when our kitchen staff is not available or just needs some extra hands. It is no different preparing for a party in your own home. It's a lot of work! Some of these positions will need some training and some are self explanatory.

So please if you have not volunteered VOLUNTEER. If you are not able to volunteer contact a member that can and ask them to volunteer for you. Our volunteer committee will be working on a new system. We have a system in place now its call Sign Up Genius, but I have to admit I'm not a good computer person. I feel we may need 20 or more volunteers to get us thru the New Year. There is a calendar in the club next to the billboard in bar area that is used to pencil your name in to help. Feel free to call the club and leave a message and I or someone on committee will contact you.

If you contacted just your family and friends in your inner circle that are members of our Boat Club and ask them to volunteer with you, we may never have to ask for volunteers again. Just maybe....

Thank You  
Scott Sanborn, MLBC Commodore

**MLBC 2023 Buck Pool** – Sign up at the clubhouse bar no later than close of business Tuesday November 14, 2023 for the Rifle Season opener on November 15 th MEMBERS ONLY. The entry fee is \$10 per member. Harvest your Michigan Whitetail buck between Nov.15 through Nov. 30. Follow all State of Michigan hunting laws and rules as described in the 2023 MIDNR Hunting Guide. Only Michigan deer may be entered.NO HIGH FENCE OR PRESERVE HUNTS! Provide INDISPUTABLE proof of kill with clear pictures, documented date of kill, number of legal points (one inch or more) to the Boat Club no later than December 4, 2023 close of business. A Banquet date will be announced soon. A special youth prize will be available & awarded at the banquet. Adult hunters will be judged on legal points & tie breakers will be decided by largest antler spread. Safe hunting!

**Thank you!**  
Thank you to everyone who came out to help with Point Clean up!  
Thank you to all who volunteered in October!

### NOVEMBER VARIETY DINNER MENU

- November 3-** Meatloaf
- November 10-** Chicken Pot Pie
- November 17-** Shrimp Boil
- November 24-** No Variety Dinner

All Variety Dinners and Lunches are open to the public! Lunch is available Wednesday 11:30am-1pm. Variety Dinner is Friday, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Please note: Our Menu May Be Subject To Change

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Wednesday Hamburger Lunch** – Every Wednesday 11:30 – 1:00.

**Friday Fish Lunch** – Every Friday 11:30 – 1:00. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no lunch or dinner service November 24 th . We will open @ 3pm.

**Variety Dinner** – Every Friday night, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

**Tacos Saturday!** – Every Saturday, 11:30 – 2:00. Looking for volunteers for Saturday Tacos, check the calendar for sign up dates or contact Carrie.

**Veteran's Salute** – Friday November 10 th . We will be offering a 50% food discount to active and retired military personnel during lunch and dinner service. We would love to honor our Member Veteran's by displaying any of your memorabilia, photos and stories from your military career. Please contact Carrie at 798-4011 to learn more. We will have our memory table set up along with the 'missing man table' to honor those who did not make it home from service to our country.

**Thanksgiving Eve Party** – Wednesday November 22 nd . Join us to kick off the start of the holiday season with the Swinging Stem Cells playing 7pm – 10pm!

**2024 Membership Dues Renewal** – Membership dues are due by January 1, 2024 to remain a member in good standing. If dues are not paid by January 31, 2024 there will be a reinstatement fee of \$75 and the member will lose their previous tenure. You may stop in, mail payment or call in. Cash, check and credit card are accepted. November & December lunches someone will be available to take payment and issue 2024 cards on the spot! (You will also need to fill out a form so we can update our files)

**Single Membership - \$125**

**Family Membership - \$175**

**Senior Membership - \$62.50 (must be 65 years old and 10 year continuous membership)**

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Holiday Shopping Frenzy** – Saturday December 2 nd . 11am – 3pm. Come do some holiday shopping, have some lunch and get in the raffles that are every ½ hour starting at noon! (If interested in more info please contact Terri Whiteman @ jshwhiteman@msn.com)

**Kid's Christmas Party** – Sunday December 10 th .

**MLBC Christmas Open House** – December 24 th .

**NYE Party – December 31 st** . West Side Soul Surfers playing!!! Watch for further info!

### MLBC Children's Christmas Party (12/10/23) Sign up Sheet (\$10.00 per child)

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #mandatory \_\_\_\_\_

Specify CAREFULLY by AGE & gender the number of children attending we purchase gifts based on these numbers.

Age- under 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Boys \_\_\_\_\_

Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Each = \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this form along with your payment to MLBC by Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm

There will be ABSOLUTELY no late sign ups.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2024

Membership Dues are due by January 1, 2024 to remain a member in good standing. If dues are not paid by January 31, 2023 there will be a reinstatement fee of \$75 and the member will lose their previous tenure. After 1 year you will be dropped from the membership. You may pay by check or cash. CC payments have 3% charge. Drop off at the club w/ bartender or in drop box outside of building or mail to 372 Randall Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49441

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If you would like to contact the club, you may call Laura at 231-798-4011 or email: [mlbc372@yahoo.com](mailto:mlbc372@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter Deadline: Information must be submitted to Terri Whiteman by the second Friday of the month and be approved to be included in the next month's bulletin.**