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The Tribal Negotiation Romance

by Bill Winowiecki MCBA President

During the Tribal Decree negotiations, I have attended three court hearings in Kalamazoo Federal Court. Our Association is part of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, a coalition of Michigan resource groups dedicated to protecting the state's fishery.

The Coalition has a great team of people representing us in court, but we are not a full party to the court proceedings. We are supposed to be represented by and be supportive of the State of Michigan team. The State is usually represented by an appointee from the Attorney General's office, Chief of the Fishery Division, and guided by the MDNR Director.

I have watched and appreciate the Tribal negotiating teams in one important way.

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Coalition Team: Left to right Frank Krist Hammond Bay, Amy Trotter MUCC, Steve Shultz Coalition Attorney, Chris Patterson Coalition Attorney, Dennis Eade Michigan Steelheaders, Nick Greene MUCC, Bill Winowiecki MCBA President; Tony Radjenovich Coalition President .

They work hard to represent their people. They are very cordial to us, except for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal team. The Sault Tribe are pushing for right to take up to 100% of the fishery. But they still represent their members well and their members are cordial to us in the Coalition.

On the other hand, the current State


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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



Please check your website listing. I try very hard to not make any mistakes while entering your application information into our database, but mistakes do happen occasionally. Our webmaster publishes what I send her. It's up to you to verify your listing is correct. Please check your listing carefully. There are no refunds for incorrect listings.

If you do need something changed or corrected, start on the MCBA home page, click on "Members" at the top right of the home page, then click on "Web Updates" in the banner on the "Members" page. Fill out the Form. Your questions, concerns, or changes will go directly to the webmaster, and it may take only a matter of minutes to fix your problem. If you call the 800# for web changes or updates you will be referred to back to the web page updates. . . 

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Negotiation team, who are supposed to represent us, tells a very different story. Attorney General appointee Kelly Drake, hired hand Christopher Dobbins, and Tribal Coordination Unit member Dave Caroffino have abandoned the fishery. They enter the court room, snub the Coalition team, and won't even make eye contact. For the past 20+ years, we have always backed the State negotiating team, even when we had differences. We have tried to show our support as one team until we were kicked out of the negotiations this time around.

After watching this State team at work, however, I have to admit, they support the Tribes quite well. The sad part is, they aren't working for the fishery or us and we are paying them.

Every statement out of the State representatives is very negative to the

point of telling the Judge the "Amici is not a party to this case." "Your Honor, I don't have time to "Baby Sit" these people." Baby sit?

And yes, they did kick us out of the negotiations. That means the State team has kicked every sport fishing group and sports fisherman and woman out of negotiations over the future of a shared fishery resource. Our membership should be aware that the Coalition didn't receive any updated information on potential proposals to the Decree since June of 2022. And even when the State said they were giving us a draft Decree to review, it turns out that the version we received was three (3) versions old, and the State then refused to give us what was actually being discussed. We only learned that when Tribal Attorney Bill Rastetter called out the State for giving us an out of date version.

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I am a charter fishing Captain. I am a member of the Michigan Charter Boat Association. As a member, I stepped up to be the President of the MBCA to guide the Association through the Tribal Decree negotiations. I live right in the heart of the Treaty ceded waters. I wanted to make sure the State team would remember the history and the biology of the past agreements. I have to say, I never dreamed that the State would desert the fishery in the negotiations or that this proposed agreement for the next 24 years would be so damaging. The disappointment, the incompetence and the total arrogance of the State negotiating team is something I never thought I would see.

I truly feel that I have let the sport fishing groups, and the fishermen and women down. I tried!

We tried! All the lost sleep and volunteered hours down the drain due to the State's approach and behavior. I have to ask, was it worth it?

The answer is: absolutely yes, it will have been worth it if when all is said and done, the Judge decides to include some or many of the several corrections to the proposed decree the coalition has been striving to bring to the courts attention. And if so the states fishery will be better for all it's users for the duration of the new consent decree. Here's hoping it will be so.



2023 MCBA Fall Conference

by Holly Engel

The MCBA Fall Conference will be held Saturday October 28, 2023, at the Haworth Hotel at Hope College in Holland Michigan (225 College Ave, Holland MI 49423). There will be a hospitality setting at the Haworth Hotel Friday October 27,

2023. All MCBA Board Members and MCBA Members are invited. This begins at 5:00 pm with a cash bar provided for those to mix and mingle until dinner is served at 6:30 pm. If you plan to attend the mix and mingle.



Haworth Hotel at Hope College in Holland

Please contact Holly Engel
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616-916-2857) as we need to know in advance how many people to account for.

The Courtyard by Marriott Holland Downtown (121 E 8th Street, Holland MI 49423 / 616-582-8500) it is across the street from Haworth Hotel) has 20 rooms reserved at a discounted price of \$199.00 for Friday evening. These must be reserved by September 27, 2023, to receive the discounted price.



The MCBA Fall Conference on Saturday

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From the Helm . . .



The summer fishing season is well on its way.

It's off to a great start! Salmon numbers seem to be up with good healthy Fish.

Huge Lake Trout and good catches of salmon in Lake Michigan. Great Walleye fishing in Saginaw Bay, Lake St Clair and Lake Erie.

One major boat inspection issue that has popped up this year is fire extinguishers. The Coast Guard, and DNR inspectors are checking the dates on your extinguishers. If they are older than 10 years old, they need to be replaced. I've heard this from many Captains.

I've been working on the Tribal Decree. I've also had some great conversations




with the Fishery's Chief Randy Claramunt. Randy has his hands full. He will have to implement a very unpopular Tribal Decree.

Hopefully the salmon population is starting to stabilize in Lake Michigan. I'm seeing pictures of all year classes.


The MCBA Fall Conference will be held in Holland Michigan at the Hayworth Hotel on October 28, 2023. Look for more information about the new format, the location and all the particulars in other articles in this newsletter. Please note this on your calendar. It really would be nice to see some new faces.

Hope you have a prosperous summer. Please be safe out there.

Captain Bill Winowiecki
President

Michigan Charter Boat Association 

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October 28, 2023, at Haworth Hotel's doors will open at 8:00 am, donuts and coffee will be served. There will be tables marked for the Lakes and Basin Coordinators. Enjoy your coffee and voice your concerns with your Basin Coordinator before the event begins at 9:00 am. A full lunch will be provided by the MCBA at 12:00 pm with an awards ceremony and raffle. The program will resume at 1:00 pm with final items being wrapped up by 2:30 pm-3:00 pm. Afterwards, there will be an MCBA Business meeting 



**Lake Erie &
Lake St. Clair**

Captain Henry Walters
MCBA Director




boating season starts, one of the things that really gets my goat are the boaters who seem to have no clue about boat etiquette, boat safety, or the rules on the water.

The Michigan law states that anyone born on or after July 1, 1996 must have a boaters safety certificate and carry it on board. I have never heard of anyone ever asking to show their certificate - the Sheriff, DNR, or Coast Guard. As far as I know, no one enforces this law.

The way the boaters operate their vessel, I'll bet most of them have never even taken the course.

Operators that were born before July 1, 1996, where a safety certificate isn't required, sure need to be educated on this matter too.

Something must be done for everyone's safety.

Be safe and I hope everyone has a great season. Henry 

Hello Everyone

The season is in full swing. As the



God bless America and our troops



Southern Lake Huron

By Captain Karl Burnside - MCBA Director

Fishing in Saginaw Bay

has been off to an interesting start. We've had periods of fantastic summer-like weather followed by times of weather more akin to late March. As a result there was a bit of a rocky start to the Walleye season in Saginaw Bay. Fishing was slow the last week of April into the first week of May. But how quickly things change – In the matter of a week, the bite picked up and the 'Walleye Rodeo' is in high gear. We've had limit catches from the 2nd week of May to date. Our charters have been outstanding and hopefully that trend will continue into June and July.


We again assisted the MDNR with the Walleye tagging program during the month of May, and the volunteers assistance with this effort officially concluded on Friday May 26th when the final tagged Walleye was released into Saginaw Bay. This two year program has tagged hundreds of adult Walleye in the bay with the intention of following their movements in the ensuing years to better understand their seasonal movements and areas of reproduction.

I found participating in the MDNR tag program to be a rewarding experience and a way I could directly support a fishery I depend on for the success of my business. I want to thank all volunteers, Captains or not, who provided their time and resources to get this program completed. I am optimistic that the data collected will be a valuable tool in improving the Walleye habitat in Saginaw Bay for many years to come.

The Consent Decree... The coalition needs you. Please make sure if you haven't, to support the coalition with a donation for the ongoing litigation.

As I have said in past Cannonball editions, the current proposal, if passed, will have a far reaching impact beyond the northern Great Lakes.

Learn more here: <https://mucc.org/proposed-consent-decree-places-millions-of-feet-of-gill-net-in-new-waters/>

Finally, I wish all MCBA members the very best for a safe, productive and enjoyable charter season. If I can be of help to you with an issue or question, please call me at (810) 513-6073 or email me at thumbsupcharter@yahoo.com 



Upper Peninsula

By Captain Jim LaBeske - MCBA Director

Greetings from the Keweenaw.

Hot bites and Cold bites. It was a Coho fest at last ice on lower Keweenaw Bay and has continued with open water trolling. Those trolling shallow water in the L'Anse/Baraga found nice mixed bag catches of Coho, Browns, Steelhead, Lakers and a few Jack Kings. There were reports of good catches near Ontonagon as well. The fish have shown up in good numbers near the South Entry to the Keweenaw waterway near Jacobsville and White City where limits of Lake Trout and Coho have been common. Here is a link to an interesting article <https://99wfmk.com/white-city-ghost-park>.

Very few smelt ran up the rivers and creeks this spring. The last decent run on the Keweenaw waterway was five years ago. The Alewife population is strong and is another main forage species here.

The Walleye bite was excellent in the Sturgeon River the first week and a half and is still good. It empties into our Portage Lake near Chassell. We had a

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local Walleye Tournament Saturday the 3rd and our team caught a five fish per boat limit of smaller males and finished just out of the money. A team of three teens caught a Walleye in the first five minutes then nothing until 45 minutes before the weigh in when they bagged their two over 23" slot fish & two more under to take First place with 18.5 #. Half of the boats, that mostly fished Portage and Torch Lakes, were not able to boat any Walleye, but had plenty of action with Pike & Smallies.

Jumbo Yellow Perch were plentiful at the Lily Pond Government dock near the Upper entry to the Keweenaw Waterway. Those soaking small minnows caught several with some over 15 inches!

I met Connor, an avid Bass Angler who lives in Lake Linden two years ago. We fun fished a few times. Last year he got his Inland Lake Guide License from the MDNR and started doing charters. This past winter I urged him to get his OUPV. He passed all the requirements. However he had a bad experience when doing his first Drug Test. First the Lab Tech didn't know the procedure and it took almost an hour to find out how to proceed. Second he had too much affluent in his sample and it failed. He always drinks a lot of water. Third he needed to return and test again a week later. He passed and got his MMC. I contacted him over the last month about joining MCBA and he put me off a couple of times. When I asked him again, he said the drug test is a hassle and that he called the National Maritime Center, and they told him he only needed to test again at his five-year renewal!!! I called the Center and got the same answer but they suggested I contact the local CG Center in the Soo. When I asked the person in the Soo that answered the phone, I was transferred to the incident management officer, He confirmed what I knew. I called Connor


back he came over and signed up last evening June 5th. Welcome to the newest MCBA Captain in the U.P., Connor Baccus. Connor Baccus Guide Service.

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While on my way for an afternoon trip on Portage lake, the water as flat as pee on a plate. In the distance, I observed waves up to a foot high I assumed was from jet skier or a boat pulling tubers. When I got next to the waves there were no other watercraft to be seen. The waves were in a linear path at least a half mile long paralleling the shores resembling a "rip" or upwelling convergence that you see in the ocean. Has anyone seen such a site? Text me (906)370-4433

Fellow U.P. Captains, Please send me news and reports for me to include in future Cannon Balls.

Those targeting Smallmouth Bass have been having a hoot catching and releasing fish...While pre-fishing before a guide trip, Connor released 50 fish up to five lbs.!

Safe passage and good Luck to all. 



Central Lake Michigan

By Captain George Freeman
MCBA Director


This spring Ludington received approximately 40,000 1.5 year old Lake Trout, 80,000 Brown Trout, 40,000 Coho Salmon, and for the first time in several years 100,000 King Salmon. The Brown & Lake Trout were planted in Ludington harbor. The Coho were direct planted in the Big Sable River at Ludington State Park. The Kings were net penned in the Big Sable River at the State Park for two weeks. They did very well in the pens and were healthy when released.

Two Tournaments are scheduled for July

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in Central Lake Michigan. First is the Ludington Offshore Classic/Big Boys Tournament. It will run from July 10 through July 17. Check out the Ludington Offshore Classic website and Facebook page for more info. The Muskegon Open will be held July 21-23, 2023. It will be a Tri-Port event open to entrants leaving from Muskegon, Grand Haven & Whitehall. More info is available on the Tournament Trail website.

Any captain or club in the Central Lake Michigan region (Muskegon through Ludington) that would like to provide news for the Cannonball please call me at (877) 456-3474. 



Retiree's View over the Transom

By Captain Jim Fenner

Covid is mostly behind us now. But not gone. We all need to keep up on our Covid vaccinations to keep it away or under control. As of this writing, more than 10 people still die from Covid every single day.

Reading my own notes from this time last year, it's amazing how much has stayed almost the same while at the same time how much other things have changed.

Let me explain: The consent decree issue lingers and festers and continues to be extremely difficult and thorny. A proposed decree has been published but not yet adopted. Its adoption has been delayed and extended by the Judge, seeking more information. The proposed decree has many issues that are being contested by the coalition. Clearly, things have not gone well. Our fishery is at

stake, and the coalition continues to need our support and backing.

It will be a tragedy, if after all those years of hard fought efforts to rid the lakes of commercial gill nets, the proposed decree is affirmed as written, bringing many more gill nets into the lakes. Thirty-eight years ago the first Consent Decree set the stage for the truly amazing Michigan sport fishery we have today. The addition of more gill nets in more zones as written in the proposed CD would be a huge backward step.

The proposed decree which the State of Michigan plans to agree to gives away the fishery we worked so hard to create to those who would use more gill nets for commercial purposes. If it does so, it may plant the seeds for the demise of our charter industry.

We all need to support the MCBA as it goes forward, dealing with this issue, perhaps the most important is maintaining our sport fishing and our Great Lakes. If the MCBA negotiators who represent us in the coalition know that we still are all united, our prospects for a better consent decree that best protects the resource and the sport fishing industry will be achieved. Funds are needed to support the coalition. Please do what you can to financially assist the coalitions efforts.

Looking ahead to the fall. The MCBA board after much discussion and planning will be holding a new and significantly different fall conference this year as noted in an article by President Winowiecki elsewhere in this newsletter. It will be held on October 27 and 28th, in Holland at the Hayworth Hotel.. The new format provides for a full day conference on Saturday the 28th, including many carefully chosen



 **VISIT MCBA Members Area**
www.MCBAmembers.com



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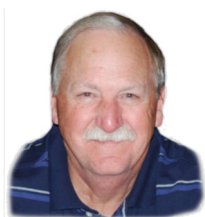
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speakers during the day; concluding with the annual meeting. For those who wish to spend more time with the officers and other members and who may wish to spend the night before the meeting to be present early on Saturday, or for social reasons, there will be a social gathering and a dinner with the board members on the evening of Friday the 27th. The board is hopeful that this new format will allow for more members to attend and to participate in a strong program with only a one day commitment of time.

Are you considering retiring or taking a break? Keep the MCBA retired/inactive membership option in your mind. This member category is for Captains who have concluded or suspended their active membership, but who would like to continue to be an MCBA member for a very small membership fee.

Even though I'm retired, I get the newsletter, the emails, etc. At the fall conference I catch up with many friends from my active membership days. Good friends, good information, good times. Maybe I will see you there. Meanwhile, keep a tight line.

Jim Fenner, MCBA Captain, retired. 



SEA K'S LICENSING LORE

Lt. Commander USCG (retired)
Charles "Chuck" Kakuska

As the problems at the National Maritime Center continue to mount, it's important to be aware of recent issues that may affect the issuance of your MMC and possibly your medical certificate.

For about three weeks the printers that produce your new MMC's were not operational so there is a significant backlog in the printing department. It became so bad, the Coast Guard had to issue Marine Safety Bulletin 06-23, dated 4/25/23.

The short version is, if your license renewal paperwork has been submitted and your current MMC expires, as soon as you receive an e-mail indicating your new MMC is printed, approved to print or approved for issuance, you can print that e-mail and put it with your expired license and go back to work.

What wasn't announced were problems with the medical branch receiving electronic submission of physicals for an undisclosed period of time. This has resulted in many individuals receiving their new MMC but never receiving a new medical certificate. Of course you need both the MMC and the medical certificate to legally work. If you've received your new MMC but not a new medical certificate you need to reach out to the Coast Guard and find out why not. In most instances, you will be required to resubmit the physical for processing. If I processed your paperwork, please let me know and I can contact the local REC and ask them to resubmit your physical to the NMC.

Hope you are all having a great season. 



Tips to lower injury risk on the water

We attend Charter vessel meetings on a regular basis and frequently are asked; "What are things we can do to minimize risk and hopefully avoid legal liability issues?"

It's an interesting question, it's like being asked, "What is the best lure to use while fishing?"

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Over the years we've seen many different bodily injury or property damage incidents occur with our clients and also with other vessel operators insured elsewhere.

This message will cover a few areas that possibly with a little extra attention can protect you and your passengers.

With the introduction of Covid in 2020 we have seen a huge increase to the numbers of boaters on the water. And a 25% increase in boating fatalities to go along with that increase in new boaters. Many without experience or without experience on a similar size vessel. I'm sure many of you have seen reckless operators while you've been on the water.

Here is just one example from 2020. "While out on the big water fishing for salmon, with multiple lines out, a trawler heading out of the Harbor, at full Trawler speed. Needless to say the operator was not paying attention. Cuts across the lines, ignoring the wave and the blast of the horn. As this operator passes by within 100 ft. we notice he is reading a book and as the boat on auto-pilot." No doubt you've all seen something similar to this, or likely a boat full of people enjoying too much time diving in their cooler and then thinking it is safe for them to operate a boat.

Top Six factors of accidents in the recreational boating world: (per the USCG)

1- Operator inattention - Could be cell phones, talking to a passenger, texting, selfies, eating, drinking or checking GPS. Not a problem captains have personally, but a problem for captains focused on protecting their passengers.

2- Improper Lookout- Having someone on the boat with their head on a swivel. Similar to having a person watching the skier or tuber, behind the boat. Someone to watch for floating objects or other

conditions that could cause an accident.

3- Operator inexperience - As we know with tides, currents, winds and rules of the water, not everyone is as skilled nor experienced as a Charter Captain.

4- Excessive Speed - Regardless of how experienced an operator may be, it is critical that all vessels maintain a safe speed at all times: It is easy to lose control of a boat and cause an accident when moving at high speed. A rouge wave, hitting a submerged object or a fixed object, or when conditions are not ideal.

5- Alcohol Use - Either by the operator of the vessel or passengers on a vessel can be dangerous... " and is the #1 contributor to injuries on a boat"

6- Maintenance - A properly maintained vessel is a much safer vessel to ride aboard.

So besides watching out for the other boaters out there what else can you do to minimize risk for you, your passengers, and your crew?

The top 5 Operational Risk Management steps

1- Identify Hazards

2- Assess Hazards

3- Make Risk Decisions

4- Implement Controls

5- Supervise

6- Have a clear and descriptive liability waiver for paying passengers

Here are 5 things that may be helpful in keeping your passengers safe

1- Review the safety procedures and expectations prior to launching the trip- including where the life jackets are located.

2- Know the waters you plan to navigate and your equipment

3- Keep slippery substances like fish slime washed down-slip and falls can be very dangerous for all parties.

4- Have hand rails available along the gangways

5- Ensure the passengers remain seated as much as possible while the vessel is underway

These are just a few tips to help keep the fun in the voyage for all parties. Be safe, be alert, keep your passengers safe, and as always give us a call if you have questions.


Avoiding Passenger Injuries

The Helm Blog
(charterlakes.com)

Examples and tips that hopefully will keep you and your passengers safe this season...



Tightlines

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Changes are coming to the MCBA!

There are a couple of major changes coming to the MCBA.

The Association will be changing to an online newsletter, and a new format for the annual fall conference. These changes are being made by the board after carefully considering all the issues and options.

Our costs to create, print and mail the quarterly newsletter have increased exponentially in recent years, as well as has the cost of administering the drug program. These two major annual expenses have forced us to look at our options. Furthermore, we have had to expend large sums to support the coalition to protect our fishery. Taken together, the changes

became necessary.

The quarterly newsletter will now be going online. Actually, the board believes in many ways this will be better. We will now be able to produce the newsletter in a more timely fashion including last minute items and issues. We will be able to include more color pictures, and the length of the newsletter will be more flexible.

MCBA will be transitioning to the digital format with the next newsletter. This issue will be the last printed newsletter. In the future, if you, like me, want a printed copy, you can do as I will be doing: print it at home. I will be printing every issue and include it with those I have gotten in the mail in the past. I have every quarterly Cannon Ball newsletter on file since I became a member and plan to keep it going.

The cost of the fall conference has more than tripled in the past five years, and even though we have planned outstanding programs every year; due to many reasons, we haven't seen the attendance that was justifying the increased expenses.

Its been a continuing disappoint that even with an agenda of great guest speakers each year and the outstanding programs we've planned, we didn't consistently draw enough of our membership to these educational meetings. Adjusting to the inevitable, we are changing the format to contain the cost, and hopefully, at the same time, retain the best of the past by having the speakers and the general membership meeting on a single day.

So, beginning this fall we are condensing the fall conference from a two day and one evening event, to a one evening event followed by a one full one day program.

This year the conference will be held in Holland, Michigan. Look for details soon.

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Also, the board is considering the possibility of alternating the location of the annual meeting in the future, in an effort to increase the attendance by moving from the southern part of the state to the northern part of the state every other year.

All of the changes we are making are designed to keep the Association strong and financially secure so that we will be able to keep our programs strong and viable. In addition, we hope that these changes will allow us in the near future to create a better, more modern and easier to use Members Area. These changes will allow us to serve the membership better, quicker and with more accuracy along with additional resources to use to better your business.

Finally, it will also help to keep our participation in the coalition strong and allow us to continue to pursue a fair and equitable consent decree.

In summary, we are doing everything we can to serve our membership by promoting the charter boat Industry and protecting the fishery. We hope you will find these changes will serve you, the membership, well and will keep our Association strong, modern and growing.



2023 Sport Shows

by Captain Richard Haslett

Due to Covid we missed nearly three years doing the sport shows. I'm happy to report that we were able to attend the 2023 shows and hearing all the welcome back comments from ShowSpan and vendors made us aware how much we were missed. I'm also happy to report that we had one of the best shows since keeping records. I guess it shows that people were ready to get out of the

house and to get back to a normal life.

I want to personally thank the following captains for donating a free charter to our show winners: Capt. John Giszczak (Stray Cat Charters), Capt. Matt Pressnell (Huskie Muskie Charters), Capt. Henry Walters (Sportsmen's Charters), Capt. Scott Anderson (Far-Fetched Charters), Capt. George Freeman (Free Style Charters), Capt. Jim LaBeske (Hook & Heuver Charters).

I also want to thank the follow members that helped us in the MCBA booth this year during the first show: Capt. Bill & Barbie Stephenson, Capt. Matt Pressnell & First Mate, Capt. Henry & Marianna Walters.

Three workers deserve a special heartwarming thank you from me and my wife Linda. Capt. Henry & Marianna Walters for working the first two shows and Capt. Kevin Roberts for working the Grand Rapids show. These three members have worked with us year after year. They've learned how to made our job easier and enjoyable when we get busy running the simulator.

We are planning on doing the shows again in 2024 but as we all know, things can change. If you want to donate a charter for the 2024 season, please e-mail me at: taloncharters@gmail.com so I can add you to my list. Remember, your brochures will be displayed at all shows and you will be reimbursed \$200 for fuel once the free trip is run. Please note: Only Captains donating a trip can display their brochures, and workers can display their brochures during the time they work the booth.

I hope everyone has a great 2023 season!

Captain Rich Haslett
Show Chairperson 

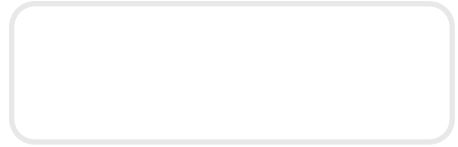
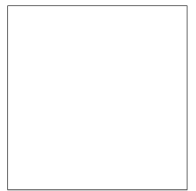




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