

# HARBOR LIGHT

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**Club Commodore,  
Mike Powers**



**Vice Commodore,  
Dave Ryan**



**Rear Commodore,  
Bill Amatucci**

**G**reetings from your Commodore! Summer has finally arrived and the summer boating season is in full swing! Water levels are higher than last year and several inches above the long term average, making for some great boating.

MBC's Regatta is coming up July 25th-27th and, as we all know, it takes a great deal of member participation to help make it successful. This year we will be sharing the event with LEOPA's Thunderfest, which will help to make it a great time! The work sign-up sheets are posted, so please take a look and sign-up to help in this important club fundraiser!

The AYC Poker Runs for the year are underway and MBC had a fantastic turnout at the first one to Cooley Canal Yacht Club with thirteen boats! The first Club Cruise of the season was also in June and seven boats traveled to Middle Bass Island for a weekend of fun! Look for more Poker Runs and Club Cruises as the season progresses – they are great ways to enjoy boating with other members of the club!

The 3rd Annual 'Shots on the Dock' Party was a great success again this year, with even more boats and more members partaking in the event. There was plenty of food and drink for all and an excellent chicken and steak roast followed. DJ Wally spun the tunes on the docks and Soul Kitchen Band provided musical entertainment that evening. My thanks to Celeste Hoytash and Michelle Lachcik for spearheading the event and to P/C Wendy Campbell for a super Share the Wealth on the docks!

There are many events and activities scheduled for the summer at the club so please watch the calendar, website, Facebook page, club bulletin boards, and your email for updates!

Please think about the upcoming nominations and elections. It's not too early to consider running for a leadership position in the club. Please remember that it's your club - its success and viability rests with each of us! If you or a member you know are thinking of running for office, please contact any officer or the nominating committee (P/C Rodger Dutton and Dave Amer). I'll see you around the club!

**T**he Summer Solstice was on June 21; its the longest day of the year and the beginning of the slide towards winter. At Monroe Boat Club, this day was marked by the "Shots on the Docks" party, hosted by Michelle & Jim Lachcik and Celeste & Fred Hoytash. Banana Dock, Shots, T-Shirts and good friends enjoying the day marked this 3rd annual dock party. Follow that up with a Steak Roast, add in visiting boats from the Dearborn Power and Sail Squadron, and a couple of graduation parties and we certainly needed the longest day of the year to fit it all in. Somewhere, there might be one or two people that might remember it all. Thanks to all who made the weekend a success.

While we were all at the Banana Dock end of the marina, you could see how the dry summer weekends have made for some dusty conditions. It would certainly help keep the dust down, (and members boats just a little less messy) if traffic through the gate at that end was kept to a minimum. If you do find it necessary to enter the parking lot through the secondary gate, please drive slowly!

Members enjoying the first of the summer months at the Club have gotten to enjoy the new pavers around the BBQ Pavilion, and it sure looks great. Donated by P/C TK Konopka, Wendy Campbell was instrumental in managing the installation of the patio extension. The Compass Rose near the entrance to the clubhouse has also been installed and some touch-up work will be done in the near future. Charlotte Neuhauer and Kyle Harris have produced a professional plan for the surrounding landscaping which will be proceeding in the next week or two.

The end of July brings the annual Regatta to MBC, which will need all sorts of volunteers to man the various food, drink and entertainment venues. There are sign-up sheets in the hallway near the restrooms for just about anything you can imagine, and all will earn you as many work-hours as you can volunteer for. Please sign up today; the Club needs your help.

The band Regatta weekend is the Lazy River Band, who are sure to provide excellent musical

**T**his Saturday June 28th is "Name that Tune"...come on in and try your luck at winning a prize!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 15th in the Back Room as the Blues Brothers will be playing. This is a crew we have had before and they are a great time. Then on Saturday, August 16th is the annual Blue Gavel sponsored car show. This has always been a great club event. The breakfast crew will be serving up a breakfast Saturday morning and Manny's Mexican Dinner will follow the show

Shots on the dock was a well-attended event. It grows more and more every year. This year was by far the very best!

**Parking Lot Closed  
For MBC REGATTA**

**Starting @ midnight  
Tuesday July 22  
through  
Monday July 28**

**Vice Commodore, cont'd.....**

entertainment for members and guests alike. LEOPA is also making a stop at MBC that weekend and we look forward to hosting them, which will include a steak roast open to all members by advance reservation.

Do you remember how cold it was this past winter? Now is the time to enjoy the Fourth of July, participate in a Club Cruise, sail the Race for the Sisters, take your boat to Bay Week, and party like it's a mariner's last chance at the Regatta. And while you are having a great time doing these things at MBC, tell a friend about MBC and ask them to join the club!



**Club/Community  
Events Committee,  
Charlotte Neuhauser**

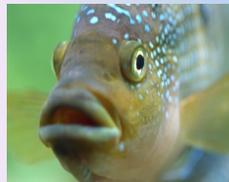
**Activities:**

- **Kids' Fishing Derby, July 26, 9:45 am**
- **Regatta...save your used books, CDs, DVDs, Wii and other computer games**



On May 30, the weather cooperated for the Environmental Career Day for 61 7<sup>th</sup> graders and their teachers. If you wandered past the parking lot in the morning, you saw US Customs and Border Protection agricultural specialist Officer Allgeier and his dog demonstrating how illegal fruits and vegetables are found. In the banquet room, Officer Dr. Ramanathan, a chemist with CBP, was introducing invasive species to the students. Other activities focusing on land and water invasive species also took place. In addition to the three teachers, the volunteers who helped during the day were Heidi Grab, Barbara Valmassei, and Carol Zielinski. Thank you to the three of you...you were great!

The Captains and First Mates who took the students for a boat ride were Paul Braunlich, Fred Lemerand, Jim Kozlowski, Grant Kozlowski, Ron Ransom, Barbara Valmassei, Rob Schneider, Don Blouin, Todd Strauch, Todd's friend, Ron Stokes, Carol Zielinski, Chuck Taylor, Heidi Grab. Our appreciation and thanks to all of you for your time and the use of your boat. 100% of the students said this was the highlight of the day. It was a first experience for many and for some a first look at Lake Erie. The post-assessment of the 126 students who visited on May 16 and 30 showed that 98% learned a lot. MBC, Monroe County Intermediate School District and River Raisin Institute have offered this program for three years; word has gotten out and more school districts in Monroe County have asked to be included. This is not only a way to contribute to the community but also to expand MBC's reputation as the membership brochure goes home in the students' folders. Thanks to all of you who have helped in one way or another to make the program successful.



Kids' Fishing Derby, July 26, Hoffman Access Park. MBC will once again, in conjunction with the regatta, offer the fishing derby for children, 3-12 years at 9:45 am. We are in the process of planning so

some of the information included here may change. Watch for flyers as the date gets closer. We anticipate we'll be co-sponsoring with the Monroe Public Schools and the Department of Natural Resources. The agenda will be as follows: 9:45-10 Registration, 10:10-10:15 Fishing Clinic and continued Registration, 10:15-11:45 Fishing, and 12:00 Prizes awarded. Hopefully, this year we'll have better weather than last year so bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and relatives. It's free and the children do not need a fishing license.

Status of the Compass Rose Project. In spite of bad weather, the compass rose is now poured and stained. Notice MBC's three colors are represented in the design. An additional sealant will be applied within the next three weeks. A landscape plan has been prepared

based on ideas suggested by MBC members at last September's open planning meeting and guidelines for good landscaping (see below).

The first phase, including boxwoods, purple grasses, and a boulder, has been approved by the board and will be installed within the next week by volunteers. Other phases of landscaping will follow with completion of the site tentatively by July 25. The plan follows these guidelines as best practices for a "public" garden and may be applicable for your own personal gardens as well; however, personal gardens can also be focused on individual preferences.

The landscaping guidelines (see websites of House and Garden and Colorado State University Landscaping Department) included:

- Set purpose, needs, criteria (MBC's: low maintenance and reasonable cost of upkeep)
- Check wind and sun patterns (Everything in the plan fits within the environment)
- Start small and simple (The plan calls for open spaces, adding slowly)
- Work around a focal point (The boxwoods will be the backdrop for the compass rose)
- Add balance between low and high (The plan calls for different heights to be met with compass rose, boulder, bench, flowers, and a small tree)
- Variety but don't create a "horticultural zoo" with flowers or plants in rows (called soldiering); plant in groupings



**Auxiliary,  
Kim Fuller**

The Auxiliary would like to welcome new member April Nykodym.

Next, a big "Thank You" goes out to Jody Thatcher and the Relay for Life team! They had a very successful walk and contributed a hefty sum to the American Cancer Society. Remember, we are still selling KOOZIES behind the bar to start next year's campaign.

The Auxiliary would like to thank all the people who volunteered to work Burger Nights the month of June for us. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We still have the Boater's Breakfasts from 9am-noon on July 20th, August 24th and the last one will be September 28th. Come on out for an all-you-can-eat breakfast...you will not be disappointed! .

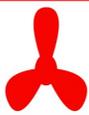
The club now has a fully stocked First Aid Kit that is located in the Kitchen cupboard next to the freezer, indicated by a sign on the door. The kit is portable and can be taken anywhere on the club grounds if needed. The kit contains small to large dressings for cuts, ace bandages, ice packs, burn care items and band aids. There is also a blood pressure cuff available. The metal first aid box will remain on the kitchen wall and will be stocked with smaller First Aid supplies. Thank you to Larry and Diane Costello who took care of making sure we purchased the right kit.

The Auxiliary will be handling the Regatta outside food tent this year, July 25-26. Anyone interested in working, look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the restrooms. This is a great way to earn work hours before the deadline.

Our next meeting will be held September 24th. At this meeting we will be looking for an election chairman and putting a slate together of 2015 Officers and Board Members to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in October. So keep it in mind if you are interested!

The Book club is reading NYPD Red by the author James Patterson. It will resume meeting on September 3rd at noon.

That's it for now.....see you around the club!!!!



**Power Fleet Capt.  
Rob Schneider**



**Sail Fleet Captain,  
John Kauffman**



**Dock Master,  
David Collino**

**AYC Poker Run Schedule**

**Ottawa River Yacht Club**

**July 11-13**

**River View Yacht Club**

**July 18-20**

**and opening of the cards:**

**Ford Yacht Club**

**August 15-17**



We are now more than halfway through the Spring series, which has been interesting with the variety of conditions we have seen so far this season. We've no wind, too much wind, and last week, a big downpour right in the middle of the race. Our next big racing event is July 19th, when we host the 47th annual Race for the Sisters.

On the cruising front, OPEN to SAIL and POWER BOATS is the Cruising Class Flag. If you are interested in tracking your boating miles and participating in the cruising class this year, applications and checks (\$40 to cover cost of flag) are due at the end of June or after with late fee. Applications are available on the MBC website. Go to the Boating section and there is a cruising class tab.

Our annual cruise to Middle Bass was June 13-15, where six sailboats and one powerboat made the trip. Our Cruise Director, Dan Williamson has a separate report elsewhere in this issue.

Regatta is coming up at the end of July. This is a great opportunity to earn your work hours, and enjoy the club, and maybe even meet new members. It's our club, come out and enjoy it. See you at the club!

We are well into boating season now and most dock holders now have launched their boats. A reminder to those who did not use their docks last year, you have until July 1st this season to get your boat in the dock or you will forfeit it. Also if you plan to vacate your dock for more than a weekend, please let me know so we can use your dock for another member or visiting boat from another club. New dock holders, don't forget you need to have your vessel safety inspection completed by the end of July. I see there are many boats in the harbor with for sale signs on them. If you are in the market for an upgrade it may be worth your while to walk our own docks and see what is out there.

Please for everyone's safety, there is no refueling of boats allowed at MBC docks. If your boat has a removable fuel tank with approved quick-connect fittings, you are permitted to take your tank to and from your boat.

Those needing work hours, the Regatta sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway for visiting boat docking and security as well as many other good opportunities to fulfill your work hour requirements.

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**Dock Master**.....David Collino

**Historian**.....William Huntley/Charlotte Neuhauser

**Membership Chair**.....Jim Alban

**Obituaries**.....(MI) - P/C Paul Braunlich; (OH) - Jim Brzuchalski

**ILYA Delegate**.....Mike Powers

**Parliamentarian** .....P/C David Powell

**Chaplain**.....Fr. Darin Robert

**Fleet Surgeon** .....Dr. Vicki Collins

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**20th of each month**

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**View the Harbor Light and other club events online!**

# Membership Report - Jim Alban



Tony Carter resides with his wife Nicole and their 3 children, Harrison, Mitchell and Dean in LaSalle, MI. Tony is a Product Manager with Tenneco Inc. He and his family enjoy fishing, camping and traveling.



Stephen Hande and his wife Deborah live in Monroe, MI. Stephen is retired from Ford Motor Co. They enjoy the outdoors and have a 19' Four Winns.



William O'Connor lives in Temperance, MI with his wife, Sheryl. William is with Robert Bosch and enjoys car restoration.



Kristen Whittico and her husband Timothy live in Ypsilanti, MI. She works for the University of Michigan. They enjoy sailing, skiing and hunting. In addition they have a 19+ Ebbtide powerboat.

## CLUB CRUISE TO MIDDLE BASS ISLAND

June 13-15 saw our 5th annual cruise to MBI. The weather was breezy on Friday but warm and sunny on Saturday. We had a good turnout of 7 boats (Tiki Bar, Shere Khan, Interim, White Star, FantaC with John Davis & Martie Reed & Tony Schippa, What Ever Suejuet Too & a friend, Walt & Marybeth Norris with John & Maureen Kauffman were joined by Spencer and friends). We enjoyed food & beverages at Walleye's on Friday, some swam at Hazards, while others ventured to Put-in-Bay, we shared hors d'oeuvres aboard White Star, and then topped off Saturday evening with a cook-out (see pictures). Please join us for our next day cruise and afterglow potluck the weekend after the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday  
Dan Williamson



**MONROE BOAT CLUB  
ERIK PETERSON JR SAIL SCHOLARSHIP**

THANKS TO MBC FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!!!

MBC SAIL FLEET, SATIN GAVEL, BLUE GAVEL  
AUXILIARY, DOCK FUND

DONATIONS MADE IN MEMORY OF: MEL RUSSEL

All 9 applicants are able to go thanks to your generosity!!!

Congratulations to the following MBC Kids attending NCYC  
Sail Camp this summer.

2014 RECIPIENTS

Katelyn Davis  
Brandon Dutton  
Griffen Foldvary  
Malia Huss  
Clain Johnson  
Nicholas Newcomer  
Adam Schlanser  
Zachary Wolfe  
Zoe Wolfe



# The Annual MBC "Live Auction"



This year's event will be Saturday July 26, 2014 at 5:45 p.m. It will be in the big tent area of the main parking lot as part of the MBC Regatta.

We welcome your donation of items to be sold at auction. Contact Jim Alban for any inquiries by email: [jalban@mwbauctions.com](mailto:jalban@mwbauctions.com) or by mobile phone: 734-625-3009.



**Bring your friends and family for a fun filled time of "Auction Action!"**

# Monroe Boat Club Regatta



JULY 25<sup>th</sup> 5 pm – 1 am  
JULY 26<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 1 am

*Come and Enjoy*

## “Lazy River” Band

FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 8 PM- MIDNIGHT

## “GREAT FOOD AND FUN”

\*Wonderful Ice Cold Boat Club Cocktails

\*Delicious Variety of Outside Food Available

\*Breakfast Sat. & Sun. AM

\*Auction Saturday at 5:45pm under the Big Tent

“OPEN TO THE PUBLIC”

# MONROE BOAT CLUB

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# July 2014

Member AYC, ILYA, YCA  
and US Sailing Assn.



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# The Harbor Light



## MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

### July

- 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!
- 5/6 - Day Cruise/Potluck
- 9 - Board Meeting 6:30pm;  
Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm
- 11 - Poker Run (ORYC)
- 18 - Poker Run (RVYC)
- 19 - Race for the Sisters
- 22 - Parking Lot closed at 12mid
- 25-27 MBC REGATTA!

Tuesday Night Races  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
August 5, 12, 19, 26

**BOATER'S BREAKFAST MONTHLY**  
9 AM- 12:30 PM  
July 20, August 24

**HAPPY HOUR Mon-Fri 12-6pm**

### BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

Offering Delicious  
Homemade  
Soup!



### August

- 10 - Ladies 50/50 Sailboat Race
- 13 - Board Meeting 6:30pm  
Gen membership Mtg. 7pm
- 15 - Opening of the Cards (FYC)
- 15 - Club Cruise to PCYC
- 16 - Car Show  
- Solo Sailors Race  
-Manny's Mexican Dinner

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: [www.monroeboatclub.org](http://www.monroeboatclub.org)