

HARBOR LIGHT

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**Club Commodore,
Mike Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Dave Ryan**



**Rear Commodore,
Bill Amatucci**

Greetings from your Commodore! This winter has been one for the record books! Not only have we received near-record snow fall, but the ice cover on the Great Lakes has been at record- or near-record levels as well! Many thanks go to member Mike Morrison, who has been keeping us plowed out, and member Dave Rafko who has been clearing our sidewalks, often more than once a day! Both have been doing an excellent job keeping the parking lot and sidewalks clear. Still, with the often freezing weather, things can get slippery, so please be careful!

The AYC Commodore's Ball was held on February 14-15 to honor 2013 AYC Commodore Tom MacDonald and the 2013 AYC club Commodores, including our own 2013 Commodore Brian Moyer. Our Power Fleet Captain, Rob Schneider, did a wonderful job putting our Hospitality Room together and keeping it running smoothly all weekend! A special thank-you goes to all that helped with preparing the decorations, setting up the room, providing appetizers, and working in the room during the event.

Our Open House is set for Saturday, March 8th from 2-7 pm. It is being advertised and promoted to hopefully attract new members. We need everyone's help to promote your club and attract new members to return us to the days of a waiting list. Be an MBC Ambassador and help spread the word - there is no better advertising than word of mouth.

Also on Saturday, March 8th, two different AYC clubs, Elba Mar Boat Club and West River Yacht and Cruising Club, will be visiting our club on bus trips. Although they aren't traveling together, both are expecting to arrive between 2-3 pm.

Your Commodore (Ok, ok...actually "She Who Must Be Obeyed") will be running Thursday Night Burger Nights for March, April, and May. Proceeds from these nights go towards the expenses of next year's Commodore's Ball. Sign-up sheets to work Burger Nights are on the kitchen doors - please sign-up to help out.

MBC's Commodore's Ball will be held on Saturday, March 29th at the Holiday Inn, Southgate (MI). As has been done in the past, we will be holding a raffle for a free hotel room for those wishing to stay the night. The drawing date will be Thursday evening, March 13th - to give the winner time to buy their tickets to the MBC Commodore's Ball. Kathy and I hope to see all of you there!

Don't forget to "Spring Ahead" on March 9th. I'll see you around the club! *Your Commodore*

Were you able to visit the Club during January or February? Maybe you were able to enjoy a Burger Thursday, play Euchre, check out the Soul Kitchen Band, watch the Olympics or have one of Billy's great meals? If so, you got to the club because Dave Rafko kept shoveling the sidewalks and Mike Morrison not only kept the parking lot plowed but he kept the roads open as well. It wasn't until the middle of February that the county road crew made their first trip down Harbor Road. Thank You Mike and Dave for all the efforts keeping up with the extreme weather we've had.

Other members have been working to continually improve the club this month, including Greg Loop and Kevin Knowles building and installing an additional shelf in the kitchen cabinets, and when an extraordinary amount of grease plugged up a kitchen sink, it was rebuilt by Jamie Gannalis and Dave Rafko. Trying to keep the recent melt and rain from flooding our outdoor areas, Wendy Campbell dug through at least 6 feet of snowbanks to clear the main storm drain.

Dan Williamson and Peggy Hillen went to work in the Back Room, and the bar expansion is so nicely done it blends in seamlessly with the rest of the room. Soon, the new area will be complete with televisions and chairs becoming a welcome gathering area in the banquet room, further enhancing the facility's usefulness as the location for your next graduation party, retirement celebration or association dinner.

You've seen Power Fleet Captain Rob in his bare feet and flip-flops all winter long, and while I'm not ready for that yet, the month of March typically brings us out of the depths of winter when Spring officially arrives. Even with snow on the ground, daylight lasts almost 12 hours and Spring broadly brings to mind ideas of rebirth, renewal and re-growth. So Spring is surely arriving with the **MBC Open House on March 8 from 2-7pm** for all members and potential members. There will be tables and displays representing all of the groups and activities at MBC with the goal of attracting several new, quality members to our club. Plan to attend and help at the Open House, as an active membership is the lifeblood of MBC.

Your home mailboxes will soon be filled with an invitation to the March 29 Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore Mike Powers and Lady Kathy. Mike followed the classical route to the position of Commodore, serving the club in every office available at MBC. I can't think of a better way to show our appreciation for his service than to celebrate our Club and our Commodore while having a great time with fellow members. DRyan@bex.net or phone 419-260-9578.

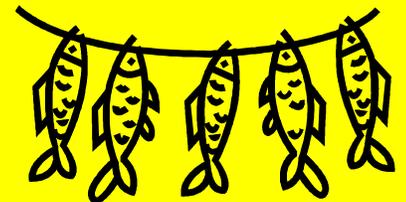
Not yet but getting very close....I'm talking about the back bar project. Dan Williamson has done one outstanding job on the renovation. Thanks Dan and Peggy. Yes, we have new Bar Stools ordered along with new items to complete the back bar. I am planning an event night with entertainment and the works, so stay tuned for the date. We will add a new TV in the back bar so when we must close the front bar for needed work, we won't leave out our regulars. They will feel right at home there, too.

Name that Tune is still the biggest turn out that the club sees on a regular basis. Add a little snack and watch them pour in. Recently, even a bus trip stopped in to enjoy the show. Thanks everyone for the support at this event.

I also want to thank our "Club Band" Soul Kitchen on an outstanding job each time the band comes in and entertains us.

Please help us out the day of March 8th. We are expecting two clubs to visit by bus during our Open House... this is going to be a jam packed day. I will be away at an event, but my thoughts will be with the club. Good luck and have a blast!

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY



APRIL 18

5-8PM

**New at MBC!
BUNCO MONDAYS**

Third Mondays

6:30pm



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

- **MBC Cookbook for sale at the Club Bar**
- **April 6th, 3pm - US Customs Regulations for Canada**
- **April 12th, 10-2pm - Dealing with Disaster Day**
- **May 1 - End of Life Issues**
- **May 16 & 30 - Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders**
- **Regatta...save your used books, CDs, DVDs, Wii and other computer games**



United States Customs and Border Protection will make a presentation on Sunday, April 6, 3:00 at MBC on visiting Canada by boat. They will provide information on obtaining a Nexus card, which also helps in going through airport security, and the documentation needed for crossing to Canada. It will be open to the public so invite your friends.



Dealing with Disaster Day... April 12th, 10:00-2:00. The schedule is as follows

10:00-10:50, Monroe County Emergency Service with particular attention to marine activities: hypothermia, CPR, broken bones, burns, heart attack, stroke, first aid off shore; 10:50-11:00, Who to call; how to use radio devices, West Marine demo 11:00-12:00, Fire Fighting: Types and properties of extinguishers, when and how to use, wet and dry, oil on water, electrical and explosion, warnings and alarms 12:15-1:15, Water Rescue, life rafts, inflatables, life slings, flotation equipment, man overboard drill, recovery techniques for humans and dogs 1:15-2:00, Day and Night Distress Signals, Set off flairs (if weather permitting).

Hotdogs and other munchies will be available for purchase. Other clubs and the community will be invited so volunteers will be needed to assist with food, setting up, moving from one activity to the next, and cleaning up. If you are interested in volunteering and earning work hours, please contact John Rudy at 734.751.2309 or johnsailor@yahoo.com. If you have outdated flares, don't throw them away. Hold on to them until April 12 when we'll set them off.



Cabin fever is starting to set in, but Michigan state parks are offering plenty of ways to get outdoors this winter, and many events are free to attend. These family-friendly events and activities are a great way to get out and enjoy the winter wonder-

land in Michigan.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources is sponsoring a tour of Michigan's "lone" wolverine in a traveling exhibit created by the Michigan Historical Center. Discovered in the thumb area in 2004, the wolverine roamed the Minden City State Game Area until its natural death in 2010. Originally displayed for nearly a year at the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center at the Bay City Recreation Area, the wolverine then went to the Michi-

gan Historical Center where a secure case and exhibit panels were created.

The exhibit features taxidermy of the wolverine and information about its time in Michigan, as well as a look at the wolverine in science and in Michigan history. An animal rarely seen in the wild, the wolverine has drawn large, curious crowds at each stop along the tour. The exhibit will be at the Detroit Science Center, March 13-April 30 (by the way, the DSC is a great place to take your children or grandchildren; it's fun for adults, too). The exhibit will be at the Monroe County Historical Museum May 2-28.

It's not too early to plan for **Regatta**...Save your used books for the book sale. We will also be selling used CDs, DVDs, and Wii and computer games this year as well.



**Sail Fleet Captain,
John Kauffman**

We are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel. It is a balmy 37 degrees as I write this month's Sail Fleet article.

Currently we are finalizing our race documents, and looking forward to this year's racing season. We'd like to attract more participating boats this year.

The club will be holding an open house on March 8th, so if you have friends with boats that don't belong to a club, encourage them to come and check out MBC. We have a great facility and this will be a great opportunity to show it off.

Three months from now, we will be into our Spring Race Series and enjoying the competition, camaraderie of our fellow sailors, and a nice cold one in the club afterwards.

Here's looking forward to warmer weather...see you at the club!



**Dock Master,
David Collino**

Sign-up sheets for open docks were posted on the Dock Master Bulletin Board from February 17th to midnight February 26th. Depending on when you are reading this, there may still be time to sign-up. Anyone interested in an open dock must be signed up to bid. All docks are awarded based on seniority. Make sure to sign up by the midnight deadline on Feb 26th.

The annual Dock Assignment Meeting will be held in the backroom of the club on Sunday March 2nd at 2:00pm. If you are awarded a dock for the first time at the meeting you must provide proof of ownership (title), proof of insurance, and payment for your new dock that day. If you are not able to provide these three things at the Dock Assignment Meeting, you will be passed over and the next highest seniority will be eligible to bid. We will only have one C-dock available this year, but there are eleven B-docks up for bid.

This should be a good year for newer members with boats from 16 to less than 30 feet!



**Auxiliary,
Kim Fuller**

Greetings, this snowbird is back from Florida! We wish we could have stayed and not returned to frozen pipes and lots of snow. The weather in Florida was not the greatest either, but at least we did not have to shovel!

I hope everyone enjoyed the AYC Commodore's Ball and the Hospitality Room. I would like to thank everyone who donated an appetizer for this event.

The first meeting for Relay for Life will be held February 27 where we will talk strategy for raising money for this year. Remember we are still selling KOOZIES for RELAY FOR LIFE - cans (\$2) and bottles(\$3).

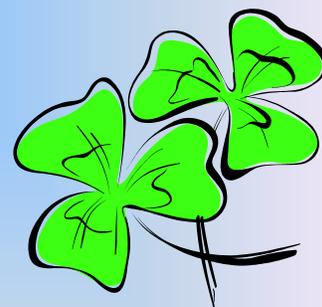
Also don't forget - **BUNCO NIGHT!** Held monthly on every third Monday. Registration begins at 6pm and play begins at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. Proceeds for the KOOZIES and BUNCO NIGHT will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The New Member Open House will be held March 8th. The Auxiliary will be displaying a table with information about the Auxiliary; what we do and how to join. If anyone is interested in helping out by manning a shift at the table, please contact me or one of the Officers.

That same Saturday March 8th there will also be two club visiting via Bus Trips, from Elba Mar and West River Yacht and Cruising Club. It will be a very busy day for MBC! We will be discussing this at the next Auxiliary meeting on February 26th at 7:30pm.

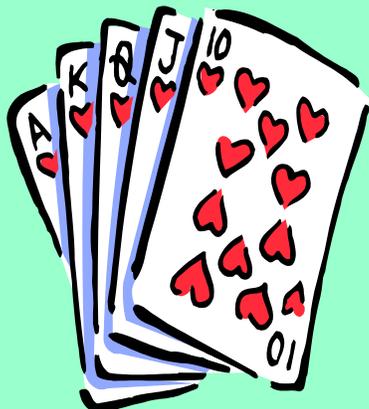
The Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party is in the planning stages; the date will be announced soon. Watch for flyers and a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the bar. This year with Easter falling in late April, the egg hunt may be outside (weather permitting, of course).

Remember that the Book Club will resume meeting on March 5 at noon. The next book selected was **DARK WITCH** by author Nora Roberts, which is the first book of her new trilogy. Everyone is welcome to join us! We have lunch and discuss the book and much more.....we have a good time! That is it for now!...see you around the club!

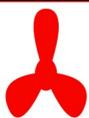


EUCHRE

Every Sunday



Registration - 12pm
Games begin - 1pm
Cost \$5/per player
***bring a dish to share**



Power Fleet Capt.
Rob Schneider

I'm having a hard time believing February has come and gone. Is anyone not cold? Then you weren't in Michigan!

Having said that, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank all that helped with the AYC Hospitality Room planning, running, building, phone calling, loading, unloading, assembling, manning, raising, clean-up, loading, unloading, washing up at the club and leaving with smiles! Thank you, so much.

Unfortunately, the Bus Trip was a flop. Thankfully Mr. Lynch our travelling electric minstrel jumped in to save the night. Thank you, Wally.

We have busses arriving (two, I believe) on the same day as our Open House March 8th. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to meet and greet; the place will be rocking.

I would ask everyone to please check our calendar of events and get involved. Work hours are fun hours...just ask anyone who participated and volunteered at AYC weekend!



AYC Poker Run Schedule

Cooley Canal Yacht Club

June 13-15

Wyandotte Yacht Club

June 27-29

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



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ParliamentarianP/C David Powell

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

Fleet SurgeonDr. Vicki Collins

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DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION

20th of each month

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View the Harbor Light and other club events online!

WELCOME



Stephen Scherting
 Stephen and his wife
 Cindy live in Lam-
 bertville, MI. Stephen
 is with the USPS and
 enjoys golfing, fishing
 and boating with his
 family on their 29 ft.
 Chris Craft.

Notice Per MBC Winter/Summer Storage and Parking Lot Fee Rule # 6:

The trailers with license plates listed below are un-identifiable. These license plate numbers have been forwarded to the Monroe County Sheriff's office. If you own one of the trailers listed below, you must contact MBC Vice Commodore ASAP. This notice, plus a posting on the Dock Master's Bulletin Board, and one public publication, satisfies the club requirement to "commence action to seek title so that the item(s) may be sold or destroyed" (page 87, MBC 2013 Roster).

- MBC Outside Storage Items along Lake and Center Streets
- Trailer Storage: Lake and Center Street Perimeter (60 Units)
 - Lake St. (35 on 11/30)

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2014 at:
www.monroeboatclub.org
 Applications due March 31, 2014.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18! Must be able to swim

This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 457-2627

Four W/O LICENSE
 PLATES

-white shore lander

-black trailer

B807437

C057139

42380P (Blue)

B159191

Z84088 (Blue)

B710688

?=galvanized Load Rite

P29302 (Blue)

B755671

B701032

B721549

?

B366988

?, ?

B58961 (Blue)

P29302

35298G (Nevada)

X= white

A305119

B781251

B58961 (blue)

?, ?

A308119

V83061 (Blue)

A743629

B707885

Three W/O LICENSE
 PLATES

Center St. (25 on 11/30)

B359177

A685271

?

A682837

B052117

13663X (Blue)

V18871 (Blue)

?

B053622

? (TIRES FALLING OFF
 RIMS)

?, ?= galvanized

Z51352 (Blue)

?, ? + CRAP WOOD CRA-
 DLE

SIX STEEL CRADLES

?, ? =white with ducks on
 fenders

Galvanized trailer

A A F T Jstands for Ask A Friend To Join! We need your help to increase membership at MBC. Our Open House for the general public is March 8, 2014 and hopefully some that attend will be interested in becoming members of MBC.

In addition to those efforts, the best way to bring aboard new members is for you to seek out friends and/or acquaintances that may be interested. A great way to introduce folks to the club is invite them to "Burger Night" some Thursday.

Remember, "We're All In This Together" and we appreciate your assistance with the growth of Monroe Boat Club membership. Thank you for your, time, efforts and consideration with this AAFTJ program .

Monroe Boat Club OPEN HOUSE

**Sat., March 8, 2014
2pm-7pm**

Consider Joining a Boat Club?
Want to learn more?

- Monroe Boat Club is a private boat club open all year long with many activities that make boating fun and affordable.
- The open house will be a fun-filled afternoon where you can learn all about the Monroe Boat Club.
- Come and see all that MBC has to offer throughout the entire year!
- Bring yourself, family and friends to learn more. It's easy to become a member!
- Boat Ownership not required.
- Can't wait for the open house? Call us, find us on Facebook or visit: www.monroeboatclub.org



CRUISES, FISHING, SAILING,
BOATING, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES,
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL,
DOCKAGE WITH DEEP WATER
CLUBHOUSE WITH FULL LOUNGE,
KITCHEN & BANQUET ROOM,
PICNIC AND PLAY AREA
JUNIOR SAIL-CAMP OPPORTUNITES
EASY ACCESS TO LAKE ERIE & I-75
AFFILIATED WITH ILYA, AYC, YCA-
ENJOY CLUBS ACROSS THE USA
WITH YOUR MBC MEMBERSHIP

Join Now!

Monroe Boat Club
7932 Harbor Dr, Monroe - 734.243.8935
1/4 mile east of I-75 off Exit 11, turn left



Going to Canada with your Boat?

What do you need for documentation? Up-to-date information!

When: 3:00pm Sunday April 6th

Presenters: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Where: Monroe Boat Club, Banquet Room

7932 Bolles Harbor Dr, Monroe, MI

Directions: I-75 Exit 11, LaPlaisance Rd, east

Follow until road curves right, then go straight/bear left

Turn left onto Lake St., the first road on the left

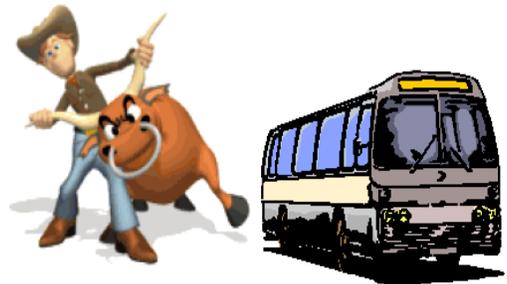
(734)243-8935

<http://www.monroeboatclub.org/>

Get the facts! Everyone welcome! Free to the Public!

Testicle Festival Bus Trip

Saturday March 22nd, 2014



Sign-Up Sheet & Tickets Available At Bar

Starting Thursday Feb. 13th

\$15 per person (BYOB)

Must Pay When You Sign-Up & Get Ticket

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MBC Bar will Open at 9am

Bus will Leave at 10am

And Return Around 6pm



**2014
AYC
Commodore's
Ball
Feb 15-16**





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March 2014

Member AYC, ILYA, YCA

and US Sailing Assn.



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The Harbor Light



MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

March



April

- 2 - Euchre 1pm
- 2 - Dock Assignment Mtg. 2pm
- 5 - Book Club 12n
- 8 - OPEN HOUSE 2pm
- 8 - Bus Visits (2) 2pm
- 9 - Euchre 1pm
- 12 - **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 16 - Euchre 1pm
- 17 - **HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!**
- 19 - House Cmte. Mtg. 7pm
- 22 - Testicle Festival Bus Trip
- 23 - Euchre 1pm
- 26 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 26 - **Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm**
- 29 - MBC Commodore's Ball
- 30 - Euchre 1pm

HAPPY HOUR Mon-Fri 12-6pm

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

Offering Delicious
Homemade
Soup!



- 2 - Book Club 12n
- 6 - Euchre 1pm
- 6 - CCEC Presentation 3pm
- 9 - **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 12 - CCEC Presentation 10am
- 13 - Euchre 1pm LAST ONE!
- 16 - House Cmte. Mtg. 7pm
- 18 - Good Friday Fish Fry 5pm
- 20 - **HAPPY EASTER!**
- 23 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 23 - **Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm**

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: www.monroebatclub.org