

# HARBOR LIGHT



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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

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**Club Commodore,  
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,  
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,  
Wendy Campbell**

### 70 Years!

It was 1945 when the Monroe Yacht Club (founded in 1868) merged with the Bolles Harbor Boat Club and Monroe Boat Club was chartered. I am honored and humbled to be your Commodore during this milestone in the history of our club. The Club and Community Events Committee (CCEC), under the guidance of club Historians Charlotte Neuhauser and Bill Huntley, will be publishing a hardbound keepsake retrospective of the club's history that will be available later in 2015.

Instrumental in the 1945 merger and MBC's first Commodore was Edward Knabusch. I regret to inform our members that his daughter-in-law June, our neighbor and friend, passed away on Oct 22. June maintained a relationship with MBC through efforts with the CCEC Fishing Derby, the Knabusch Math and Science Center in Bolles Harbor, and the recent MBC-Monroe Public Schools Lake Erie Awareness Initiative with P/C Moyer and P/C Powers. Our condolences go out to her family as this club and the Monroe community at large will miss her.

Only with the foresight and guidance of talented members through the years do we know MBC as she is today. I join the membership in thanking P/C Mike Powers for his excellent service to the club. Mike followed the "traditional" path to Commodore, serving most ably in every Bridge position and we are indebted to his contributions. I offer him my personal thanks for his patience mentoring me during this past year. Also deserving deep gratitude is Billy Amatucci, whose welcoming laugh and great food made everyone comfortable at the MBC bar during his terms as Rear Commodore. "Thank You" just doesn't seem adequate for your fine efforts.

The new Bridge will continue these high standards, assisted by the benefit of a stable club due to a well-kept watch. I am pleased to introduce new Sail Fleet Captain Troy Willett, Power Fleet Captain Bill LeVally, Dock Master Tom Henry and Treasurer Gloria Schneider to the Board. Heading another critical position is Membership Chairman Nick Pinotti, and Ron Stokes begins a 3-year term on the Finance Committee. All members are invited to meet the officers and the Auxiliary at the Change of Watch on Sunday Nov 2, at 1pm when they are officially sworn in.

The November Board meeting will be combined with the General Membership Meeting on Nov 12 at 7pm. Your Board will be setting goals and working to execute and accomplish them. We will meet all challenges that lie ahead, and (continued, column 3.....)

First, I would like to thank everyone for your votes and your support. I am looking forward to being part of the Board to help better serve the membership by continuing to be the best boat club on the lake. As most are aware there have been a number of key improvements at the club with the banana dock parking area and the storage area across the street. I want to continue these improvements and to also consider new projects that will better the entire grounds of the club and the building. One of the things I will concentrate on is cleaning the upstairs. I also would like to know any ideas from the members that we might discuss in our meetings that will help us develop new projects. I will be distributing a suggestion/idea form that we can look at. It is important that all MBC members are part of this process.

An important issue that has been brought to my attention is the storage area across the street. I have been made aware of the fact that there are boats stored over there for which the owners have not registered with the Club. This needs to be done ASAP. The other problem are trailers that seem to have been abandoned. If you have a trailer across the street or know someone that does, they must make me or Rick Campbell aware of it. We will be putting a time line on this and if no one comes forward we will have to remove these trailers.

I want everyone to be heard at this Club; all members have a right to their opinions, ideas and concerns. Please feel free to contact me via my email: [tristeel04@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tristeel04@sbcglobal.net) or my cell 734-497-4903.

### **CHANGE of MEETING DATES: NOVEMBER and DECEMBER!**

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**November: Combined Board & General Membership Meeting: Wed Nov 12 - Board Meeting at 6:30 pm followed by General Membership Mtg. at 7pm due to Thanksgiving.**

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**December: Combined Board & General Membership Meeting: Wed Dec 10 - Board Meeting at 6:30 followed by General Membership Mtg. at 7pm due to Christmas.**

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Here I am back at it again! I served as Rear Commodore in 2008 during the tenure of P/C TK (Tom) Konopka 7 years ago and assisted my husband P/C Rick Campbell in 2007. This year will be a little different for me since there have been several operational changes behind the scenes. And of course following our 2010, 2013 & 2014 R/C Billy Amatucci I'll be attempting to fill some really big shoes, particularly with the specials and food he offered. Thank you to Billy for everything, not only from me, but from the entire membership.

I have been told that if I were to accept the nomination for this office that I would receive help from several different people with a lot of the work and responsibility that comes with this office. I will be counting on each person that came to me and will be looking for them to follow through with their comments and commitments. I'm sure it will be a challenge, but I will do my best to make this a successful and fun year at the club. Specials will be listed on the board in the bar area. I am looking forward to working with our new board for 2015.

During the upcoming year I will be attempting to delegate some of the responsibilities of the Rear Commodore. I would like to try to make this job less demanding and have help with the many things that are involved. My goals for 2015 are to keep beer and drink prices as reasonable as possible, and give our members the best and cleanest club on the lake.

We will be Closed on Thanksgiving Day Thursday November 27th, 2014. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and allow everyone an opportunity to be with family and friends.

Don't forget that Euchre will be held on Sundays. The first week of play was October 26th. Registration starts at noon and play begins at 1pm.

**From the Commodore,  
cont'd.....**

will further the clear mission of Monroe Boat Club: "The promotion, protection and encouragement of boating for pleasure and sport, with emphasis on good fellowship among its members."

I'll see you at the Club!



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

**Activities: Nov 5 - MBC Book Club, 12:00 noon**



**The Book Club** schedule for the rest of this year is as follows:

Nov 5 Blood Magic by Nora Roberts

Dec 3 Mr. Miracle by Debbie Macomber

Judy Peterson hopes to see all of the group at the next meeting. Anyone who is interested in reading and having fun at our casual lunch, please join us!!



**Environmental Career Day for 2015** is in the works for June 1-2. Plans are in place and two proposals for grant monies have been submitted. The first is for \$3,000 from the Monroe Environmental Fund, which has

funded the project for the past three years. The second is for \$1,900 from the Community Foundation for Monroe County. If any members of MBC are also members of the foundation and can put in a good word, we would appreciate it.



**I-75 Road Construction Project** The Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) will reconstruct 5.6 miles of I-75 through Monroe County between Dixie Highway and I-275 starting in 2015. The project includes:

rehabilitation of two bridges and reconstruction of another four; reconstruction of 10 ramps along the corridor; upgrades to signage, guardrails, median barriers, drainage, lighting, and pavement markings. This project is the first of five planned for improving the 20-mile corridor from I-275 south to the state line.

Stakeholder and public input on this project will be used to develop an overall approach to the architectural elements, landscape, and character for all five projects to ensure a unified look and feel through this important gateway segment of I-75. As part of the reconstruction project, MDOT will upgrade various elements as a way to improve aesthetics along the corridor. The objective is to create a sustainable design that can be implemented in all project phases. Aesthetic improvements include: enhancing the "Welcome to Pure Michigan" border crossing at the southern end of Monroe County, bridge enhancement options for future bridges over I-75, additional landscaping that both beautifies and maximizes conservation and restoration along the corridor.

During phase one of reconstruction, traffic will be maintained throughout the work zone using the following Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan:

I-75: Maintain two (2) lanes of traffic in both directions utilizing temporary median crossovers.

Ramps: MDOT is requesting comments on two (2) ramp construction options: part-width or full closure and detour.

To stay informed, visit the project website to view project schedule and sign up for email alerts:

[www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) or [www.michian.gov/drive](http://www.michian.gov/drive)  
Follow MDOT on Twitter: MDOT\_A2; "Like" MDOT's Facebook page.



**Sail Fleet Captain,  
Troy Willett**

Hello and greetings from the tiller. I look forward to a fun-filled year serving the club as Sail Fleet Captain, thank you for this opportunity! I can't wait to meet and get to know more of the members.

It's that time of year again, the seasons are changing and we are pulling our boats from the water. It's time to put away the flip flops and shorts in exchange for wool coats, hats and gloves. But what a great time we had this season! A special thanks goes out to Charlie Simons, and his crew from 'One Leg Up' for taking the wonderful photos of the Rum Series and the Awards Banquet, thanks Charlie!

In December we will be having our last Sail Fleet meeting of the year. I plan on having it on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. This way we can enjoy a burger and socialize before the meeting. Come on out, grab some great food and let's discuss the 2015 race schedule, review some racing rules and more.

This year I will be working side by side with my counterpart, Bill LeVally, aka "the Gas Guzzler" in order to combine efforts between the Sail Fleet and the Power Fleet. Take a moment the next time you see Bill to congratulate him on his election as Power Fleet Captain! I hear rumors that there is an AYC event coming in February and it sounds exciting in a pirate sort of way, Arrrrh! Let's all do what we can to support Bill!

Thanks again for the chance to serve the club as the Sail Fleet Captain. May 2015 be as fun filled as the 2014 sailing season was!

**This year's much-anticipated Italian Dinner is being postponed due to extraordinary circumstances. Those who have purchased tickets will have a full refund waiting for them at the Bar. We thank you for your understanding. Martie and the Sail Fleet will be working to reschedule this elegant evening (perhaps in the spring) for the enjoyment of our members.**



**Auxiliary,  
Celeste Hoitash**

Let me introduce myself, again. My name is Celeste Hoitash and I am your 2015 Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary President. I say "again" because I originally took the office of Auxiliary President back in 2005. Where has the time gone...10 years, amazing! And yes, I guess you can say, I've been "recycled."

All kidding aside, I am honored to serve as your MBC Auxiliary President, again. Though time has marched on and some of the faces have changed, the people of Monroe Boat Club are still the same good people who have always made this Club strong and fun.

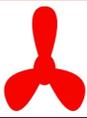
Auxiliary meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month, starting Wednesday, November 12, 2014, in the Commodore's room at MBC. The Board meeting will be at 6:30pm with the Membership meeting following (7:00pm or so).

Thank you, in advance, for your support in the coming year. I am looking forward to working with the Auxiliary and Membership in continuing to make 2015 a fun and productive year for all.



The Polish Dinner Committee thanks everyone who helped by volunteering for the preparation of the food to include the delicious desserts for the event and thank you to all who participated by attending the dinner or purchasing the culinary delights of Poland on night of the dinner. Dzien dobry - have a good day.

Rudi and Dave Amer



**Power Fleet Capt.  
Bill LeVally**

Hello and thanks for the opportunity to be your Power Fleet Captain. I am looking forward to having fun with all the members this coming year!

I would like to let the members know the AYC event will be here soon and I will post sign-up sheets around for those of you who would like to help.

Next, I would really like to thank and give Troy Willett a round of applause on becoming sail fleet captain and offering to join forces with us (gas guzzlers).

It should be a fun year. I will let the membership know the schedule for the Poker Runs as soon as I have the info and Troy (aka the Blow Boater) has said he will try to persuade some of his counterparts to try to join us.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve the club.



**Come One,  
Come All!**



Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm

Game time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

\*Bring an appetizer to pass\*

Play begins

October 26th

Questions? Contact:

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**Dock Master,  
Tom Henry**

Hello, MBC members!

I am the Dock Master for 2015 and am looking forward to meeting and working with my committee and fellow members.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns by email [dockshenry@gmail.com](mailto:dockshenry@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns. I hope I can do as fine a job as Dave Collino did this past year.

The docks are emptying out quickly now, but it won't be long before we are back in and enjoying our marina.

See you at the club!



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- Secretary**.....Fred Hoytash
- Dock Master**.....Tom Henry
- Historian**.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley
- Membership Chair**.....Nick Pinotti
- Obituaries**.....Jim Brzuchalski
- ILYA Delegate**.....P/C Mike Powers  
.....Alt. Troy Willett
- Parliamentarian**.....Lance Piedmonte
- Chaplain**.....Fr. Darin Robert

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

- P/C Mike Powers - P/C Brian Moyer -  
P/C Rodger Dutton - P/C Rick Campbell

**BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS**

- President**.....P/C Ron Soto
- Vice President**.....P/C Rodger Dutton
- Secretary**.....P/C William Amatucci
- Treasurer**.....P/C Paul Braunlich
- Chaplin**.....P/C Ric Murray
- Delegates**.....P/C Ric Murray  
P/C Jim Kozlowski

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

- President**.....Celeste Hoytash
- Vice Pres**.....Michele Lachcik
- Secretary**.....Carolyn Dutton
- Treasurer**.....Sue Van Thomme

**SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS**

- President**.....Carol Smith
- Vice-President**.....Sheri Amatucci
- Secretary**.....Celeste Hoytash
- Treasurer**.....Sue Van Thomme

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Cmdr. Dave Ryan - P/C Mike Powers - P/C Brian Moyer -  
Gloria Schneider - Tom Snarey -  
Fred Lemerand - P/C Ron Stokes

**AYC DELEGATES:** P/C Brian Moyer -  
Larry Inguagiato - Bill LeVally

**AYC ALTERNATES:** P/C Mike Powers - P/C Ron Soto

- P/C Rick Campbell - At Large - P/C Ron Stokes

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**20th of each month**

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# Tuesday Night at the Races



# SAIL FLEET AWARDS BANQUET



# MONROE BOAT CLUB

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# The Harbor Light

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and US Sailing Assn.



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

# November

- 2 - Change of Watch 12n
- 5 - Book Club 12n
- 11 - *Happy Veteran's Day!*
- 12 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 12 - Board & Gen Membership Combined Meeting 7pm
- 22 - Bus Visit from PPBC 12n
- 27 - *Happy Thanksgiving!*  
CLUB CLOSED
- 29 - Buckeyes vs. Wolverines



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

## BURGER NIGHT

*Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm*

Offering Delicious  
Homemade  
Soup!



# December

- 3 - Book Club 12n
- 6 - Bus Visit -RVYC 4pm
- 10 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 10 - Board & Gen Membership Combined Meeting 7pm
- 11 - Sail Fleet Meeting 8pm
- 25 - *Merry Christmas!*  
CLUB CLOSED
- 31 - *New Year's Eve*

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