

HARBOR LIGHT

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**Club Commodore,
Mike Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Dave Ryan**



**Rear Commodore,
Bill Amatucci**

Greetings from your Commodore!
Fall has arrived and it's hard to believe that my time as your Commodore is nearly at its end! As our thoughts turn to taking the last trips on our boats and shoring them up for the winter, we're also rapidly approaching the Annual Auxiliary Dinner/Meeting as well as the Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting. I hope to see everyone there for the great food, to recap the past year, and to support the incoming board that will lead us in 2015.

The Member's Reception was held to honor the members of MBC and thank them for supporting the club for the past year. It was well attended and everyone there had a great time...I know Kathy and I did!

As a reminder, you will shortly be receiving mail from MBC with three important items: (1) annual dues billing; (2) sign up for the Annual Membership Meeting; and (3) a By-Law proposal. Please read the instructions for each carefully, as they each must be returned separately!

I do ask when considering the By-Law proposal that you vote in the best interests of the club! If you have any questions concerning the proposal, please feel free to contact me or any of the current Directors.

The Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting will be held on Friday, October 26th. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 pm, dinner will be served at 7 pm, and the Annual Membership Meeting will begin at about 7:45 pm. Voting will be held prior to the meeting as per the By-Laws.

You've probably noticed the work done to the parking lot near the banana dock and the boat storage parking lot across the street from the club house. The dock parking area received a milled asphalt top that will maintain the surface for a number of years. My thanks to Past Commodore Rodger Dutton, who served as Project Officer for this work. The storage lot is being re-surfaced to improve its condition for winter storage. While it's primarily for club members, we hope to expand the offer to affiliated club members in the future. My thanks to Vice Commander Dave Ryan for serving as Project Officer for this project.

As this should be my last article as your Commodore, I want to thank all of you for your support over the past year – it has been a privilege to serve as your Commodore. I also want to thank this year's Officers, Board, and the volunteers who supported them for making this a great year! Both Kathy and I have greatly enjoyed representing MBC around Western Lake Erie. (continued in column 3, this page)

Haul Out time is upon us, after a beautiful, if somewhat cooler than average, summer. 'Tis the season to change your oil, charge your batteries, and winterize your engine and water systems. The club outdoor boat and trailer storage area has been improved and expanded with room for additional winter storage of your boats and trailers. You can download a storage contract here: <http://www.monroeboatclub.org/#layci-lya-members---boat-storage/c1bh0> and a reduced *Members Rate* form in the "Members Only" area of the club website.

The dusty gravel parking area near the Banana Dock has also been improved with fast-draining and ecologically sound recycled asphalt millings. While looking much like pavement, it is a cost effective alternative enhancing the appearance and usability of that section of the marina. Rodger Dutton oversaw this project that was completed in just one week. Meanwhile, Don Steinman was fixing and replacing components of the roof and gutters of the BBQ Pavilion to keep that area working properly.

Commodore Powers and Lady Kathy hosted a wonderful Sept 13 evening Members Cocktail Reception celebrating all MBC members. Thank you Mike and Kathy for a very nice party, which continued in the lounge with music and dancing well into the night.

On September 26, the club shows her appreciation for the 82 members and auxiliary who have contributed in excess of 40 work hours during the past year with a steak roast "on the house." MBC members worked a total of 7,979 hours, and the Over 40 group delivered fully 94% of all the hours worked for the club. They have certainly earned the appreciation of the entire membership.

The club's year is drawing to a close, but events are happening at MBC all month long. Plan to attend the Oct 24 Annual Members Dinner Meeting as well as the Nov. 2 Change of Watch ceremony. Burger Thursdays continue all month, served up by the Blue Gavel, and Oct 11 is the October Fest Polish Dinner hosted by Dave & Rudi Amer and Jim & Michele Lachcik. On Oct 12, the club is hosting the International Order of the Blue Gavel Executive Board, where Larry Inguagiato will be inducted as President of District 9. Congratulations Larry!

MBC will host the first-ever Indian Hill Boat Club (Maumee OH) Commodore's Ball on Oct 25 in the MBC banquet room.

On the 31st of this month, get your "BOO!" on Halloween night with Soul Kitchen playing live in the MBC bar.

DRyan@bex.net or phone 419-260-9578.

Thank You to all members that have supported Sheri and me during this adventure as the Rear Commodore of our great club. I hope I can show and teach the next Rear that giving back is a great feeling and reward to our members.

Now we start a new adventure and I wish the next Rear all the support and rewards that we have received.

See you in the Springtime...no more Michigan winters again!



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

There are many events and activities scheduled for the remainder of the season here at the club. Please check our calendar, website, Facebook page, bulletin boards, and your email for updates!

I'll see you around the club! Your Commodore



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

Activities: October 1 - Book Club, 12 noon



Book Club schedule for the rest of the year :

Oct 1 - Love Letters by Debbie Macomber

Nov 5 - Blood Magic by Nora Roberts

Dec 3 - Mr. Miracle by D. Macomber

At the October meeting, attendees should bring books they have already read (outside of the club choices) for a "book share"exchanging those we have enjoyed with friends should be fun! 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 MBC lunch, please join us!!



The CCEC has begun its planning process for 2014-15, and it's important we get input from MBC members as to the types of events they enjoy and want to see offered. Our draft plan at this time includes updates on "Barriers from Beneath" (Algae and Coral), the I-75 Monroe

County Corridor, "Joy of Drinking and Eating," Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders, Fishing Derby, the Regatta booth and Children's Corner. Please let us know if you have suggestions for additional events. We appreciate all comments. Please send to cneuhauser@gmail.com or co-chair Zielinskic-rol1@gmail.com.



St. Mary Organic Farm is hosting **Food Day on Sunday, 10/12**, 1-4 pm to celebrate healthy, affordable, and sustainable farming. 42 vendors will be onsite with educational materials and hands-on demonstrations, music, animals, and activities for children. The event will be held on the IHM

campus, 610 W. Elm Ave. in Monroe and co-sponsored with Monroe County Great Start Collaborative and United Way.

The **River Raisin Institute's fifth annual Gathering** will take place at Monroe County Community College, Building A, Cafeteria on September 27 from 5-7:30 p.m. The River Raisin Institute is one of MBC's partners in offering our annual Environmental Career day for 7th Graders. The gathering is for people interested in and/or passionate about environmental education, ecological restoration, and sustainable living.

The naturally grown food and beverages prepared by Chef Kevin Thomas, Chef Vicki LaValle and the culinary arts students of Monroe County Community College have been a highlight of the event. Past attendees have never been disappointed in the feast that was prepared for them! Violinist Tony Marchese will provide the music entertainment.

You are invited to attend this event. Tickets are \$30 per person. Order your ticket securely online at <http://rriearth.org>. For information, call 734-240-9754.



**Sail Fleet Captain,
John Kauffman**

The final Rum Series race was sailed in near-perfect conditions. Fall weather has arrived and we are approaching the end of the boating season. Hopefully we can enjoy one more month of good boating before we have to put our boats to bed for the winter.

The Tuesday Night Fall Race Series is complete, and our flag winners were:

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1. **Al Michaud - Pink Panther**

2. **Rich Potcova - Short Bus**

3. **Don Fillion - Shere Khan**

JAM

1. **John Davis - Footloose**

2. **Dennis Kwapis - Mischief**

3. **Alan West - Anyhoo II**

Thanks to John Davis for coordinating the race committee requirements for the Tuesday series, Dan Sadoski for handling the Notice of Race updates, Al Michaud for coordinating the pizza orders, and Martie Reed for some home-made cooking alternatives on some of our Tuesday nights.

During September, the Sail Fleet is hosted burger nights. Special thanks to Martie Reed for coordinating burger night staffing and for the homemade soups. The Sail Fleet volunteers served a lot of burgers and I want to thank them, and all of our burger night workers, who volunteer their time to make the club better.

Take the opportunity to enjoy your boats and the club before the weather changes for good. We only have a little more time on the water this year, enjoy it!



**Auxiliary,
Kim Fuller**

Full is here!!!!

We are expecting four new members to be inducted into the Auxiliary by the Annual Meeting and Dinner, October 17th. Therefore, I would like to give them a warm welcome to the Auxiliary as this will be my last newsletter article.

I would like at this time also, to give a BIG THANK YOU to my 2014 Officers and Board as well as the members for all of their support and help in making it a successful year for the Auxiliary. The biggest THANK YOU goes to my husband Scott who has been there for me with all of his love, support, and working by my side at every function. It has been a great two year run! Likewise, I will be there for the incoming President offering her/him all the help and guidance I can.

Thanks everyone who came out the fourth Sunday of the summer months for Boater's Breakfasts. This was a great function for the Auxiliary and was enjoyed by everyone. It will return in April 2015.

There is much happening in October and November. First, the Auxiliary will be handling the Sail Fleet Banquet steak roast on Saturday, October 4th. I am seeking volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal. You can contact me by e-mail scottfuller64@charter.net or phone 734-848-8526 (home) 419-343-2376 (cell). Thanks in advance!

Friday, October 17 is the Auxiliary Annual Dinner Meeting. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, dinner at 7. Dinner will be prepared and served by our Commodore Mike Powers and the Officers and Board Members and members. Annual meeting and election of officers will follow. Reservations and entree choice must be mailed to Sue VanThomme by October 9th.

October 24 is the General Membership Annual Meeting and Dinner. The Auxiliary will be preparing and serving the meal for our members. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, dinner at 7. Reservations need to be mailed to Sue VanThomme no later than October 16th. Any Auxiliary member interested in helping, please contact me as described above. We are also seeking donated hors d'oeuvres for cocktail hour.

Change of Watch will be Sunday, November 2nd. Again, the Auxiliary will need of donated appetizers. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the bar for this and anyone interested in helping with set-up and serve. This is a great way to start earning your work hours for 2015!

MBC Book Club will meet October 1st at noon. The book we are reading is "Love Letters" by Debbie Macomber. For the November 5th gathering, our book will be "Black Magic" by Nora Roberts. The last meeting for the year will be on Dec. 3rd, and the book is "Mr. Miracle," by Debbie Macomber!

Just a reminder that your Auxiliary dues must be paid by November 1st.

Again I would like to Thank everyone again for the past two years! I had a great time serving MBC Auxiliary as their President.

See you around the Club!!!!

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank you for all the support you have given me over the past three years. It is greatly appreciated. I love the sport of sailing and have learned so much thanks to your support.

The highlight of last summer (2013) was at "Junior Bay Week" at Put-N-Bay, Ohio where I was able to finish first in the 30+ fleet of Laser Radials.

This winter I have been busy looking at colleges and will be making several college visits this spring before I make my decision. I am looking at colleges that have a sailing program. I have been recruited at Jacksonville University for their sailing program, however, I am not sure at this time if that is where my decision will be.

Your support has really helped me improve and grow my love for the sport of sailing. Please continue to support others with the kind of support you have awarded me. I want to thank you again for the generous gift from the Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely, Corinne Durocher



**Dock Master,
David Collino**

Greetings from the docks as I write what will be my final article as Dock Master. Thank you to everyone who has helped me throughout the year with everything from getting dock billings mailed out, spring and fall work parties, docking boats for Regatta, and covering for me when I couldn't be there myself. It really shows what an asset our members are to the club. Congratulations and thank you to our outgoing Commodore, Mike Powers. It has been a pleasure working with you this year.

It is hard to believe that the boating season that I feel just started is already coming to a close. With that let me remind you of some upcoming dates of which you need to be aware. Remember that the MBC boating season is defined as May 1st thru October 31st. Also your dock poles will need to be removed and secured horizontally on the dock by the midnight of the second Friday in November which this year is November 14th. I suspect the incoming Dock Master may be hosting a work party the following Saturday morning and assessing a \$50 fee to the dock holder for every dock pole they have to remove that day.

I am still working to coordinate the permanent repair of dock 23/24-B. Once the water level drops for the season our contractor plans to cut the dock free, return it to level, and then weld in a new section of post to secure it at that height.



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Fleet SurgeonDr. Vicki Collins

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20th of each month

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View the Harbor Light and other club events online!

Oktoberfest – Polish style
October 11th
4-7 pm (or while it lasts)
\$13 per plate



Homemade items include:
Golabki (stuffed cabbage)
Pierogi (potato, cheese & onion-filled dumpling)
Kielbasa with sauerkraut
Cucumber & sour cream salad
Bread & butter
Dessert

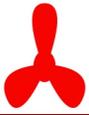
DJ Wally Gator will provide music in the bar

Dzien Dobry (good day)!



Please sign up at the club or call to be placed on the list. Limited quantities!
MBC (734)243-8935 or Rudi (419)350-2488





**Power Fleet Capt.
Rob Schneider**

WELCOME

Membership Report Jim Albans

Hello to all! As the boating season is coming to a close, I wanted to thank all of you for supporting our club and the many events we had this season, from "Shotz on the Dock" to the final club cruise to Port Clinton. We had quite a crowd for the club cruise and a great time was had by all. We also had a great attendance at the five AYC poker runs and have five members/couples qualifying for perfect attendance flags.

I can say personally that each of the Poker Runs were both wonderful and different experiences. From the AYC Charity auction, the fantastic people, the food, the bands, and of course the Power Fleet Captains partied at each event. Plan to attend next year; we'll see you at the 2015 AYC Poker Runs!

We also had several bus trips from other clubs this year and they were impressed with our club's hospitality and of course the food we always provided lovingly from donations from our fine Auxiliary. MBC has so many active members, which is just one of the reasons we always have a great time doing the things we do.

I would like to sincerely thank Commodore Mike and Lady Kathy for their sacrifice of time, and the wonderful representatives they were for our club at AYC and ILYA events they attended all throughout the year. Thank you!

Lastly, thanks to all the club members and guests that attended the fund raiser to benefit Kathy Meadows...the event was a huge success and netted thousands of dollars in loving support for her. I am very proud of you all and feel blessed to be part of this association.

Also I wanted to invite those of you who knew my Mom, Sue Deuble to a celebration of her life at the club on Sunday, October 5th from 2-4:30pm. She was a life time member of the Auxiliary, and she and Len had many great times at the club and dearly loved everyone they met there.

Thank you and see you around club!



Thomas Knotek lives in Brooklyn, MI and owns/operates "On The Spot" auto glass service & replacement. Thomas enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing. He and his wife Barbara also enjoy boating on their 30+ ft. Baja powerboat.



Gerald Majeske Jr. is with a precision machining and assembly company,; he and his wife Cathy reside in Rockwood, MI and spend as much time as possible on their 43+ ft. Viking cruiser.



Dan Marion is married (Mary) and retired from the auto industry (FoMoCo), residing in Newport, MI. He enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing and boating on his 30+ ft. Sea Ray.



Michael Spitulski lives in Monroe, MI with his wife Jessica, and is with an automotive dealership in the downriver area. Besides fishing, they are having fun on their 20+ ft. Rinker powerboat.

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October 2014

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and US Sailing Assn.



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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

October

- 1 - Book Club 12n
- 4 - Sail Fleet Banquet 6pm
- 5 - Sue Deuble "Celebration of Life" 2pm
- 8 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 11 - Octoberfest/Polish Dinner
- 17 - Annual Auxiliary Dinner, Meeting and Elections 5pm
- 24 - Annual Membership Dinner, Meeting, Elections 6pm
- 25 - Indian Hill BC Ball at MBC
- 27 - AYC Sail Awards at NCYC
- 31 - Soul Kitchen Band
- 31 - Happy Halloween!

Boater's Breakfast
Sunday,
Sept 28th

HAPPY HOUR Mon-Fri 12-6pm

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

Offering Delicious
Homemade
Soup!



November

- 2 - Change of Watch 12n
- 5 - Book Club 12n
- 8 - Martie's Italian Dinner
- 12 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 26 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 26 - Gen. Memb. Mtg. 7pm
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

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