

# HARBOR LIGHT



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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

February 2015



**Club Commodore,  
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,  
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,  
Wendy Campbell**

2015 began with a great New Year's Eve party hosted by our V/C Mike Anteau with lots of help from the membership. Attendees enjoyed a festive night of socializing and dancing to the band "Hoozier Daddy," enjoyed wonderful food all night, plus a mid-night champagne toast.

The MBC Board formally approved a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative logo that will help promote the club during 2015. Our first by-law establishes the club's name, and the very next one states, "The object of this club shall be the promotion, protection and encouragement of boating for pleasure and sport, with emphasis on good fellowship among its members." The logo embraces these principals and our burgee over a background of calm Lake Erie water. You will be seeing it on the Harbor Light, Facebook, club correspondence and even in the Ship's Store.

The "I-LYA News" recently highlighted MBC in the January Boat Show edition, and the club should garner additional coverage in local and regional boating magazines as the year continues. We hope to find many opportunities to promote MBC during the coming months.

The Sail Fleet will be encouraging young people's boating during a fundraiser Feb 27 for the University of Toledo Sailing Team as they raise funds for travel expenses to France to represent the USA, thanks to their first place finish in New York this past summer.

For any members raveling this winter, be sure to bring along your MBC membership card to enjoy reciprocity at many yacht clubs around the country. You can pick up a Yacht Clubs of America card behind the bar for reciprocity at clubs who are also members of the YCA during your travels.

Mark your calendars for the MBC Ball on March 28, to be held at the Holiday Inn Southgate. The Ball Committee has been working for months on a great celebration of our club and members. All members are welcome to participate in this 70-year club tradition and I certainly hope you will.

It is with regret I report the passing of MBC's most senior member, Kenny Hale, who passed away this month. Kenny helped build the original clubhouse as a teenager, and joined on May 1, 1955. Our condolences go to his wife Judy and their daughters. Also this month, the fathers of Kim Fuller and Linda Palm passed away and we offer our sympathies to these ladies and their families. P/C and current Director Rick Campbell is now recovering from neck and spine surgery as well as a long bout with the flu. Please keep all our members' well-being in your thoughts and prayers, and hope they find comfort in being a part of MBC's family.

I'm still hoping the remaining winter stays fairly mild. I still have nightmares of the last one! It will be slow going for the next couple of months but projects are coming along "slowly but surely." We are checking all of the doors to see if there is need for any replacements of the closers. One closer has already been changed out with the help of Bob Rosengerger. The next maintenance project will be the drafty windows especially in the main hall. I am looking for the window experts among us to help out with advice and a hand.

Suggestion forms will be out next week, so look for them on the counters.

The House Committee will meet the first week of February, which I will bring up at the General Membership meeting on Jan 28th. Anyone that would like to join the committee, please feel free.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for all their help taking down the inside Xmas and New Year decorations.

I hope everyone enjoyed the New Year's Eve bash! I want to thank everyone who helped set up and for all of the great appetizers that were brought in. Additionally, I want to thank Wendy for her assistance with the band who put on a great show.

## Bar Hours (weather permitting):

**Open 7 days/week**

**Until 10 pm Sun-Thr**

**Until midnight Sat/Sun\***

*\*can be extended if warranted*



The Bar will open at noon 7 days a week, weather permitting. Also weather permitting, it will remain open until 10pm Sunday - Thursday and until midnight on Friday and Saturday. If there are members in the club that are enjoying their evening, it may stay open until 2am. If there is no one at the club besides the bartender, with my permission it may close early. The winter months can be very slow and there is no reason to keep the bartender if there is no business. Besides we would not like our staff or members being in an accident trying to get to or from the club due to the road conditions. Feel free to call if you're not sure if it is open or not.

Every Sunday, there is Euchre in the bar area with registration starting at noon and games beginning at 1pm. Those playing generally bring a snack or a dish to share with their fellow euchre players during their halftime break. A big thanks goes out to Rick & Sue Boose and Mike & Gail McCormick for organizing and overseeing this event. If your looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon come out and enjoy.

Last year Bunco was enjoyed by many and again will be held in the bar area on the third Monday of each month at 6pm throughout the winter months. This event is held by Paige O'Loughlin and Nicole Kachar who do a great job. Please bring a dish to share with the Bunco players during the break in play.

February 1st is Super Bowl Sunday. Our sports director Harold Sauer wanted me to ask everyone to bring a dish to pass. We will be having drink specials and offering happy hour prices after 4pm.

Saturday February 14th is Valentines Day and we will have the "Soul Kitchen Band" playing from 8pm until midnight. It is sure to be a good time so come out and enjoy. Feel free to bring an appetizer or some type of munchies to share.

Sunday March 1st is Dock Assignment Day at MBC which is held in the banquet room. Starting at 2pm, Tim Cartwright will be entertaining us in the Bar Area with his musical talent.

It takes lots of hours and commitment from every MBC officer; these are volunteer positions. I strongly suggest that all members try to attend the monthly meetings and be involved. The club belongs to us ALL and your care and input on our activities is sought after and welcomed.

Currently I am very fortunate to have P/C Dewey Edwards assisting me with the daily accounting that comes along with the R/C position. YES.... I said daily, either Dewey or myself (or both) are at the club every morning between 8 and 9am. (cont'd page 3)



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

**ACTIVITIES**

- **March 4, 12noon - MBC Book Club**
- **March 26, 6:30 pm - Travelogue Cross-  
ing the Pacific aboard the Erie Spirit**

**Enjoy the Outdoors This Winter:** Feb. 7 and 14, 6-8:30 pm, Waterloo Recreation Area, 16345 McClure Rd, Chelsea. Lantern Lit Ski and Snowshoe. Embrace your Pure Michigan Winter with a healthy, lantern lit, activity. If you have never cross country skied, snowshoed, or just walked in the woods after dark in the winter, you have no idea how beautiful and peaceful it can be! The woods protect you from the cold, and the quiet and peace is refreshing. There is a 1/2 mile loop lit for skiers, unless snow levels prevent skiing, and a 1/2 mile loop lit for walking and snowshoeing. There will also be a fire ring for warm up, in between laps. Cost: Free!

Also on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the same location, Waterloo Recreation Area, 10 am – 1pm, there is a volunteer environmental stewardship opportunity. The DNR is looking for help cutting large patches as well as scattered outlier glossy buckthorn plants to keep this invasive species from taking over in this rare wetland...the native flora and fauna will thank you. Meet at the small parking lot on the southeast corner of Mt. Hope and Glenn Roads. Waterproof boots, either knee-high rubber boots or hip waders, are recommended for this site. Knee-high rubber boots are available to borrow, upon request. Availability is limited; first come, first served.

**Reminder to all Past Commodores and Auxiliary Presidents:** The History of MBC is in the production stage and will be ready for publication by May 15. Every P/C and Auxiliary President for whom e-mails or addresses are known have been contacted. The book will include historical information of the Monroe Yacht Club from 1868-1945 and then carry on with the merger in 1945 to form Monroe Boat Club. Each Past Commodore and Auxiliary President will have one page for events and accomplishments of their year. Some information is available, especially from selected minutes and Harbor Lights in the archives; however, it is preferable if each P/C and Auxiliary President adds their legacy. If you're not a Past Commodore or Auxiliary President but have information that should be included, please send it along. Due to space, we can't promise everything will be published but encourage your contributions. Please email information to [cneuhauser@gmail.com](mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com) or mail to 5130 Brittany Dr. S., #1004, St. Petersburg, FL 33715.



**Sail Fleet Captain,  
Troy Willett**

**H**ello again and greetings from the tiller. I hope everyone is staying warm and making the most of their winter season.

I had some great feedback about the new section the Sailor's Spotlight, but due to timing I wasn't able to provide any more submissions for this month. Stay tuned for next month and I will make sure to feature a few more club members.

Monroe Boat Club will be hosting the University of Toledo's Sailing Club for a fundraising event on Friday, February 27th starting at 6pm. This event will be open to the public, so let's invite as many people as possible! The UT kids have a most impressive story to tell about their hard-fought and surprising victory during a regatta that has given them the chance to compete in France! Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6pm, the UT students will be putting on their presentation at 7pm followed by the band "The Fling" starting at 8pm. Mark your calendars, invite your friends and come on out for a good time! The next committee meeting for this event will be on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30pm. Please feel free to join us in the planning for this event.

I had a very positive meeting with many of the other clubs in the area to firm up all our MBC race dates for the summer and am happy to report that our dates currently listed on the website will remain the same and there are no conflicts with other clubs nor any reason to change dates.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be on Thursday, February 12th at 6:30pm in the back room. It's also a burger night so come on in, grab a bite to eat, get a drink, support the bar and let's talk sailing!

Again, I hope you all are having as good of a winter as possible, stay warm and have fun! See you around the club!

The Great Lakes Cruising Club School news release concerning online courses:  
<http://www.glccclub.com/glccschool-2014-15-school-year-news-release>.

School website:  
<http://www.glccschool.com/home>



**Auxiliary,  
Celeste Hoitash**

**H**appy New Year 2015 and welcome to all new and experienced members of Monroe Boat Club!

As President of MBC Auxiliary, I would like to extend a personal invitation not only to the new members but also to those we haven't seen for some time, to involve or "re-involve" yourself with the Club. Travelers, returnees or homebodies, come out and meet some new friends and/or rekindle some old friendships. There is always a place for you at MBC, always things to do, even during the coldest months of the year!

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary, come join us, come celebrate, come make it a great year together for all of us!



**Come One,  
Come All!**

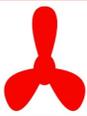


**COME JOIN US  
FOR THE FUN!**

Weekly Games  
Registration: 12pm  
Game time: 1pm  
Cost: \$5/per player  
*\*Bring an appetizer to pass\**

Questions? Contact:  
Richard Boose  
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(419) 349-6079





**Power Fleet Capt.  
Bill LeVally**

There is ice on the lake, so stop in for warm food if you been out drilling holes looking for fish!

Don't forget to check the boards inside the club for party info and sign up sheets to earn some work hours.

The Sail Fleet is planning a fund raiser for UT Sailing Team, and I would like to see a lot of support from the gas guzzler crew. These kids really deserve a good ole 'atta-boys (and girls) for getting as far as they have against the competition.

Rear Commodore Wendy has some fun stuff planned to keep us entertained during these cold months.

I have some open slots for the AYC room if you would like to join in.

Lastly, keep looking forward to the warm sunshine.

**Rear Commodore, continued....**

Dewey offered to help until May (when golf season starts). I am also grateful for Greg Loop who is willing to help out when ever and where ever he is needed. Greg has worked on the register system, helped with maintenance and cleaning, and even bar tends. Thanks also to Paul Merman for helping with plumbing issues, to Bob Rosenburger for helping with miscellaneous repairs, and to Ron Ransom and Trish Soto for their electrical support.

Yes, we are a not-for-profit 501c7 corporation under state law, but we must be able to pay for our expenses. One of my goals is to be able to end my term nearly the same amount that I started with in the bar checking account and be able to do some maintenance and upgrades to the Bar area. We will continue to have our food menu with homemade soups and chili along with a variety of specials.



**Dock Master,  
Tom Henry**

Hello, MBC Members. Dock holders, you should have received your 2015 dock billing in the mail by now. There is a lot of information that we do not have in the billing program, such as boat type, length, and MC numbers. Please read your billing over carefully and update any information that is missing. All dock payments are due by February 10th, as stated in section III, rules 1-3, page 81, of the 2014 MBC handbook.

Watch for the open dock postings on or before February 17th. The sign up sheet will be removed prior to noon, February 27th. Dock assignments will be the 1st Sunday of March, at 2:00pm.

As we all know by now, the water system to the docks needs major repair or replacement. If there are any pipe fitters that could give me and the Dock Committee any advice or help with this issue, please let us know. There will be a dock meeting scheduled to discuss this issue soon.

Thank you!

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- Treasurer**.....Gloria Schneider
- Secretary**.....Fred Hoitash
- Dock Master**.....Tom Henry
- Historian**.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley
- Membership Chair**.....Nick Pinotti
- Obituaries**.....(MI) Paul Braunlich  
.....(OH) 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

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

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

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- Secretary**.....Celeste Hoitash
- Treasurer**.....Sue Van Thomme

**FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!**

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



## Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary Children's Easter Party

Sunday, March 22, 2015  
Time: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Children's Activities  
Lunch for Children

There will be a special visit  
from the Easter Bunny.

Bring camera to take pictures.  
Sign-up sheet in MBC Bar.



### Audit Update:

*The by-laws require an audit of all club accounts. The Board appointed Bill Huntley, CPA; Fred Lemerand, CPA; and Chuck Kressbach, CPA to perform this work, which was completed on Jan 24, 2015.*

*They audited all accounts including the General Fund, Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, Auxiliary, Sail Fleet and Bar.*

*The auditors report to the membership that all records audited were found in good order.*

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY,  
MARCH 26 630 PM**

## **"ERIE SPIRIT" TRAVELOGUE**

*Crossing the Pacific aboard the Erie Spirit with MBC Member Mark Weihs and Susan Howard. They will cover their travels in 2014 starting in Ecuador, to the Galapagos, French Polynesia, Cook Islands, Nuie, Tonga and finally New Zealand. You won't want to miss this one!*



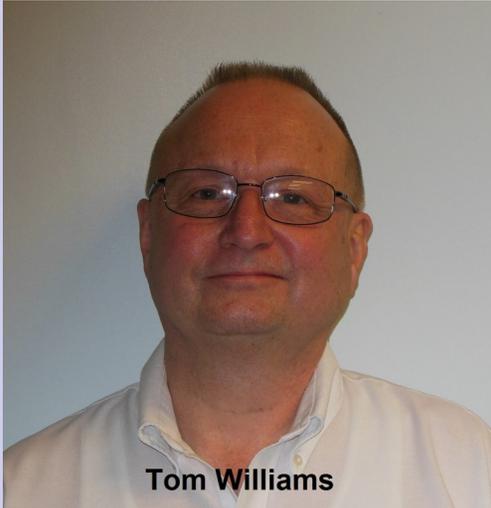
# Welcome New Members!



**Steven Hohman**

*By Nick Pinotti*

Steven Hohman lives in Bolles Harbor. His father Mike has been a member since 1982. Steven is a 2013 graduate of Ferris State in 2013. Currently, he is working as a Network Systems Administrator. In the summer months he enjoys his 14' Seadoo Jet boat.



**Tom Williams**

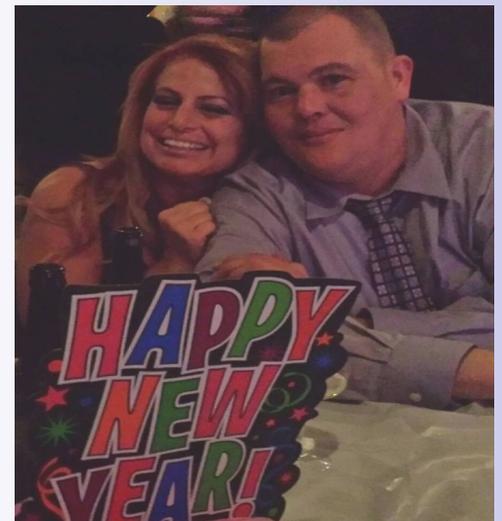
Tom Williams lives in Monroe, MI and recently retired from Friendly Ford in customer service and sales. He is a member at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. His hobbies include sail boating, camping, and working with his hands.



**Darius Mehregan**

Dr. Darius Mehregan and his wife Rebecca live in Monroe, MI. Dr. Mehregan is a graduate of UM Medical School and is a physician at Pinkus Laboratory. His interests include powerboats, running, biking, and travel.

## New Year's Eve At the Club!



### Members Input Wanted:

At the February General Membership meeting there was a thoughtful discussion of the concept of a club manager. This is not a new topic, arising from time to time, at least as far back as 1989.

Officers' jobs seem to expand over the years. Great activities such as Burger Thursdays, Boaters Breakfasts, band nights, and food service beginning at lunch have increased the workload on volunteers.

Today the clubhouse is open 7 days a week, up to 14 hours a day. We have business units including the Bar, Docks, Back Room Rentals and Outside Storage.

Our clubhouse, grounds and marina are a multi-million dollar infrastructure in addition to the business value of the operations.

It is again time to evaluate the ability

of the volunteer officers to provide the level of full time service our members have come to expect.

The Commodore will be appointing an Ad-Hoc Committee to include any interested member as well as the heads of each of the sub-groups in the club (Auxiliary, Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, etc)

There are many facets to be considered, including the impacts to the operational, financial and social fabric of the club. This Committee will explore each of these and more, including alternatives, for further discussion with the club membership.

Any member interested in a careful, prudent evaluation of this concept is welcome on this Committee.

Please email the Commodore at [DRyan@bex.net](mailto:DRyan@bex.net)

House for Sale: 711 Palmwood Ave, 3BR, 2ba, 1980 SF, nice bsmt, 2.5 det garage. Built 1991, perfect condition, dead-end quiet street only 4.5 miles from the club.

John Metter [jmsm96b@comcast.net](mailto:jmsm96b@comcast.net)

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**Ads will run two months. Sellers responsibility to notify Ed when sold.**

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

### February

- 1 - Super Bowl Party 4pm
- 4 - Book Club 12n
- 7 - AYC Room work party 430pm
- 9 - House Committee Mtg. 7pm
- 11 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 11 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 12 - SF Meeting 630pm
- 14 - *Happy Valentine's Day!*  
Soul Kitchen Band 7pm
- 16 - *President's Day*
- 20-22 - *AYC Commodore's Ball*
- 25 - Gen. Membership Mtg 7pm**
- 27 - UToledo Sailing Team Fund raiser 5pm

Ongoing Events:  
Sundays - Euchre  
3rd Mondays - Bunco

### March

- 1 - Dock Assignment Mtg. 2pm  
- Tim Cartwright (bar) 2pm
- 4 - Book Club 12n
- 11 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 11 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 22 - Kids Easter Party 1pm
- 25 - Gen. Membership Mtg 7pm**
- 26 - Travelogue (Erie Spirit)
- 27 - ILYA Spring Meeting  
@ Holiday Inn French Qtr.
- 28 - MBC Commodore's Ball

**BURGER NIGHT**  
*Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm*  
**Offering Delicious  
Homemade Soup!**

