

HARBOR LIGHT



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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

November 2015



**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

I am looking forward to serving as your Commodore in 2016 and leading MBC through another successful year. I will be counting on all of your support to help ensure we are successful, and have lots of fun along the way!

I join the membership in thanking P/C Dave Ryan for his leadership the past year. His foresight and guidance was invaluable to the club's success. As a Past President current Satin Gavel President of the Auxiliary, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for an outstanding Auxiliary Annual Dinner. Dave's gal Karen prepared a cuisine that was to die for. The presentation of food and décor was on par with any professional caterer! And a very special thanks to our P/C Dave for the lovely compact mirror engraved with the MBC 70th year logo – given to each Auxiliary member!

The annual Change of Watch will be held on Sunday, November 1st. All members are invited to join us in welcoming the incoming Officers and Directors, as well as the Auxiliary Officers and Directors and witness their swearing in ceremony. I am very excited to work with the 2016 MBC Bridge. Together we will continue the high standards of the prior board and the path forward to ensure another successful year.

I am pleased to introduce these new Board members. V/C Robert Schneider will be managing the property. As a licensed contractor, his experience will greatly aid in leading the committee that will make recommendations to the club membership for the development of the newly acquired Knabausch property. R/C Scott Fuller brings a wealth of leadership and management experience from The Kroger Company. Scott is also well-versed in the health food requirements we must adhere to in the Bar and the kitchen. Dock Master Grant Kozlowski owns his own business, Water Boy Systems, and has been a member of the Club for 30 years. His business acumen and club knowledge will be instrumental in the management of the docks. Kristen Whittico will serve as Power Fleet Captain. Anyone who has met Kristen or spent time with her on one of the Club cruises knows her infectious laughter and vivacious personality. Kristen is very enthusiastic and excited to serve the Club. Will she become the third female Commodore?

As P/C Ryan stated in the last newsletter, the new position of Yardmaster was created to manage the storage of trailers, cradles, boats and RVs' located in the parking lot across Harbor Drive and behind Harbor Marine. Chuck Taylor has been appointed to serve as Yardmaster. *(continued column 3....)*

Hello Monroe Boat Club. I'm Rob Schneider and your 2016 Vice Commodore. I have three main objectives for this year besides the inherent responsibilities of this position.

Please, approach me when you see me around the club. I am seeking your suggestions and ideas to maintain and improve our buildings and grounds. I will take time to listen. I want to start planning repairs and renovations to the Knabausch property.

I would like to start some committees to rely on for some of the activities we need to accomplish this year around the club. I will be posting sign-up sheets for the various tasks that need to be completed here at our club. Please consider volunteering your time for one or more of these committees.

We have our own MBC music man Wally for New Years' Eve. The music will start 7-7:30 PM and end around 1 AM. Thank you Wally. Please plan to join us to ring in the New Year together. There will be a sign-up sheet for hors d'oeuvres to share, please sign up. We will have Mary Sacco Pizza delivering the traditional midnight pizza. The late night snack is hosted by our club for all to enjoy.

Dave Rafka has ordered our muskrats, and we are on track for a great dinner in January. The team did a great job last year and we plan another fun time. Thanks Dave, we're off to a good start. I do have four projects that I would like done ASAP.

The wooden MBC Burgee that faces the parking lot is in disrepair. Let me if know you are interested in helping repair the burgee. You will receive work hours and be reimbursed for any expenses.

The soap dispensers have fallen off the wall in some of the showers in the main bathes. Can someone re-attach them? Again, you will receive work hours and be reimbursed for any expenses.

I would like someone to meet with a couple companies that level concrete. I am very concerned about the safety of our members and guests falling due to settling and separation of the concrete surface as they currently exist. Contact me and help me get costs to cure.

I need an electrician to walk around the club with me to compile a list of items that need repair.

I am looking forward to working with you all and I am confident, we will accomplish many good things together!

Our club is filled with talented great people. Let's "Restore the Roar and Quake the Lake"! Thanks again..... Rob, at your service!

Greeting from your New Rear Commodore! I hope everyone thanks Wendy Campbell for a fantastic job she did this year as Rear Commodore. She is very organized and dedicated to her office and to our club. It's volunteers like her that keep the club moving in the right direction. Thanks Wendy for a job well done!

I am looking forward to ideas on special promotions etc., so please feel free to offer any suggestions...the more ideas the better. They will help make your club a success.

Please join us on Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11th for a Billy's Corned Beef & Cabbage Luncheon. The club will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, but come out and join us on Saturday, November 28th, to watch the Ohio State/Michigan Game. Bring a dish to pass!

Thanks to R/C and P/C Wendy Campbell and Dewey Edwards for all the training and information to get me started in this new adventure. Also thanks for the many who have offered assistance during the upcoming year and a very special thank you to my best friend and wife, Kim for offering to assist. Looking forward serving you -see you around the club!

Commodore continued....

Chuck's employment experience and 28 years of membership at MBC has already proved invaluable in detailing the duties and responsibilities of this new position.

Veterans Day this year is on Wednesday, November 11th to honors those who have served in the nation's Armed Forces – please remember all the Vets that have served their country!

The first General Membership Meeting for the new Board will be held on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 7pm and will also be a new member induction meeting. The membership will also vote on the new By-Law changes. I highly encourage you to attend this meeting, both to become informed about some of the matters on which the Officers and Directors are working on your behalf, and to help us welcome new members to Monroe Boat Club!

On Saturday, November 28th will be the Ohio State-U of Michigan Game party. Remember I am an official Ohio State University graduate. This is always a big hit at the club – come out for the rivalry!



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

ACTIVITIES :

**Nov 1st - Recognition of
30 Year Members**

Nov 4th - MBC Book Club

**Nov 5th - 7pm, Caribbean Cruise
Travelogue**



Change of Watch. Nov. 1, 1:00 pm... Those members who will be recognized for their membership in MBC for 30 years are Joseph Chytil, Jr., Christopher Durocher, David Fetterly, Eric Hall, Grant Kozlowski, Dennis Kwapis, Joe Lopez, Jeffrey Morrow, Michael Ott, Carl Swanson, and Robert Tasker. A special celebration of the 70th anniversary of the merger of Bolles Harbor Boat Club and Monroe Yacht Club will be held at which time all members of 30 years or more who are present will be recognized and presented with a gift for their commitment to the club. Please come and share in the change of officers, the anniversary of MBC, and the commitment of long-time members.



The Book Club ...will read [If She Only Knew](#) by Lisa Jackson for the next meeting at noon, November 4, 2015 at MBC. Come even if you haven't read the book. We do not meet in January/

February or July/August. It's fun!! Please join us!! Contact Judy Peterson for additional information.



Mark Your Calendars! On Thursday, November 5, 7:00 pm, in the Back Room, the MBC Sailing (most of whom are really power boaters) Crew of Dan and Peggy, Larry and Mary Kay, Dave

and Rudi, and Greg and Kelly will share their adventures sailing among several islands on the Caribbean. You will not want to miss this as they will be presenting the adventures they shared and the methods they used for organizing the trip. Come and hear about the fun of planning and implementing your own trips.



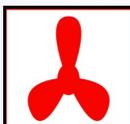
The Stewardship Network (TSN). <http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/>

Western Lake Erie Cluster presented on October 14 a webcast on El Niño and the Coming Winter of 2015-2016. El Niño is a natural warming of the waters in the equatorial East-

ern Pacific that causes major influences on winter weather patterns across much of the globe, particularly in North America. With one of the strongest El Niño events ever recorded currently in progress, Dr. Jeff Masters will discuss how such events have influenced past winter weather in the U.S. He will also discuss how the event will affect this winter's weather--keeping in mind that global warming is likely to bring Earth its warmest winter on record this winter and bring jet stream patterns capable of causing periods of intense cold and snow to eastern North America. The weather maps he showed look like a warmer

November-January for Michigan with a good wallop of cold and snow in February. Florida looks like a wet and warmer winter with more tornadoes.

Dr. Jeff Masters has been a meteorologist for 33 years, teaching weather forecasting at SUNY Brockport in New York, and serving as a flight meteorologist with the NOAA Hurricane Hunters. He holds the Ph.D. from University of Michigan in air pollution meteorology and is Director of Meteorology of the Weather Underground, Inc.. By clicking on the link, <http://www.videoserverssite.com/play/stewnet/4602-2015-october-el-nino-climate-change-and-the-coming-winter>, you can listen to his presentation. For some spectacular images of weather, click on <http://www.wunderground.com/wximage>.



**Power Fleet Capt.
Kristen Whittico**

Hello Monroe Boat Club! I am thrilled to have this opportunity to serve as the next Power Fleet Captain and want to thank the membership for the privilege. Also a big thank you to Bill LeValley on the fantastic job he did this past year and also for his continued guidance during my journey.

I want to mention a few goings on; in February we host a hospitality room for the AYC Commodore's Ball and the overall theme is Key West. We have selected a few different specific themes for our room; however it has not been confirmed yet as to which one was approved. I am organizing a planning meeting for this event and the time and date is forthcoming however the theme should be confirmed by then. Everyone is invited to attend to share their thoughts, creative ideas and expertise. If you have ever been to Key West please try to attend, the information would be so useful. For the function itself, we will be in need of everything from bartenders to set up and tear down and everything in between. This is a great way to get your work hours in early and keep your schedule open for the boating season.

One of the ways we fund the hospitality room is by running burger night in December and January. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the kitchen door for any folks interested in gaining their work hours and working towards a great cause. If you find life too hectic this holiday season, take a break and come down for burger night!

The Poker run schedule looks great for 2016, Ford Yacht Club, Point Place Boat Club, Nugent's Canal Yacht Club, Detroit Beach Boat Club and Swan Boat Club are scheduled for the next boating season, the times and dates should be posted soon. I just want to mention that my husband Tim and I went to the last Poker run at DBBC and we had so much fun, met so many great people and MBC even took the prize for the most boats attending! Wouldn't it be great if we could win that one again...but for every Poker Run?! I especially want to encourage our newer members to join in on the club cruises and poker runs, it is a great way to meet members and forge friendships.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve.



**Sail Fleet Captain,
Troy Willett**

Hello from the Tiller! What a great run we've had this past year and the best way to sum it up is to start at the beginning. Almost 12 months ago I took on the mantle of Sail Fleet Captain and what a great year it's been! Heck, I almost know what I'm doing now. Almost! Which is why I figured I would give it another year and see how much more trouble we can get in together. We started out the year with a great New Year's Eve party and are looking forward to another one this year.

We followed that up with a great AYC Pirate party, and I can't wait to see what is in store for this year. Hats off and kudos to our Power Fleet Captain, Bill LeValley! We sure had a good year together and I look forward to working alongside our new Power Fleet Captain for the upcoming year. After that, the Sail Fleet hosted a fundraiser for the University of Toledo's Sailing Club, helping to send them to France to represent local Lake Erie sailing at its finest. Then Spring came and we hosted the Annual Fish Fry. But if you missed it, don't worry, we'll have another one this spring. We had a great meal and a wonderful time was had by all; see you in April for the next one!

Once Summer came, the boats started filling the harbor, and what a wonderful sight it was to see that at least 45 of our 125 boats had masts sticking out of them, woot woot, way to go sailors! How many more sailboats can we fit? The more the merrier, I say.

The race season started out like any other; we organized our group and racing was underway. This year we experienced a higher volume of sailors wanting to race. Awesome! We had to split the fleet so we could start the race in waves to allow for the increased number of boats. What a great feeling! I hope to see even more participation in the future, from our club as well as neighboring clubs. Elsewhere in this issue are photos from the October Awards Banquet. Take a look and see what all the excitement is about.

Now let's take a step back, to July, what a great Regatta we had! The weather was great, with the exception of a few minutes of rain. The club had a great showing and the public came and made for a great turnout. Once again, the club did great, worked together and pulled off another wonderful event.

But now summer is gone and the cold winds are blowing and winter is coming. The boats are put away and covered and tarped and the winter doldrums begin. So, let's do what we can do to spend time together for the winter months to play Euchre on Sundays, have burgers on Thursdays and get ready for another upcoming year.

I want to send out a great many thanks to all that have supported the Sail Fleet and I look forward to working with you for another year to come.



**Auxiliary,
Michele Lachcik**

First, I want to thank you for supporting me, Michele Lachcik, as your new Auxiliary President. I also want to welcome back & thank the current board members for returning, and thank Jody Thatcher for becoming the new vice president.

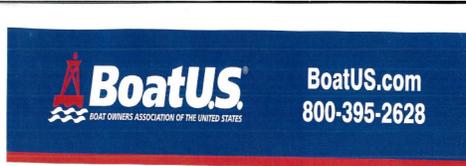
Thank you for keeping the appetizers and desserts coming in for special functions. It is much appreciated & a good way to earn work hours. I encourage our members to continue to assist with different club functions as they arise. As past president Celeste Hoitash has stated, it takes all of us as a whole to keep the Auxiliary successful. I strive to continue the success of the auxiliary as in years past.

If there is something you would like to see the auxiliary do to improve upon, please bring your suggestions to our meeting, which continue to be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm with the board meeting at 6:30pm in the Commodore's Room.

We will soon begin planning the Children's Christmas Party (it's already that time of year!). Once the date is determined, it will be published in the December Harbor Light & a notification will be sent via mailchimp. Look for the sign-up sheet in the club mid-November. The children always seem to have a good time visiting with Santa!

Again, I thank you and hope to see all of you at the auxiliary meetings.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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**Dock Master
Grant Kozlowski**

Greetings from your new Dock Master!
Thank you MBC for giving me the opportunity to serve our club this upcoming year!

I would like to start off by thanking former Dock Master Tom Henry for a job well done this past year! I plan to meet with the Dock Committee very soon to evaluate what needs to be addressed as far as repairs on the docks. If you have any concerns pertaining to the docks, please feel free to contact me!

As a reminder, your dock poles need to be removed no later than midnight on November 15th 2015. Any poles that are not removed by this date will be removed for you, and you will be charged \$50 per pole.

Please mark it on your calendars that I am planning a work party on Saturday November 21st at 10am to finish winterizing the docks (removing any remaining dock poles, taking down the life rings, securing the ladders etc.) If there is anyone that would like to get in some work hours, I would appreciate you coming out, and giving a hand on the dock! The more the merrier! I hear that there might be donuts?

On October 19th, with the help of Monroe Plumbing and Heating, all of the water lines on the dock were winterized.

I am looking forward to a great year as your Dock Master!

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Chartering in the Caribbean

Travelogue Nov. 5th 7:00pm



- Have you ever wanted to charter a boat in the Caribbean?
- Would you like to hear about what it takes to plan a charter boat vacation?
- Are you just interested in the Virgin Islands as a vacation destination?
- This past spring a group of MBC members chartered a boat in the British Virgin Islands and they are here to pass on the details and experiences they had.
- We will present information from planning, provisioning, transportation, destinations, general information about the Virgin Islands, and of course pictures.
- So come out and enjoy a burger at the club and then relax while being entertained by your friends with their stories of chartering in the British Virgin Islands.

**AUXILIARY
ANNUAL
DINNER**



***New road sign with
MBC burgee pointing
the way, made and
installed by Don
Steinman after being
approved at the
Bolles Harbor Associ-
ation summer meet-
ing with 2015 presi-
dent Jeff Johnson***

**2015 Auxiliary
President Celeste
Hoitash
addresses the
Auxiliary at the
Annual Dinner
Meeting.**



2015 SAIL FLEET AWARDS





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Congratulations

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September 2015

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Chuck Taylor

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

November

- 1 - Change of Watch
- 3 - Election Day, USA
- 5 - Travelogue/Caribbean Charter
- 8 - Blue Gavel Brunch/Mtg
- 11 - **HAPPY VETERANS' DAY!**
- 11 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 11 - **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 13 - Dock post removal deadline
- 18 - **Gen. Memb. Mtg. 7pm**
- 26 - **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Ongoing Events:

Thursdays - Burgers & Soup

Bar Hours - Open 7 days/week

Until 10 pm Sun-Thr

Until midnight Sat/Sun*

*can be extended if warranted

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade Soup!



December

- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 9 - Board Meeting 7pm
- 16 - **Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm**
- 25 - **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- 31 - **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**