

HARBOR LIGHT



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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

October 2015



**Club Commodore,
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,
Wendy Campbell**

October closes out another boating season, and it seems this year went by far too quickly. Fall has officially arrived when Mike McCormick takes down the dockside flowers!

As our members prepare to haul out and store their boats this year, you will find our new Yard Master Chuck Taylor overseeing the storage yard and working to keep an orderly and secure area for the boats and trailers.

During this year MBC has been one of the premier boat clubs on Lake Erie, and has continued to fulfill our mission. Our clubhouse is clean and well maintained, the dock system is secure and water deep. Our membership has seen steady growth for the past two years and we continue to attract members appreciating our facilities, harbor and atmosphere.

Our club moved forward in many areas during the last 12 months. At the beginning of the year MBC adopted a 70th anniversary logo that was embraced by the club, and can also serve as a template to our upcoming 75th Diamond Anniversary year. While Charlotte Neuhauser produced the hardcover History of MBC book which can make a great Christmas gift if you order soon.

Our members are active not only in our own club but throughout the region: Rick Campbell served as AYC Power Fleet Captain, Brian Moyer was our AYC Head Delegate, Larry Inguagatio worked for the I-LYA as Dock Master at the annual Regatta and is President of Blue Gavel District 9. Mike Powers was our I-LYA Head Delegate, served that organization as Power Fleet Captain and is nominated for I-LYA Rear Commodore.

At our club we are fortunate to have many families fully involved with making MBC work its best. Fred Hoytash serves our club as recording secretary while Celeste headed the Auxiliary, with help from vice president Michele Lachcik. Shortly after taking his office last year Dock Master Tom Henry with help from his wife Christine, oversaw the complete replacement of the dock water system and Lance Piedmont worked to recover most of the cost of that upgrade.

Membership Chairman Nick Pinotti produced a glossy MBC promotional postcard that is used in multiple ways to illustrate the benefits of our club. With the coordinated help of many members and the financial work of Gloria Schneider we were able to acquire adjoining waterfront property, and the buildings docks and land will be developed in the coming years. Mike Anteau oversaw one of the most success-

I have had a busy year as the Vice and we have accomplished a number of things. Upstairs clean up, new windows in the banquet room and many successful club events. The recent 40 Hour Steak roast was a big hit for those that attended. It was my final event as a host for MBC. I want to thank everyone that supported me and helped me throughout the year. I will not be moving on in any capacity at the club. I wish nothing but the best for the next Board and your new Vice Commodore. Please support their efforts!!!!!!!

I would also like to mention on a more serious note that we have a new AED (automated external defibrillator) located in the hallway between the MENS and LADIES restroom on the wall. Please take note of this it may save a life!

Commodore continued....

ful summer Regatta's in years and Wendy Campbell kept the bar running 7 days a week while making major upgrades to the equipment and aesthetics that make the lounge comfortable for us all.

On the water, Bill LeVally and Troy Willet led our power and sail fleets to regatta's and races throughout the lake and Dan Williamson gave us a broad range of cruise destinations all summer long. The longstanding Tuesday Night Sailing tradition continued with the help of John Davis, with Rodger Dutton at the front of the Jib and Main division and Rich Potcova leading all the spinnaker division racers.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve you as Commodore this year, knowing there is the support, skill and guidance from our very talented membership. There is always room for everyone to participate at MBC; and with your involvement we will continue to thrive during our next 70 years.

What a great thing it is to be a part of MBC!

On September 14th I received a friendly reminder that my FINAL article of my position's current term needed to be in by September 20th. It has amazed me how fast the time has flown by and how this year's term in office is nearing an end. It has been a very busy year in the bar area keeping up with so many activities and projects. We've held work parties to accomplish many different improvements including some painting, removal and replacement of the ceiling in the bar, built a soffit above the service area, refinishing the front of the bar, lighting improvements, plumbing improvements, carpet and tile cleaning, along with a variety of weekly and monthly chores. The back bar was improved by adding a shelf that gives the bartenders a better work, storage and display area. Then we had the removal of our old and installation of our new ice maker for drink ice. Also, our wonderful new "TouchTunes" juke box with outdoors speakers was installed which is capable of playing just about any song you desire...and you're able to play music from your phone..

The MBC Bar has been open every day except Christmas and Thanksgiving. By opening at noon, daily deliveries can be made on a regular schedule and our members always have a place to stop in and socialize. The Bar has offered a nice food menu with a variety of specials and soups. The MBC Bar is one of the best stocked bars in the boating community. Entertainment has been provided each month throughout the year - we've had live bands, DJ's, "Name that Tune," morning and evening entertainment, singing, along with both a Chili Cook-Off and an Italian Cook-Off.

I truly appreciate the support, advice, encouragement, and the kind comments that I have received during my term as Rear Commodore this past year. It has not always been a smooth road but knowing that most of you appreciate what I have done for the club and for you makes it worth the wild.

On Saturday September 19th we held "Name that Tune" in our banquet room following the Appreciation Dinner. We had both the front and back bars open to a full house, and everyone had a lot of fun. It was a wonderful turnout and was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the winning teams. (cont'd page 3).....



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

Oct 7 - MBC Book Club

**Nov 5 - 7pm, Caribbean Cruise
Travlogue**



The Book Club ...will read Eeny Meeny by M. J. Arlidge for its October 7 meeting in the MBC bar, with lunch while discussing the reading. They generally choose to read current fiction. It is a relaxed, casual meeting and we discuss and decide what books we will read each month. We do not meet in January/February or July/August. It's fun!! Please join us!! Please contact Judy Peterson for additional information.



Mark Your Calendars. On 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/>, in which MBC is now participating, connects, equips, and mobilizes people and organizations to care for land and

water in their communities. Its vision is a world of empowered, connected communities caring for land and water, now and forever. TSN was begun over 10 years ago, and provides the "backbone" for collaborative conservation in tackling the shared goals and wicked problems we face in caring for our land and water (especially the Great Lakes). It started originally in Michigan and has not spread regionally throughout the Great Lakes and into New England. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a strong record of apolitical transformational change leadership, the Network connects conservation minded volunteers and practitioners in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, and Minnesota to experts, government agencies, local organizers, tribes and researchers to craft and implement solutions to challenging conservation problems (water quality, invasive species control, biological diversity, habitat improvement, local food systems, and civic engagement). One of its major objectives is to develop, support, and accelerate local collaborative conservation communities, which are called "Clusters." The clusters include Genesee/Lapeer Area, Minnesota Cluster(s), Grand-Raisin, Headwaters, Huron Arbor, Lakeplain, Lakes Country, Mid-Michigan, Southwest Corner, New England, West Michigan, and Western Lake Erie (in which MBC participates). The Western Lake Erie Cluster was formed in 2013 with leadership from the River Raisin Institute, with which we collaborate on the Environmental Career Day every year. It is especially focused on the terrestrial habitats and Lake Erie. Cluster meetings are held each month at the Mother House on Elm Street. Charlotte Neuhauser attends

from May-October; however, another member of MBC is needed to attend from November-April. Please let Dave Ryan or Charlotte at cneuhauser@gamil.com know if you are available to attend at least some of these months.

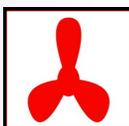
On January 15-16, 2016 TSN will hold "The Science, Practice, & Art of Restoring Native Ecosystems 2016" conference at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing. Last year's conference featured 90 presentations. Every year, topics cover a wide variety of stewardship issues, including water quality, species of concern, environmental justice, invasive species control, restoration agriculture, environmental education, and more. Presenters range from state and federal employees to private consultants, tribal elders, non-profit staff, professors, researchers, and students in middle school through advanced degrees. Many different perspectives are presented to paint the broad picture of stewardship happening on private and public lands across the Great Lakes region. If you're interested in attending, please click on the TSN site listed above.



On the night of September 27-28, I hope you will be (were... depending on date newsletter is published) able to see Super Harvest Moon Total Eclipse. The eclipse begins at 9:07, but the best views will be from about 10:10

to 11:30 p.m., from anywhere east of the Rocky Mountains. A site for information, www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/sky-at-a-glance to see what will be in the sky at that time. Stargazing is even more fun when you can point out constellations, planets and other celestial elements. For more information about the eclipse, including diagrams and a full explanation, visit <http://earthsky.org/?p=51212>.

The All Beings Confluence is an art exhibit on display in the IHM Motherhouse Gallery from Sept. 13 - Oct. 16. *All Beings Confluence* is an interactive community project in which an entire space is filled with sheer fabric panels, hung closely together. Each is an image of a living Being, representing more than 250 species thus far created by numerous individuals. The pieces are arranged in such a way that no single Being is seen without seeing others through or adjacent to it – a strong metaphor for interdependence and self-organization of ecosystems. The exhibit is open Mon-Fri 10:30-4:30 and Sat. 10:15-11:45 AM.



**Power Fleet Capt.
Bill LeVally**

Thanks for a great season!



**Sail Fleet Captain,
Troy Willett**

Hello and greetings from the tiller!

The end of the summer boating season is upon us and it's time to start thinking about hauling out and putting together that never-ending list of projects to work on over the winter. Or in my case, make a list and put it off until the spring and then complain about not having enough time to get the projects done :)

The Sail Fleet will be having our annual awards banquet to give out trophies and wrap up the season on Saturday, October the 17th. Cocktails will begin at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm with awards to follow shortly thereafter. We will be offering chicken and steak along with salads, desserts, etc. and the back bar will be open! There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the club, so make sure to get your name -and your crew- on the list along with your preferred meal. Even if you weren't active in sailing or racing, come on out and enjoy the camaraderie and antics often associated with our Sail Fleet!

I wanted to send out a great many thanks to all those in support of our Sail Fleet and to encourage others to join in the fun and activities associated with sailing at MBC. We had one of the largest racing fleets in recent years and were able to host several boats from our neighboring club, NCYC. Let's hope that this trend continues and that more people become involved.

As always, come on out, support the club, have a drink or two with some good food as you support the bar and socialize with friends and family.

got pierogies?

Oktoberfest – Polish Style

**October 10, 2015 – 4 PM to 7 PM
Monroe Boat Club**

Dinner to include the following Polish favorites...

- Golabki – Stuffed cabbage**
- Pieorgi – Potato, cheese and onion filled dumpling**
- Kielbasa – With sauerkraut and cabbage**
- Mizeria – Cucumbers in sour cream**
- Assorted Polish breads and desserts**

Cost: \$13.00 per plate

All entrees are homemade by MBC's members! Join in the fun and enjoy a taste of the culinary delights of Poland.

So that we have enough food (we don't want to turn people away), please sign the reservation sheet at the club or call Rudi at 419.350.2488. You can also call MBC at 734.243.8935.





Auxiliary, Celeste Hoitash

As I sit here on a deck from our unit overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire (www.winnepesaukee.com), which we understand is the largest lake in the New England area (for a much needed vacation and family wedding), I write this last article as MBC Auxiliary President. Though New Hampshire is truly a beautiful state with its winding roads and rolling hills from the foothills of the White Mountains, part of the Appalachians, we as Michiganders, need to be truly thankful for all of the splendor our state has to offer.

And...I am truly thankful for all of the support and beauty our club has shared with me this year. I would have never imagined that after 10 years I would have held this position once again. I am honored to have served you another year as Auxiliary President, a great group of Auxiliary members and a great Club! Thank you for all who have served and all who have supported myself, the Auxiliary and this Club over this past year. I, and the Club as a whole, could not have done it without you. It is truly a team effort. We all know it is the Together in Team, not the I, in I, that makes things come together effectively, improves comradery, and creates a wholesome place that we enjoy.

Come join us for the Auxiliary Annual dinner, Friday, October 16th and show your support for our new officers. I hope you all continue to volunteer toward the greater good of this Club. It is the volunteerism that will sustain MBC and keep us strong.

Rear Commodore, continued....

During the month of October, besides our Annual Auxiliary and Membership Dinners and Meeting with the elections of officers, there are also two other events scheduled. On the 10th, the Annual Oktoberfest- Polish Style Dinner with all homemade entrees will be held from 4pm until 7pm. Join in on the fun and taste the culinary delights of Poland along with DJ Wally Gator which will be spinning the tunes.

Then on the 31st we will have our Halloween party and the "Soul Kitchen Band" will be in to entertain us.

THANK YOU TO ALL that have helped NOT ONLY me during the past year(s), but that care and assist when and where needed to make Monroe Boat Club a wonderful private club. I do need to give a special THANKS to Dewey Edwards for all that he has done to assist the bar area. And then of course I need to THANK MY HUSBAND Rick Campbell for taking care of so many things at home when I was at the Club, and for his love and support.



Dock Master, Tom Henry

Fellow members, this will be my final addition to the Harbor Light. I will be stepping down as your Dock Master after much consideration. My work schedule has prevented me from doing everything I would have liked to accomplish. It's been a pleasure working with my Dock Committee. I couldn't have done it without the help of such a fine crew.

The water system is scheduled to be winterized on October 19th, weather and scheduling permitting. Remember that your dock poles must be removed by midnight, Friday Nov 13.

I wish all the best for the new Dock Master Grant Kozlowski and Committee. I will do everything in my power to assist them. Thank you for a great year, MBC members!



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Secretary.....Fred Hoitash

Dock Master.....Tom Henry

Yard Master.....Chuck Taylor

Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley

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Obituaries.....(MI) Paul Braunlich

.....(OH) Jim Brzuchalski

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.....Alt. Troy Willett

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20th of each month

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View the Harbor Light and other club events online!



<MBC winning "most boats" award at DBBC

NOTICE TO DOCK HOLDERS:

**Dock Water
Will be turned off
& winterized
October 19th**



Slate of 2016

Nominated Officers:

Commodore:

Kathy Powers

Vice Commodore:

Rob Schneider

Rear Commodore:

Scott Fuller

Power Fleet Captain:

Kristen Whittico

Sail Fleet Captain:

Troy Willett

Secretary:

Fred Hoitash

Treasurer:

Gloria Schneider

Financial Secretary:

Larry Inguagiato Jr.

Dock Master:

Grant Kozlowski

Director:

David M. Ryan, Jr.

Financial Committee:

Tom Snarey (3 yr. term)



**AUXILIARY
ANNUAL
DINNER MEETING
& ELECTIONS
OCTOBER 16**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING & ELECTIONS
OCTOBER 23rd
Reservations
required for dinner**



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commodores
with AYC
Commodore
Steve Hyder
and VC Dennis
Proctor*

September 2015

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

October

- 9 - AYC Sock Hop (SBC)
- 10 - Polish Dinner 4-7p
- DJ Wally Gator
- 12 - Columbus Day
- 16 - Annual Aux Dinner Meet
ing & Election 5pm
- 17 - Sail Fleet Awards Banquet
- 19 - Dock Water Turned Off
- 23 - Annual Dinner Meeting
& Election 6pm
- 31 - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
- Soul Kitchen Band/party

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*

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
- 25 - Gen. Memb. Mtg. 7pm
- 26 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

**With Delicious Homemade
Soup!**

