HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

April 2016



Club Commodore, Kathleen Powers

pring has arrived! Welcome back to our snowbirds returning from points south and west. Members are very excited that we will have an early start preparing our boats for another season.

Thank you to Auxiliary President Michele Lachcik and her crew for a fabulous Easter Party. All the kids hunted for Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies and participated in egg-coloring and face-painting. The Easter Bunny visited to the delight of all the children. It was a wonderful time for all who attended!

Sail Fleet Captain Troy Willett and the Sail Fleet put on another successful Fish Fry. The fish was excellent and the service superb! Thanks to the Sail Fleet!

Sail Fleet members under the direction of Dan Williamson have begun the enclosure of the pavilion. The construction looks great, and we are excited to see the finished product.

I want to give a big "Thank You" to everyone who has helped on Burger Thursdays during March. The grill cooks, fry-guys, soup makers, order-takers, prep and delivery people provided a great meal. The proceeds go to fund next year's Commodore's Ball, and I appreciate everyone for pulling together this month!

April begins the incredible Boaters Breakfasts (4th Sunday of each month) hosted by the Auxiliary. Please put this date on your calendar.

MBC has supported the AYC, I-LYA and Monroe Fraternal Order of Police by placing advertisements in each of their publications. The ads promote our events, Burger Nights, Regatta and Boaters Breakfasts to these targeted audiences. I know when a visitor comes to MBC they are greeted with genuine enthusiasm.

As I write this, the Monroe Boat Club Commodore's Ball is just over a week away and it's looking to be a great event with over 160 attendees! My personal thanks to the Ball Committee, the Officers and Board, the Auxiliary, and all the members who are attending! Barbara Morgan won the Southgate Holiday Inn Room raffle. See you around the club!



Vice Commodore, Rob Schneider

ello Monroe Boat Club Members! Spring has sprung and we are thinking about boating. The maintenance items below have been completed in the last few months. Thanks so much to everyone who has helped!

Our Kitchen Cleaning party was completed in January, everything washed, counted and organized. The exhaust system was steam cleaned in February, which is done every six months. The men's bathroom door was cleaned and painted with new vents. Lights throughout the interior of the club have largely been replaced with more efficient bulbs. Both of the rooftop furnaces have been serviced and repairs on them have been completed. We have a new outside burgee sign completed and hung in place We have repaired or replaced the spot light and photo cell on the American flag. The gasket has been installed on the main double door refrigerator and it has been defrosted and cleaned. The freezer in the kitchen has been defrosted and cleaned. This is ongoing maintenance (volunteer hours). The exhaust fans in the two main bathrooms have been cleaned, this is a temporary fix and they should be soon replaced. The soap dispensers in the showers have been reattached and secured. Many other volunteers have started on the list of additional maintenance items so please let them know you appreciate it also.

We also have a number of clean up items that have been assigned to the House Committee by the Knabusch Property Committee. I am asking for volunteers for these items and will be scheduling a couple of working days in April and May to complete this list:

- Remove debris and clean the interior of both buildings- target completion date is April 30. We will need a dumpster for this activity - target date to be completed is May 15. Re-secure all loose wood siding, soffit and fascia to prepare for siding or painting them. Target date to complete is May 31
- Remove and dispose of unsafe fire pit and flue pipe from house and repair roof as required (repair concurrent with garage roofs) Target completion date is May 31
- Power wash front and back decks then assess the need to replace or seal. Target completion date is June 30
- Install new ropes on flag pole. Target completion date is prior to Memorial Day
- Paint all buildings "club house grey" to match appearance. Target completion date is June 30 (Continued on page 2.....)



Rear Commodore, Scott Fuller

reetings from your R/C. it is great to see people coming back to the club after their winter travels. Please join us for "welcome back" party on April 1st. We will have entertainment in the bar from Soul Kitchen. The bar will be providing munchies and if you would care to bring a dish to pass, please do so.

Thanks for your support of the luncheon specials. We are receiving many positive comments and we appreciate your input.

Don't forget the upcoming bus trips coming to MBC. On April 9th we will be welcoming Windsor Yacht Club at noon, and Seaway Boat club will be here at 3pm. On April 16th we might have Nugent Canal Yacht Club coming in, though not yet confirmed (I will keep you posted).

For the weekend of May 20-22 we will be hosting Sun Parlor Boat Club. We will have entertainment on both nights (DJ Wally). Also on Sunday the 22nd, there are shakedown cruises coming from Detroit Beach Boat Club, Bay View Yacht Club, Ottawa River Yacht Club and Harbor View Yacht Club.

Monthly Auxiliary breakfasts will be return on April 24th. This is always the fourth Sunday of the month through October (except August due to regatta). You all know what a GREAT breakfast this is so please come out and support this event. We will have entertainment in the bar provided by Tim Cartwright.

It's early in the year but we are already starting to have problems with shrink wrap in our dumpster. This morning it was a real challenge getting our trash into the container due to the shrink wrap that is already being thrown in there. Did I mention that when we installed the camera system that one is showing that dumpster? Guess I just did...smile!





Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES:

- April 2: Frog and Toad Listening
- April 6: MBC Book Club, 12 noon
- April 7: CCEC Special Presentation, "Skin Issues"
- April 30; Beach Cleanup Day, Bolles Harbor
 Public Launch
- May 7: Joy of Eating and Drinking
- June 6-7: Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders



Special Presentation, April 7, 6:30, banquet room, on "skin issues." Dr. Darius Mehregan is a dermatologist in Monroe, a member of MBC, and affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including John

D. Dingell Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Mercy Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from University of Michigan Medical School and has been in practice for 27 years. He is a Fellow (FAAD) of the American Academy of Dermatology. He will be speaking on the skin problems we face as we age. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

The Book Club. "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty is the book for the April 6 meeting. We continue to have a great group each month, and we enjoy our discussions and

lunch together. We encourage anyone interested to join us at MBC at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Judy Peterson leads the group, and you are invited whether or not you've read the book.)



April 2, Frog and Toad Listening, 6-8 pm. Crosswinds Marsh, 27600 Haggerty Road, New Boston, MI, FREE. Join the family friendly outdoor activity listening to frogs and toads in the marsh.

The communication of frogs and toads, their life cycle, and other fun facts will be shared. Registration is not necessary.

Saturday, April 30, 2016 - Cleanup Day. 9 am to 12 noon. Bolles Harbor Boat Launch (across from Trout's Yacht Basin), FREE. Join the Michigan DNR to clean up the local area and wetland areas. Fred and Celeste Hoitash shared a new website which may interest you, www.michigan.gov/ invasivespecies. This website provides information about existing and potential invasive species threatening our natural resources. The website, a collaborative effort of the Michigan Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture & Rural Development, includes a catalog containing identifying photos and reporting information. An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health. Many non-native species in Michigan, including fruits, vegetables, field crops, livestock and domestic animals, are important to our economy and lifestyle. Most non-native species are not harmful and may provide economic benefits. Invasive species cause harm when they out-compete native species by reproducing and spreading rapidly in areas where they have no natural predators and change the balance of the ecosystems we rely (www.michigan.gov/ invasivespecies).

The Joy of Eating and Drinking. During mid-April look for an eBlast with a "Signup Survey" so you can indicate if you will attend the 2nd annual Joy of Eating and Drinking event, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at MBC. The event is open to members and guests, and a limited number of seats are available. So, get yours before they sell out. Only \$20 gets a wristband identifying you for your choice of assorted appetizers and desserts, 9 tickets for 9 beverage samples (equivalent to 3 drinks), and 3 tickets for 3 samples from the entrée buffet, featuring an appetizing assortment of delicious items from which to select. Eat, drink, and get ideas and taste samplings for wine, beer, and spirit pairings with a variety of appetizers and desserts. Sign up early before April 30. You can sign up electronically through the eBlast "Signup Survey" or on the signup sheet on the bulletin board next to the exit door to ship's store. You'll be glad you did; only 70 seats available.

Summer Camping. It's not too early to think about camping at a Michigan state park campground. Camping reservations can be booked up to six months in advance, and campgrounds are already being booked throughout the summer. This means that the six-month mark for Labor Day weekend and other popular camping weekends is already here! To make a reservation, visit

www.midnrreservations.com or call (800-447-2757.



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

hank goodness for the mild winter!

Spring has finally arrived, and before you know it, we will be getting our boats out and ready for the water

The Children's Easter Party was a huge success. Thank you to all who volunteered to work; it couldn't have been done without you. The children seemed to have a really enjoy decorating eggs, having their faces painted & egg-hunting, as well as the special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Thank you VP Jody Thatcher for purchasing new cutting boards, aprons and a step stool for the kitchen. Paper products were also restocked. Please make sure to take home aprons and cleaning rags after use for washing, and return them in clean condition.

A Wine Glass painting party is scheduled for Friday, April 29th with registration at 6:30pm. Auxiliary Member and artist Betzi Lievens will be the instructor. The fee is \$20 which includes two wine glasses. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Club bar area. Please bring an appetizer to share, and your artistic talent!

The next and last Bunco date is Wednesday, April 20th with registration at 6 pm. Participation has been somewhat low, so in order to keep this activity on our Club calendar, be sure to tell your friends and family about this evening of fun. The more people that play, the more fun the game is.

Our first Boaters Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday April 24th, with the May breakfast being held Sunday, May 22nd, and this runs from 9 am-12 noon. This is a great breakfast to look forward to. As far as I am concerned, we have the best breakfast on the lake!

That's all for now, see you at the Club!



Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willett

ello and greetings from the tiller!
The warmer weather is on its way and there will be a flurry of activity coming to the boat club soon, I can't wait! It's time to start coordinating the boat project list and figure out which jobs to take on and which ones to put off. If you're anything like me, I've put far too many projects off for far too long and this spring will be a busy one! I wish you well in your endeavors to get your boat in the water soon.

I wanted to thank everyone that came out to support the Friday Fish Fry! We had 17% more attendees than last year and we heard dozens of times that the fish was delicious and well prepared. People were surprised to hear that we used Pollock and raved about how good it tasted. Our kitchen staff has a few seasoning and batter tricks up their sleeves and put them to great use. The Pollock fillets were much larger than what one might expect as we purchased the 5-7 oz. range of fillet and in some instances they hung over the sides of the plate. They came out well seasoned, hot, fresh and golden brown. We offered baked as an option and ended up selling around 20 pounds of baked fish. Again it was very well received and people started asking for both on the same plate! All in all it was a great turnout and the food was wonderful. We couldn't have done it without the help and support of the work party crew. There were a ton of people that helped; Tom, Charlie, Al, Dan & Peggy, Mike, Les, Bob, Dave, Rob, Bill, Brian and let's not forget the Pie Guys, Jim and Ed! A really big thanks goes out to Connie Dunsmore, she got their early and made sure the crew was on task and that we weren't missing anything, THANKS CONNIE!!!

We also started our pavilion enclosure project. For those of you that weren't around or don't remember, this is a project that the Sail Fleet took on in 2013. The funds were earmarked and set aside in the Sail Fleet fund and approved by the Board at that time. After many years of design, scheduling conflicts and obtaining the appropriate permits, we are happy to finally commence with the work. If you are interested in knowing more about the project or want to help on any of the future work parties please contact Dan Williamson or myself and we will happily put your energies to good use.

March was the month to sign your kid up for Sail Camp at NCYC, once we have the numbers confirmed, we will report back to the club how many are being sent this year. If you missed out on the program and want to know more about it please ask Rodger Dutton or me to give you the run down.

I hope everyone is going to have a pleasant and safe spring as we ramp up into the boating season, see you around the club!

Vice Commodore, cont'd

– need budget estimate and approval for cost (volunteer hours saves our club our money)!

The next House Meeting is on Thursday, April 7th at 5pm. Please plan to attend and support the club. I am also scheduling the first Regatta planning meeting on Saturday morning, April 2nd at 11:00 am. Looking forward to working together with you!



Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

ello Monroe Boat Club Members and Auxiliary! Now that Spring is officially here, I am eagerly anticipating the upcoming boating season as all of you are and even though we still have some ways to go, I cannot help being excited.

Besides the task of readying the boat for the season, I keep thinking about how much fun it is to going to be at the Poker Runs and cruises. I hope to see a show of force this year at the Poker Runs. For our newer members who have not attended these before, I encourage you to check them out because it is a great way to get to know people within the club and throughout AYC. Besides they are a lot of fun.

Until then we do have some bus trips coming up in April. On April 9th arriving at noon Windsor Yacht Club will joining us with 80 people, and also Seaway Boat club will arrive later in the afternoon around 3:15pm with 47 people. On April 16th, Nugent's Canal Yacht Club may be headed our way with around 25 people arriving at 11 am. It would be great to see MBC members there and show our fellow AYC club members a great time. For the bus trip visitors, we will need appetizers for both dates. Folks that contribute will receive 2 work hours for their efforts.

I will send out reminders via email a week prior as a reminder.

I must admit that last month's article was written the day after The AYC Commodores Ball and I was a bit tired! Once published, I realized that I forgot to mention some folks who were critical in the success of the room. I want to thank Kathy Straub and Ruth Reinhardt who I referred to as our creativity team, they really did a wonderful job creating the artwork for our hospitality room, Lori Moyer also did a fantastic job on recreating the bar and also I forgot to thank the Rear Commodore Scott Fuller for his donation of bar supplies. My sincerest apologies for not including that in my last article. Happy Spring and see you around the club!

DATES	CLUB
June 3-4	Point Place Boat Club
July 1-3	Swan Boat Club
July 22-24	Nugent's Canal Yacht Club
August 19-21	Ford Yacht Club
September 9-11	Detroit Beach Boat Club



Dock Master Grant Kozlowski

Creetings from your Dock Master! We are one month closer to spring, and THAT is exciting!

The boards for the 4 new docks have been ordered, and as soon as they come in, I will be arranging a work party to get them installed. We will also be putting in the safety ladders, dock poles, etc. I am still working on the repair work for the main dock.

I would also like to thank the Dock Committee for all of their help with the Dock assignment meeting. The meeting went very well! There are 2 docks that are available for re-rent, the list was posted on Wednesday, March 23rd.

Just a reminder to any dock holders that haven't provided their copies of their current registration and/or insurance, I need to have those documents on file prior to your boat being launched.



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MONROE BOAT CLUB Auxiliary



Wine Glass Painting

April 29, 2016 • 6:30-8:30 PM

\$20.00/person



Location: MBC Banquet Room

INCLUDES: 2 Wine Glasses, Materials and Instruction by Artist Betzi Lievens.



Bring an Appetizer

Cash Bar



or
RSVP by April 25, 2016 to
Carolyn Dutton 734-731-2635

THE KENNEL HAS BEEN CLEANED OUT AND WE WILL AGAIN BE OPENING THE MAIN KENNEL

FOR "YELLOW DOGS" Friday April 22nd

Pup tickets will go on sale Saturday April 2nd At ORYC
starting at Noon. So Please line up your pups. There will only
be 42 pup tickets sold. Dog tickets will also be available at this time.

After these date's, If you want Dog tickets or <u>Pup tickets that may be left</u>, you can call us and we will make arrangements to sell you tickets. <u>YOU MUST HAVE</u> The Pup's Full Name, Address, Phone number, Sponsor=s name and from what club they are from At the time of ticket purchase. Tickets will be \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. If you have any questions please call.

Pups must be checked in by 5:30 Friday the 22nd





Spotlight on MBC Procedures

Dock Rule # 23: "Refueling of any vessel while docked at Monroe Boat Club is prohibited."

This is a common rule at most marinas, and has to do with safety and the Club's insurance coverage. Refueling a boat with a 5-gallon jug from your garage, filled up on the way to the club isn't the best way to save a dollar or two.

Filling a boat from a gas can is sloppy, prone to spillage on your deck and can be a fire hazard. Many MBC docks now have "plastic wood", which can build up a static charge and ignite fuel vapors, and our docks do not have hazard mitigation equipment that a fuel dock does. The potential to spill fuel into the marina is very real, harms the environment, and violates state and federal law.

Owners with outboard motors and the portable marine fuel tanks may fill them off-site, bring them to their boat and attach the fuel line. However you can't put fuel into the tank from a gas can while at the MBC docks.

You can fill your boat any way you prefer, but you just can't transfer fuel at the MBC docks.







Temporary Spring Boat Staging:

Attention members who winter-store their boats at nearby storage facilities:

You are most welcome to temporarily prep or "stage" you boat in the MBC Storage Yard as you transition from the storage area you have wintered with.

MBC will charge the \$3.00 per day fee as published in the 2015 Roster/Bylaw book on page 41, Sect II.1.

If you do not want to incur this charge, please ensure your boat is staged on the commercial storage facility's grounds.

We are cooperating with neighboring marinas on this, and appreciate your cooperation with the MBC Yard Master.

MBC Regatta 2016 "Live Auction Event"

It's approximately 5 months until our next annual MBC Regatta and our "Live Auction" will again be a part of the festivities. I want to Thank everyone that donated items and those who assisted with the many needs in putting together last years event. I deeply appreciate your time and effort. In addition, I would like to Thank all those who attended and participated in the auction, we all appreciate you continued support.

The auction has steadily grown over the years and we need to create a **Regatta Live Auction Committee.** There will be a sign up sheet for this committee on the bulletin board (by the door to the outdoor grilling area) on Monday February 15th. Please consider serving on this new committee. Thank You! *Jim Alban*

The Joy of Eating and Drinking!

Join us at MBC on May 7, 2016 at 5:00pm

Enjoy food and beverage Sips, Samples and Savories among friends!



Beer flight include 3 samples from:

- 1. Perrin Gold
- 2. Perrin 98 Problems IPA
- 3. Henry's Hard Ginger Beer
- 4. Hard Orange Soda
- 5. Not Your Father's Root Beer

Wine flights include 3 samples from:

Reds

White Pine Dune Shadow Red (dry)
Pentamere Mariners Red (sweet)
Burgdorf's A Maize N Blue (semi sweet)
Mackinaw Trail Big Red (dry)

Whites

Burgdorf's Spartan white (semi dry)
Bowers Harbor Gewurztraminer (dry)
Chateau Chantal Nice (sweet)
Marland Late Harvest Riesling (sweet)

<u>Fruit</u>

Cascade Cranberry Orchard Valley St. Julian Sweet Revenge Modern Craft Grapefruit Blush



Moscow Mule Montana Mule Jamaican Mule



Liquor flight includes 3 Mule samples:

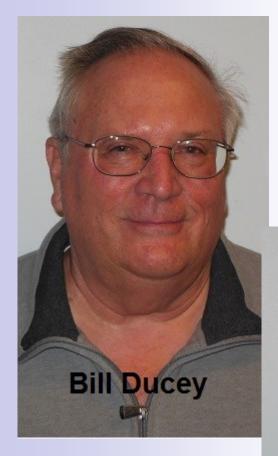


Your tickets include choices from a delicious assortment of beverages, succulent appetizers, entrees, desserts, and other savories!

Get your tickets early before they sell out! (\$20 per person)

You will receive your wristband and tickets at the door the evening of the event.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!













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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE



- 1-2 ILYA Spring Mtg (P'burg OH)
- 1 Welcome Back party
 - Soul Kitchen Band
- 2 Regatta Planning Mtg. 11am
- 6 Book Club 12 n
- 7 House Cmte. Mtg. 5pm
- 7 CCEC Skin Issues 630pm
- 9 Bus Visits (2) Windsor/Seaway
- 13 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 13 Board Meeting 7pm
- 14 SF Meeting 6pm
- 16 Bus visit/Nugent's Canal YC
- 20 Bunco
- 24 Boater's Breakfast 9am
- 27 Membership Mtg. 7pm
- 29 Wine Glass Painting 630pm

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Coming Soon - Taco Tues

Boater's Breakfast:

April 24th - May 22

Every 4th Sunday

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade









- 4 Book Club 12n
- 7 CCEC Presentation 5pm
- 8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
- 10 Sail Fleet Shakedown 7pm
- 11 Board Meeting 7pm
- 17 Sail Fleet -registration 6pm
 - Sail Fleet shakedown 7pm
- 20-22 Sun Parlor Boat Club visit
- 22 Boater's Breakfast 9am
- 22 Shakedown Cruiser guests
- 25 Membership Meeting 7pm