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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

Greetings from your Commodore!
The 2016 MBC Regatta just wrapped up and was a great success! While the rain was a factor, it didn't keep everyone from having a good time! I want to say THANK YOU to all of our hardworking members that helped with the set-up, tear-down, and the actual operation of our Regatta over the weekend –it takes a lot of people working together to stage an event like this! I'd like to recognize the following individuals for their efforts this year: V/C Rob Schneider headed things up and helped to keep all us on track, from start to finish! R/C Scott Fuller and our bartenders, with the help of the Beer Tent volunteers, did a super job making sure we weren't thirsty throughout the weekend. PFC Kristen Whittico coordinated the late evening pizza sales and again provided the pump for filling the water tanks. SFC John Kauffman, Marti Reed and the Sail Fleet provided an excellent breakfast for everyone on Saturday and Sunday mornings. D/M Troy Willet and his team did a super job handling the visiting boats. Treasurer Gloria Schneider and her team supported the wristband and ticket booths as well as handling the financial portion of the event. The Blue Gavel headed up by P/C Rodger Dutton hosted an outstanding Steak Roast on Friday night. The Food Tent was chaired by Auxiliary President Michele Lachcik, and as always, the Auxiliary and everyone who worked the Food Tent did a wonderful job. Our Auctioneer, Jim Alban, did a fantastic job once again. DJ Wally spun the tunes in between the Band's sets. CCEC Chair Charlotte Neuhauser coordinated the annual Children's Fishing Derby. I'm sure I've missed someone or some group – I apologize in advance! Although these people headed up a significant portion – it was the members who pitched in to help that makes our Regatta the great event it has become...Thank you one and all! A very special THANK YOU goes to the Auxiliary for putting on an outstanding Commodores Reception! This event was chaired by Jody Thatcher and her team did a superb job with the sail boat center pieces. Nancy Konopka prepared the hors d'oeuvres carving mice and flowers from the appetizers. The presentation was so outstanding that Jody and Nancy received job offers from two clubs to cater their Commodore's receptions (see Facebook for pictures). They also coordinated the fund raising events that more than covered the decorating and food costs of the reception!

Officer nominations and elections for 2016 are rapidly coming upon us! Please consider running for a leadership position in the club. (*next column.....*)

Regatta 2016 was a fine time. I tried my best to get the temperature to 100 degrees but we only got to 97 for the entire weekend! Hot, hot, hotter.

Looking back over the time meeting with the planning committee, it is the doing that counts as much as the planning. It all looks good on paper.

I was privileged to have a great crew of men and women working with me together as a well-oiled machine. They made all the difference. Our fellow members gave their best and then some in terrible, hot and humid conditions, yet not one foul word was uttered. Thank you all so much. Mike Powers said it best: the project at hand is to have the Regatta and party for the Commodore, hosted by the Vice Commodore. The entire team did a great job.

Back to the business at hand...at the next house committee meeting we will review and finalize a plan for the remaining work that needs to be done this year. I want to plan and schedule some remodeling work. The back hallway is still in 'disarray' to be nice. The men's and women's main bathrooms need work. It has been needed for quite some time. We still need service and cleaning of some of our existing HVAC units, around the building. The front porch/entry concrete has sunk so far it has pulled the wood trim loose above. The front porch/entry railing and posts are loose again and they are not safe. I'm running out of shims! The side walk along the sea wall has sunk and has now separated, a red cone is not a repair.

I need your help and input. The next House Committee meeting will be August 11th at 5:30 in the back room, be there!

Commodore continued....

Please remember that it's your club – its success and viability rests with each of us! If you or a member you know are thinking of running for office, please contact any officer or the nominating committee (P/C Dave Ryan, P/C Ric Murray, or Dave Amer).

There are many events and activities scheduled for the rest of the summer at Monroe Boat Club. Please watch the calendar, website, MBC's Facebook page, club bulletin boards, and your email for updates!

Sadly, our deepest condolences are being extended at the passing of P/C and retired Judge Paul Braunlich. He was a treasured member and advisor to MBC.

I'll see you around the club!

Greetings from your Rear Commodore!
A big thanks goes out to everyone who took care of making sure the beer tent was a working machine. We could have not done it without you.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO OUR BARTENDERS THAT MADE THIS WHOLE THING EVENT HAPPEN. LOVE YOU ALL. The Regatta looks like it was a success and I will report results in the next Harbor Light..

A special thank you to Dave Fetterly for assisting me installing the HVAC in the way I thought it needed it be done. We had no problems this weekend and it worked.

Hope everyone had a good time at Regatta....more details next month!

See you around the club!

MBC Annual Ladies 50/50 Race

OPEN TO ALL

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Definition: Lady must helm;
50% minimum ladies crew*
(*boob-to-ball ratio in effect)

Course: Triangular buoy course
(North mark start)

*Awards;
Potluck
and Suds
After the Race*

•Perpetual trophy
for Overall JAM & PHRF

•Flags for PHRF & JAM, and
Cruising Class
1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners



Ladies, show us your skipping skills!

Register on-line at <http://www.noticeofrace.net/>
or in person Sunday 10:30-11:30 am @ MBC

*How about a combo team of both
sailors and power boaters?*



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES: Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety Course... This 8-hour course may be offered at MBC in the fall, but we must have some idea of the interest from our membership. It is designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualify for certification in Michigan, a State that requires boating education for anyone born in/after 1996. Subjects include: Boat handling under normal conditions and adverse conditions and emergencies, types of boats and boating terminology, required and recommended equipment, boating regulations and navigation rules, lines and knots, marine radiotelephone usage, and trailer boating. If you think you might be interested, please email cneuhauser@gmail.com and indicate your interest. Non-MBC members are eligible.

Rules for Michigan Boaters:

Persons less than 12 years of age:

May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp legally without restrictions.

May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally **only if they:**

Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat **and...**

Are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.

May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those born on or after July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.

Those born before July 1, 1996, may operate a boat legally without restrictions.

Personal Watercraft

Those **less than 14 years of age** may not legally operate a PWC.

Those **14 and 15 years of age** may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate **and...**

He or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian **or...**

He or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or legal guardian or from a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian.

Those **at least 16 years of age** and born after December 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally **only if** they have obtained a boating safety certificate.

Those **born on or before December 31, 1978,** may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

Enforcement

Michigan law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

Carry the Card: Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

Penalty: Not carrying your Boater Education Card

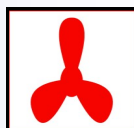
when one is required can result in a fine.
Is the Boating Card the same as the Boating License?

The Michigan Boating Safety Certificate is proof that you have successfully completed all of the components of an approved Boating safety course and allows you to go boating. Because the Boating education card or certificate does not expire and does not need to be renewed, it is not called the Michigan Boating License.

Even if not required by law to get the Michigan boating education card, many boaters take the boat safety course in order to save on their PWC or boat insurance.

Regatta. Thank you to all of you who contributed books and tapes for the sale. And a big thank you to all of you who stopped by the booth and bought used books, tapes, and miscellaneous items. The revenues go towards the CCEC account which ultimately is used for the annual gift CCEC gives to MBC and the expenses for the annual 30+ Year Member Recognition ceremony at Change of Watch. Some of the past gifts given to the club include AED, multimedia projector and screen, camera, Wii, MBC cookbook, the production of the MBC History Book, the compass rose and landscaping, the white board, and the Commodore's Room Library.

Speaking of the library, there are many boating how-to books, environmental and science-related books in the library for your use. Remember if you borrow a book, you are on the honor system to return it to the library.



Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain!

Despite the extensive heat, the Regatta was a success. A big "Thank You" to all of the members who donated their time and that could come. The music provided by all 3 bands was great and the Commodore's reception and the breakfast were absolutely fantastic as well.

Our next Poker Run will be at Ford Yacht club August 19th thru the 21st. This Poker Run is sure to be a great time. I would like to encourage power and sail to attend this run, the water is deep and they have plenty of room for docking. The Killer Flamigos will be the entertainment and there will also be plenty of activities for the kids as well.

If you have never attended a Poker Run, please try to, they are a lot of fun and a great way to meet like-minded people. Also we do have a cruise to Catawba Island and even though it is full; we still have another cruise to Kelley's Island August 26th- 28th to consider and there will be plenty of room for all that want to attend.

I am also considering the idea of having a weekend cruise over to Maumee River Yacht Club; it's a very nice facility along with a pool, and it would be great for folks of all ages. If anyone is interested in doing this, please let me know by calling or sending me an e-mail to kwhittico@aol.com and I can begin working on the details.



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

We are in the middle of our Michigan summer and so far, it has turned out to be a great boating season.

The Auxiliary sponsored June burger nights was a continued success with a great turn out by our members and friends. Thank you Kathy Powers and Nancy Konopka for chairing this event & everyone who worked it.

The Boaters Breakfast continues to be a success. Thanks to the breakfast crew for putting this breakfast on once a month. It is delicious & will be sorely missed next year. Maybe we can get other members to continue with putting on this breakfast???

Shotz on the Dock was a huge success as in years past with DJ Wally playing the tunes for us down at the docks. There was plenty of good food and drink. Soul Kitchen was there to entertain us that evening. Thanks to Wally & Al Michaud and his group for the great entertainment. A good time was had by all.

Quartermania is coming to MBC on August 18th! This is an extremely worthwhile event to attend as it benefits the Monroe County Special Olympics. Please invite your family and friends to attend & come on out for some fun! See the flyer in this edition for more details.

And now a Ship Store Reminder: Please remember when purchasing merchandise from the Ship Store, REMOVE THE TAG and deliver to the bartender along with the money. Inventory was taken with several items missing that did not have the tag and money to go along with the item. If merchandise continues to go missing, the procedure for purchasing from the Ship Store may have to be revisited.

Not much else to report this month other than trying to keep up with all there is to do, the club cruises, the poker runs, etc.

Have fun and be safe on the lake.



Dock Master Troy Willett

Hello and greetings from the docks! I hope everyone's summer is in full swing and that you're having a great time. I'm writing this in mid-July and our Regatta is right around the corner, I can't wait!

Over 40 people and 19 boats joined us at Middle Bass Island for the Club Cruise that was organized by Dan Williamson! What a record setting number of boats, way to go Dan! Another highlight was that fellow sailor, Fritz Peterson, sailed over and back single-handed (all by himself with no crew) on his Evelyn 32, "Heartbreaker." Fritz arrived on Saturday afternoon and had great stories to tell, was a little tired and in need of much hydration (beer)! Fritz turned around and returned for home Sunday morning with more stories to tell, so feel free to ask him all about it, and offer him some more hydration for his efforts.

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I wanted to take a moment to help members better understand an often misinterpreted dock rule. Section II, Item # 8, page 32, refers to the date of July 1st and the impact it will have on your dock status if your boat is not in. I'd like to help clarify that this only applies to a first year dock holder and an "existing dock holder who held, but did not occupy his dock for 30 days during the previous season during the previous year." Please note, the requirement is to have your boat in the dock for 30 days last year. If you are a first year dock holder or weren't in for 30 days last year, it says that you "must pay dock dues" and "have his boat tied to his assigned dock by July 1st", then and only then does the July 1st deadline need to be met before losing your dock is an issue. The paragraph leaves much to be desired and is confusing, but it has been this way for a long time. Perhaps this is something that the members would like to address at a membership meeting? We have long asked for and wanted more participation at the membership meetings and this would be a good way to positively affect the whole of the club by making things simpler and easier to understand. If you have any further questions about this or any of the dock rules, feel free to contact me and we can review them together.

I hope everyone has a good time at Regatta and continues to enjoy the summer!

I'll see you around the club!



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

Much has happened since last month's Harbor Light. First, another successful Regatta is in the books. Everyone attending appeared to have a good time, even with the unusual heat we saw this past weekend. On both nights, it seemed the party got better once the sun went down. Sail Fleet hosted the Regatta breakfasts both days and special thanks go out to breakfast chair Martie Reed and those that joined me on her team (John Davis, Al Michaud, Dan Williamson, Peggy Hillen, Charlie Simons, Joe and Lee Ann Snyder) for preparing and serving a fantastic breakfast both days.

On the racing front, the first half of the Tuesday Night Racing Series is complete. See the results in the next column.

The PHRF division had some of the tightest scoring in years as Pink Panther and Shere Khan tied for points with Pink Panther winning the tie breaker for the division. Short Bus took third and was only one point behind the first two boats!

We are looking forward to more racing in the Fall Series and hope for several more weeks of good sailing weather.

The 49th Race for the Sisters was held on Saturday, July 16. MBC flag winners included

One Leg Up, skippered by Charlie Simons, first place in JAM B, and Pokey, Skippered by Joe Snyder, third place in JAM B.

Next, we have the Ladies Race (50% of crew must be female) coming up on Sunday, August 14 and the MBC Solo Challenge is on Saturday, August 20. Both races give us a chance to get out on the water and have some fun _/)

JAM A:

1. Rodger Dutton - Whitestar
2. Dave Ryan - Chasseur
3. John Davis - Footloose

JAM B:

1. Dennis Kwapis - Mischief
2. Charlie Simons - One Leg Up
3. Gary Griffith - Second Wind

PHRF:

1. Al Michaud - Pink Panther
2. Don Fillion - Shere Khan
3. Rich Potcova - Short Bus

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Michigan

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**All proceeds to benefit the
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BRING YOUR QUARTERS

Questions? Email lambtam@hotmail.com

Or Tammy Lamb 734-847-2203

Nominations for Club Offices

We are in the middle of a warm and wonderful boating season with the Fourth of July and the annual club Regatta is already behind us. The calendar is moving faster than we realize and the annual Change of Watch is just over the horizon.

The Nominations Committee is seeking members to serve Monroe Boat Club on the club's Board. Our offices are all directly elected by the club's membership, and all members in good standing are eligible to run for any office. MBC is fortunate to have a growing membership, stable finances and excellent facilities. Yet there is always the need for new ideas, new people and renewed enthusiasm to lead our club.

Our club newsletter "The Harbor Light" is among the best newsletters of any organization. After many years our editors John and Michelle Glanville are 'retiring' from producing our monthly publication. We are in need of someone with MS Word and MS Publisher skills to assemble this for the membership.

Please consider volunteering for a position to maintain and continue to strengthen the Monroe Boat Club. You can contact anyone on the Nominations Committee to discuss the best way for you to help.

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NOTES FROM THE PORT HURON -MACKINAC RACE

What do you get when you mix a Swan 44' sailboat, 8 guys that haven't raced together, and a 300+ mile race course that takes (2) days to complete? Well that sounds like the 2016 Port Huron to Mackinac Race on which I was fortunate enough to join fellow MBC member and P/C Dave Ryan.

There are (2) courses used to get to Mackinac Island, one is along the Michigan shoreline and the other takes you into the North East corner of Lake Huron to the Canadian shoreline where the mark on the course is listed as Cove Island. Dave and I were racing on the S/V "Nor'easter," a beautiful Swan 44 that comes from Sandusky on the Cove Island Course up into Canada.

From the get-go the weatherman was wrong; he said that we'd have little-to-no wind, and that the start our race could even be delayed. Fortunately for us, that wasn't the case; we had decent wind to start and it continued to build as we worked our way up the lake. To stay alert and limit mistakes, we had 2-man shifts that last for four hours "on" and four hours "off;" shifts are staggered every two hours so there are always fresh bodies on deck. This provides everyone a chance to nap, or at least that's the idea. But when something big needs done, there is an "all hands on deck" call at which point everyone scrambles to get to work.

Meals were pre-made and stored in the ice box so we could heat up dinner or throw breakfast sandwiches in the microwave, or just make a cold cut sandwich when hungry. The drink of choice on the boat, beer, wasn't being served or offered while racing; however we managed to drink nearly 10 gallons of water, the beer could wait for when we made the dock in Mackinac.

The course into Canada was mostly a straight shot to Cove Island; we were fortunate to have the wind behind us and had a nice run straight to the mark. We turned the corner to head west towards Mackinac sometime Saturday morning. I remember because I was supposed to be down for my "off" shift but came up on deck to help with the sail change and to get ready to turn the boat west. Then I went back down to crash out and finish off my nap.

Once we started heading west, we had to make a few decisions as to which "way" was the best method for getting there...do we head out into the lake or do we stick to the Canadian shoreline? Now the wind is somewhat in front of us, so we have to "tack" the boat a lot more to go forward. Tacking is a method of turning the boat left and right in a zig-zag pattern in order to actually go upwind. My favorite saying for this maneuver is "you can't get there from here."

We had a good deal of breeze, some rain and are working our way west when we hear the weather station go berserk warning us to get off the lake, small craft advisory in effect, 40 knot winds and hail predicted, etc. blah blah... So forward into the storm we go. As darkness approached we could see the storm cell over the Straights of Mackinac. It looked big and ugly and angry. We prepared the boat for the worst and then continued for it. When it became dark, we had entered the leading edge of the storm and were rewarded with buckets upon buckets of rain falling from the sky, but not so much wind or lightning, as the worst of the storm was to our south and west. The lightning was dazzling; it lit up the entire sky and was awe-inspiring to say the least. One of the coolest things I remember was coming out from underneath the storm, the moon was back lighting the front edge of the clouds and creating a white halo of light around the storm. Well, it was either that or I was delirious from lack of sleep, heheheh.

Maybe someone should ask Dave if he saw it too...



Another neat thing that I hadn't expected was how the wind would change once we got out from underneath the storm. I anticipated it to die off, you know, like the calm that typically comes after the storm. Well, that didn't happen, in fact the wind built even higher than when we were in the thick of it and we saw 35 knots recorded on our instruments. We were flying along and heading for the finish and ended up 8th in our class of (23) boats, not bad, top 1/3 of the group.

We were behind the lead boat by only an hour after racing for (2) days. My GPS logged over 500 miles traversed and what a wonderful time we had. I look forward to doing it again!





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bility to notify Editor
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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

August

5 - 7 ILYA Senior Sail Regatta
10 - 14 ILYA Power Regatta
11 - House Cmte Mtg. 530pm
14 - Ladies 50/50 Sailboat Race
18 - Quartermania
19-21 Poker Run/FYC
20 - Solo Challenge Sailboat Race
24 - Board Meeting 615 pm
- Membership Meeting 7pm
26-28 Club Cruise/Kelley's Island
28 - Boater's Breakfast 9am

Ongoing Events:
Thurs - Burgers & Soup
Tues Nights -Sailboat Races

Boater's Breakfast:

Aug 28 - Sep 25
Every 4th Sunday

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm
With Delicious Homemade
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September

5 - HAPPY LABOR DAY!

9-11 Poker Run/DBBC
14 - Book Club 12n
14 - Board Meeting 7pm

25 - Boater's Breakfast 9am
28 - Membership Meeting 7pm