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**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Kristen Whittico**

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen!
Wow, it's been a fun couple of weeks! I would like to begin by thanking the Change of Watch Committee for transforming our Banquet Room into a very nice and relaxing atmosphere. The food and drinks definitely hit the spot. P/Cs Brian Moyer and John Peterson did an expert job preparing and keeping us in line, which made everything run smoothly. What a great afternoon!

Many of our Board members are new to their positions or to the Board; therefore, I would like to thank all the members, as well as officers - past and present- for taking the time to guide and mentor us while we become familiar with our duties.

Lady Nicole and I had the honor of representing MBC at our first ball of the season for Toledo Sailing Club, and what a great time we had! We're looking forward to the Toledo Yacht Club on Thanksgiving weekend with many more to follow.

We are planning a Steak Roast for December 16th preceding R/C Kristen's Ugly Sweater Party in conjunction with P/C Kathy's Toys for Tots Drive. Choice of 12 oz. New York strip or chicken breast, baked potato, green beans, salad and desert for pre-sale at the bar \$12 (\$15 at the door) while supplies last. Cook assistants will be available for those who don't want to ruin their ugly sweater.

Keep watching the club calendar and email for upcoming events as we have many plans shaping up this winter.

Sunday Dec 4th will be the first Commodore's Breakfast from 9-noon (see flyers in the club house).

Stay warm my friends!

I would like to thank P/C Rick Campbell and the volunteer members from the dock work party who assisted in completing some winterization tasks for the club while completing their assigned jobs for the Dock Master.

Presently we are investigating the root cause(s) of our reoccurring sewer problem. When we correct the problem, we will need volunteers to assist in working the structural and plumbing corrections. There are many opportunities to make improvements to our club. Utilization of the many talents of our members in addressing these improvement projects is what makes our club. Please feel free to share your ideas and suggestions to improve the club with myself and the Board.

We have secured *Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse* for this year's New Year's Eve party. They play a variety of music. The club will be providing subs and pizza, along with a midnight champagne toast. It will be casual attire with party starting at 7:30 until? The band is scheduled for 8PM until 1AM. We want to encourage the membership to support and enjoy this opportunity for comradeship in bringing in the New Year with a very gratifying evening. Family and friends are welcome. We will be setting up the back room for this event. Anyone interested in assisting please let me know. I will be posting a sign up sheet for appetizers and munchies.

Beyond just the New Year's Party, come on out, get the most out of your membership and enjoy the club! Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Greetings from your Rear Commodore,
Well, it's sure has been a whirlwind this first month with learning all the ins and outs of the bar, but so far so good and even though it's been hectic, I am having a great time. Speaking of hectic, there are a number of events planned around the clubhouse in late November and in December that I hope to see the members attend.

On **November 26th**, The U of M vs. Ohio State game will be on, the bar will provide a 6 ft sub and we are asking that members attending will bring a tailgating dish to pass. The game starts at noon and so therefore the bar will be open at 11:00am. We will have beer buckets and maize and blue drink specials available.

December 3rd, RVYC will be visiting us with two busloads of members, they will arrive around 6:30 pm and it would be fantastic to see a show of force from MBC members to greet them, Power Fleet will be providing food for the bus trip and also a 50/50 raffle. Let's show Riverview Yacht Club the best time possible while showing support for our power fleet captain.

December 4th, the Commodore is hosting a delicious can't miss Breakfast and the bar will be open at 8am. I, myself miss the boaters breakfast and I am thrilled that the commodore has decided to host this, so come on down and support our Commodore while having fantastic eats and a bloody mary or some other fine beverages.

December 16th, is officially ugly sweater day, and to celebrate were having an ugly sweater party at 8pm. We will have Name That Tune, an ugly sweater contest, 50/50 drawings and most importantly we will be collecting for Toys for Tots. So come on down and celebrate while doing something great for others at the same time. There is a box near the front door for the toys, let's try our very best to fill that box for the kids out there who families who are not as fortunate as we are.

Feeling like there is not much to do this winter? Well we have a solution for that.... Every Sunday, there is a Euchre tournament in the bar and it starts at 2pm, and is a lot of fun.

On a serious note, please know that our belief is that members should have the best time while at the club, the bartenders try very hard to accommodate the membership and their needs while in the bar, however at times, and for various reasons, the alcohol affect can sneak up on us from time to time. The bartenders on staff have many years of experience,



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Rear Commodore continued...

and they know when someone has had too much to drink and unfortunately at times, they have had to cut folks off. When this happens, please understand that it is not personal towards anyone; it is their responsibility to make sure that we don't overserve and allow folks to drive. They have a responsibility not only to the membership but to the community to ensure we keep people safe on the road. Remember there are legal ramifications for drunk driving not only for the alleged but potentially for the bar and the bartender as well, so please understand, if you should ever be cut off, don't swear or disrespect the bartenders, but rather thank them for watching out for you and others on the road.

So, with that being said, please respect our bartenders, they do a great job and they work very hard, and when they are on their shift, they are in charge of the bar and deserve respect.

Have a Happy Holiday,
Kristen Whittico



Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Merry Christmas from your Power Fleet Captain. Hope you are beating the winter blues. To give an update the A.Y.C. room has been measured and inspected. We will be doing Oktoberfest as our theme, this should be a really fun year. I have put together a small team to start the ball rolling and once we have a direction I will be inviting you all to join the fun getting decorations prepared. If you have not helped in this event before please consider helping, a great way to get those work hours while having some laughs.

On to other things... don't forget the burger night on Thursdays. Thank you all who signed up to help the next two months, but there is still some open spots so sign up if you are available.

I know some of you have been trying to plan for the summer poker runs but as of now I do not have the schedule. When I get my hands on it I will post it in the bar and the Harbor Light. If anyone has an idea for a club cruise, please let me hear it because these sometimes need to be set up way in advance. So, have a great holiday stay safe and warm. See you around the club!

P.F.C. Bill LeVally



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- December 7 12:00, MBC Book Club



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "We had another great meeting in November. For our December 7 Christmas meeting, we will read Debbie Macomber's new book—Twelve Days of Christmas. Because we enjoy reading and discussion (and lunch!), we have decided to meet every month in 2017. The first book for 2017 will be *The Girl on the Train* for our January 4 meeting and lunch. At the December meeting we will also be doing our annual \$1 Christmas gift exchange. Anyone who would like to join the Book Club should bring a \$1 wrapped gift (Dollar store items only please—)

The schedule for 2017 has been approved and printed schedules were distributed. This new schedule will be posted on the Auxiliary Bulletin Board. We welcome everyone who would like to read and have some fun discussing books. Any questions, please email Judy Peterson at jpeterston4647@aol.com.

Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve officially dedi- cated as Michigan's 103rd state park...

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission officially welcomed Michigan's 103rd state park, adding 1,122 acres of new recreational public land in southern Michigan, at a ribbon cutting recently. The park is located just miles from Hayes State Park, Pinckney Recreation Area and Waterloo Recreation Area in southern Michigan. It features beautiful rolling land covered in a mixture of open meadow, mixed hardwoods, low wetland areas and open water.



Snowmobiling...Are you ready? Michigan is known for its abundant snow, exciting terrain and more than 6,200 miles of designated snowmobile trails. Don't be left out in the cold when the snow flies. Purchase your snowmobile trail permit, which is required to operate snowmobiles in the state and valid for one year (Oct. 1 to Sept. 30). Watch for an announcement of a special presentation on snowmobiling in Canada during February at MBC.



Upcoming Events on the 2017 Drawing Board. Watch for announcements of some of the 2017 events: Presentations on... snowmobiling in Canada, clean water harbors, lion preservation in Africa, kayaking tips, kids fishing camp and derby, a marine flea market, a rowing race, and the used book sale.



Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

Okay now I am in my comfort zone. Let me first start off by saying I will be absolutely honest with you. I have a hard time writing an article for the following month, so whenever you read my articles, you will probably notice that they will be all over the board and will not be specific as to one month and one month only.

With that being said, let me start off by saying: Wow. The Change of Watch was pretty cool. This was my first time attending. Everyone who attended enjoyed good company, drinks and a wide variety of appetizers. Sharon and Ruth, after all of their hard work, finally got to take their aprons off and enjoy the day with us. Thank you again to everyone that donated appetizers and volunteered their time to make the Change of Watch another successful event.

I again want to point out, what an important part the Auxiliary is to MBC. The Auxiliary does functions such as the Change of Watch, Commodore's Reception, Steak Roasts, Memorial Day Brunch, Boater's Breakfast, Regatta, etc. These events take a lot of time, planning, and effort, along with a whole lot of volunteers in order to run these events. Just so you know I am in the process of trying to find someone from the club to put together a team to carry on the tradition of Boater's Breakfast. If anyone is interested, please contact me. I would hate to see this go away from our Auxiliary. As everyone knows, the breakfasts were convenient, inexpensive and ALWAYS AWESOME!! Waffle up....

I am still looking for more volunteers to help decorate the backroom for the Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 4th beginning @ 11:00 a.m. (I will provide bagels and donuts.... if that helps!!). Plus, you will receive work hours for your time. Last year our crew knocked it out in about an hour and a half, to two hours tops. Please contact me if you are available to help out.

Just a Few Reminders:

Children's Christmas Party – Sunday, December 11, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Santa arrives @ 2:30 p.m. There will be pizza, chicken nuggets, snacks, face painting, cookie decorating and the children will be making their own ornaments! Please see the sign-up sheet in the bar, or contact me. I continuously bugged the kids throughout the summer regarding what kind of Christmas party they wanted, so they pretty much planned this party themselves.

The **Toys-for-Tots** box is located in the bar. Please help to make sure no child goes without a toy.

Beach Party at the end of January!!! That's what I am talking about. Saturday, January 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The band Rusty Nail starts @ 8:00 p.m.

The next **Auxiliary Board of Director's meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Membership meeting held at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Please join us.

Lastly, I want to point out that leadership is about change. Unfortunately, nobody likes change. We are all thrown into a defensive mode, wanting to avoid change altogether, and expecting that the new changes will lead to bad outcomes. Change needs a lot of effort because it usually involves learning new things and practicing new skills by an individual and/or individuals. Therefore, it is up to all of the members, and all of the organizations contained within MBC to make this happen, by working together and not against each other.

Happy Birthday to everyone who has and/or had a birthday in November and December; Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays!!!! Until next time, my favorite saying as usual is: "please be kind to one another."



Dock Master Ron Soto

Hello everyone! I have to say I have not seen so many volunteers for a work party in a while! On Saturday November 12th, we had a dock work party and we had 17 people show up! I would like to thank each and every one of you for the help and support. It was very much appreciated!

The dock water system has been blown out and filled with glycol for the season. All dock ladders have been raised and secured. All dock posts have been removed and secured. We left some life rings on the docks as a precautionary measure.

Thanks also go out to our Rear Commodore Kristen Whittico and Auxiliary President Christine Rowland for the spread that you provided for the workers after the party. Loved it.

Currently the main priority on the docks this year is the main T. Depending on budgeting, we are looking to add new pilings and brackets to support the main walk areas. There has been some major deterioration over the years and it needs to be addressed.

Dock dues will be mailed and should be received by the 10th of January. They are due and payable by February 10th, 2017. No exceptions. So, if you plan on staying in your dock next season be on time. New available dock postings will be made available and

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Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

As I sit here writing this month's Sail Fleet article our harbor is finally empty and the docks have been put to bed for winter, yesterday was 70 degrees, and this morning I awoke to snow flurries. I guess I will be looking forward to getting through the winter and back to spring and the weather that allows us to work on and prepare our boats for the 2017 season. Our club will be remaining open through the winter and I know there are many events already in planning to keep us entertained over the winter. Please continue to come out and enjoy the club, it really is a year-round experience.

The first meeting for the Sail Fleet will on Thursday, December 8 at 7 PM in the Commodore's Room. It is also a burger night so feel free to come out, enjoy a burger, and then join us for our meeting. All those interested in our Sail Fleet and sailing activities are welcome to attend. We will be doing our initial planning for next year, discussing our racing plans, our sailing rules, cruising activities and other ideas for sail fleet activities for the 2017 season.

The club belongs to all our members, the board is just in place to be good stewards and oversee the club operation. If you see something you like, let us know, if there is an area that can be improved let us know that too. That is the only way we can continue to improve our club, and make it an even better place to be for us all. See you at the club!

CONGRATULATIONS 2017 FLAG OFFICERS!!!



Dock Master continued...

posted on February 17th. They will remain posted for 11 days and taken down by noon on the February 27th, 2017. If you're interested in getting a dock assigned for next season, now is the time to sign up! The dock assignment meeting is the first Sunday in March which is the 5th this year at 2:00.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and Happy holiday season!

P/C Ron Soto
2017 Dock Master

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A few pics from the Halloween Party...



Annual Membership Dinner...



Change of Watch...



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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

December

2-3 - I-LYA Winter Meeting,
French Quarter Perrysburg OH
3 - Incoming Bus Trip @ 6:30pm
4 - Commodore's Breakfast @ 8am
7 - Book Club @ noon
8 - Sail Fleet Meeting 7pm
11 - Auxiliary Kid's Christmas Party
14 - Auxiliary Meetings
14 - Board Meeting @ 6:15PM
14 - General Membership
Meeting @ 7PM
25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
31 - New Year's Eve Party

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



January

4 - Book Club @ noon
11 - Auxiliary Meetings
11 - Board Meeting, 7pm
25 - General Membership Meeting,
7pm
27-29 - TIYC/ORYC WinterFest,
Point Place OH
28 - Beach Party @ 7pm