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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

March 2016



Club Commodore, Kathleen Powers

reetings from your Commodore!
Many thanks to the Vice Commodore Rob Schneider and his crew.
Twelve members assisted in completing a thorough spring cleaning in the kitchen. WOW looks like a brand new kitchen.



Kitchen Crew

The AYC Commodore's Ball was held on February 19th and 20th to honor 2015 AYC Commodore Steve Hyder and the 2015 AYC Club Commodores including our own 2015 Commodore Dave Ryan. Our Power Fleet Captain Kristen Whittico did a superb job setting up our Hospitality Room. A special thanks to Kathy Straub and Ruth Reinhardt who prepared the signs (FANTASTIC) and decorations for the Green Parrott Bar theme. Kudos to Kristine, Kathy, Ruth, and all MBC members who assisted with the set-up. management of the room throughout the weekend, and clean-up!!!!

The Commodore's Ball (March 26th) invitations have been mailed. This is a beautiful night to celebrate our history and traditions with all our members. Our Ball Committee has been working for months and is ready for you to enjoy their efforts! I would like to personally ask all members, new and old, to participate in this club tradition. Hope to see there!



Vice Commodore, Rob Schneider

ello Monroe Boat Club Members! We had a great month from the kitchen clean-up and inventory day on January 30th to the AYC weekend. I would like to personally thank all the members that came to help on the kitchen clean-up day. We had so many volunteers that it seemed at sometimes we were bumping into each other. The team removed everything from every cupboard, cleaned the items. cleaned the cupboard, inventoried everything and put it back. We cleaned out items that had been left in the kitchen and were throwaway type of trays etc. We organized all the cupboards and put new pull handles on them. Walt Norris repaired the broken drawers and the damaged Formica. We also cleaned out the pantry and the back room under the stairs. There are too many names to list them all but we had many volunteers and completed the work in 4 hours. A special thanks goes to Al Michaud who spend the entire time cleaning the two ovens. I hope we maintain them at this level of cleanliness and whoever uses the kitchen wipes them down when they are done.

Please notice the new burgee sign on the outside of the clubhouse when you visit. Don Steinman took down the old beat up burgee and built the new one. It is a great new asset for the club. Thanks so much Don. The furnaces on the roof were repaired and are much quieter and efficient. Many other volunteers have started on the list of maintenance items so please let them know you appreciate it also. The next House Meeting is on Saturday, March 3rd at 5pm. Please plan to attend and support the club. Here again is a list of tasks and ideas for either a group activity or an individual:

- Replace all the burned out lights throughout the building and grounds.
- A new exhaust fan has been ordered for the kitchen as the existing is not repairable.
- Our main double door refrigerator is in need of service (the door gasket is on order).
- The exhaust hood filters in the kitchen need to be removed and washed monthly, starting in March as they have been serviced recently
- Wash, repair and paint or replace the all the bathroom and cleaning closet doors in the rear hallway. The men's door was completed thanks to Al Michaud. It looks great.
- Repair the partition door in the back hallway, so anyone can operate it easily.

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Rear Commodore, Scott Fuller

reetings from your R/C.

Well, I was warned how slow things could be in Jan and Feb. They were not kidding! Hope the "snow birds" migrate back north soon. You would think they could still send the money they would normally spend if they were here. So far, no checks in the mail...

We are getting a good response to the lunch specials. Thank you for your support. If anyone has an idea or a suggestion of what to try, please let us know. We are always looking for new things to try.

We are going to get out in front of the normal "Jigg's" dinner. We are planning on having a "Billy's" famous Corned Beef and Cabbage lunch on March 11th. We'll beat the crowd by a week or so. Not sure of the price yet as costs are not finalized. It will be a great value no matter what. (I know I said Billy's but we all know it is Sherrie doing most of the work). Anyhow, get there early as it will sell out quick.

I am looking for someone who would like to pick up work hours on a monthly basis. This would be 3-4 hours on a scheduled day every month. The work involves light housekeeping. The duties would involve: Vacuuming the rotating fans in the bar, vacuuming return air vents, vacuuming condensing coils in refrigerators and freezers in the bar and back ba, cleaning the table bases and chair legs, the registers for the HVAC system, chair rail and riser and brass on the bar. This is an easy way to get your work hours in no time and possibly a free steak!

We are aware of the concerns of the Wi-Fi in the club, and are currently working on viable solution to the problem. Please be patient it is a work in progress!

We are holding a "Welcome Back" night for the Snowbird's on April 1st (April Fool's Day), and Soul Kitchen will be the entertainment for the night. The Bar will provide snacks and of course free popcorn!

Remember that the Boater's Breakfast returns on April 24th. This is an event toward which everyone should be looking forward. We have the best Breakfast on the lake during the summer.

There a lot of activities happening in May but it is too soon to talk about. See you around the club!!!





Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- Feb 27 Winter Tree Identification
- Mar 2 MBC Book Club
- Mar10 Harmful Algal Blooms: A Public Safety Forum
- Apr 7 CCEC Special Presentation, "Skin Issues"
- Apr 23 Beach Cleanup Day, Bolles Harbor Public Launch
- May 7 Joy of Eating and Drinking
- Jun 6-7 Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders

The Book Club... The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2. The book chosen for the meeting is See Me by Nicholas Sparks. The group will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month from March on except for July and August.



Winter Tree Identification, Saturday, February 27, 10-12, Scio Woods Preserve, 4100 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor, Ml. Join two members from the Michigan Botanical Club for an introduction to winter

features of trees, shrubs, and vines. It is an outdoor event so dress appropriately. Free of charge, but registration is requested at data@legacylandconservancy.org.

Harmful Algal Blooms: A Public Safety Forum.

March 10, 6:30-8:30. A forum discussing the dangers of the algal blooms, sponsored by the Western Lake Erie Cluster, of which MBC is a member, will be held in the Monroe City Hall, City Council Chambers. This is an event in which all of us who boat, swim, or care about the environment and our health should be interested.



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 Joy of Eating and Drinking... Celebrate spring by joining us for sips, samples, and savories! On May 7, 2016 your CCEC committee is presenting the

2nd annual Joy of Eating and Drinking. Save the date and look in next month's Harbor Light for additional information about the expanded drink and food menu!! You'll want to call your friends!!



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

W elcome to Rose Kern & Nicole Fetterly who recently became Auxiliary members. It will be great to have you both on our team. We are always looking for hard working members to help contribute to our many ongoing functions.

The Children's Easter party is scheduled for March 13th from 1-4 pm. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Club. Please try to RSVP by March 5th so that we can get an accurate head count. I am sure the children will look forward to the activities that we have planned along with a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The Book Club restarts March 2nd and will continue on the first Wednesday of each month (no meeting for the month of July and August) at 12:00pm. The September meeting has been rescheduled to the second Wednesday, September 14th at 12:00pm. The current read is "See Me" by Nicholas Sparks with discussion about this book to take place at the first meeting. Food and drink at bar for purchase.

The Boater's Breakfast schedule for the upcoming season will begin on Sunday, April 24th & will continue on the 4th Sunday of each month through September with the exception being the July breakfast being held on the 3rd Sunday, July 17th, due to the MBC Regatta. Yummy!! Can't wait!!

Inventory has been completed on the Ship Store. There is a new system in place for making purchases. After you receive your merchandise, take it to the bartender who will then charge you for your purchase along with removing the tag. This tag will help our Ship Store ladies keep track of what has been sold, what items are not selling, the price of the merchandise purchased, along with accountability of keeping track of the merchandise.

That is all for now...see you around the club!



Vice Commodore, cont'd

- Replace and install exhaust fans in the two main public bathrooms (they have been cleaned but they should be replaced).
- Wash and paint rear exit door to the court yard (weather permitting).
- Replace the counter tops and sinks in the two main bathrooms.
- Update the existing electric service to our main building. This present system is inferior and needs to be upgraded. This is not an easy task, but I would like some members that are electricians to meet with me to form a plan to update and unify the power source coming into this building.

Please come to me with your thoughts and ideas to maintain and update our club. With all your help we will be working on this list throughout the next several months. Thanks in advance for your assistance with completing these projects and helping to maintain the beauty of our facilities.



Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willett

ello and greetings from the tiller!
I write this as I prepare to attend the annual AYC party at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. I can't wait to see the room and all the hard work Kristin Whittico and the club have put forth to represent MBC! I hope to have seen you there and if not I'll tell you stories about it later!

March marks the month to sign up for the 2016 MBC Erik Peterson Jr. Sailing Scholarship. Get your family member registered and MBC will send them to NCYC for a free week of sail camp! If you need more information please contact myself or Rodger Dutton.

March is also the time of our annual Friday Fish Fry! This year we will be hosting it on March 18th, the weekend before Good Friday in order to not conflict with holiday schedules and other groups in the area who are hosting their fish fry. The flyers will be posted soon and the fish and pricing will be set. We look forward to your feedback so that we can make a good choice for the whole club. If you want to pay more to enjoy Cod, let me know! If you would rather pay less for all you can eat Pollock, then I want to hear that too! Whatever your thoughts are I look forward to receiving them, tallying them up and weighing them against the consensus of the entire club. There are sign-up sheets in the bar as well, so put your name on the list and come on out to help work the event and get to know your fellow members better.

This past Burger Thursday, the 18th of February, we were fortunate enough to have over 20 members from West Shore Sail Club visit. They all remarked about how much they love our club and how friendly everyone is! They said the burgers were fantastic and stayed until after 9pm. I had a chance to visit and meet with each and every one of them, listen to their stories and enjoy their company. It was a joy to host them and I look forward to many more visits from WSSC. If you know of another club that might want to come visit for Burger Thursday please let me know and I can reach out to them and try to set something up.

We held our first Sail Fleet meeting for 2016 on February 11th and I was happy to see so many people attend. We had most of the usual suspects and a few new faces as well. Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th at 6:30pm. Come on out, have a burger and let's talk sailing.

As spring approaches there will be a flurry of activity around the boat club and I can't wait for the start of the boating season. Until then, stay safe, stay warm and I'll see you around the club.





Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

ello Monroe Boat Club Members and Auxiliary! The AYC ball is has come to an end and I am happy to report that it was spectacular! The room looked awesome, the root beer barrel bomber shots went over extremely well, and the music provided by Dave Powell was excellent. So much so that we had folks dancing and having fun until it was time to close. In fact, Ray Fogg (island rock god from Put-In-Bay who also performs in Key West) visited our room wearing a Green Parrot t-shirt and his wife mentioned that if she was a judge she would have picked our room to win the decorating contest because she felt it was the most authentic out of all of the rooms. Truly a big thank you to all that helped out, it would have not been a success without you!

For visiting bus trips, we have Windsor Yacht Club vising on April 9th and also Nugent's Canal Yacht Club mentioned during the ball that they would like to visit on April 16th however, I am still awaiting confirmation.

I want to mention that Sun Parlor Boat Club will be visiting us for their shakedown cruise May 20th through the 22nd leaving around noon. Auxiliary, Sail fleet, Power fleet, and the Vice and Rear Commodores will be working together to coordinate a very fun weekend, including dinner and entertainment for Friday, a Bloody Mary bar and breakfast on Saturday morning along with a steak roast and entertainment on Saturday evening. Also on May 22nd around 2pm we have 4 clubs visiting us for their shakedown

cruise, DBBC, BVYC, ORYC and HVYC will be attending. They will stop by our bar for a 50/50, have some drinks and snacks and afterwards they are planning on having a buffet at the Harbor Inn and Ale and the cost is \$10 per person; a band is also scheduled to play. The Power Fleet Captain from Bayview has invited MBC members that are interested in attending. I will put up a sign up sheet in the bar to get a head count of how many folks would like to attend this super fun event and bond with the other clubs. This is one weekend at the club you would not want to miss, it should be a great time!

Below is the list for the Poker runs and I am excited to see all of you there. Also worth mentioning is that a couple of these clubs will be easy for the sail fleet to access and I am hoping that they can attend as well, it would be great to see sail and power come together!

Once again a big THANK YOU to all that helped with the AYC room!

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

reetings from your Dock Master!

Michigan Waterways has completed most of the work that was contracted, with the exception of a few things. The trip hazard on the banana dock has been repaired, and the 4 replacement docks are finished, all except the for the deck boards. All but one of the crooked docks have been repaired. Currently we are consulting with Mannik & Smith engineering firm regarding the safety of the main "T", to see what repairs will have to be made this year. There has been no further decisions made on the Knabusch property dock expansion.

The available dock list was posted on February 17th, and removed on February 27th. The dock assignment meeting will be on Sunday, March 6th.

Several dock rental contracts were returned without copies of registration and proof of insurance. Please get those to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, any members that our interested in getting in some work hours, by helping out at future dock work parties, please let me know...thank you!

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20th of each month

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AYC Cmdr. Ball



MBC "South"

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2016 at:
www.monroeboatclub.org
Applications due March 31, 2016.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth to learn sailing and boating skills, and / or Jr racing via scholarships to the North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer.

From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy, Laser, or 2person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

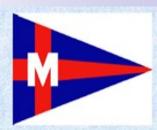
OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 16 that can swim!

Must be 13 or older for the Jr Racing Program.

This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: Rodger Dutton (734) 457-2627





FRIDAY MARCH 18TH @ 5pm ???

Purchase tickets at the door!

All you can eat fish - \$13.00 per ticket

Salad bar & desserts ONLY - \$8.00 per ticket

Kids 10 and under - \$8.00 per ticket

Kids 5 and under eat FREE!

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Baked or Fried, the choice is yours!

The Back BAR will be OPEN!

Friends and family of members welcome!









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Harmful Algal Blooms: A Public Safety Forum

An informational forum to discuss Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB), the human health risks of HAB toxins, the ecological impact on the Western Lake Erie Basin, and the attempt this region is making to reduce the impact of annual algal blooms. Each panel member will present information on a sub-topic and a Q&A session will conclude the forum.



Panel Members Ben Lehr: Monroe County Conservation District Jerry Heck: Local conservation farmer Dr. Laura Johnson: Heidelberg University Sonia Joshi: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/ Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research (CILER) Kevin Czajkowski: University of Toledo Monroe County Health Department:

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FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

nvironmental Health Office

Monroe City Hall—City Council Chambers
120 E 1st St, Monroe, MI 48161

Thursday, March 10, 2016

6:30—8:30 pm

Public parking available at the Monroe Courthouse as well as in lots on Macomb St. & Washington St.

The event will be broadcast live on the Monroe cable channel MPACT Registration is recommended, but not required.







Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary Children's Easter Party

Sunday, March 13, 2016 Time: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

> Children's Activites Lunch for Children

There will be a special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Bring camera to take pictures. Sign-up sheet in MBC Bar. RSVP by March 6, 2016







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 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</u> <u>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

*** MBC Policy Spotlight ***

MBC is a Boat Club as well as a corporation, and has certain written policies that apply to members, guests and employees. A written policy regarding Discrimination and Harassment was adopted in 2007 (pages 42-44 in the 2015 Roster Book).

Monroe Boat Club is committed to providing an environment for its members, guests and employees free from discriminatory practices, including sexual harassment. These behaviors are unacceptable, will not be tolerated, and are illegal.

Examples of harassment include unwanted advances, demands for favorable treatment or continued employment, repeated jokes, insults, assault, flirtations and other acts both overt and perceived.

If anyone believes they are being harassed, promptly notify the offender that his or her behavior is unwelcome. If the individual does not want to approach the offender directly, please file a grievance with the Commodore, Vice Commodore or Rear Commodore.

MBC has protections against retaliation, sanctions for harassment and for false accusations.

MBC reminds you of this policy to help ensure all employees and members understand the Club's commitment that all complaints received will be investigated and appropriately resolved.







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FOR THE FUN!

Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm
Game time: 1pm
Cost: \$5/per player
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Questions? Contact:
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Contact: Keith 734-487-5149 or 734-646-1293

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

March

- 2 Book Club 12n
- 3 House Cmte Meeting 5p,
- 9 Board Meeting 7pm
- 10 Sail Fleet Meeting 630pm
- 11 Jigg's lunch
- 11 Friends of Mills Dinner @ NCYC
- 13 Daylight Savings Time begins!
- 13 Kids Easter Party
- 17 HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!
- 18 Fish Fry dinner 5pm
- 23 Membership Meeting 7pm
- 26 MBC Commodore's Ball
- 27 HAPPY EASTER!

Ongoing Events:

Thursdays - Burgers & Soup Sundays - Euchre noon

Boater's Breakfast:

April 24th - 4th Sundays

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade Soup!





April

- 1-2 ILYA Spring Mtg, P'burg OH
- 1 Welcome Back party
 - Soul Kitchen Band
- 7 CCEC Skin Issues 630pm
- 9 Bus Visit/Windsor YC
- 10 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 10 Board Meeting 7pm
- 11 SF Meeting 6pm
- 16 Bus visit/Nugent's Canal YC
- 27 Membership Mtg. 7pm