

# HARBOR LIGHT

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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

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**Club Commodore,  
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,  
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,  
Kristen Whittico**

**H**ello Members!  
I would like to take a moment to reflect on my term as Vice Commodore.

Many of you know I stepped into office mid-stream which made it challenging, yet the club members joined in and helped, making it possible to clean up some of the projects and start a few more that required attention. The list of thank you's are long but I want to name a few.

R/C Scott Fuller and Kim Fuller - I can't thank you enough even though you had the bar to run, you made sure my butt was covered on many occasions. Friends like you don't come along often THANK YOU!

P/C Rick Campbell and P/C Wendy Campbell - All I can say is WOW! The two of you have more knowledge of the inner workings of Monroe Boat Club than I could have ever imagined, not to mention the work you put in regardless of how you felt physically THANK YOU!!

Bennett Stein and Nicole Kachar - I believe the two of you may be the busiest people in the county and yet you make the time to not only help around the club but also help contact outside resources for tools and equipment THANK YOU.

Ronald and Betty Jean Miller - As newer members, you hit the ground running providing equipment on several occasions that made it possible to complete many projects around the club THANK YOU.

As your incoming 2017 Commodore, I am Honored to Lead our club into a new and exciting year with a special thank you to our P/C Kathleen Powers for passing on to me all of your knowledge and funny insights of a great Commodore.

I would like to welcome in our 2017 board:

Vice Commodore, Dan Thomas  
Rear Commodore, Kristin Whittico  
Power Fleet Captain, Bill LeVally  
Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman  
Financial Secretary, Larry Inguagiato  
Recording Secretary, Fred Hoitash, II  
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Dock Master, Ron Soto  
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Director, P/C Mike Powers  
Director, P/C Dave Ryan  
Director, P/C Kathy Powers  
Membership Chair, John Kuriwachak / Mark Beverly  
Yard Master, Charles Taylor  
Assistant Yard Master, Brian Huss  
Parliamentarian, Lance Piedmonte

**T**hank you for allowing me to represent and serve you as Vice Commodore of MBC. I am looking forward to getting to know more of the membership. Bear with me I am terrible with remembering names. Many accomplishments over the past year deserve to be recognized. The storage lot received fencing and the needed increased attention under the new Yard Master Chuck Taylor, assistant Brian Huss and their committee. Thanks to Trish Soto for the relamping of the lot with LED's. The Knabush Property committee under P/C Dave Ryan has compiled a plan for this acquisition incorporating the input of the membership through a survey. The storage garages were re-roofed. Recently we removed the fence separating the property from MBC. Next will be installation of storm drainage for the property. For 2017 we are looking at minimal extension of the parking area in order to allow parking along the left side of the MBC gate entrance there.

We were challenged pre-Regatta with a major Air conditioning unit failure. This was addressed back then by our new Commodore Dave Fetterly Jr. Brian Moyer, and a MBC work crew resulting in a reduced monetary impact to the club. Continual support by the Board, Finance Committee, MBC organizations, and membership work hours made for many positive activities for MBC in 2016. For 2017 we, Commodore, Vice and Rear, are looking forward to moving forward as a team with this continuing excellent support.

Recently we had Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse playing here at MBC. We received positive feedback from the membership and we are working with the band to further meet what our members want to hear. They will be playing at our New Year's Eve party. The music will begin around 7:30 PM and end around 1AM. There will be a sign-up sheet for hors d'oeuvres to share, please sign up. Other snacks will be offered by our club for all to enjoy. Let's support our club and enjoy in the comradely in bringing in the New Year at this holiday event.

We, again the leadership team, are looking at the upcoming year 2017 for the club as being very positive for the membership. To do my part I need to hear, be open to and promote if possible everyone's ideas for improvement. All opinions and concerns of the club members deserve to be heard. Presently I am looking at small projects that need to be addressed. If anyone wants work hours we seem to always have work to be attended to. Please feel free to contact me via Email [kajul@att.net](mailto:kajul@att.net) or via my cell 734-735-1856. Thank you again and we are looking forward to a good year!

**G**reetings from your new Rear Commodore!  
First and foremost, I want to thank and congratulate the outgoing Rear Commodore Scott fuller and his wife Kim for the fantastic job they did this past year. I hope I can do half as good of a job as the both of them! I also want to thank the bar staff for yet again having another new boss and being so gracious about it. They sure know their stuff, they are super helpful and I am thrilled to be working with them as they are a great group of gals. With that being said... Please remember to tip your bartenders.

I look forward to the challenges involved with the club's bar, the focus will be on doing the best possible for the club and keeping everyone's best interest at heart. I welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have and even though it may not be possible that all will be implemented, the more feedback given, the better and everyone's opinion counts! To the members who I have spoken with so far thank you for your support and suggestions, truly this club is at its best when we work together to do fun things.

There are a number of events planned around the clubhouse in late October and in November including Thursday burger nights, so come on down and have some soup and a burger; you can't find a better burger for the price while supporting a great cause at the same time.

The Annual General Membership Dinner meeting is being held the following Friday, October 28th with appetizers beginning at 6:00pm. Please make sure you R.S.V.P with Sue Van Thomme if you plan on attending.

On October 29th we have two events planned. The UofM vs. Mich State game will be on and the bar will be supplying sloppy joes and snacks during the game. Please bring a dish to pass. This is also the night of the Halloween party. The party will be from 6:00PM to midnight. "Soul Kitchen Band" will be playing from 8:00PM to 11:00PM. The bar will be providing sloppy joes and snacks for this. Please bring a dish to pass. There will also be a Halloween costume contest. The judging for the contest will take place at 9:00pm with prizes for the best costume.

The change of watch ceremony will be held on Sunday November 6th, cocktails will be served at 1:00pm followed by the official ceremony at 2:00pm. I hope to see you all there.

November 26th, the U of M vs. OSU game will be happening. Also in December the plan is to bring back the ugly Christmas sweater party along with entertainment and most importantly we will be ac-

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## Commodore continued...

Historian, Charlotte Neuhauser / Bill Huntley  
Chaplain, Father Darin Robert  
Obituaries-Michigan, James Kozlowski  
Obituaries-Ohio, James Brzuchalski

I would like to say Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Board, I look forward to working with all of you.

Looking forward to a new exciting and fun year!!

This year's bridge is committed to more camaradery and entertainment around our club. One of the things we hope to accomplish is reviving the Entertainment Committee. Anyone wishing to take part please feel free to contact Dan Thomas, Kristin Whittico or myself.

Hoping that all of your boats are tucked away safe and sound.

Commodore David Fetterly

## Rear Commodore continued...

cepting gifts for Toys for Tots. The plans are in the works for both of these and I will send out more info as the planning comes along.

I am excited to work with the new board and to be your Rear Commodore; with all the great folks we have in this club deciding to step up and do this was an easy decision.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Whittico



## Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Hello MBC members! As you know the change of watch is here and I will once again be your power fleet captain. I look forward to leading the way for all members this year to the poker runs and club cruises. If you have not made one of these events, I do encourage you to leave the dock this coming summer for fun with old and new friends.

I will begin my watch hosting burger nights in December and January. If you were part of my kitchen crew last go-around, I would hope to see all of you pitch in again as I feel I was lucky to have great help. My next task will be putting together the room for the A.Y.C. commodore's ball. I will be putting together a crew to help with decorating, food, working at the ball and all the fun stuff in-between. This is a fun way to get those work hours, meet other members, and have tons of fun. I will have more info later on our theme and dates hopefully next month.

So keeping it short, I am looking forward to seeing you all around the club so say hello and thank all your board members for 2017.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
P.F.C. Bill LeVally



## Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- November 2, MBC Book Club, 12:00
- November 2, Film 6:30, See below
- November 6, Recognition of 30 Year Members, Change of Watch



**MBC Book Club**...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "We had another great meeting on October 5. We all liked our reading selection—Silver Linings by Debbie Macomber. In fact, we liked it so well that we decided to read the fifth and final book in the series, Sweet Tomorrows for our November 2 meeting. And then 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."



### To the new inductees into the 30- Year Member Club of MBC.

Come to the Change of Watch on November 6 to applaud the following for 30 years of commitment to MBC: Lloyd Conner, Sr., Daniel Dashner, James Ganallis, Duane Lamley, John Rudy, and Barry Shorthouse.

**Film: This Changes Everything:** Nov 2 - 6:30 pm, Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library, Nov. 3 - 2:00 pm, IHM Motherhouse, Nov. 3- 6:30 pm, Ida Branch Library, This documentary was filmed in nine countries and five continents over four years and re-examines the vast challenge of climate change in recent times and suggests a transformation of our economic system to deal with the growing problem of a planet that is heating up.



**Great Lakes Basin Webcast.** On October 12, the Stewardship Network, [www.stewardshipnetwork.org](http://www.stewardshipnetwork.org) aired a webcast on Great Lakes Blue Accounting. Following is a summary of the webcast. "Every day, leaders across the Great Lakes Basin make strategic decisions intended to enhance the quality and sustainability of the Great Lakes ecosystem. These decisions set priorities and allocate resources to drive adaptive management programs that support desired sociocultural, economic, and environmental outcomes. There is an information gap between the decisions Great Lakes leaders make and the results of the programs they influence."

Blue Accounting is a program designed to support strategic decision-making throughout the Great Lakes water system. Led jointly by The Nature Conservancy and the Great Lakes Commission, Blue Accounting seeks to fill the information gap between the decisions Great Lakes leaders make and the outcomes these decisions influence.

The Blue Accounting information management and delivery system will integrate and significantly enhance the Commission's well-established Great Lakes Information Network ([www.great-lakes.net](http://www.great-lakes.net)) and

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## Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

Yes my husband Ken – it is official. I am the President of the Auxiliary and there is no turning back now. Just remember the words everyone keeps telling you - it will be alright... (Do not listen to Jim!).

Thank you to Michele Lachcik, who had me work with her this past year. (I should have known she was up to something when she kept asking me if I would help her out.) I am very glad she did, as this gave me that opportunity to learn hands on along with being able to meet a lot of people along the way. Special thanks to my Vice-President Linda Lamb, and the Board of Directors who stepped up this year to keep this Auxiliary running. Auxiliary is a very important part of Monroe Boat Club. As some of you may or may not know, I believe it was Detroit Beach Boat Club and Swan Boat Club that recently lost their Auxiliary. Please do not let this happen to our club. There are always so many exciting things to do around the club, a variety of ways to get your work hours in, and especially a great way to meet new people when you join the Auxiliary. I joined the Auxiliary in 2014 and have enjoyed every minute of it. The people here are just awesome.

Hats off to our past Commodore Kathy Powers, for a GREAT job she did all year. Further Kathy, this is to thank you and your crew for an absolutely awesome job at our Annual Auxiliary Dinner. The food was great and there were no complaints. Big congratulations to our new Commodore Dave Fetterly.

**Reminders:** There is Wine/Plate painting party on Friday, November 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The signup sheet is in the bar, or you can contact Carolyn Dutton. There is also a signup sheet for Appetizers that are needed for the Change of the Watch on November 6th. This is a nice way to help out and to start getting some work hours. Our next Board of Director's meeting will be held on November 9th at 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Membership meeting held at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. The Kids' Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 11th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Keep an eye out for the flyer and signup sheet that should be going up here shortly. There will be pizza, snacks, arts and crafts and everyone's favorite - Santa Claus.

Most importantly, please remember all veterans on Veteran's Day, November 11th.

At any time throughout the year, should you have any questions, comments and/or concerns please feel free to contact me, Linda Lamb, or one of the Board of Directors. Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in October!!! Thank you and until next time, as my favorite television host Ellen says: "please be kind to one another".

## CCEC continued...

the Conservancy's innovative Great Lakes Inform ([www.greatlakesinform.org](http://www.greatlakesinform.org)) platforms. Together, these platforms will integrate existing data and information, provide a context for that information, work with leaders and managers to set performance metrics and report on the impacts of investments, and deliver services to enhance decision-making. "You may listen to a replay of the webcast by clicking on the Stewardship Network link above, then on Events and Webcasts, respond to the questions, and listen to the webcast. The question which asks you which group you are with, MBC is part of the Western Lake Erie Cluster. There are a variety of webcasts available at the site ranging from Algal blooms to Garlic Mustard. Young people studying environmental topics may find this site helpful."





## Dock Master Ron Soto

Hello everyone. I would like to acknowledge my predecessors Grant Kozlowski and Troy Willet for having stepped up to the Dock Master position for the 2016 term. I look forward to fulfilling my obligations as your new Dock Master for the 2017 term year.

There are many tasks that will require attention for repairs and will be prioritized by the Dock Committee and myself. A budget will be established along with a yearly plan and 5 and ten year plans so that all the docks will be visited and necessary repairs noted and prioritized. Recently, the water system to the docks was shut down and drained. I would like to thank those 10 volunteers for their time and efforts on this task. We will be blowing out the system on Saturday November 12th followed by winterizing the system. I can use some more volunteers for this project and if you would like work hours by helping, feel free to contact me at my home number in the roster book. We will also be pulling all and any dock posts remaining on the docks. Along those lines, I would like to remind all current dock holders and renters (last occupants of the docks) that it is your responsibility to have your dock posts removed and secured to the docks by the second Friday in November which this year is the 11th. Should your posts not be removed at that time, they will be removed at a charge of \$50.00 PER POST.

I wish all of you a safe winter and Happy Thanksgiving!

Ron Soto  
Dock Master



## Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

The season is almost over and the boats in the harbor are getting smaller and smaller. Sail Fleet's annual banquet was held on October 1st and was attended by about 50 people. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners. I would also like to thank everyone who assisted with Sail Fleet activities in 2016. I appreciated the help and support this year.

If you have ideas on how we can make Sail Fleet better, please stop me in the club or give me a call. Please support this year's board and get involved. The club is all of us. I look forward to continuing as Sail Fleet Captain in 2017.



## CONGRATULATIONS 2017 FLAG OFFICERS!!!



**MBC MEMBERS JAKE AND  
JAMIE GEIGER CELEBRATE  
THEIR WEDDING WITH  
JARRETT MANOR AND HIS  
FIANCÉ, KELLI AT MBC!**



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Yard Master.....Chuck Taylor

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Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley

Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH/James Kozlowski -MI

Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

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# November 2016

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## MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

# November

- 2 - Book Club @ noon
- 4 - Auxiliary Wine and Painting  
Event @ 6PM to 9PM
- 6 - Recognition of 30-year  
Members
- 6 - Change of Watch
- 9 - Auxiliary Meetings
- 11 - Dock Pole Removal
- 12 - Dock Work Party
- 16 - Board Meeting @ 6:15PM
- 16 - General Membership Meeting  
@ 7:00PM
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 26 - U of M vs OSU

### Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup



### BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade  
Soup!



# December

- 7 - Book Club @ noon
- 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