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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**

Greetings from your Commodore!

Fall has arrived and it's hard to believe that my time as your Commodore is nearly at its end! As our thoughts turn to taking the last trips on our boats and shoring them up for the winter, we're also rapidly approaching the Annual Auxiliary Dinner/Meeting as well as the Annual Membership Dinner/Meeting. I hope to see everyone there for the great food, to recap the past year, and to support the incoming board that will lead us in 2017.

As a reminder, you will shortly be receiving mail from MBC with three important items: (1) annual dues billing; (2) signup for the Annual Membership Meeting; and (3) a By-Law proposal. Please read the instructions for each carefully, as they each must be returned separately!

The Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting will be held on Friday, October 28th. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 6 pm, dinner will be served at 7 pm, and the Annual Membership Meeting will begin at about 7:45 pm. Voting will be held prior to the meeting as per the By-Laws.

The Knabusch Property Master Plan spearheaded by P/C Dave Ryan completed their first year goals (2016) of securing the property structures. The roofs of both garages were replaced and stopped the existing deterioration. The Master Plan also includes the expansion of the parking lot into the north side of the Knabusch property. The expansion requires the removal of the existing fence and flowers (day lilies, rose bushes, and hostas) planted along the fence line. Knowing that fall is the best time to transplant flowers, we are offering the membership the opportunity to acquire the flowers. If you would like one or more of these flowers, please contact me at kzpowers06@aol.com or call me at (734) 546-2362.



**Vice Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**

Greetings Members!

We had a great turnout at the 40-hour steak roast. It was wonderful to see all the hard workers of Monroe Boat Club have a night of fun and not have to work it.

A special thank you to Scott & Kim Fuller, Craig Lamb, Dennis Lamb, Kurt & Cindy Trendle, Jessica Meyer, and of course my Beautiful wife Nicole, for all your help setting up and working the 40-hour steak roast.

Sadly, as the Boating season winds down, there are many projects around the club that need to be battened down before November, which is nearly upon us. Please contact Scott Fuller or myself if you would like to get those work hours in early this year.

Nicole and I had a blast at DBBC Regatta. We were able to sit down and mingle with many officers from other clubs and introduce ourselves as well. A big thumbs up to Kristen Whittico for rallying the Monroe Boat Club troops. We had a great turnout.

Saturday October 1st, Nicole and I will be heading down to BVYC at 9:00 a.m. for the Color Cruise down the Maumee River. We hope that many of you will rally up your boats and join us for the last ride of boating. If you need any information on this, please contact me.

The Backroom Calendar looks open for the months of November and December. Anyone with regular scheduled events please turn in paperwork to reserve your days if you haven't already so that we can avoid scheduling conflicts.

Just want to add in another Thank You to all the Members for pitching in around Our Club!!



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

Hello from your R/C!

It's hard to believe that it is almost the end of September already. It seems like a couple of weeks ago we were watching the boat club docks finally starting to fill up. Still plenty of good boating weather ahead though, so I hope everyone can make good use of it.

Our cookout held a few weeks ago, coordinated by V/C Dave and supported by Power Feet Captain Kristen and myself was a real success. Thanks to all the members who came out to enjoy this event. We had many very favorable comments on the food and burgers that were served. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship and especially the good music provided by "Bubba and the Powerhouse." A special thanks to all who worked to make this a great event; Tim Whittico on the grill, P/C Rick Campbell & P/C Wendy Campbell on the corn cooker, Power Fleet Captain Kristen Whittico and V/C Dave and Lady Nikki and Lady Kim wherever they were needed.

We would like to remind everyone of the Polish Dinner put on by Dave & Rudi Amer and their crew of supporters. The dinner itself will take place on Oct 8th from 4:00 pm to 7:00pm. Many Polish favorites will be served including Golabki (stuffed cabbage), Pierogi, Kielbasa, Mizeria, and assorted Polish breads and desserts. We also have a lot of activity going on that day in the bar and backroom. We will have DJ Wally playing in front bar from 4PM to 6PM. Then we will have "Millies Polka Band" playing in the back bar from 6PM to 9PM. Dust off those Polka shoes (is there such a thing) and come out for a great meal and what should be a fun night. Wally returns to the Front bar at 9pm to keep the evening going.

October 16th we will have an outdoor event that we hope will be as successful as the cookout in August under the pavilion. We are going to have a "Garbage Can Dinner" in the pavilion. The dinner is again being spearheaded by V/C Dave and the crew from

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Commodore continued...

We have accomplished so much this past year. Your significant contributions to such projects as the storage lot and securing the structures of the Knabusch Property have enhanced the appearance and infrastructure of our club. With your continued help and support, we will be able to complete future projects such as upgrading the docks and expanding the parking lot.

There are many events and activities scheduled for the remainder of the season. Please check our calendar, website, Facebook page, bulletin boards, and your email for updates!

I'll see you around the club!

Rear Commodore continued...

the cookout. The dinner will include the normal food like smoked sausage, kielbasa, potatoes, corn on the cob and green beans (in a roaster not on the fire). The cost will be \$6.00 and will run from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. We will once again be having "Bubba and the Powerhouse" playing outside. Everyone enjoyed them the last time so come on out and enjoy yourself.

October 29th we have two events planned. The UofM vs Mich State game is on and the bar will be furnishing sloppy joes and snacks during the game. Please bring a dish to pass. This is also the night of our 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 be handled by V/C Dave and will take place at 9:00pm with prizes for the best costume. Come out and enjoy a good party.

See you around the club.



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- October, Film Series, various locations (See below)
- Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25...Native Gardening Series Presentations, 7-8:30, IHM, Western Lake Erie Cluster
- Nov. 6...Recognition of 30 Year Members, Change of Watch

Film Series...Merchants of Doubt: Oct. 3- 6:30 pm, Ida Branch Library;

Oct. 5- 6:30 pm, Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library; Oct. 6 - 2:00 pm, IHM Motherhouse. This 2014 documentary looks at pundits-for-hire who present themselves as scientific authorities as they speak about topics like toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals and climate change.

The Future of Energy: Oct. 13 - 2:00 pm, HM Motherhouse; Oct. 17- 6:30 pm, Ida Branch Library, Oct. 19- 6:30pm, Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library. This documentary captures the movement across the United States to transition to renewable energy and what everyday people are doing to help foster that shift.

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.

Don't Forget: When you check YES to the Recreation Passport when renewing your license plate with the Michigan Secretary of State, you gain access to 103 state parks and state recreation areas, 138 state forest rustic campgrounds, and numerous free family-friendly events, as well as parking for hundreds of miles of trails and fee-based state boat launches.

Power Fleet Capt continued...

had 13 boats and 83 members in total. It was wonderful to have the opportunity of spending time with our fellow members, along with the great music by Rye Whiskey and Mustang Sally. Unfortunately we lost the award for most club members attended by only one person, but in the end.... who cares about an award when we are all together having fun. ☺

As I sit back and write about our very last poker run of the season, I think about all the fun we had this year, the old friends seen and the new friends made, and how much I am going to miss these poker runs along with being MBC's Power Fleet Captain. There is still another month left before it's over, but I can't say enough how great it has been to be involved. I encourage anyone to run for power fleet captain next year, with the fun that was had, the numerous friends made, along with lessons learned, it has made my boating experience on Lake Erie a lot more enjoyable.



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

Wow, how time flies. Here we are now into fall. I want to thank the Breakfast Crew for feeding our bellies this past summer with an awesome breakfast once per month.

The Regattas are now over with for this season & it's time to start looking forward to the fall activities.

VC Dave Fetterly put on a 40+ hour steak roast for anyone that worked over 40 hours on Saturday, September 17th. It was delicious. "Name that Tune" followed. What fun! This is a great incentive to do your share of work around the club and be treated to a free steak or chicken dinner. Remember that this is a working club and it takes all of us to pitch in and help with everything that needs to be done.

The month of October is shaping up to be a very busy month with the Sail Fleet Banquet Award dinner being held on Saturday, October 1st.

The Polish dinner, which if you have never tried is very good and being held on October 8th beginning at 4:00pm with a Polka Band playing for us in the back room from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. DJ Wally will be spinning the tunes from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and again from 9:00pm to midnight in the bar area.

Also on Friday, October 21st, the Annual Auxiliary Dinner meeting is being held with appetizers beginning at 6:00pm and dinner beginning at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Treasurer Sue VanThomme to attend the dinner meeting for a delicious dinner and meeting to follow.

The Annual General Membership Dinner meeting is being held the following Friday, October 28th with appetizers beginning at 6:00pm. Please also RSVP to Sue VanThomme if you plan to attend.

On a final note, the Auxiliary received a thank you letter from Pastor Heather Boone from the Oaks of Righteousness Homeless Shelter thanking us for our donations. As you may have heard, they have acquired the St Joe's Church through contributions from our community which will help them to expand their services. Thank you to all.

Thanks to everyone that supported the Auxiliary this past year. It has been a lot of work, but could not have been done without everyone's help. It is very much appreciated. Also, thank you for letting me lead the way this past year. For the most part, it has been a truly enjoyable experience meeting and making many new friends along the way. With that, I will sign off and make way for our new President.

Thanks everyone.



Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain!

What a great summer it has been and our first annual Picnic at the Pavilion over Labor Day weekend was a huge success, it was thrilling to see so many of our members attend on what seemed like a near perfect day. The music played by Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse was fantastic, and the food was delicious. The burgers were cooked by my wonderful husband Tim Whittico and the corn was cooked by the infamous Rick Campbell. A big Thank You to the both of you for doing so much and being so great at it. With it being such a big success this year, I can only imagine how much fun it will be next year.

The last poker Run of the season was at DBBC, we

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Dock Master Troy Willett

Hello and greetings from the dock. We're nearing the end of another boating season and it's amazing how fast time flies! It seems like just yesterday we were working on our boats to put them in the water and here we are getting ready to take them out. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe summer.

We're going to be scheduling a few dock repairs over the winter to get ready for next summer. I'm sure there will be a few dock work parties coming up and if you'd like to help out then feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience. The dock committee will be meeting with the new dock master in November for a smooth transition into the start of their 2017 term. The new dock master will be looking for 2 new candidates to join the dock committee and if you're interested let me know and I will pass that info along.

As always, enjoy the club and the fellowship that it has to offer and make the best use of it as you can. Be safe and have a great winter.

See you around the club.



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

As I write this month's update it is hard to believe that we are down to 1 last Rum Series race for this year. We have had great weather for all our races this year, which has made the racing fun for all.

The Late Series Tuesday night races were competitive throughout the series. Our results were:

PHRF

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

JAM A

1. John Davis - Footloose
2. Dave Ryan - Chasseur
3. Steve Theiss - Turtle Stampede

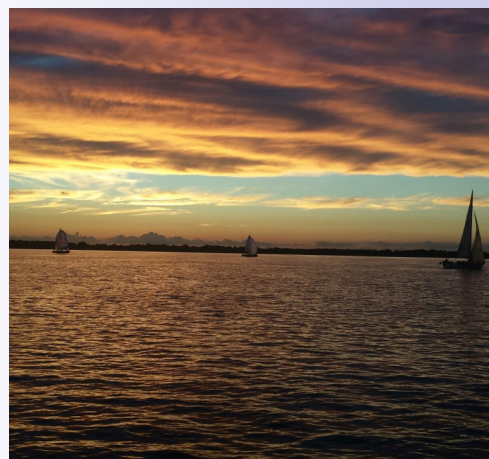
JAM B

1. Dennis Kwapis - Mischief
2. Alan West - Anyhoo II
3. One Leg Up - Charlie Simons

I would like to thank Martie Reed, Marybeth Norris, and Lori Burson for manning the kitchen and making food for the Tuesday night races this year on the days we didn't order pizza. We all appreciated your efforts.

We also have the Sail Fleet Banquet coming up on Saturday, October 1, 2017. Boat Captains should have already received email from me regarding the event. Awards/Flags will be presented along with the opportunity to get everyone together one last time this year.

Please feel free to contact me if wish to get involved in Sail Fleet activities or have any concerns. See you at the club!



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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

October

- 1 - Sail Fleet Awards Banquet
- 8 - Polish Dinner
- 9 - Make-a-Wish Euchre
Tournament
- 10 - COLUMBUS DAY
- 12 - Board Meeting
- 16 - Garbage Can Dinner
- 21 - Auxiliary Annual Dinner
Meeting
- 28 - Member's Annual Meeting
and Dinner
- 29 - U of M vs. Mich State
- 29 - Halloween Party
- 31 - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Ongoing Events:

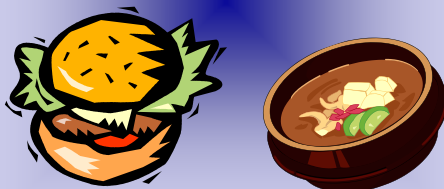
Thurs - Burgers & Soup
Tues Nights -Sailboat Races



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



November

- 4 - Auxiliary Wine and Painting
Event
- 6 - Recognition of 30-year
Members
- 6 - Change of Watch
- 9 - Board Meeting
- 9 - Auxiliary Meetings
- 23 - General Membership Meeting
- 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 26 - U of M vs OSU

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: www.monroeboatclub.org