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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**

Greetings from your Commodore! This month my entire article is devoted to an organization which many of you have heard of but do not realize the extent of their activities - The Inter-Lake Yachting Association's (I-LYA). I-LYA's mission is the protection and promotion of the interests of boat owners and water sport fans in the enjoyment of their sport. In concert with this mission, the I-LYA hosts three regattas annually; Junior Sailing Regatta, Senior Sailing Regatta, and the Senior and Junior Power Regatta. All three regattas are held at the Put in Bay Yacht Club, Put in Bay (South Bass Island) OH.

The first is the **Junior Sailing Regatta**. The annual Junior Sailing Regatta is one of the largest sailing events in the United States. Juniors, age 7-17, race laser radials, 420s, and Thistles. This year 163 juniors participated. It is a sight to behold to watch the juniors launch their sail boats at 8 am. Over 150 sail boats are launched in 20 minutes. The winners receive scholarships from the I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund. Additionally junior sailors may participate in the Junior Traveler Series. I-LYA member clubs host the series. Series awards are presented to the top finishing skippers and crew in each qualifying fleet. I-LYA top sailors travel to Area East Qualifiers for the U. S. Junior Sailing Championships.

The **Senior Sailing Regatta**. Racing includes PHRF/JAM around the islands and/or windward/leeward; one design keelboats around the islands and windward/leeward; one design centerboards/beach cats modified windward/leeward; and cruising around the islands. Social activities are conducted in the evening such as the Beer Trailer, Rum Party and a variety of dinners each evening.

The **Junior Power Regatta** is scheduled the same week as the Power Regatta. Junior Power contests are designed to reinforce the safe boating practices and rules of the road. Juniors test their boat handling, pass reading, and bearings skills in contests driving inflatables. They also have seminars in charting and course plotting. The navigation competition includes a short course around the island where they take their bearings, make observations, and determine their position. Social competitions for both juniors include the geo-quest, volleyball game, cardboard boat race, and fishing derby.

The **Senior Power Regatta** includes contests in docking, chicane, flying mile. Social competitions include inflatable boat races and the cardboard boat races. NOTE: Commodore Kathy and Power Fleet Captain Kristen took FIRST PLACE in the cardboard boat race. (continued next column.....)



**Vice Commodore,
David Fetterly**

Hello ladies and gentlemen! As many of you know, the Commodore appointed me as Interim Vice Commodore last month. The number of people who have pitched in and helped keep our club running smoothly really speaks volumes about our members....thank you all.

On Saturday September 17, we will hold our 40+ Work Hours Steak Roast from 5-7:00 pm. Then at 7:30 pm, we will open the Banquet Room to all members and guests for "Name That Tune."

On Monday September 19 at 7:00 pm a House Committee meeting will be held. I encourage members who would like to become more involved to attend; we still have many unfinished projects around the club plus some new ones.

Weekends in the back room are filling up fast this fall so please reserve early. As for any club function, please complete a reservation request so we can make sure all events are booked.

Enjoy the boating season while it lasts!

Commodore continued.....

Cardboard boat designed and built by Tim Whittico and Dan Marion. The Powerboat Regatta also includes a number of social activities in the evenings including a variety of dinners, Beer Trailer, Rum Party. This year for the first time a Pub Crawl was organized by Lady Marsha Ashley. Participants boarded a tram (we had 2 trams full to maximum plus 2) and traveled to bars outside of the downtown area such as Joe's Bar. But my favorite was the Ohio State University Tiki Bar!

These 3 events are truly a family affair. Activities for both children and adults are too numerous to be included in this article. I strongly encourage all of you to attend one or more of these events.

Finally, I would like to introduce you to the I-LYA Yachtsmen's Fund. The fund is IRS designated 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. Each year the fund makes grants to the following but not limited to: provides support for I-LYA Clubs hosting the US Sailing Junior Championships, US Junior Olympics; partial financial support for I-LYA junior sailor qualifying for US Sailing Junior National Championship; scholarships; subsidize housing and coaching for I-LYA Junior Race Regatta; and provide support for major I-LYA Junior Power Regatta.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this worthy fund. Send your donation to The Inter-Lake Yachtsmen's Fund, attention Dave Zmek, 18705 Mt. Pleasant Dr., Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

Greetings from your R/C! Regatta is behind us and the figures seem to be final now. Here's how we shook out:

Expenses:

Sam's Club	\$369.57
Kroger	\$740.54
Liquor	\$3170.76
Beer	\$4895.60
Wine	\$506.76
Ice	&398.80
T-Shirts	\$277.68
Register repair	\$160.00 (old registers to be used outside)
Rental Ice Bin	\$100.00
Special use permit	\$50.00
Liab Ins	\$50.00
Add'l change	\$1000.00
Multi flow product	\$494.44
Wages	\$1343.50 (Ave hrly rate of \$8.95 for approx. 150 hrs).
Total expenses	\$13555.05

Income:

Tickets redeemed	\$7889.00
Com reception	\$900.25
Cash	\$7362.15
Credit on beer rtn	\$1464.00
Tot. income	\$17615.40

Bottom line \$4060.35

It was a lot of work and we hoped for better figures but the weather on Friday really hurt us...it was just too hot for people to come out. A special "Thank You" to all of the bar staff for their many hours of hard work. It is greatly appreciated. A special thank also goes out to the many volunteers who helped around the bar, and especially in the beer tent.

We have installed a new mailbox by the kid's play area. All of the forms you would normally have requested from the bar staff are now in these mail slots. (Yes, I kept blank copies of each -thanks for the great idea Wendy).

I am looking forward to the 40-hour Steak Roast and we will have Name that Tune that night. This is being coordinated with Interim Vice Commodore Dave Fetterly. It will be held in the backroom and opened to the entire club membership after 7 pm. Hope to see everyone come out and have some fun.

See you around he club!



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- Aug-Sept...Planning Sessions for 2016-17
- Sept. 17, 9-12 International Beach Clean-Up, Sterling State Park, Help!
- 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

Regatta-- Thank You!... Since the August Harbor Light column was written prior to the Regatta, I would like to express the CCEC's appreciation for all of you who purchased books, CDs and DVDs. Our appreciation goes especially to Rick Boose for loaning his tent to the CCEC, Barbara Valmassei, Carol and Bill Ducey for setting up the display; Tom and Sue Kozlowski for working with the kids' fishing derby, and Carol Zielinski and Don Blouin for assisting with the book sale.

Unfortunately, the children did not catch one fish, but they were rewarded for their perseverance in "sticking it out" for the full time in 90+ degree sun. MBC also appreciates the support we received from the Department of Natural Resources with the help of three staff from Sterling State Park.

Algal Bloom...In July U-M researchers and their partners predicted less harmful algal bloom for western Lake Erie this year than last year's record setting event. This is partially due to less discharge from the Maumee River and an average nutrient runoff into the lake. The NOAA forecast for late August and September is similar conditions last seen from 2008 to 2010. The main driver of Lake Erie's harmful algal blooms is elevated phosphorus from watersheds draining to the lake's western basin, particularly from the heavily agricultural Maumee River watershed. About 85 percent of the phosphorus entering Lake Erie from the Maumee River comes from agricultural sources. Even though it was early in the season, the water collected by the 7th graders from the MBC boats and tested by the students showed phosphorus levels within normal ranges. We might refine our collection and testing processes and eventually become one of the sources for early predictive testing for phosphorous and nitrates correlating with algal blooms in late summer.

Catch 'em all in Michigan state parks What better way to capture Pikachu or Ivysaur than by exploring Michigan's great outdoors at the same time! The popular Pokémon Go mobile game has visitors of all ages "catching" some fun in Michigan state parks.

Many Michigan state parks have plenty of "PokeStops" and "gyms" for you to discover! There are also plenty of trails if you're looking to hatch that next "egg."



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

It is hard to believe that we are already into August this summer. The second half of our Tuesday night series remains competitive and a lot of the racing has been close within the fleets. We are down to only 3 races left for the series. After that, the three-week "Rum Series" will begin which wrap's up this year's MBC racing events.

The MBC Ladies Race was held on Sunday, July 14. MBC flag winners this year in JAM A were Martie Reed in second place, and Kelly Becker (skippering P/C Ryan's boat) placing third. In JAM B, Ada West placed first and Lee Ann Snyder placed third.

By the time this month's Harbor Light is published, this year's MBC Solo Challenge will also be completed. We will publish the winners in next month's Harbor Light.

Saturday, October 1, 2017 is reserved for this year's Sail Fleet Banquet. Racers and guests, please keep this date open on your calendars. More information will be available shortly.

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



Dock Master Troy Willett

As we are nearing the end of the of the 2016 officers term, I regret to say that I will not be running for a second term as Dock Master or another club office. This decision is by no means a reflection of the year I have had as Dock Master; I have truly had a great time serving our club. That being said, if there is anyone considering running for Dock Master that would like to talk with me, please feel free to give me a call. I would be more than happy to share any information about what the job entails, and give you a realistic view of what to expect. The Dock Master position is unique in the fact that you are backed up by a Dock Committee of members with a wealth of experience and knowledge at your disposal. They will do a lot for you to keep you moving in the right direction.

As I mentioned I did have a very good time this past year serving as Dock Master. I was always pleasantly surprised by the number of volunteers that would show up for any dock work. It gave me the opportunity to meet a lot of members that I may not have otherwise. Even the monthly meetings are a good time. You get an evening out of the house to have a few cocktails and talk with people who are passionate about boating. For what more can you ask ?



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

Well, it has been a really busy but fun summer!

The MBC Regatta is behind us now. It was a fun but extremely warm weekend with temperatures hovering in the 90's. This probably caused a lower than average turn out. I know that the food tent sales for the weekend were abysmal as there weren't many in attendance. Nick & Nino's was a new addition to our outside food on Saturday night with their great Mexican fare.

A big congratulations goes out to Jody Thatcher and her team for the work they put into the Commodore's Reception. I have not seen a more beautifully decorated room anywhere. As a matter of fact, Jody and Nancy Konopka have received requests from other clubs to come and decorate their clubs for their functions. Great job ladies!!!

This will be the final month to come and get the boater's breakfast. Mark your calendars for September 25th as that will be the final, final date for this breakfast. Let's enjoy. I can't say enough about Sharon Bagley and Ruth Finch and their crew that puts in so many hours to make sure we have that great once per month breakfast. Thank you so much. Any members willing to carry on this tradition???

The Auxiliary is seeking nominations for Secretary, Vice-President and President for the upcoming year. If you are interested please contact Celeste Hoitash at cfdist@comcast.net or Mollie Wood at Molliescooking@yahoo.com. Please join us at the September 14th 2016 Auxiliary General Membership meeting being held at 7:00pm as we will also be taking nominations at this meeting.

I hope you will consider becoming an Officer or Board Member, as it takes the entire Membership, and not just a couple of individuals to keep our Auxiliary operating and functional. It is a rewarding experience where you will meet a lot of new members and make new friends. I cannot stress the importance of having these positions filled. If they are not filled, it could leave the Auxiliary in jeopardy.

That's all for now. See you at the club or on the lake!!





Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain! What a fun Month August has been. This past weekend there was a Poker Run at Ford Yacht Club, where we had 4 boats in attendance with 23 MBC members total. The food and entertainment was fantastic, and everyone who attended seemed to have a great time.

I-LYA Power Regatta held at Put-In-Bay was a great time as well; it was well organized with a lot of things to do to keep busy. There were shuttles to help get folks where they wanted to be, the food was great, the bars were fun, and they had boating and docking contests in which folks could participate.

I do have to mention that the Commodore and I personally took first overall in the cardboard boat races! It was so much fun...our boat never sank, nor did it ever take on any water. In fact it went through 3 heats and still was in great shape afterwards. The boat was created by MBC's Dan Marion and my husband Tim Whittico. Thanks to their excellent cardboard boat building skills we are the club to beat for next year!

I want to remind everyone that the very last Poker run will be held at DBBC September 9th through the 11th. Mustang Sally will be playing and it is sure to be a great time. I hope to see our members in force that weekend and if able to attend, please be sure to come find me, sign the book and have a beverage.

Hope to see you there!

P/C Dave Ryan has been appointed as Chairman of the Nominations Committee. The following elected offices are Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Power Fleet Captain, Sail Fleet Captain, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Dock Master. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please notify P/C Dave Ryan. This is your club. Please get involved. Bring new ideas and projects to the club.



Monroe Boat Club Summer Cruise



**Kelly's Island—Seaway Marina
August 26-28th**

Here are the details:

- Travel to Kelly's Island—Seaway Marina on Friday August 26st.
- **Your arrival:** Seaway Marina dockage is based on first come first served basis. Rafting will be required due to limited dockage so plan on arriving early. Contact the marina on VHF channel 16 upon your arrival, they will switch you to channel 80 for instructions.
- Socialize and enjoy a golf cart or bike rental to visit several of the fine establishments on the island.
- We will be having a group Bloody Mary Bar on Saturday Morning so bring your liquor of choice, your favorite mixers and all can share in the activities. This would also be a great time to share Horderves.
- Contact Dan Williamson dwillphill@aol.com or 1-734-231-3736 with any questions and to notify him that you will be attending (provide your name, boat name, length, beam and draft), notification does not guarantee your dockage or location.

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got pierogies?

Oktoberfest – Polish Style

October 8, 2016 – 4 PM to 7 PM

Monroe Boat Club

Dinner to include the following Polish favorites...

Golabki – Stuffed cabbage

Pierogi – Potato, cheese and onion filled dumpling

Kielbasa – With sauerkraut and cabbage

Mizeria – Cucumbers in sour cream

Assorted Polish breads and desserts

Cost: \$13.00 per plate

All entrees are homemade by MBC's members! Join in the fun and enjoy a taste of the culinary delights of Poland.

So that we have enough food (we don't want to turn people away), please sign the reservation sheet at the club or call Rudi at 419.350.2488. You can also call MBC at 734.243.8935.





Cardboard Boat Race Champs!



MBC SOLO CHALLENGE

JAM A:

1. White Star - Rodger Dutton
2. Dingo - Bruce Huddleston
3. Irish Mist - Bob Tiberia

JAM B:

1. Yeah Buoy - Lee Elekonich
2. Melan - Derek Leck
3. Hat Trick - Dan Sadoski

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The Harbor Light

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(MS Publisher, or similar)
Inquiries to current Editor

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bility to notify Editor
when sold.**

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

September

5 - HAPPY LABOR DAY!

9-11 Poker Run/DBBC

14 - Book Club 12n

14 - Board Meeting 7pm

17 - 40 + Work Hours

Steak Roast 5pm

- Name That Tune 7pm

19 - House Cmte. Mtg. 7pm

25 - Boater's Breakfast 9am

28 - Membership Meeting 7pm

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup
Tues Nights -Sailboat Races

Boater's Breakfast

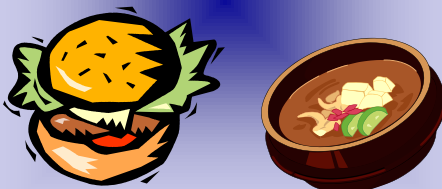
September 25th

LAST ONE of SEASON

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



October

1 - Sailors Awards Dinner

10 - COLUMBUS DAY

21 - Auxiliary Annual Dinner

31 - HAPPY HALLOWEEN!