

HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

January 2017



**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Kristen Whittico**

Hello ladies and gentlemen!
Well December is behind us and the days are getting longer.

As the MBC-Association (nonprofit) moves forward getting established I'm thankful that David Vensel has agreed to the appointment of communication's liaison between MBC and MBC-A. If any of the membership have any questions, feel free to inquire with him.

A few calendar dates to remember:

- Jan 4th will be the Board of Directors Meeting @7 pm
- Jan 22nd will be Commodores Breakfast & Bloody Mary bar 9-noon
- Jan 25th will be the General Membership Meeting @ 7 pm

I hope all had a wonderful holiday season, see you around the club!

Commodore David Fetterly

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dock Rule Revisions for MBC 2017 Season as per Section I, Item #5 page 30 of the Roster book and as approved by the Board of Directors Meeting 12/14/2016:

Revision #1: Page 35 Under MBC Docks are billed based on the following categories according to boat size (under B/C Docks)

Docks 32-42 16' min./max. 33' GOL

CHANGED to 24' min./33 GOL

Docks 100-104 16' min./max 33' GOL

CHANGED to 24' min./33' max. GOL

Section II, item #3 Mid paragraph where it reads as follows (CURRENT) A dock holder must own 50% of the boat and all other owners of said boat must be club members. The member is responsible for providing a current copy of their proof of Insurance and is required to maintain their policy through the applicable season. MBC reserves the right to audit and request a current copy of the member's policy at any given time.

CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: In the event of joint ownership of a vessel, all joint owners must be members of Monroe Boat Club. In addition, all joint owners of such vessel will be responsible for providing proof of ownership on both the registration and

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It appeared as though winter hit one day and the harbor was frozen the next day. By the time this gets to you I hope all had a very Merry Christmas. But even enhancing the season further is yet to come "A happy New Year" at the club's New Year's Eve party. We are looking forward to a great night with music featured by Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse, who have played at MBC before. The band will be upgraded with additional talent further building on their quality and fine variety of music for the evening. The party will begin at 7:30 and presently in the bar there is 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. Mary Sacco pizzas' will be delivered between 10 and 11 PM; and a champagne toast will take place at midnight. Family and friends are welcome. We will be setting up the back room the week prior anyone interested in getting some work hours by assisting in setting up please contact me.

Thank you to the individuals who supported the erection of the smoking hut. Thanks to all those who supported putting up the outside Christmas decorations. Also appreciated is the Auxiliary for the Christmas decorations for the back room and putting on a joyous Children's Christmas Party.

The Muskrat dinner will be January 9th. Presently tickets are still available at the bar. Thanks to Drave Rafko who was able to acquire this locally famous cuisine for us. P/C Wendy Campbell is heading up this dinner and will be contacting individuals for assistance. This includes reconfiguring said cuisine from "as trapped" to cooking delicacy. There is a box in the back room for collecting your contributions of newspaper that will be needed for the transformation (cleaning).

A House Committee meeting for addressing various needed and scheduled projects in 2017 is scheduled for January 11 at 7:30 PM. Please support with your presence. This is a good start to identify and schedule work hours for MBC projects. We will be putting together a Regatta committee meeting later in January. Again an opportunity for looking at what is available to meet your club work hours.

The two large bathrooms in our club have been servicing our club for over 30 years. Recently we have been experiencing an increase in drainage backups. It costs MBC approximately \$150.00 each time we require the sewer lines to be power routed. This action was required more than six times within the last two months. Investigation and multiple adjustments have been made to address various possible causes. At this point we are asking for the membership's help. It is hard to discretely and articulately state what is needed, so simply put: don't flush what you wouldn't flush in your own home bathroom including excessive/huge amounts of paper and personal hygiene products. Please use the containers within the facilities for non-flushable items. Thank you.

Greetings and Happy Holidays,
As 2016 comes to an end, I think about the whirlwind of fun I had this year at the club, around the lake and with friends and I have such great memories BUT I am very excited for 2017. We have some fun new things planned for the upcoming year along with increased entertainment in the bar, and I have to admit that I am eagerly anticipating boating season too!

Speaking of good times in 2016, the ugly sweater party was a great time, We had three winners for the ugly sweater contest; First place went to Nicole Kachar and Bennett Stein, Second place was Mike Anteau and I have to say that these sweaters were not so much ugly as they were very creative, funny and made everyone in the room smile BUT our third place winner Dave Amer wore the ugliest of them all...an OSU sweatshirt!

December 31st, our Vice Commodore is hosting the New Year's Eve Party, Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse will be playing, and I can honestly say that these guys are a great band to listen to and I hope to see you all there.

For 2017:

January 9th, The Annual Muskrat Dinner will be taking place so be sure to get your tickets in case you want in on this yearly treat. Yum!

A Beach Party is headed our way hosted by the Satin Gavel on January 28th; Rusty Nail will be the entertainment and is sure to be a great time.

January 21st and February 25th at 8: pm (dates and times could vary) we will be featuring Jordan Barnett for live entertainment in the bar, He is well liked around town and I think you will like him if you have not already heard him.

One of the biggest Events for 2017 will be the Super bowl and we will be watching at the bar with beer bucket specials and also will be holding a chili cook off, so I challenge you to bring in your best, and I will supply the toppers. If you're not into making chili, feel free to bring in an appetizer/tailgating dish to share. We will have a 50/50 as well.

February 11th Soul Kitchen will be our entertainment in honor of Valentine's Day for our listening pleasure; we will have drink specials and will feature a special martini or two or three....

Not sure on the date or the band yet, but we have a plan for an 80's night in the works, could be as early as March or in April, details for this and more info on the dates in February will be forthcoming.

Happy New Year!
Kristen Whittico



**Power Fleet Capt.
Bill LeVally**

Well Christmas is over and a new year is here. There is snow on the ground and its bitter cold out, so as I sit in front of the fire place keeping warm I'm going through all the fresh memories that were created this past holiday season. I hope you all had a great Christmas spending time with family and friends. Things around the club have been going strong despite the cold and snow. I hope you all enjoyed the breakfast, steak roast, name that tune, and burger nights. Thanks to all who continue to come out and support the club functions. We have new members who joined us so if you see some new faces in the crowd say hello and introduce yourself, we want all members to feel welcome. Don't forget to attend a monthly meeting it's a great way to see the inner working of the club and get first hand info on what's happening and coming up with the club. It would be great to see new faces at the meeting. So stay safe and keep warm.

Think spring
P.F.C. Bill LeVally

Special Notice continued...

proof of insurance throughout the applicable season. MBC reserves the right to audit and request a current copy of the joint owner's policy at any given time (does not apply to spouses or significant others).

Section II, Item #4 The second sentence reads as follows: These notices will be posted for approximately ten (10) consecutive days.

CHANGE: The sentence has been omitted as we have the posting date of February 17th and the sign-up removal date of February 27th in place.

Section II, item #4 continued where as it reads lower paragraph: Club seniority will prevail in all assignments.

CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING: Club seniority will prevail in all assignments. For bidding purposes, in the event of joint ownership, the member with the least seniority will be used in the assignment of the dock effective with the 2017 season forward (does not apply to spouses or significant others).

MBC Decorated for the Holidays!



**Club/Community
Events Committee,
Charlotte Neuhauser**

ACTIVITIES

- January 4 12:00, MBC Book Club
- February ??, (date pending), Snowmobiling in Canada
- June 6-7, 8-2, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "The first book for 2017 will be The Girl on the Train for our January 4 meeting and lunch. 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.



A new pilot program now allows boaters to make slip-specific reservations in select Michigan state harbors. As a result, boaters will have the opportunity to reserve their favorite slips and know exactly what they are getting before arriving.

The five facilities participating in the pilot project are William G. Milliken State Harbor (Wayne County), Straits State Harbor (Cheboygan County), Grand Haven Marina (Ottawa County), Lake St. Clair Marina (Macomb County) and Saint Clair Boat Harbor (St. Clair County). Harbor reservations can be made up to six months in advance, which means reservations are available for spring and early summer. Click <https://www.midnreservations.com/> to make reservations at the DNR.



Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders has once again been funded by the Monroe County Department of Health Environmental Fund and

the Monroe County Community Foundation. The 2017 event is scheduled for June 6-7 from 8:15 am--2:00 pm. We will again need volunteers to help with serving breakfast, lunch, directing the students between the various events, and helping the students measure the quality of the water collected from the lake. Captains of Boats...we need you once again to take the students out on the lake to collect the water and share your knowledge and experiences with them. This is always the highlight of the day for the kids.

FYI...The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world—the Great Lakes. The GLRI Action Plan has a major focus of:

- Cleaning up Great Lakes Areas of Concern
- Preventing and controlling invasive species
- Reducing nutrient runoff that contributes to harmful/nuisance algal blooms

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**Auxiliary,
Christine Rowland**

I cannot begin to thank everyone enough who braved that snow storm and showed up to the Children's Christmas party. We had an awesome turnout and everyone who attended seemed to have a great time. There was everything from making ornaments with Paige; decorating cookies with Nancy; and face painting by Carolyn. Plus, we all got to fill our bellies up with sub sandwiches, chicken nuggets, salad, cupcakes, and everyone's favorite - pizza from Mary Sacco's.

A Special thank you goes out to Santa, who was kind enough to drop what he was doing and show up a half hour earlier so that we could try to avoid the heavier snow. (Honestly, I think Linda Lamb threatened him...). Also, I cannot forget to thank my mom, who donated her time and money to make all of the Christmas stockings for the kids.

The Auxiliary decorated the back room on the same day as the Commodore's Breakfast/Bloody Mary Bar fundraiser. Jodi and Rita were singing Christmas carols while decorating the tree; and Jim just kept walking around trying to figure out how to hang those bulbs from the ceiling (must have been a good Bloody Mary Bar Commodore!). Two hours later, the room looked awesome! Thank you again to everyone for helping out. Now, I will need help with taking down the decorations, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 8th @ 11:00 a.m. If you would like to get in some work hours, please come on down and help out.

The Auxiliary recently purchased a new Shark vacuum cleaner for the club, so please feel free to use it.

The next Auxiliary Board of Director's meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Membership meeting held at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Please join us. Maybe I will have the hang of it by then. LOL

Happy Holidays and have a safe and Happy New Year. ****Remember friends do not let friends drive drunk****.

Happy Birthday to everyone who has a birthday in January!! – Think Spring....and "please be kind to one another."

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- Restoring habitat to protect native species

Up to \$26 million is available for grants. The EPA issued a Request for Applications soliciting proposals for GLRI grants to fund new projects to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Funds will be available for grants to state, tribal, interstate and local governmental agencies, institutions of higher learning and other nonprofit organizations. Applications are due Jan. 13, 2017.



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 garage sale, a rowing race, and the used book sale.



Dock Master Ron Soto

Happy New Year everyone! Well the dock committee and I have been pretty busy getting things in order for the new season. I would like to thank all of them for their time and efforts in trying to guide the ship. Your help is invaluable!

Dock dues billings are in the process of being prepared for mailing. There are some revisions to the dock rules this year and I encourage you to read them. These were reviewed by the board and approved. We are going to mail these revisions out with the billings to all current dock holders. They will also be posted in the club house per Section I, #5 under the dock rules on page 30 of the current roster book. They will be posted by the map of the docks in the back hallway.

Please note that there are new seasonal dock fees for each classification of vessel this year and they are posted on page 37, Section III, #4 of the roster book. Dock fee checks for the upcoming season will not be deposited without all the necessary documents included with your check and for the proper amount (Failing to do so can result in the forfeiture of your dock for the season). If your address has changed or your out of town, please remit any changes as soon as possible to me so that we can process your assignment. All dock fee billings should be received by January 10, 2107 and payable no later than February 10, 2017 in order to secure your dock for the upcoming season. On February 17, the list of

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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



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

I hope as you read this month's Sail Fleet article, you are enjoying Christmas and the holiday season with family and friends. The Sail Fleet got an early start on the 2017 season, holding our first meeting for 2017 on Thursday, December 8. We wanted an early start to ensure we had time to review our racing rules and adjust our documentation with the update to the US Sailing rules for 2017. We have submitted our three big race dates to ILYA to get on the schedule. The 50th Race for the Sisters will be Saturday, July 15th. The Ladies Race will be Sunday, August 13th and the Solo Race will be Saturday, August 19th.

We plan to have the information on the 2017 Eric Peterson Junior Sailor scholarships out in January and sign up is due in March. If you have a junior sailor interested in the program, please make sure Roger Dutton or I know.

Sail Fleet is looking for ideas for cruising destinations this year. Please contact me if you have any recommendations. We also plan to do Day Sails on the weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day, with a gathering back at the club afterward.

If you are going to sign up for a US Sailing annual membership, you can get significant savings by signing up under the MBC umbrella (the discount amounts to paying for 1-year and getting the 3-year annual rate). As a bonus, MBC gets USSA merchandise credits for renewal and new members.

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BOARD of DIRECTORS

P/C Mike Powers - P/C Brian Moyer
P/C Rodger Dutton - P/C Kathy Powers

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Dock Master continued...

available docks will be posted and taken down February 27th by noon. At this time, we will process all the information.

So, this year, March 5th at 2:00 will be the dock assignments. Mark your calendars.

We are currently in the process of taking bids for the main Tee repairs. We will have 3 bids coming in. With the price of steel these days it looks like we will be able to save some money on the project. We also anticipate the repairs being done in a timely fashion in order to not disrupt any ones boating season.

Best health and wishes to all of you in the New Year!

P/C Ron Soto

2017 Dock Master

Sail Fleet Captain continued...

If you are going to join, there's no reason not to do it thru MBC. You can access it online at: <https://www1.ussailing.org/Membership/MPP>. Once in the website, select Monroe Boat Club from the dropdown menu and follow the prompts. Please contact me if you would like additional information.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be on Thursday, January 19th @ 7:00 PM. See you at the club!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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P/C David Ryan - Bob Tasker
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Larry Inguagiato - Bill Levalley

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20th of each month

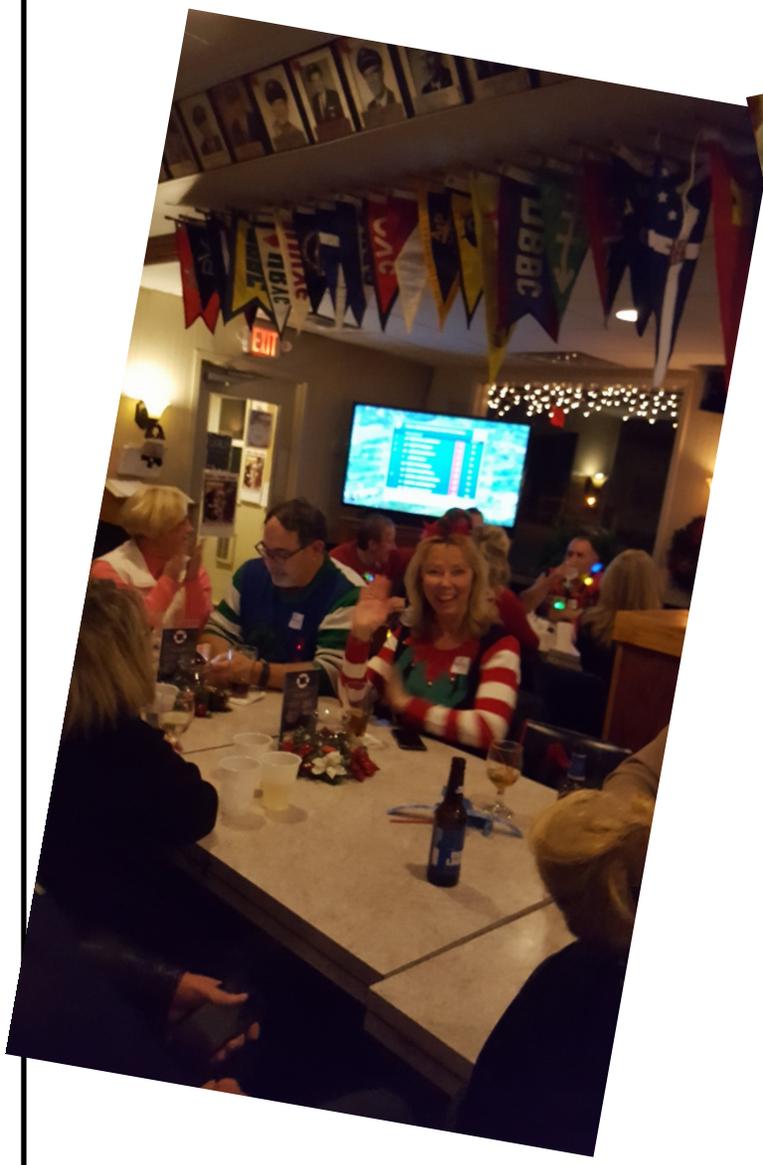
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A few photos from the Christmas Party!

Ugly Sweater Contest Winners



January 2017

CLASSIFIED

Exterior Boat Detailing
call Brian Amer for a quote
419-350-9945

Summer Storage Season

May 1 - Nov 1

Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Chuck Taylor

313-570-8961

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January

- 4 - Book Club @ noon
- 4 - Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 9 - Muskrat Dinner
- 11 - House Committee Meeting
@ 7:30pm
- 11 - Auxiliary Meetings
- 19 - Sail Fleet Meeting
- 21 - Jordon Barnett in the Bar
@ 8pm
- 22 - Commodore's Breakfast
@ 9am
- 25 - General Membership Meeting
@ 7pm
- 27-29 - TIYC/ORYC WinterFest,
Point Place OH
- 28 - Beach Party and Band @ 7pm

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Happy
New Year
2017

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



February

- 1 - Book Club @ noon
- 5 - Super Bowl in the Bar
- 8 - Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 10 - Dock Fees Due
- 11 - Soul Kitchen Band in the Bar
@ 8pm
- 17-27 - Available Docks Posting
- 17-19 - 2016 AYC Commodore's
Ball
- 22 - General Membership Meeting
@ 7pm
- 25 - Jordon Barnett in the Bar
@ 8pm