

HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

March 2017



**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Kristen Whittico**

Hello Members

February has flown by and this weather makes me wish the boat was in the water.

The AYC Hospitality Room looked great! Nice job, Bill and Lori LeVally and crew.

Congratulations AYC Commodore John Dalesandro and Lady Dawn.

We have a few fund raisers happening this month, for starters Burger Nights in March are Commodores Ball Fundraisers; thank you Carol Smith for chairing them. We currently have a room raffle for one night's stay at the Holiday Inn Southgate, tickets behind the bar Drawing will be March 9. We will also be starting Cooler of Cheer raffles this month.

Due to some scheduling conflicts the March Commodores Breakfast will be April 2. It appears that the Commodore's Breakfast will continue through summer provided we get some support from the membership. So, beginning with the April 2 Breakfast we will be posting signup sheets like Burger Night does. Please try to assist so we can keep this going. Positions needed include:

- 1 Shopper 1-3 days before
- 2 preparers the day before - approximately
4 hours
- 2 runners
- 2 cooks
- 1 window
- 1 griddle
- 1 waffle maker
- 2 floaters for juice refill, egg cracking, dish washer
- 1 Bloody Mary Bar

Lastly, if you look around the club you will notice many subtle changes happening from the menu in the bar, the women's restroom door, a bunch of confused men looking at ceiling tile forming opinions about a leak (including me), dock rules being cleaned up, new rosters books being made, closet keys being tracked down, and much more. So please, if you have a chance, thank those people who help keep our club running every day. It takes all of us working together for the greater good.

FYI...

Commodore's Ball invitations honoring David and Nicole Fetterly on March 25 have been mailed. If you didn't receive one and would like to attend please contact Sharon Bagley.

Small steps but big positive impacts to the club. The cardboard serving as the ceiling outside the woman's bathroom is now gone. Thanks to Al Michaud and Paul Merman who finished the ceiling after years of the cardboard having been in place. The air handling unit maintenance platform in the attic now has safety toe boards and a safety rope rail. Thanks again to Al Michaud. The French fry fryer has a new cord and the corresponding receptacle has been replaced. Thanks goes out to Trish Soto for her help. The remodeling of the Woman's bathroom project has had the pre-remodeling step completed of the door being replaced. Chris Wallich accomplished this door and jamb replacement. The new door and its frame was a repurpose of material obtained last month. If anyone would like to assist or complete any of the numerous defined projects needing attention around the club, please feel free to contact myself or the Commodore. We have identified maintenance and improvement projects in the House Committee; and I am open to input for any other project subjects around the club requiring attention. We are a volunteer club and I do not want these member contributions to go unacknowledged.

Monroe Boat Club's best example of volunteers pulling together is our regatta. We had our first planning meeting for the July 21 & 22, 2017 regatta. This will be a poker run regatta, which results in many more boats in our dock area and more people attending. The Commodore has chosen "Bourbon Street Bash" as the theme. For entertainment, we have lined up East River Drive for Friday night and Emerging Soul for Saturday night. Tentatively the food scheduled for this year will be our classic, from years ago, corn on the cob along with French fries, hot dogs, sausage dogs and pulled pork. Further planning will be taking place with the next meeting having been scheduled for February 21st.

Mary and I were privileged to have attended the AYC Commodores Ball and had a wonderful time. We met many other boaters from the various clubs while enjoying the function. A lot of discussion ensued concerning MBC and their own club activities. I encourage all of you to attend these functions in the future; and even more so in this case partake in our MBC hospitality room.

Greetings!

Looks like spring is just around the corner and I know that all of you are just as excited as I am.

And even though the winter months are slower at the bar, we still have plenty of great members who are around and I want to thank those members personally for their continued support of the Monroe Boat Club bar!

In February, I was able to visit the Associated Yacht Clubs (AYC) Commodore's Ball on Friday before it officially opened and The Power Fleet Captain Bill LeVally and his wife, Lori, did a great job putting the Monroe Boat Club's hospitality room together - well done Bill and Lori! Also, Jake Geiger along with Sheryl and Bill O Conner did a fantastic job too.

I want to thank Soul Kitchen for coming out and playing for us On February 11th, as always, it's a treat to have you play for us.

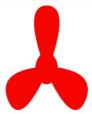
We had Music planned for late February and also in March and unfortunately for us, our entertainment had to cancel due to starting a new Career. I am working with some folks in trying to find new sources of entertainment for March and April.

However, there is one heck of an event planned for Saturday March 25th and that is the Monroe Boat Clubs 2017 Commodores Ball. We will be honoring our Commodore David Fetterly along with his beautiful wife Lady Nicole. I Hope to see you all there supporting our Commodore and the club.

In The Bar, we plan to replace the carpeting and tile in the bar sometime after Regatta. The current floor covering is worn and needs to be replaced. I have a carpet committee meeting planned for March 12th at 2:00 pm in the bar to get the ball rolling on this project.

In Fact, there are a number of tasks and projects needed to keep the club's bar operating efficiently, from cleaning & repairing various things to preparing food or soups. If you are interested in doing any of the above for work hours, please let me know either at the club or by email (kwhittico@aol.com).





Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Hello members. Well once again a great time was had at the A.Y.C. Commodore's Ball. I would like to thank all of those who pitched in to help, from those of you who donated food and snacks to all who help plan, load, setup, tend bar, greet, cook, shop, and tear down. We couldn't do it without you. I have to say that once again M.B.C. came through with a great room, and what many say the best food of the weekend. Great job on the brats Fred, and Jake serving Jager Bombs all weekend was a killer drink choice. It would be hard for me to give special thanks to everyone and their special efforts, so just a few... Jake and his ideas and decor planning, Fred and Celest for finding the best brats and cooking, Jarod for coming through on the kegerator, and Bill and Sheryl for always being at the ready for what ever is needed.

On to the future... I have been contacted O.R.Y.C. and they will be stopping by April 1st with 100 people, Sunseekers will also be gracing us April 22nd with 50 people aboard so in M.B.C. style lets welcome them with friendly faces and great food. I know some of you have been wanting us to do a bus trip so now that my time is a little free I will start the effort to lock down a date.

Are you planning your summer runs? Don't forget to plan for the Poker Runs, an awesome way to spend your weekend supporting our club with great entertainment and friends not to mention free cocktails aboard your Fleet Captain's boat.

June 23-24 H.V.Y.C.
July 7-8 Elbamar
July 21-22 M.B.C.
July 28-29 Sunseekers
Aug. 18-19 F.Y.C.

Power Fleet Captain
Bill LeVally



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- March 1, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- March 23, 7:00, Presentation on Lion Sustainability in Africa
- May 4, 7:00, Clean Water Harbor Presentation
- June 6-7, 8-2, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders
- June 15, 7:00, Kayaking Tips and Know-How



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "We had a good meeting in February with a lively discussion about our book for the month, Small Great Things. The March 1 meeting will discuss: Chaos by Patricia Cornwell. The Book Club Calendar is posted on the bulletin board at MBC. We welcome anyone who would like to join us!" Any questions, please email Judy Peterson at jpeterson4647@aol.com.



Working with Lions. One of MBC's members, Sharon Herrera, had the opportunity to work with lions at the Lion Encounter in Zimbabwe, preparing lions for release into the wild. She also spent time in the Okavango Delta in Botswana, and volunteering on the anti-poaching team in South Africa. Bring your family and friends for an interesting evening of pictures and exciting experiences on Thursday, March 23, 7:00, in the back room.



The Stewardship Network presents monthly webcasts from 12-1:00 pm, the second Wednesday of each month, covering a variety of conservation and land management topics. You can tune in on your computer, cell phone or tablet. A high-speed internet connection is required, as well as an updated web browser with Adobe Flash. Due to firewall restrictions, the cell phone/tablet app (OnSync) might not work if you are at a government office (DNR) or at a public WiFi location such as the library. Click on the following link to access the site.

<https://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/stewardship-network-webcasts>

March 2017 Webcast – "Play Clean Go: Stop Invasive Species in your Tracks" on March 8 at 12:00.

You may also access archived webcasts at the same site. Some of the prior webcasts are:

- Feb. – "How Deer Affect Plants, Pollinators, and Ecological Processes: Studies in Southeast Michigan"
- Dec, 2016 – "Don't Let Your Oak Wilt"
- Nov. – "Sorting Through the Seedbank"
- Oct. – "Great Lakes Blue Accounting: Delivering Information, Supporting, Collaboration"



Clean Water Harbor...On November 10, 2016, Michigan designated its portion of Lake Erie as "impaired" under provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). One of the ways members of MBC and other marinas along our channel can assist is to learn about



Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

New Member: I am happy to welcome our newest member to the Auxiliary, Tim Whittico. Tim is the spouse of our Rear Commodore, Kristen Whittico, and the owner of Whittico Collision in Lincoln Park. Welcome Tim!!

Kids' Easter Party – April 2nd @ 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.: My signup sheets should be up by the time this newsletter goes to print. A young lady at Sylvan Learning Center in Canton is helping me design them and she is doing an awesome job! So, when you see them posted, again I ask that you please hop over there, check out the job she did and sign up for the party.

AYC: A big thank you to our Power Fleet Captain Bill Levally and everyone who helped Bill make our "Octoberfest" room everything it was. The signup sheets were very slim with help, so everyone was doing double and triple duty for him. Bill and Lori Levally, Bill and Sheryl O'Connor, Fred and Celeste Hoitash, Jarrett Manor and Jake Geiger – my hats off to you guys, you all did a heck of a job!!! (Jarrett still looked tired yesterday). Seriously, every time you would go to our room, one of them was always in there taking care of something. A few of them looked like they could have fallen asleep in their chairs. Then there was Lady Nicole who looked awesome in her red dress!!

Regatta: As everyone knows, this year is a Poker Run, so we cannot express enough how much help we will need. The Auxiliary will be selling pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, sausage dogs, French fries and corn on the cob at the outside food tent this year. Please contact me with any comments, suggestions and/or help that you may be able to provide to me regarding this event.

Next Meeting: Our next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Membership meeting following @ 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Join us.

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the Clean Water Harbor certification process. MBC will host at MBC a special presentation on May 4 by Brian Kelley, the representative from the Clean Water Certification (co-sponsored by the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Boat Manufacturing Association, and others). Toledo Beach Marina recently received its certification.

Upcoming Events on the 2017 Drawing Board. Watch for announcements of 2017 events: kids fishing derby, a marine garage sale, a rowing race, and the used book sale.

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Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Greetings everyone! March madness has arrived! I would like to take a moment and thank the dock holder membership for their outstanding compliance with regards to the requested documents for this year. It is very much appreciated. We can now proceed to the dock assignment meeting which is the first Sunday in March (the 5th) at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the back room. If you are applying for any available dock, please be prepared to bring a check for the full amount of the dock fee, a copy of your registration along with a copy of your proof of insurance. Please, there are no exceptions. I'm looking forward to seeing some new faces at the docks!

On another note, weather permitting, by the time this notification goes out, we should begin to see repairs beginning to take shape in and around the docks! A sure sign of spring! As these repairs begin to take shape, I mentioned in last month's Harbor Light that I will be looking for volunteers to help with the deck replacement of the 5 finger docks in front of the club bar. This is an excellent opportunity to get your work hours in early and meet a few people. Saws, hammers, drills and the ability to measure twice and cut once! If you are interested in helping, please give me a call or email me so that I can get a count on the amount of people.

Lastly, I am reaching out to you first before out sourcing in my search to obtain new dock numbers for all of the docks. We are in obvious need of having



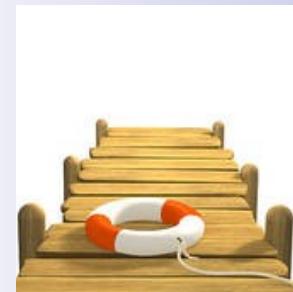
Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

Greetings and I hope February finds you well. We just had an unseasonably warm weekend that hopefully got everyone thinking about projects that need to be completed on the boats. In just a few more weeks we will be starting those projects and getting ready for this year's launching. Spring and the boating season is just around the corner.

This is the quiet time for sail fleet, but in a couple more weeks we will be prepping for the 2017 summer racing season.

Speaking of racing, and the next generation of sailors, the information for this year's Eric Peterson Junior Sailor scholarships are now available at the club. If you have a junior sailor interested in the program, please complete the application and turn it in at the club. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Dutton.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2 @ 7:00 PM. See you at the club!



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Parliamentarian.....	Lance Piedmonte
Chaplain.....	Fr. Darin Robert

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Dock Master continued...

the docks easily identifiable from the water (makes it easier to find a dock, right?). These numbers on placards should be 4" in height by 18" in width. Most would have 2 dock numbers on them. Again, please contact me if you are interested or know of someone who can do this. Ideally, they should be aluminum with white back drop and black numbers.

Thank you and have a safe St. Patrick's Day!
P/C Ron Soto
2017 Dock Master

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comm. Dave Fetterly - P/C Kathy Powers
P/C David Ryan - Bob Tasker
Fred Lemerand - Lance Piedmonte - Tom Snarey

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Brian Moyer

Larry Inguagiato - Bill Levally

AYC ALTERNATES:

Dan Thomas

Kristen Whittico - Rick Campbell

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Sharon Herrera and the LIONS



March 23,

7:00 pm,

Backroom

- Preparing lions for release into the wild
- Visit the Okavango Delta in Botswana
- Anti-poaching team in South Africa

March 2011

CLASSIFIED

For sale: Two six foot sections of Bakers Steel Scaffolds.
Like new condition.
Asking three hundred dollars.
Contact Cyndi Gent
(313) 690-6904
(Ad: Dec 2016)

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

BOAT WASHING & WAXING
Using top quality material
Call early spring for estimate
and booking!
Steve Wright 734-634-2729
(son of Cyndi Gent)

Summer Storage Season
May 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Nov 1 - May 1
Contact Yard Master
Chuck Taylor
313-570-8961

JACKSTANDS for Sailboats
Chains & pads included (4) 48"
stands for sides (1) 42" stand for
under bow \$300/offer
Call Bill 734-612-9842

The Harbor Light

For sale: Sailboat Morgan 27
1972, Good condition, Dacron
main, Dacron 150 (good condition),
Polyester/mylar 150 racing jib (4
yrs), Spin pole and spinnaker. Hon-
da outboard 9.9 HP
Asking \$4000
email: keelbolt72@gmail.com
(Ad: Mar 2017)

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bility to notify Editor
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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

March

- 1 - Book Club @ noon
- 2 - Presentation on Snowmobiling @ 7pm
- 2 - Sail Fleet Meeting @ 7pm
- 5 - Dock Assignment Meeting @ 2pm
- 8 - Auxiliary Meetings @ 6:30pm and 7pm
- 22 - Board Meeting @ 6:15pm
- 22 - General Membership Meeting @ 7pm
- 23 - Presentation on African Lions @ 7pm
- 25 - Commodore's Ball in Southgate, MI
- 31 & Apr 1 - I-LYA Spring Meeting in Westlake, OH

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup



BURGER NIGHT
Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm
With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



April

- 1 - ORYC Bus Trip to MBC
- 2 - Breakfast & Bloody Mary Bar @ 9am-Noon
- 2 - Kids' Easter Party @ 1pm-4pm
- 5 - Book Club @ noon
- 12 - Board Meeting@ 7pm
- 12 - Auxiliary Meetings @ 6:30pm and 7pm
- 18 - MBC Association Meeting @ 7pm
- 22 - SSBC Bus Trip to MBC
- 26 - General Membership Meeting @ 7pm