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**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Doug Sharp**

Hello all!
Hard to believe it's that time of year to write my final Harbor Light Article. Reflecting back on 2017 in some aspects it flew by and in others I thought the end would never come. It has been an experience I would not trade for anything and I am very proud of what the 2017 Board and Members have accomplished.

This year I received tons of help from many fellow members, way too many to mention them all. But a few honorable mentions:

Auxiliary President Christine Rowland I can't imagine a better counterpart to work with this year, I will miss our morning emails.

Mark Beverly and John Kuriwchak stepped up to co-chair Membership chairmen, and they accomplished inducting 30 new Members and 6 posted for 2018.

P/C Ron Soto also took the office of Dock Master as a personal favor and did not just do the expected job but went above and beyond with improvements and organization at Regatta.

Carol Smith and her Kitchen Crew not only chaired several months for the Ball Fund but kept Burger night from Cancellation during the Summer Months.

The Past Commodores that have guided/counseled me thru out the year and I can't imagine the difficulties I would have faced without you.

The Ball and Reception Committees both put on very memorable and classy events.

R/C Doug almost immediately after being reinstated as a Member was convinced to step into the Rear Commodore shoes, he hit the ground running and has not stopped yet.

I could go on and on but most importantly the MBC Membership, without you, we can't be the "Friendliest Club on the Lake".

Congratulations to our new Commodore Dan Thomas and the rest of the great 2018 Board! I am eager to see all the things you can accomplish.

Lady Nicole, you started this year out new to the lake and the club yet still supported me in every aspect, you represented me as well as our club with class. I am blessed to have made this journey with you by my side.

2017 Commodore
David Fetterly

I would like to express my thanks to all who have helped me achieve a successful year as Vice Commodore. It has been a privilege to serve and represent Monroe Boat Club as the Vice Commodore. We were able to conquer many challenges presented this past year. Again, I have to say we, my wife, the Board and those members who were supportive throughout the year, made this possible. It would be productive to see the continuation of this MBC support to the 2018 incoming Board. Thank you.

By the time this is published we should have the new HVAC units installed over the banquet room. This project was made possible by the support of Rear Commodore. Have you seen the parking lot extension down on the west property? We were able to utilize the removed topsoil to fill in and improve the grade on that property; as well as the newly planted grass is already up.

We are awaiting settlement from an earlier accident with the main gate for replacement of that gate. Unfortunately, the interim repair that was made to the gate was a temporary fix and now for continued operation replacement is required. This is why the gate presently remains open.

Late fall is a time for winterization of the club. Not only the docks, but also the club's supportive structures will need to be addressed for winter. The sprinkler system will need to be blown down, picnic tables and their umbrellas will need to be put in storage, hoses drained and stored as well as other tasks. If anyone is looking for work hours, please let me know. Here is an excellent opportunity to get in some work hours.

2017 Vice Commodore
Dan Thomas

Thank you to everyone for your continued patronage to our club's bar. We are heading in the right direction as we continue progressing forward and making positive changes. I was nominated by our Sail Fleet Captain John Kaufman for a second term as Rear Commodore and that was unopposed. The bar team is excited for the new year and more improvements are in continually in process.

The bar fund contributed \$16,500 for air and heat units in the banquet room. This project should be completed by the end of October. Additionally, the board has approved a new look for the bar that is underway. We will be replacing all the hanging brass shelving with glass shelves. These improvements will create a more modern look and give the bar a fresh look and feel. We are also working diligently to get the carpet replaced along with other improvements inside the bar.

With all this being said this has been a great 6 months, as an appointed Rear Commodore. In addition, I have been very committed to making sure our bar has been operating at the highest standards possible. The team has worked hard throughout this year. The year to come as your elected Rear Commodore will be a great one.

I personally want to thank the MBC board for supporting me through these last 6 Months and helping the bar team get through our transition. Personally, I would like to thank Dewey Edwards for all his help and assistance. Furthermore, I would like to thank our bar team for all of their hard work. Last but not least, thank You Commodore Fetterly for all of your advice, and guidance.

Thank you,
Rear Commodore

A note from Rudi Amer...

A big thank you for all the people that participated in the Polish dinner this year. A special thank you to Jim and Michelle Lachcik, and Larry (Swani) and Kris Swiontoniowski, who help co-chair this fund raiser. We had a special crew who made the 672 pierogi this year to include: Tom and Diane Beck, Ruthie Reinhardt, Heidi Grab, Gerry Rosinski (who also makes the great homemade Polish bread), Swani, Dave Amer, and Steve and Chris McCollum. The stuffed cabbage crew adds Bill and Barb Hewitt and then the day of the event we add Brian Amer.

Thank you too for those who provided delicious desserts. Never say never, but no date has been selected for next year.

Thanks to all!

From the Ship Store corner...

MBC Ship Store is featuring a X-mas Shopping Day, December 9, 2017 from 12 NOON to 5PM.

Items purchased that day from the Ship Store will be gift wrapped for your convenience.

There will be a number of new and marked down items available for purchase, and you can use the new 2018 coupons for your X-MAS shopping.

So come on out & get that X-mas shopping done early and let us worry about wrapping a beautiful gift for under your tree!!!!



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

ACTIVITIES

- November 1, 12:00, MBC Book Club



MBC Book Club...The October book choice was Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber. It was an easy read, but very predictable and the story was not too interesting. We do not recommend it. Our next meeting will be November 1, 2017. We will be having a lunch provided by club members and it will be held in the back room at noon. Our book selection for November is The Vineyard by Barbara Delinsky. Printed schedules for 2018 will be available at this meeting. If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Peterson at jpeterston4647@aol.com.



Maritime Trades Career Day...Monroe Boat Club hosted 30 12th grade students from Monroe High School on Tuesday, October 24. The purpose of the day was to share information

about the diversity of jobs/ careers available in the maritime/ marine environment and the importance of development good work habits. The students heard presentations by a charter fishing boat captain, the Executive Director of the Michigan Industrial Boater's Association, the CTE Director of the Toledo Maritime Academy, and CDR Mike Powers, USCG (Ret.), and tours of Trout's Yacht Basic, Toledo Beach Marina and Reeds Sales, and a U.S. Coast Guard boat and its crew. Our appreciation goes to the following for serving as mentors for the event: Gregory Braunlich, Don Blouin, Allan Brooks, Bruce Cummings, William Good, Jim Padot, Dan Thomas, Kurt Trendle, and special thanks to John Kauffman who arranged for partial funding by DTE for the event.



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Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation...

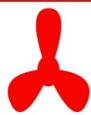
The 2017 Research Study Report on Fishing by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation and The Outdoor Foundation can be found at rbff.org. I'm quoting from the report:

"Fishing participation was on the rise in 2016, increasing by 1.8%, or by 1.5 million participants, since the year before and reaching the highest participation rate since 2012. In 2016, 47.2 million Americans, or 15.9% of the population ages 6 and up, participated in fishing at least once during the calendar year.

"There were more new/ returning participants (6.1 million people) than were lost (4.6 million people), contributing to a 1.5 million person increase in fishing participation from 2015 to 2016. Consistent with past years, freshwater fishing was, by far, the most popular form of fishing. The activity attracted 38.1 million participants, which is more than three times the amount of people that participated in saltwater fishing, the second most popular form of fishing. These freshwater participants also went on the most outings—an average of 16.5 days per person for a total of 630 million outings. Freshwater fishing had the highest rate of female and youth participants compared to the other types of fishing.

"Participants were motivated to try fishing for the purpose of spending time with their families. They also expected their first trip to be a time to relax and unwind since fishing was seen as a stress-free way to enjoy the great

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**Power Fleet Capt.
Craig Sauer**

Hello fellow friends of Monroe Boat Club!

I am Craig Sauer and I am the new Power Fleet Captain for 2018. I joined the club in 2014 but I am no stranger to the club as I worked here for a couple summers in the late 80's as a cook. Anybody remember when we had a dinner available in the banquet room every Saturday night? We had a staff of 4-5 including myself and we served lobster tail and prime rib, along with burgers and fries as part of our limited menu. There was a waitress and server/bus boy, cashier and a cook (me) that also doubled as the dishwasher. I became friends with Ken and Pat Beach that year as they were our best customers. So, I may not be a longtime member of the club, but I am certainly no stranger to the club and many of our members!

Some of you may know my father, Harold Sauer, who has been a member since 1990. Like my father, I sell vehicles in Monroe and this April will start my 30th year since beginning with him in 1988. Although we don't work together anymore, he has taught me much about taking care of our friend's automotive wants and needs. I have 2 children, Alexandra (21) and Evan (17), I live in Bolles Harbor and have been in Monroe since birth. You may see me around the club with my girlfriend Jamie Steffes, she has agreed to help me with the responsibilities this year. She is a huge part of my life and mostly responsible for pushing me to handle the Power Fleet Captain position.

So that is me and what I am about. I welcome any advice and I look forward to working with the many members who have already offered up their services for upcoming events I am responsible for like burger nights, club bus trips, shakedown cruises, poker runs and of course the AYC ball.

Craig Sauer
2018 Power Fleet Captain



**Auxiliary,
Jody Thatcher**

Hello from the Auxiliary: I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself Jody Thatcher, President of Auxiliary and my wonderful Officers and Board Members: Vice-President Nancy School, Secretary Carolyn Dutton, Treasurer Sue VanThomme, Board Members, Ruth Finch, Sharon Bagley, Michele Lachcik and Judy Peterson.

A big thank you goes out to Commodore Dave Fetterly, Officers, Board Members and crew for a wonderful Auxiliary Dinner.

I'm looking forward to this year and many up and coming events. We will be starting this year with the Children's Christmas party with a visit from Santa on December 17th, 2017 from 12:00 till 4:00 mark your calendars.

I would like to invite all of you to the Auxiliary meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM so your voice can be heard. Here is to a great year.

Auxiliary President
Jody Thatcher

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outdoors. Despite these positives, fishing is still seen by many as being a sport for males. Almost 34% of males thought that a fishing participant would look like them, while only 19.3% of females thought the same.

"A majority of current participants were introduced to fishing during childhood. Only 17.4% tried fishing at age 12 or older. To continue to grow the sport, Americans must be introduced to the sport at an early age. The future of fishing looks bright with 98.4% of participants planning to fish next year. More than 17% of participants are planning more than 21 fishing trips and 36% are planning eight or more."

If you have children or grandchildren and they love to fish, think about a fishing scholarship for college. Going to a college with an excellent academic reputation is great. But going to one that also has a bass fishing team? That may be greater, especially if there is a scholarship for fishing available. Here is a partial list of out-of-state colleges, and all Michigan colleges, that have fishing teams and participate in the national fishing tournaments and offer scholarships for fishing: Auburn University, Cal State Long Beach University, Colorado State University, Florida State University, University of Iowa, University of Illinois, Indiana University, University of Kentucky, Adrian College, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Penn State University, Virginia Tech University. Every state has at least one college involved with fishing as a sport, and almost all offer scholarships for fishing.



(September 19, 2017) - Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior recently signed Secretarial Order 3356, bringing increased outdoor recreation opportunities and enhanced conservation stewardship and wildlife management. Additionally, fishing and hunting will be promoted to youth, veterans and minority communities.



Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

One year down and one year to go! It really does go by FAST! As this term comes to a close and another term begins, I would like to thank the numerous members who helped contribute to the docks this season. I could never have done this alone. There was a lot of input into what needed to be done and we tried and accomplished most as best as we could. I would also like to thank my Dock Committee for all of your input, information, and help this past season. I would also like to acknowledge both Mike McCormick and Bill Huntly for your years of service. I would also like to thank Brian Manor and Steve Hohman for stepping up to replace Mike and Bill on the Dock Committee.

There is still a lot of work that needs to be done with the dock infrastructure and maintenance. Many of these repairs are in line for next spring on the main T as well as possibly the parallel dock main.

And so I leave you with this reminder, for the folks headed south for the winter (if you're a dock holder), please remember to have a copy of your registration and proof of insurance for your annual dock dues. Secondly, all dock holders need to have your dock posts removed by the second Friday in November which is the 10th. (Section II, #17). And there will be a dock work party on Sat-

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Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

As my time on the board this time comes to an end, I would like to first thank all the MBC members who make up the Sail Fleet for all their support during my time as Sail Fleet Captain. Whenever we had a project, or needed to accomplish a task, there was always enough volunteers willing to step up. I truly appreciate all your support and help. I ask that you extend the same support to my successor, Dan Montgomery, as he steps into the role of our Sail Fleet Captain for 2018.

I would also like to thank the rest of the MBC members who approached me to discuss the club, identified issues, or offered ideas to make MBC an even better place to be. I thank you also.

Our final Sail Fleet event for this MBC year was our Sail Fleet Banquet which was held on October 14, 2018. While we have already listed the winners of all our racing series in previous Harbor Lights, I want to acknowledge and congratulate this year's Overall winners which were presented at the banquet:

- 2017 PHRF Overall Champion: Rich Potcova – Short Bus
- 2017 JAM Overall Champion: John Davis – Footloose
- 2017 Sail Fleet Appreciation: Martie Reed

The 2018 Sail Fleet year will start up quickly with our first event on November 11, 2017 with the

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Dock Master continued...

urday November 11th at 9:00 am. This for the removal of any remaining dock posts, flushing out the water system (which has been shut off 10/21), removal of safety rings and the safety ladders.

Lastly, congratulations to our new Board members!

P/C Ron Soto
Dock Master

Sail Fleet Captain continued...

2017 version of "The Italian Dinner" led by Sail Fleet's chef, Martie Reed. Advance ticket sales are available through the bar until November 5 or when sold out, whichever comes first. The dinner is limited to 130 guests.

In closing, I wish the 2018 Commodore and board a very successful year filled with fun and positive member support.

Thank you, MBC,
John Kauffman
2017 Sail Fleet Captain

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Sail Fleet Banquet Photos



PHRF Crew : Rich Potcova, Spencer Norris, Walt Norris, Jessica Norris, SFC John Kauffman, Nick Burson and Presenter: John Davis.



JAM Crew: Tony Schippa, Martie Reed, John Davis, and presenter SFC John Kauffman.

Maritime Trades Career Day Photos



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To place an ad, submit item(s), price, and contact information to Editor
****Ads will run two months. Sellers responsibility to notify Editor when sold.

The Harbor Light

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
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419-350-9945

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1972, Good condition, Dacron
main, Dacron 150 (good condition),
Polyester/mylar 150 racing jib (4
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Asking \$4000

email: keelbolt72@gmail.com

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May 1 - Nov 1

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Contact Yard Master

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(In Bolles Harbor)

6647 Waters Edge Dr.

Monroe, MI 48161 734.3241.4757

- Bait shop and Fish Cleaning
- Fishing Charters Available
- Family Friendly Docs up to 40ft.
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- Kayak Storage Available! See Sherri

(Ad: Aug 2017)

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

November

- 1 - MBC Book Club @ noon
- 5 - MBC Change of Watch
- 8 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 8 - MBC Auxiliary Meetings
- 10 - Dock Pole Removal Deadline @ midnight
- 11 - Dock Work Party @ 9am
- 11 - Italian Dinner
- 15 - MBC Membership Meeting @ 7pm
- 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

December

- 1-2 - I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake, OH
- 9 - Xmas Shopping Day @ noon to 5pm
- 9 - MBC Toys for Tots Fundraiser @ 8pm
- 13 - MBC Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 13 - MBC Membership Meeting @ 7pm
- 13 - MBC Auxiliary Meetings
- 17 - MBC Children's Christmas Party @ noon
- 25 - Merry Christmas!

Happy Thanksgiving

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade Soup!



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