

HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

September 2017



**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Doug Sharp**

Hello All
Well our boating season is winding down but hopefully we will still get plenty of nice days on the lake.

With Nicole's back injury and my dislocated hip, we have not been able to enjoy the club or the boat much this month, but we are both getting better and looking forward to getting back into the swing of things in September.

Speaking of September, if you have the time and desire, this is officer nomination month. All the offices require sacrifice but are very rewarding, feel free to contact the nomination chairman P/C David Ryan.

Commodore
David Fetterly

I-LYA Vice Commodore:



Greetings from your I-LYA Vice Commodore!

As many of you know, I am currently the Vice Commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association. Next year, 2018, I will be the I-

LYA Commodore – the first ever from Monroe Boat Club! As part of my duties, I have been raising funds that go towards the two I-LYA meetings and three I-LYA Regattas in 2018.

The next fundraiser will be the I-LYA Bowling Event and I would like to invite all Monroe Boat Club members to participate! It will be held close by – at the Monroe Sports Center, 15425 S. Monroe St. The date is October 15th starting at 5pm, although we ask that you arrive a bit earlier to register. The \$20 per person fee includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and salad. There will also be a raffle for various baskets and a cooler of cheer!

The sign-up flyer is included in this edition of the Harbor Light. Please let me know if there are any questions!

I'll see you around the club!

Mike Powers
2017 I-LYA Vice Commodore

Here we are coasting through the summer with fall fast approaching. We had an excellent Regatta and again I would like to thank everyone who made it possible. It has been a good summer for boating and I hope everyone has been enjoying it.

We just received a letter from Mike McCormick who has maintained our flowers along the break wall as well as other flowers at the club throughout the summer. He stated this would be the last year he will be handling this task. Our own members as well as visiting members from other clubs have complimented on the beauty of these floral displays. I would like to thank Mike for the excellent job he has done for the past few years. We are looking for an individual for Mike "to pass the torch to" and maintain the flowers next summer. Please contact me if you are interested.

I have been responding to questions pertaining to some of club's infrastructure concerns. Two of the big concerns I would like to clarify: One of the rooftop units over the banquet room stopped operating and we thought we would have to replace it. We have repaired that unit and it is now operating for the interim. We have taken both intrusive and nonintrusive actions with the bathroom drainage system. We made it through Regatta and have been showing an improved operation of the drains. Hopefully I am not speaking too soon; but it appears we will not have to dig up and redo the drain piping at this time. I would like to thank all the MBC organizations that were willing to step up and support the effort to assist in correcting this plumbing concern. Sail fleet, Power Fleet, Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, and various members. The true character of the club was borne out when the need arose by these organizations that were willing to step up and contribute. Thank you.

We are planning September 16th for the 40-hour volunteer recognition dinner. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the club. Here, as well as during the occasion, I would like to thank all the members who have helped the club and me out this year.

There are still many projects we want to complete and tasks around the club needing to be addressed. Including with the docks. Anyone willing to assist contact Ron Soto or myself.

Wow! It's September already, summer is abruptly coming to an end. There's plenty of boating weather left, and I plan on using every day I can. Hopefully I'll see some of you out on the lake too.

I've been working hard at getting the posts removed in the bar and preparing for the new carpet before my term in office expires. We've also made a commitment to the club to spend \$8000.00 dollars towards new air conditioning units if the club has to replace the units.

As our club grows and changes many things also change. Amanda Talyor has decided to resign as Asst. Manager of our club and pursue opportunities elsewhere. We here at the bar wish Amanda nothing but the best and she will be greatly missed. But with that being said we've also added another member to the staff, and I'm very happy to welcome aboard Missy Needham! We also have hired a part time cook to help out with the added business we've acquired. The lunch business has become a very busy time for us here at the bar. The words out, we have a great menu and changing weekly specials at at very affordable prices! Stop in and check us out.

With that being said, the time I've had here behind the bar, and meeting all the new people I've met has been priceless. At great personal sacrifice, I've put my heart and soul into this operation. I understand that many of the decisions I've had to make has not been popular ones. But as a business operator, and with the club's best interest in mind I wouldn't change one of them. The financials of our Bar is in great shape! The future is bright for our club, and I recommend if you have any concerns, complaints, or anything else that needs to be visited, or revisited come see me. Or better yet put your concerns in writing to the board. Our possibly run for an office, and put your time in and incorporate the ideas you have into the club. Remember it really easy to "Monday Morning Quarterback", or second guess someone. And also, the person your second guessing is a volunteer, and giving their time to our club.....

On another note, I have some entertainment lined up in Sept. And Oct. Hopefully you can come down and enjoy the group's. We'll have some drink specials and food specials those nights.

Thank You,
Doug Sharp Rear Commodore



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

ACTIVITIES

- September 13, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- September 16, 9-12, International Coastal Clean Up Day



MBC Book Club...The Book Club met Wednesday, August 2. We discussed several books that were read by the ladies over the last month. We decided that we all enjoyed the summer reading program, but are ready to go back to the club selections. So COME SUNDOWN by Nora Roberts was chosen as the selection for our September meeting. Reminder: The September meeting is moved to the second Wednesday-September 13, 2017 (due to the Labor Day holiday and the start of school). If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Peterson at jpeterston4647@aol.com.

International Coastal Cleanup Day...In partnership with volunteer organizations and individuals around the globe, Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup engages people to remove trash from the world's beaches and waterways, identify the sources of debris and change the behaviors that cause marine debris in the first place. Annual International Coastal Clean Up Saturday, September 16 - 9:00am to 12:00pm. Cost: Free Location: Sterling State Park. A group of volunteers will be at Sterling State Park removing trash and debris from the shorelines. Cleaning up these areas not only makes them more aesthetically pleasing for recreational use, but also makes them safer and more habitable for wetland species. Everyone is welcome to participate, but children must be

accompanied by an adult. Meet in the pavilion closest to the first (north) parking lot. Be a part of the day...In 2016 on this day, 121 countries with 291,336 volunteers collected 18,062,911 pounds of trash by covering 25,188.6 miles. Participate by walking around the docks and seawall of MBC, Hoffman Park, or the public launch and pick up trash. In 2016, 2,127,565 cigarette butts, 1,024,470 plastic beverage bottles, and 888,589 food wrappers were collected. Even one person collecting can make a difference.

Invasive Species in Lake Erie...A new type of zooplankton, commonly found in Europe and Asia, has been discovered in the western basin of Lake Erie. How the species arrived in the Lake is unknown, but contaminated ballast water discharged by oceangoing ships coming through the St. Lawrence Seaway is a likely source. This is the second non-native species

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**Power Fleet Capt.
Bill LeVally**

Where did summer go. Hard to believe it is September already. It's been a fun summer with the poker runs, club cruise, all the fun times around the club. It's sad to think we will start seeing boats heading for storage. I hope you all enjoyed the summer not being too hot, too bad the wind didn't give us some more calm days. I want to give thanks to all who joined in the fun and made the club cruises and poker runs, we had two members go the extra mile for the poker runs, so here's to you Mike & Kathy Powers and Craig Sauer thank you for the support. I know it takes a lot of time and fuel I really want to thank you guys for showing your MBC pride.

As the summer starts coming to an end its time to start thinking ahead the club will be looking for new board members so if you ever thought about running the time is here to put your name in hat. Yes, it takes time and some work but rewards of being involved and the friends you make outside of our club are rewarding. Fall clean ups will be here soon so keep a day or to free on the calendar to join in.

Power Fleet Captain
Bill LeVally

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recently discovered in the lakes by a team of researchers from the EPA and Cornell University. In late 2016 the EPA announced that another type of zooplankton had been discovered in Lake Erie. The two discoveries come after nearly 10 years in which no new non-native species had been identified in the Great Lakes. During this period, overseas ships have been required to flush their ballast water tanks with mid-ocean saltwater. In 2013 the EPA established a set of ballast water discharge standards that will eventually require all ships sailing into the lakes to have onboard water treatment systems to kill ballast hitchhikers. Even so, early detection and response is critical in the fight against invasive species as we may be one ballast away from the next zebra mussel. If you are interested in a webcast on the Early Detection and Rapid Response to Invasive Species which was originally aired on August 9, please click on the following link: <https://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/august-2017-webcast-early-detection-and-rapid-response-invasive-species-0> It is free. You will be asked for your name, email, and community. Your community is the Western Lake Erie Cluster, of which MBC is a member.



**Auxiliary,
Christine Rowland**

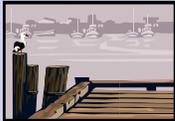
When canning season is upon us at our house, you can tell Summer is almost over. Where did the time go.... I hope everyone got to do everything they had hoped to do and then some this Summer.

I had a lot of fun helping Bill LeVally with his incoming visitors. I almost failed you Bill, but I came through! (Wow, that was close) It was really cool, I got to meet a lot of very nice people that day and I think they enjoyed the food that you and I provided. Thank you to my employer, Xuereb Law Group PC, for allowing me to take the day off at the last minute. I am sure my boss, Joe Xuereb, and the other paralegal will be glad when my term is over, so the law office can get back to normal.

I am chairing September burger nights. There are still some spots open, so please come on down and sign up. (Thank you Charlie, I saw your name). If you cannot get down to the club to view the sign up sheet, please contact me @ 313-303-2326 or christine7651@att.net / crowland@xuereblawgroup.com. At this time, the best way to reach me is via phone and/or text. I currently have over 750 emails that I have not been able to get to. So, with that said, if I have not responded to your email, it is not intentional.

The next Auxiliary Board Meeting is September 13, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter. Please join us.





Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Well folks, it's that time of the year again already! Hard to believe!

I have been able to rent out 3 more docks to non-dock holder members this month (August). Make sure we welcome Kristen Whittico, Ron Drouillard, and Mark Schools. Three great members that are looking forward to the remainder of the season at our club! Welcome!

September is nominations month and a great time to revisit on how best to move our club forward. Anyone interested in running for an office is highly encouraged to do so. Just ask any officer of the Board for any information and I'm sure we can get you the answers that you need. As an example, I've never run for Dock Master before. It just takes a willingness to do the tasks at hand with a vision of how you would want to see things accomplished. Was I always right? NO! However, there are many people behind the scenes that can offer assistance. And I had a lot of help!

A note prior to the departure of our seasonal members, please remember to have copies of your insurance and registration papers for next year's dock dues. As the docks are separate from the back lot, stating that these papers are already in hand does not verify that they exist (especially since different members have insurance dates that are not on the same date and expire at different times).

Things to look forward to for work hours this fall

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Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

I can't believe that we are almost through August already. Summer seems to be flying by this year. While the weather and water conditions have been interesting to say the least, there has still been a lot of fun racing this year. By the time this month's Harbor Light is out, we will be halfway through the Fall racing series already. So far into the summer already.

This year's MBC Ladies Race was held on Sunday, August 13. We had the best turnout we have had in the last several years. We had a PHRF class for the first time in 4 years and we had 2 JAM divisions. It was a beautiful day for sailing and it sounded like everyone had a good time based on the discussions and smiles at the awards ceremony afterwards. Thanks to Dan and Melissa Sadoski, who again were the Race Chairs for this year's race. The club received a lot of compliments from the non-MBC participants.

This year's Flag Winners were:

PHRF:

1. Erica Cyrel - Pink Panther: Monroe Boat Club
2. Beth Schnipke - Team Poochy: Deadman's Flat Yacht Club
3. Crissy Corley - Uff-Da Squared: Monroe Boat Club JAM A

1. Leslie Dietch - Discover: North Cape Yacht Club, Jolly Roger Sailing Club

2. Martie Reed - Footloose: Monroe Boat Club

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BOARD of DIRECTORS

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P/C David Ryan - P/C Kathy Powers

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Dock Master continued...

(as the new term begins September 1st) Mid October, redecking the finger docks in front of the club house, winterizing the water system, pulling guest dock posts, pulling safety rings from the docks. Also (hate to say it but!) waiting for the first freeze to install new dock numbers on the end of all of the finger docks.

I wish all of you and your families a great rest of your boating season!

P/C Ron Soto

2017 Dock Master

Sail Fleet Captain continued...

3. Kelly Becker – Chasseur: Monroe Boat Club JAM B

1. Jessica Hildreth – Sea Section: Monroe Boat Club

2. Lee Ann Snyder: Pokey: Monroe Boat Club

3. Amanda Muckenthaler – Bay Tripper: Jolly Roger Sailing Club

This year's Solo race was originally scheduled for Saturday, August 19, but, NCYC's Double-Handed Race date was changed this year and fell on the same day resulting in a conflict for those that like to do both races. Due to numbers, we cancelled this year's race and will look to coordinate better with NCYC to ensure there is no conflict between our races.

As the summer winds up, try to take every opportunity to enjoy the boats and the club. MBC is a great place to be, enjoy it!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comm. Dave Fetterly - P/C Kathy Powers

P/C David Ryan - Bob Tasker

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AYC DELEGATES: Brian Moyer

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Kristen Whitico - Rick Campbell

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Monroe Boat Club Association (MBC-A) Promotes Environment and Education

Shortly after Monroe Boat Club purchased additional land and waterfront property in 2015, a survey of the membership revealed the "Top-10" potential uses of the new space. The club wanted recreation space and additional docking capacity, and several of the top ten responses included elements of education and the outdoors: junior activities, boating workshops, safety/maintenance, water access, community partnerships.

MBC has been hosting educational and environmental efforts for many years. First through the *Educational Committee* and then the *Club and Community Events Committee*, the club recognized that although MBC is a private club, we have relationships with the greater community as well. In 2016 the Club Board and Commodore Kathy Powers authorized the creation of the MBC Association (MBC-A) a 501c3 corporation, in order to maintain the existing club programs and capture the benefits associated with tax-deductibility. The CCEC will continue to provide MBC programs that are outside of the 501c3 guidelines.

The mission of MBC-A is "To provide educational opportunities associated with fostering the development of a sustainable boating and clean water harbor community, enhancing and protecting natural surroundings, and providing programs and projects that build environmental stewardship in youth and adults".

The IRS officially determined 501c3 status for the MBC-A effective on June 12, 2017. As a charitable organization, this will allow easier access to available grants to fund various programs than through the private boat club itself. MBC-A is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, transfers and gifts. Thus, having a 501c3 allows members tax-deductible donations for such things as Junior Sail Camp Scholarships. Through the CCEC, MBC has held various presentations of Travelogues, Kayaking, PWC Safety, Travel to Canada, Lighthouse Presentation, Environmental Career Days and many others, and for years the club has provided meeting space at no cost. The 501c3 designation allows for payments to MBC for use of the facilities for these educational workshops and presentations, and even the repair and renovation of certain spaces and structures that will further the stated mission of MBC-A.

In addition to grants and tax-deductible donations, MBC-A is also eligible for fundraising through Michigan's "Charitable Gaming" laws. The Club Board has authorized MBC-A to obtain an ID and Event License to manage charitable poker events at area businesses that host weekend poker events. These are typically 3 days and require at least 3 people each day. If you are interested in helping with these poker nights, please contact dryan@bex.net or don.blouin@att.net. There is some online training required by the State, and the event itself should be a lot of fun and raise significant money at the same time.

Each of the projects that MBC-A sponsors has a harmony with MBC and will revolve around our marine environment, highlighting the beauty of the Lake Erie waterways and the need to maintain and improve its quality. Donations to MBC-Association supporting its mission are all tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Rowing Races Resume After 139 Year Hiatus

On a bright Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm on August 27, 2017 rowing returned to Monroe Boat Club for the first time since the renowned MBC "Sho-Wae-Cae-Mette" won first place in the world famous Henley Royal Regatta-on-the-Themes in England in 1878.

A lively field of rowers in brightly colored kayaks delighted viewers onboard their yachts in the marina, including Art and Carolyn Butler and their grandchildren on the Main "T". Near the turning mark the Banana Dock "Happy Table" was overflowing to standing room only with Past Commodores Rick and Wendy Campbell, Power Fleet Captain Bill LeVally with his Lady Lori and family. Also enjoying the day was Jim and Michelle Lachcik, with Craig and Dennis Lamb coming back from a successful perch fishing morning to view the event along with Alan and Cheryl West watching from the shoreline. Inside the clubhouse, Bill and Carol Ducey proudly displayed photo's of their 2011 Ohio canoe racing trophy while the event received vocal encouragement from the management and customers at Harbor Marine.

The "MBC-600" course began off Commodore David Fetterly and Nistor Potcova's dock and continued along the outer docks to the West Property flagpole flying the MBC Burgee and the Flag of the United States, making a starboard turn and returning to the Commodore's yacht for the finish. Two heats were held and the races commenced with a loud report from the sailing fleet's starting cannon, with the finish marked by a toll from Partnership's brass bell.

At a recognition ceremony at the MBC BBQ Pavilion with MBC Past Commodore Kathy Powers and MBC Past Commodore and I-LYA Vice Commodore Mike Powers, award winners included Third Place winner Don Blouin. Making her way from our neighboring marina, Pat Trout earned Second Place, and MBC Member Gary Kaye, winning both heats, won Overall honors.



Kim Trout and Don Blouin rounding the turning mark



3rd Place Don Blouin, 2nd Place Pat Trout and Winner Gary Kaye.



I-LYA BOWLING

Join Vice Commodore Mike Powers and Lady Kathy
for a night of bowling, refreshments and plain **FUN!**

Sunday October 15, 2017 5 P.M.

(Arrive an hour early to register)

Fun for all - 9 pin No-Tap

Monroe Sports Center 15425 S. Monroe St. (734-242-0404)

\$20.00PP, includes bowling, balls, shoes, pizza, salad, and more

5 PERSONS PER TEAM-NEED NAMES AND CLUB PLEASE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Contact Rob Wolas for questions 734-676-3827/734-536-0874

30432 Windsor Gibraltar Mi. 48173

Make checks payable to I-LYA 2018

September 2017

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****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
call Brian Amer for a quote
419-350-9945

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. Honda outboard 9.9 HP

Asking \$4000

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Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Chuck Taylor

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(In Bolles Harbor)

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Monroe, MI 48161 734.3241.4757

- Bait shop and Fish Cleaning
- Fishing Charters Available
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- Kayak Storage Available! See Sherri

(Ad: Aug 2017)

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

September

8-10 - MBC Club Cruise to Middle Bass Island

13 - MBC Book Club @ noon

13 - MBC Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

13 - Aux. Board Mtg @ 6:30pm

13 - Aux. General Mtg @ 7pm

16 - MBC Over 40 Hour Steak Roast @ 5:30pm

16 - DJ Dave in the Bar @ 7:30pm

27 - MBC General Membership & Nominations Meeting @ 7pm

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tues - Sail Races @ 7pm



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade Soup!



October

4 - MBC Book Club @ noon

7 - Polish Dinner

7 - Temperance Tonic Band @ 7pm

11 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm

14 - MBC Annual MBC Sail Fleet Banquet

15 - I-LYA Bowling Fundraiser @ 5pm

20 - Annual Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

27 - Annual MBC General Membership Dinner & Meeting