



Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

Season's Greetings Fellow members from Barb and I, to all our members, have safe and joyful holidays. Which brings me to MBC's New Year's Eve Party for members and guests. It will be in the back hall with Katie and Jordon as our entertainment along with a DJ in-between sets from 9:00 to 1:00. There is no charge, so we ask every member attending to bring a dish to pass, the club will supply an entree along with midnight snack and champagne at midnight. The back Bar will be a cash bar with some drink specials. On another note Barb and I attended our first

Commodores Ball at the Renaissance in Toledo for Toledo Sail Club. We had a very nice time with (a little personal note) some AYC members that we met, and they had remembered my father Ray 1987 Commodore, they of course had some good stories. Our first meeting as Commodore went well. I look forward to navigating our meetings thru smooth sailing all of 2019. I will be looking for solutions from members not problems. Our Club is in good shape and only looking to get better with the board we have this year. Remember to look at our website calendar at www.monroeboatclub.org. A toast to having a great 2019 for MBC the Friendliest Club on Lake Erie.



Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Time for Thanksgiving and winter fun. There is always a lot of activities around your club. No end to the possibilities of getting involved, putting in work hours, exchanging stories with old friends and making new friends along the way. Last month we had a group do some deep cleaning in the Kitchen. Historically this deep cleaning has only been done once or twice a year, mainly because our members clean the kitchen after use. The Auxiliary has offered to help me monitor and clean the kitchen throughout the year as needed. Their intent is to keep it top notch, so we can continue to offer Burger nights, steak roasts, fish fries and other great events that bring club members together.

Every idea and every member is important to the health of MBC. With your membership there also comes the responsibility associated with keeping the building, bar and property safe and inviting to our future members and guests. We are all members of the same Monroe Boat Club and have the same rights and responsibilities of any other member. Every work hour counts for the betterment of the Club and every dollar earned at club events is for the betterment of the Club. At the end of the day there are no VIP key cards. Together we can make it a great year and have some fun along the way. "People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing." Dale Carnegie.

This year we are planning a fun New Year's Eve party in the banquet room with some party favors, food and a Champaign toast to bring in 2019. Katie & Jordan will be the entertainment with a DJ in between sets. Look for an email about this very soon. With a little luck we will also have another Muskrat dinner in January. Each year the prize rats get more difficult to find. Look for the announcement soon as we confirm the main course supply.

I've heard some great ideas about improving the club from a few members in the short time I've been the Vice Commodore. Commodore Morrow and all the P/CS continue to add to, review and comment on ideas and projects, past present and concepts. There is a list going and we can keep adding to it! Everyone's ideas are important. If you or a group of you have some idea or suggestion to improve the club, send it to me in an email. Who knows, it may already be a project in the queue.



Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

Happy Holidays Fellow Members!

Where has the time gone? It seems that only yesterday I was writing my article for the November Harbor Light. With the help of Nicole Kachar, Commodore Jeff Morrow and Yard Master Jeff McKeever, the walk-in cooler has been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. The shelves have been wiped down and the liquor is assembled in an orderly sequence. Unfortunately, the deep fryer is down but please bear with us as a new fryer is in the works.

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Some of you wine drinkers may have noticed we were dwindling down our old stock of wines to bring in a new selection which I am sure you all will love. (I got to sit in on the tasting). As a reminder, with our liquor license our members must purchase alcohol for any guests. Our bar staff will have an updated list with our current members and auxiliary members, please don't be offended if you are asked for your membership card, we are bringing new members in and we would rather error on the side of caution. Please sign your

guests in and provide them with liquor chips or coupons from your coupon book. It is not worth the fine or worse yet, losing our liquor license over. The Christmas Party for our wonderful bar staff will be on Friday December 21st, stop in and have a Christmas cocktail with them. We will be open our normal hours on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. From Dewey, Nicole, the entire bar staff and myself, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Cheers!

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- December 5, 12:00, MBC Book Club

MBC CLUB EVENTS



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, “On November 7 the Book Club met at MBC. We had a wonderful discussion about our selection, The Fallen, by David Baldacci. Everyone enjoyed the story and found it interesting and

easy to read. We recommend this book. We also had a discussion about The Lilac Girls and the author, Martha Hall Kelly, who was interviewed in the current edition of *AARP Magazine*. We revisited the story and encourage everyone who did not read it to put it on their “to read” list.

We decided to read A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg for our December 5 meeting. We will have our annual \$1 gift exchange and our appetizer buffet.

MBC-A (501c3) Update

MBC-A, also known formally as MBC Association, has its website ready for your viewing. The link to Monroe Boat Club's educational environmental nonprofit 501(c)3 group can be found on MBC's website by scrolling down the left-side menu at <http://monroeboatclub.org>. You will find its mission, and details of its projects at the site. One of the methods used for fund raising to support its projects is through grants from foundations such as the Monroe County Health Foundation or the Community Foundation. Foundations such as these and typical corporation foundations require the groups they fund to be organized as nonprofit 501(c)3 charity/educational groups.

In addition to funding by foundations, members of Monroe Boat Club volunteer to work at Charity Poker held at Woodhaven Lanes. The poker gaming is closely regulated and monitored by the State of Michigan Gaming Board. Proceeds from the three weekends during 2018 will partially be used for operational costs, such as rent for the backroom for the projects. The MBC-A current portfolio of annual projects includes the Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders, the Fishing Clinic and Derby, and the Maritime Trades Career Day for senior high students.

Projects included in the future portfolio of MBC-A may include: Elementary School Fishing Club, the Project Healing Waters fishing event for veterans with PTSD, the Casting for Recovery fishing event for breast cancer survivors, the Advanced Environmental Career Day for 9th Graders, Teaching Boating through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Math), and Clean Water Harbor certification.

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Mid November I had the pleasure of taking our past power fleet captain Craig Sauer and a small group of friends from Monroe Boat Club on a final trip to The Clamdigger and the Hot Hole. Pushing the season. The active boating for us is on hold during Michigan's natural disaster called winter.... Sad.

Top priority now as far as Power Fleet Captain duties are focused on the AYC Commodore Ball and MBC's hospitality room. Scary movies is the AYC overall theme. MBC members and their first mates are going to have fun turning our room into *The Birds* by Alfred Hitchcock. We had one preliminary meeting so far and an enthusiastic 11 people attended. Please come join us for the next open meeting Monday, December 3rd at 7 PM in the back room so

If you have questions about the structure of the organization, its mission, or its programs, please feel free to talk with any of its board directors: Art Butler, Don Blouin, Fred Hoitash, Chuck Kressbach, Charlotte Neuhauser, Dave Ryan, and Kristin Yaeger. The liaison between the MBC-A Board and the MBC Board is Dave Vensel.



Update on Care of the Environment. There is an informative article on the *Trout Unlimited* website this month, “Fixing Our Forests for Communities—and Fish—That Depend On Them.” It was written by Chris Wood, president and CEO of Trout Unlimited. He previously worked for the chief of the U.S. Forest Service and the director of the Bureau of Land Management. I'm sure you've been hearing about the deadly and damaging fires in California. This article shares some information about why forest fires happen and are so deadly and some solutions for a very complex ecological problem. Even though Michigan has not had the expansive fires of the West, it is important for all of us who are interested in the sustainability and conservation of our national forests and parks to be aware of the facts and workable solutions. To read the article, click on the link below:

https://www.tu.org/blog-posts/fixing-our-forests-for-communities—and-fish—that-depend-on-them?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=informz

we can work together to plan, build and staff our room. Get work hours and have fun too. This year MBC has a very nice room assigned to us an advantage that is likely exclusive to us that will make the room really stand out. To make this happen please support the Monroe Boat Club Power Fleet in raising money for this event. December Thursday Burger Night proceeds will go to the hospitality room budget. In December there are some volunteer positions in the kitchen open and work hours to give back for your help. Sign-up sheets are on the kitchen door.

Tickets for the AYC Ball are now on sale. The guest room reservation sheets if you're staying overnight are on the corkboard by the kitchen window. If you have never been to this event or have not been

recently please consider going February 15 and 16th 2019. Location is Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg OH. Cost is \$45 per person for the two days or \$65 per person if you're opting to add the black-tie dinner on Saturday. There are also discounted room rates. Please contact me for tickets. I am making efforts to make tickets as accessible as possible. As Gina and I live in Wyandotte and are not

at the club as much as we want to be so please consider calling or texting me for tickets as well. 734-751-8600 or danbmartin@magnumtools.com. This event always sells out, so I advise getting your tickets and rooms now.

Have happy and safe holiday season!



Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Happy Holidays from the Auxiliary: I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, there is so much to be thankful for. The back room is officially decorated and we are ready for the children's Christmas Party filled with food, music, games and crafts with a visit from Santa, fun for the entire family. The Christmas party will be December 9th, 2018 at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the bar. In November Vice Commodore Fred Hoitash and the Auxiliary had a day of kitchen clean up. It's amazing

what you find. Vice Commodore Fred Hoitash has asked the Auxiliary to take over keeping the kitchen clean and restocked. We also need your help, if you find anything broken pitch it and post a note on the refrigerator for a replacement, also if you borrow anything from the kitchen please sign the item out and return it clean. This small gesture would be greatly appreciated. The kitchen is an asset to the club. Need extra refrigerator room for an event the refrigerator in the back room is up and running for your use. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. See you at the club.

Dock Master – Brian Manor

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On November 15th I had a dock work party. I would like to thank all the members that showed up to help. I would especially like to thank Kyle Harris for supplying the air compressor to blow out the lines.

My helpers removed member dock poles that were not removed yet. We secured the safety ladders for the winter and stored the safety

rings. The sprinkler system as well as the dock water lines were blown out.

I would like to let you know the best way to contact me if you need to. First, text me at 734-735-6620. Second, email me at bmanor1031@gmail.com. Third, call me at 734-735-6620 and leave a message if I don't answer. Don't bother with Facebook because I probably will miss it.

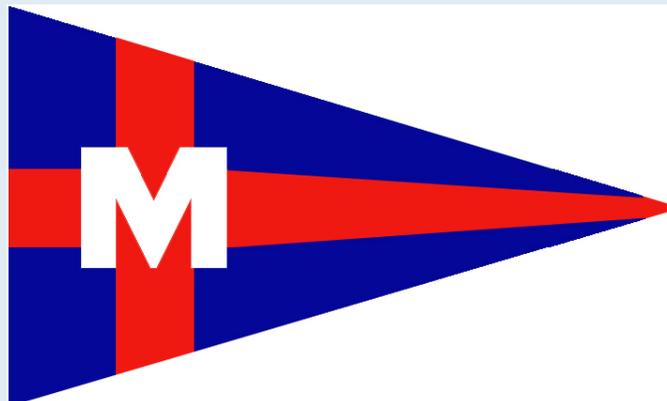
Again, Have a Happy and Blessed Holidays!

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

Greetings! As MBC's new delegate to I-LYA, I plan to attend the fall meeting scheduled for November 30 and December 1 at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter. Friday evening being the Hospitality portion, with power and sail meetings followed by the Awards and Change of Watch Banquet on Saturday. The Change of Watch is significant for MBC in that P/C Mike Powers will step down as Commodore of I-LYA. Many thanks to Mike for his outstanding leadership to the I-LYA in 2018 and for representing MBC while in office. Please note that MBC members are encouraged to attend and participate in the Fall Meeting and the Friday night hospitality event is free.

I have scheduled a meeting of the Sail Fleet for Thursday December 13th @ 7PM in the Commodore's Room. Feel free to grab a burger on your way in. The meeting is intended to nail down the chairpersons for the 2019 races, cruises and other events, get feedback on race dates, potential fundraisers/projects, schedule remaining meetings, etc. Looking forward to getting your input, so please call or email me if you cannot attend.

Warm Regards and Happy Holidays!



Photos of our Club and Members



A cool-weather boat ride



MBC Member Lance Piedmonte at the Michigan State v Ohio State game on Nov 10. Lance appeared on the Fox TV broadcast.



Change of watch



Change of watch



MBC members enjoying Thanksgiving weekend at the club



Boaters visiting MBC in late November including NCYC PIC Barb Jordan and PIC Steve Morrow (brother of MBC Commodore Jeff) and sailing school officer Jeff McKay

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2019</p> <p>Commodore.....Jeff Morrow baia8829@gmail.com (734) 260-2819</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Fred Hoitash cfdist@comcast.net (734) 649-1335</p> <p>Rear Commodore..... Barb Johnson barbjohnson59@gmail.com (734) 777-1391</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Dan Martin danbmartin@magnumtools.com (734) 751-8600</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....Garry Griffith garry.t.griffith@gmail.com (419) 882-0993</p> <p>Financial SecretaryLance Piedmonte</p> <p>Treasurer.....Bob Tasker</p> <p>Secretary.....Kay Sisung</p> <p>Dock Master.....Brian Manor</p> <p>Yard Master.....Jeff McKeever</p> <p>Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins</p> <p>Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins</p> <p>Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI</p> <p>Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte</p> <p>Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD of DIRECTORS</p> <p>P/C David Ryan - P/C Kathy Powers P/C Dave Fetterly - P/C Dan Thomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....P/C Chuck Wood</p> <p>Vice President.....P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Secretary.....P/C William Amatucci</p> <p>Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch</p> <p>Chaplin.....P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Delegates.....P/C Ric Murray P/C Jim Kozlowski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUXILIARY OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Jody Thatcher</p> <p>Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley</p> <p>SecretaryDiane Costello</p> <p>Treasurer.....Sue VanThomme</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb</p> <p>Vice-President.....P/C Kathy Powers</p> <p>Secretary.....Celeste Hoitash</p> <p>Treasurer.....Sue Van Thomme</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Comm. Jeff Morrow - P/C Dan Thomas P/C Dave Fetterly - Bob Tasker Fred Lemerand - Lance Piedmonte - Tom Snarey</p> <p>AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer Larry Inguagiato - P/C Mike Powers</p> <p>AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell P/C Kathy Powers - Craig Sauer</p> <p>ILYA DELEGATE: P/C Mike Powers ALT: Garry Griffith</p> <p>Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month</p> <hr/> <p>Monroe Boat Club website.....monroboatclub.org</p> <p>MBC-A (501c3) website.....mbcassociation.org</p> <p>Webmaster.....Larry Inguagiato larry.inguagiato@mac.com</p>
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Calendar of Events

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am – 3:00 pm I-LYA meeting, Perrysburg
2	3 7:00 pm AYC Room Meeting	4 7:00 pm Pool League @ MBC	5	6	7	8
9 Children's Christmas Party	10	11	12 6:30 pm MBC Gen. Mtg. 6:30 pm Aux Board Mtg. 7:00 pm MBC Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Aux Gen. Mtg.	13 7:00 pm Sail Fleet Mtg. in Commodore Room	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 7:00 pm Club Bar Staff Christmas Party	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	29
30	31 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Party					

Next Month Events

- Jan 1 – Happy New Year!
- Jan 9 – 6:30 pm Aux Board Mtg.
- Jan 9 – 7:00 pm Aux Gen. Mtg.
- Jan 12 – 5:00 pm LEOPA Christmas Party

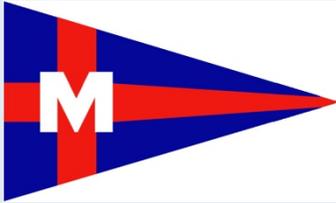
Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!

MBC Classified Ads

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Monroe Boat Club



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