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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore
Dan Thomas



Vice Commodore
P/C Jeff Morrow



Rear Commodore
Doug Sharp

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and looking forward to a Happy New Year with family and friends. The club truly benefited by the efforts of our membership in decorating for the holidays. The banquet room with the accent lighting by Nicole Kachar along with the decorations by the Auxiliary' Jody Thatcher and her team resulted in a festive holiday environment. The bar and the railing along the docks also truly reflected the holiday spirit. A thank you also goes out to the Auxiliary for the excellent Children's Christmas party on Dec 17th.

Recently Fred Hoitash along with approximately a dozen other MBC volunteers cleared the overhanging trees and foliage along the channel at the harbor's entrance. Take time to drive down to the Hoffman Access Site then look across the channel and see the resulting improvement in widening the channel accessibility for the boating traffic. This effort truly embodies Section 2 of our bylaws "promotion, protection and encouragement of boating" not only for the club but also for the general public. A big Thank you to Fred and his volunteers.

I would like to congratulate the 2018 Commodore of the ILYA. Our own P/C Mike Powers who was installed December 2nd. We were there on the 1st. enjoying the hospitality rooms. This is a first for MBC having Mike, as a member and a prior Commodore, become the ILYA Commodore. On the 2nd Mary and I also attended North Cape Yacht Club's change of watch and co-welcomed the Seaway bus trip at MBC along with other members of the Board.

On an unfortunate note we recently, saw the passing of our 1992 Commodore George Henning. He was 92 years old and an Army Ranger veteran. Along with a contingent of Blue Gavel members we proudly represented MBC at the funeral home.

Presently we, the Flag officers, are identifying projects around the club for review and possible implementation this year. This includes correction of the two sidewalk trip hazards between the clubhouse and the docks, clubhouse interior renovations, developing/reducing west

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Hello fellow members, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Question of the season, is anyone getting a boat for Christmas? I see commercials for cars and trucks but not boats!!

The children's Christmas party was a great success this year thanks to all the work by Jody Thatcher and gang. Over 40 kids attended.

Let's all attend the New Year's Eve party at MBC, bring a dish to pass and or also help with clean-up to receive work hours. We will have make your own sandwiches at midnight with champagne. Drink specials along with live band Soul Kitchen for entertainment.

At this date December 19th I have around 35 tickets left for the January 6th Muskrat dinner. We will be cleaning the Muskrats December 26th at 8:00 AM.

New entrance gate is installed and roof leak's repaired. I will be setting out a shovel and ice thaw near club entrance in case we get ice or snow at entrances after our regular snow removal worker has previously shoveled. I would appreciate a member coming or going from club to shovel entrance if necessary to prevent slips and falls, thanks.

I will be looking to get a Regatta committee together in January, never too early to get started. I am committed this year and moving forward thereafter to our goal of being the friendliest club on Lake Erie, we can do it!!

Jeff Morrow
2018 Vice Commodore

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property maintenance costs, solar lighting, re-sealing the parking lot and other maintenance projects. Again, these inroads to successfully improving the club will require assistance from the subgroups as well as member volunteer work-hour support.

Dan Thomas
2018 Commodore

Happy New Year, and I do mean Happy New Year! We're focusing on being the friendliest club on the lake this year, and the bar team is taking this goal very serious. We're looking to make the best of this new year, and positivity is our goal here. The carpet should be now installed in the bar. Burger nights ran by Craig Sauer looks as if their gonna have a great month, a lot of that has to do with the dedication to our club by Rick, and Wendy Campbell. Thanks for helping our Power Fleet Captain out, great job!

We here at the bar are trying to make your experience here at MBC a pleasant one. With that in mind we occasionally have to ask members to volunteer here behind the bar. I have Steve Hohman help out once a month so that we can have a bar team meeting with everyone there. I have also had Nick Pinotti help out on occasion, he has also helped us out with our new wine menu, with the help of Nicole Kachar. So please don't be surprised or offended to have a member helping out behind the bar. Remember we only have one bartender on duty. Thank you for your understanding.

We're still working out our design and construction plans for the new bar shelving. We also have a new food menu and great new items on a daily basis. Please be sure to check out our new menu items.

Also, I'm asking our membership for some understanding and consideration. Please remember we're still learning here at the bar, and the current operation. Also, this will be our first winter season here for us to figure out the winter business. We're ordering weekly and we our trying to keep appropriate inventory levels, so that our bar operates at optimum levels. Our goal is to make sure we always have your favorite cocktail, but understand if we do run short we'll have it corrected in no time.

Oh, and last but not least, thank you so much to Nicole Kachar and her decorating team! The club looks wonderful for the holiday season. Thanks again!

With all this being said thank you for all your support, and again Happy New Year!

Doug Sharp
2018 Rear Commodore



**Club/Community
Events Committee
Charlotte Neuhauser**

ACTIVITIES

- January 6, 12:00, MBC Book Club



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson reports, The Book Club met in the Back Room of MBC for the annual Christmas Gathering.

We discussed the new Debbie Macomber novel, Merry and Bright. It was a cute story and a short read. Everyone brought an appetizer for the table, and we had a buffet luncheon. We all enjoyed the wonderful food--we certainly have great cooks in this group!!Then, we had some fun with a \$1 gift exchange--and we all enjoyed the lovely and creative gifts!

Everyone now has a schedule for the 2018 year. The group has decided to continue to meet every month. We are also exchanging books and recommendations about novels we have read other than the group selection. This is providing each of us with a lot of reading material! We are also sharing many of the books we discuss and recommend.

The 2018 schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please check the dates and come out and join us. The book for the next meeting is always listed on the sheet, and we encourage reading that book..

Each month, two or three members are bringing lunch for the group and everyone is certainly enjoying the "home cooked" goodies. So please come and join us.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on January 6, 2018.

The books for the first 3 meetings of 2018 are:

- Jan 6 The Christmas Cookie Club by Pearlman
- Feb 7 Rooster Bar by Grisham
- Mar 7 Cherry Cherry by Taryn Tilton (Kathy Powers' niece) Kathy will have copies of the book for us. Note: Kim Fuller will be chairing the Book Club for January and February. (Thanks, Kim!!!!)

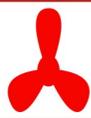
HELP!

The Club/Community Events Committee (CCEC) needs a new leader! The Mission of the Club/Community Events Committee is to provide opportunities for Monroe Boat Club members, families, and friends:

- To learn and socialize through communities of common interest;
- To participate in an increased variety of educational and entertainment activities sponsored by the club; and
- To share their knowledge, talents, and skills with others.

The initiation of the committee was approved by the MBC Board in 2006. Since that time it has offered a great variety of presentations, workshops, demonstrations, travelogues, and guest speakers. Some of the

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**Power Fleet Capt.
Craig Sauer**

Hello from your Power Fleet Captain.

Happy New Year and welcome to the cold weather activities to us that enjoy the snow and ice for sport and welcome mild weather to our friends that flee to warmer climate.

Burger nights continue to be chaired by Power Fleet to benefit the A.Y.C room for the ball February 16-17-18. December help is complete, but we still need some kitchen help for January.

Wendy Campbell is the co/chair and has been a huge help with many duties and her time and expertise are appreciated. See the signup sheet on the kitchen door for remaining jobs for January Burger nights.

The A.Y.C. party room plans are coming along as planned. We have decided on the "Beaver Island" theme as "island" is the A.Y.C overall theme.

I have had many volunteers to help and I welcome more, will have a signup sheet on the bar activity board if you wish to be part of this great event.

Finger food/appetizers will be needed, and I will be putting a food donation sheet on the fridge as the time gets closer. Remember, it is two easy work hours for each donation as we will have a need for items such as chips, dips, sweets etc. Every dish is welcome, what is your specialty?

As of December 27th, the hotel is completely booked so no further reservations are available.

There are other hotels nearby that may have room to save having to drive home, we will get you there safely.

I would like to thank the membership for committing to come out to support our room for the A.Y.C Commodore's Ball.

Many Thanks to Frank and Connie Smith and their kitchen crew for donating a portion of their November proceeds from burger night to the Power fleet fund for the A.Y.C. ball, it is certainly appreciated!

I have had the opportunity to travel to some other clubs recently to meet their new officers and steal their club flags and burgees to display in the bar (see photos on separate page).

One trip to Ford Yacht Club with my first mate Jamie, Ron Drouillard, Steve Hohman, Dan Martin and his first mate Gina, netted us a nice dinner and their flag. The next stop to Alba Mar was at the end of their Christmas party and Ron, Steve, Jamie and myself met all the new officers and first mates. Lastly, we stopped at Detroit Beach Boat Club at 9pm on a Sunday to find the doors locked and the vacuum running.... turns out they had change of watch and everybody was "done" for the day. Tom and Callie Potcova, Dan and Gina and myself and Jamie went down to RVCY for dinner, met some officers and returned with their burgee. So, we are off to a good start to replace all the flags that were gathered with the previous power fleet team, but those flags had to be returned recently at "burgee amnesty day". We argued defiantly that these clubs should have had to visit our club to get them back! Some of the burgees we would have kept forever.... Lol

Hope to see you soon!
Craig Sauer



**Auxiliary
Jody Thatcher**

Hello from the Auxiliary: Congratulations Mike Powers ILYA Commodore. It's an honor to have MBC'S first member ever to be ILYA Commodore. WOW! describes what a great month we have had. We had a fun day decorating the back room for the holidays followed by lunch. Thanks to all of you who volunteered. Mary Jo Griewahn held a Christmas shopping day with free wrapping for purchases made from ship store. Great job Mary Jo. The auxiliary put on a wonderful Children's Christmas party filled with lunch, ice cream, candy and snacks followed by frosting cookies, making Christmas ornaments, face painting, a movie and storytelling. The children gave us a treat by singing Christmas carols while waiting for Santa. Ending the day with Santa arriving with great gifts for all the children. This is a special day not only for the children but the parents, grandparents and volunteers. Our children know just how to put a smile on our face. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this a special day. Great job. Hope you all had a Merry Christmas now it's time to catch your breath before we are off and running. Don't get too comfortable grab your shorts and break out the flip flops Satan Gavel is putting on a BEACH PARTY January 27th, 2018. See you at the club.

Jody Thatcher
Auxiliary President

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more important workshops that have been offered in the past have included AED training, Up-to-date traveling to Canada by U.S. Customs, the Dealing with Disaster Day by John Rudy, and Wills, Trusts, and Probate by Art Butler. In fact, it's time for some of these to be offered again since we have quite a few new members. It's up to the leader and the committee to decide the number and types of events that will be offered; consequently, the required time to be invested is determined by the leader. A new leader must be selected within the next month. If you know of someone who may be willing to step up, please encourage them to do so. Please contact Charlotte Neuhauser at cneuhauser@gmail.com or 248.982.8199 if you are willing to volunteer. Work hours are given.



Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Happy New year everyone! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable time. The days will be getting longer here soon enough! As is the case every year, our dock billings will be going out prior to January 10th. You will be requested again to fill out the MBC forms regarding your status at the docks. All checks should be made payable to Monroe Boat Club for your dock dues which this year are B-\$400, C-\$500, and D-\$850. Along with your check you will need to provide a current copy of your registration along with your current proof of insurance (both in your name). Dock dues are due no later than February 10th post mark date. Failure to provide all of the necessary materials may jeopardize your dock assignment. Sunday March 4th at 2:00 p.m. is the date for the 2018 Dock assignment meeting, so mark your calendars. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at my email address in the roster book. As I have moved from Temperance back to Monroe just recently, emails are the best way to contact me.

There will be more infrastructure work done on the main T this year with more pilings and support brackets to be installed. We will also be replacing all of the safety rings as well as they've seen their day and new lines attached. Because I was late in ordering the composite decking for the 5 docks in front of the club last year, these docks will be done this season. I will be looking for help with people of experience in replacing the dock boards there. All of the boards have been pre-cut, so it's a matter of pulling the old and replacing with new.

At our general membership meeting in November, an amount of 25-K per year for the next 5 years has been

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Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery

As I sit writing this article it is minus 4 degrees outside, and my mind is attempting to transport me to a warmer state of being. I had the opportunity in early December to attend the I-LYA Fall Meeting in Cleveland Ohio, and it was an interesting experience for me. Membership is comprised of 145 clubs in the region, and sail, powerboat and junior sailing programs and events are sponsored throughout the boating season. Our MBC past commodore Mike Powers has been named the I-LYA Commodore for 2018. The experience showed me a much larger picture of boating on the Great Lakes than I previously envisioned. One of the presentations dealt with the phenomenon of algae blooms that have occurred in Lake Erie and elsewhere over the past many years, largely caused by run-off of phosphates present in fertilizer spread on our farmlands. The most severe episodes occur during years with heaviest rainfall (which cause even more run-off) combined with hotter summers than normal (which greatly raises the water temperature due to the relative shallowness of Lake Erie in particular), resulting in ideal conditions for algae in the lake to reproduce wildly and flourish.

This is relevant because we all spend a small fortune each spring on bottom paints for our boats with the intent of retarding marine growth which cause hydrodynamic drag. Two years ago, the European company BASF decided not to renew their U.S. license for the pesticide Irgarol, which was an additive in many bottom paints that was effective against algae, slime and other soft growth. Once the existing cans of paint here containing this additive were bought up, the supply was gone. Some paint companies turned to added zinc to add protection. This really hit home with us on our sailboat this year when we returned to

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earmarked as a line item for the replacement of the seawall from the electrical boxes by the main T to the Monroe Boat Club sign in the parking lot. Best to be prepared in advance instead of waiting for the last minute to determine how we're going to pay for this. So at least you are now aware that the increases in dock dues are necessary to maintain the docks. If there are any other concerns that you may have, again, please feel free to let me know!

Best wishes to all of you in the New Year!
P/C Ron Soto
Dock Master

Sail Fleet continued...

from a family vacation after not using the boat in three weeks and it seemed much slower than usual under engine power. We decided to go out into the lake and send people over the side to wipe down the bottom within reach of the water surface. We took note of the engine RPM and boat speed on our way out, and after wiping down the hull under the same engine RPM we were 0.6 knots faster (which is quite an increase for a sailboat). I have since learned that many sailors in Lake Erie who race their boats regularly clean their boat bottoms weekly. The good news is that Irgarol will be available again this year for bottom paints here in this country.

One of my duties as Sail Fleet Captain is to organize several sail-related committees to help organize events for the coming year. There is a Weekend Sail Cruise Committee, a Junior Sail Camp Scholarship Committee, and a Sail Race Committee that need to be established this month. I am asking for MBC members who would be willing to take part in these committees for 2018. Please contact me via email at danmont@umich.edu or 734-905-0449 if you would be willing to participate or if you have any questions.

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2017 Children's Christmas Party



Capturing Flags for the New Year!





MONROE BOAT CLUB

Satin Gavel



Beach Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018

8:00 – 11:00 PM

Location: MBC Banquet Room

DJ Dave Powell



**Raffles/Gift Baskets/Finger Foods for Purchase
Monies Raised for Ship Store/Corridor Project**



January 2018

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Like new condition.

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Contact Cyndi Gent

(313) 690-6904

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January

- 1 - Happy New Year!
- 6 - Book Club Meeting @ noon
- 6 - Muskrat Dinner @ 6pm
- 10 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 12 - Powers of Laughter
- 24 - MBC Membership Meeting @ 7pm
- 27 - Satin Gavel Beach Party

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

February

- 7 - Book Club Meeting
- 10 - Dock Dues Due
- 14 - Valentine's Day



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