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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore
Dan Thomas

As discussed in my article last month, the budget has now been revised, accepted, and passed by the Board. Based on this budget there is no need to increase our membership dues at this time. We are a boat club first and this budget supports the solvency of the dock fund by negating relying upon it in any way for general funding. The Bridge, in concert with the Board, has been discussing various projects that could lead to improvements within the club, yet funding limits what can be implemented. However, this productive appraisal can be capitalized upon in another forum.

A five-year planning outline reviewing the various projects and their benefits to the club would be beneficial to the future management of Monroe Boat Club for both direction and continuity. At this time, I, along with the Bridge's input, will pursue authoring a longer-range type plan incorporating identified tasks into a five-year plan. Any input from the general membership is certainly welcomed.

Comradery at the club is ongoing. Whether it be the euchre tournaments on Sunday afternoons, the book club with their reviews, the pool league, sail fleet, power fleet, burger nights on Thursdays or any of the numerous activities they are open to you for your enjoyment. Further availability to the Auxiliary, CCEC, MBC-A and other club-affiliated organizations are for the benefit of you the membership. Supporting these is appreciated as well.

A couple of weeks ago Lady Mary and I were privileged to represent MBC by attending the Elba Mar's Commodore's ball at the Southgate Holiday Inn. This is also where our club will be having our 2018 Commodore's Ball on March 24th. They had a lot of support from the membership as shown by the large turnout from their membership. Hopefully MBC's membership will be just as omnipresent at our ball. This year we even have a lottery chance going for a free night's stay (room) at the Holiday Inn for the Ball; or it can be used anytime this year. The proceeds will go towards the Ball Fund. Your support is appreciated. The signup/envelope is located at the bar. In February we attended the Associated Yacht Club (AYC) Hospitality rooms and the Commodore's Ball. We were able to help our Power Fleet Captain Greg Sauer with MBC's

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Vice Commodore
P/C Jeff Morrow

Hello fellow members. Spring is getting closer but not close enough! Some small projects have gotten done recently in the club with more to come. All air handlers in the back hall and bar area have been cleaned thanks to member Brad Fichtner. The heater in the entrance to bar has been replaced and now keeps the floor dry to protect members from slips and falls (needs trim installed). The main vent in the Men's Room has also been replaced. Both jobs done by our new favorite electrician David Cupp (not to offend any of our member electricians that have done a great job over the years). Stove/Oven Hood and vent have been degreased and power washed. This should be good until August. Please help keep the kitchen clean. It is all our responsibility. I will be looking for help on two outside doors that are rusting on the bottom. Hoping they are repairable.

Regatta committee is doing a very good job so far. We have secured two bands that will Rock the Docks, 56 Daze and Lookin' Back a Bob Segar Tribute Band. Both bands have large followings. Any member can volunteer for Regatta Committee (it's not too late). Contact me at 734-260-2819 for volunteers. The next meeting date is April 10th at 6:00 in the Commodore's Room. The committee decides at end of each meeting for the next date.

What a great AYC Commodore's Ball. A shout out to Power Fleet Captain Craig Sauer and Jamie Griffor for the GREAT hospitality room. 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



Rear Commodore
Doug Sharp

Greetings everyone from the bar team. We have some great things coming up in March! We have Elixir Band performing on March 10th. They are an awesome entertainment experience. We will be having hand battered fish lunches every Friday in March the price will be \$6.00. We will be running from 12pm-2pm.

I'd like to thank everyone that came out and supported Mike Powers burger nights. Wendy, and Rick Campbell did a wonderful job on the soups all month, and they donated all the soups towards burger night! Great job Rick & Wendy!

The bar team is here for each and every member. If you have a suggestion, idea, or anything else please let us know. Please keep in mind this is our first winter here at MBC as Rear Commodore and we may have a shortage, or run short of something, but don't worry it will be restocked ASAP. We are also buying new wines and trying new things so if you're a wine person please ask us about our new stuff.

I've also been traveling a bit to some of the other clubs, it's been some real fun! My partner in crime this month was Jeff Morrow lol we went on a burgee run and all I can say is O'Boy! We hit ORYC, RVYC, DDBC, SWAN, and last but not least SSBC. What a great time, Jeff and I ended up with 4 burgees, and a very special AYC POWERFLEET CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR FLAG. Thanks Chris Upholzer for trusting us with your personal burgee.

Well til next month, and hopefully a great March for us all.

Rear Commodore
Doug Sharp/and bar team.
Thank You.

Commodore continued...

hospitality room. It looked wonderful and was a great success. Also, the Inter Lake Yachting Association (ILYA) hospitality room hoisted by their Commodore, our own P/C Mike Powers, was a success. Thank you to Mike, Craig and the MBC crew that assisted them in supporting these venues.

Dan Thomas
2018 Commodore



CCEC and MBC-A
Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- March 7, 12:00, MBC Book Club



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson reports, "The Book Club for February was cancelled due to weather advisories. The next meeting will be on March 7 at noon at MBC. Please come and join us!! Just bring a finger food/appetizer to share. If you have not read the February/March books, you can catch up with the April selection.

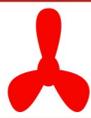
The selection for February was Rooster Bar by John Grisham. Kathy Powers' niece, Taryn Tip-ton, has written a book titled Cherry, Cherry. This is our selection for March. Hopefully, Kathy is going to be able to get some copies for us next meeting. Everyone interested in reading current fiction in and enjoying some "social time" with fellow members should come and join us!

Regatta Used Book Sale. Yes, there are still a few people who read soft cover and hard cover books. Save your books for this year's Regatta sale. The proceeds go to CCEC and its annual gift to the club.

Current projects on 2018 schedule: The 8th Annual Environmental Career Day will be offered through grants on June 5-6; the 2nd Maritime Trades Career Day will be offered in Sept/Oct (date TBA).

Feasibility studies will be conducted for sponsorship of an elementary school (2-6th grades) fishing club and a Project Healing Waters for PTSD Veterans through Fly Fishing.

Think about these four projects. If you're interested in helping out on any one of them, please let Charlotte Neuhauser know at cneuhauser@gmail.com.



Power Fleet Capt.
Craig Sauer

Hello Everybody!

The AYC Commodore Ball Hospitality room is behind us and it sure was much fun and certainly a learning experience for Jamie and I!

How about another Congratulations to PC David Fetterly and Lady Nicole!

The Ball theme was "island" and we were the only club to choose a Michigan island: "Beaver Island" We had a very small room, but that was ok as it was that much less to decorate and also easier to tear down. RC Doug concocted our theme drink the "I C Beaver" and it was a huge hit as we went through more of that than we did the keg beer! The IC Beaver was served in a souvenir shot glass that bears our club flag and turns a different color from hot to cold. Thanks to Dave Powell for supplying his equipment for the music in the room, Dan Martin for supplying his box truck for transporting materials, Laura Zorn for the carpet saver, Mike and Kathy Powers for your help and wisdom. The room was constructed by Jamie and myself, bartending was handled by Ron Drouillard, Al and Amy Brooks, Marty Esper, Mike Morrison, Bill and Lori Levally, Jim and Michelle Lachcik, Don Miller and Jamie. Brian and Lori Moyer tended bar, put together the kegerator and did the popular Bloody Mary bar Saturday morning. The auxiliary prepared "Beaver Balls" barbecue meatballs for the snack along with appetizers. Dan Thomas helped with a variety of things and the most important part of the room... the liquor! I had never been to this party before, so I learned from many members that were glad to offer up helpful hints and suggestions. David Fetterly, Rick and Wendy Campbell, Jeff Morrow and Barb Johnson to name a few.

So on to the next chapter, incoming bus trips from other clubs to enjoy our hospitality at our club.

First in was RVCY this past Saturday and they brought 54 guests that "shared the wealth" with us. Carol Smith fried up some fresh fish that Rear Doug Sharp donated.

Next up March 10th, ORYC and they are bringing 100 guests and I will be looking for appetizer donations for work hours.

March 24th is our MBC Commodore Ball, but Seaway Boat Club is also bringing a bus trip in to us.

March 31st Toledo Sail Club is bringing 60 guests.

April 7th is Nugents Canal bus trip.

April 15th we finally get to have our bus trip!

It looks like we will have a bus leaving here around noon and heading up to Great Lakes Steel Boat Club, then over to Seaway Boat club and finally Elba Mar Boat Club before we are back home.

A signup sheet will be posted shortly in the bar and the cost is going to be 25.00 per person.

We have a 50 person "Lakefront Lines" bus so space is somewhat limited. Payment in full saves your seat!

Thank you for your support!
Your Power Fleet Captain.
Craig Sauer



Auxiliary
Jody Thatcher

Hello from your Auxiliary,

Welcome Nancy Kay and Deborah Pryba our newest members to the Auxiliary!

Winter is fading, and spring is just around the corner.

Thanks to Satin Gavel and Rear Commodore Doug Sharp for keeping us busy with great events for all of us to attend this winter.

What a better way to start spring than with a visit from the Easter Bunny! Mark your calendar for the Children's Easter party on March 18th, 2018 at noon. There will be a sign-up sheet posted in the bar at the beginning of March.

The ships store has been open on burger nights and we will continue to have the clothing available at as many events as possible.

Thank you for your support and see you at the club.

Jody Thatcher

MBC Association Update

The MBC Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational charitable corporation, authorized by the MBC Board of Directors. It wasn't until the latter half of 2017 that we began to get traction and vision in synch. Currently the MBC Association (MBC-A) is working on some fund raisers and will soon begin reviewing grants and future events. Most all of these will circle around to benefit MBC, much like MBCs other sub-organizations. The major advantages MBC-A has over the other organizations is that it can accept grants, and all donations for MBC-A funded educational activities are tax deductible.

To get started on the cash production part of the corporation, Don Blouin has secured a license from the State of Michigan, allowing the MBC-A to host Charity Poker events. So, to keep it simple, the income is split between the equipment owners that operate the games and the Charity that handles the house bank. The MBC-A has secured 4 event dates for 2018 at Woodhaven Lanes. By the time you read this, we will have the site license for the June event submitted and ready for the first event. These events will provide the cash that will allow MBC-A to win partnership grants and enhance MBC.

All members of MBC and their spouses are members of MBC-A. So, all members of MBC may volunteer to help with these fundraisers. Celeste and I have done these in the past and they can be a lot of fun. We are not there to play. We handle the bank. We will be contacting members to help with the remaining events on August 10-13, October 26-29 and November 9-12.

Other educational opportunities and means to enhance programs for MBC and its members will be discussed at the next quarterly meeting in April. Another update will be published after the meeting.

Fred Hoitash
MBC-A President



Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Hello everyone! Well the counts are in and the available docks for the season have been posted. They went up on the 17th of February and were taken down 10 days later on February 27th. Those of you that are looking to get into a dock for the season have signed up on the posted sheet. Our annual dock assignment meeting was the first Sunday of March this year at 2:00 pm. And to those of you that signed to either get a different dock or are new to the club for dockage...CONGRATULATIONS! Make the most of it and be respectful of your fellow club members.

There will be a dock work party organized shortly in which we will be repairing and reinstalling the safety ladders in an effort to have them in a position to remove at the end of each season and eliminate any ice damage that occurs as a result of high water (which we will probably be experiencing again this year). We will also be replacing deck boards on the five fingers in front of the club house. Lastly (and I am encouraging fellow dock holders to please get involved) we will be power washing the docks once again. Break out the power washers and let's make the work easier on all of us through everyone's participation. Many hands make less work. In closing, I wish everyone a great and safe season ahead!

P/C Ron Soto
Dock Master



Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery

The weather has been interesting so far this winter, and as we enjoy a few warmer days here and there my thoughts turn to sailing again. Some of you have travelled to visit some warmer destinations and I look forward to hearing some of your experiences. I have been making my usual to-do lists for boat projects again this year, and one of the items I was thinking about was the tuning of the mast and rigging to allow for best performance while sailing. The basic procedure involves making sure the top of the mast is centered over the boat laterally and that the mast has no sideways bend. Usually this starts by using the mainsail halyard to compare the relative distance from the top of the mast to each side of the boat, then loosen and tighten the upper shrouds until the distance to each side is the same. Then adjust both side turnbuckles for the upper shrouds evenly until the desired tension is achieved. This will be followed by going out sailing and on each tack slowly taking out part of the slack on the leeward shrouds and then repeating on the other tack. In the past I had always been pretty meticulous about basic rig tune, but one of the things I noticed last spring was how long it took to remove tape and cotter pins, do the adjustment, and then replace the cotter pins and then tape them up again. During on-line searches I ran across a clever product that I plan to try out this upcoming season. The product is available commercially as "Scar Pins" or "Wrap Pins" (see photos) but is basically a wide

Sail Fleet continued...



Velcro strip with a cotter pin protruding through and fixed in place with a small stainless washer and/or epoxy. The cotter pin end is pushed through the hole in the turnbuckle, and then the Velcro gets wrapped around the turnbuckle on itself snugly, which now protects the cotter pin ends from snagging on sails, etc. This will be quick to remove for adjustments and then re-apply. I am planning on making my own DIY set for all of my turnbuckles that get regular adjustment. I am including a couple of photos to illustrate.

Our next MBC Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30PM. Please attend if you are able, as it helps to hear thoughts from as many members as possible. To be added to our email list just send me an email to danmont@umich.edu.

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Documented Vessel Owners Info:

For MBC members and friends with a US Coast Guard Documented vessel, please be aware of a potential “scam” during your renewal.

There are several third-party companies that send out official looking letters that may appear to have names and addresses very similar to the official annual renewal center, but will charge you three or four times the cost compared to renewing directly with the National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC). These letters might also offer additional year’s renewal at the same time, while the official Coast Guard renewal is for one year only.

The Coast Guard sends very plain-looking renewal letters to owners about 45 days prior to the expiration. The for-profit companies send their letter much sooner, and renewing with them will re-set your renewal date if you pay them more than 60 days in advance.

The official renewal fee is \$26.00. The “scam” renewals will charge \$70.00 or more. Some of the non-official email addresses are:

<https://vesseldocumentation.us/>

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<https://maritimedocumentation.us/>

While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with vessel documentation renewals, the USCG’s own renewal process is simple for most vessels and the price, \$26.00, is often much lower than what third-party services may charge. To renew online, go to the USCG National Documentation Center website at www.uscg.mil/nvdc and click on “instructions and forms.”



L-R: Nancy and Mark School, Fred and Celeste Hoitash, P/C's Mike and Kathy Powers enjoying the annual winter "Friends of the Mills" dinner at Toledo Yacht Club. The evening introduced 2018 Honorary Chairman Bill Pribe as well as the 2018 Mills Logo, and all were treated to a presentation about navigators and the Mills Race Navigator's Trophy, by TYC Historian and P/C Ron Gabel. This year's Mills Trophy Race is June 8-10.



Another burgee run!

March 2018

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Like new condition.

Asking three hundred dollars.

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(Ad: Dec 2016)

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(Ad: Aug 2017)

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

March

- 4 - Dock Assignment Mtg @ 2pm
- 7 - Book Club @ Noon
- 10 - Incoming Bus ORYC
- 10 - "Elixer" Band in the Bar @ 7pm
- 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins @ 2am - Clocks Ahead 1hr
- 14 - MBC Auxiliary Mtg @ 6:30pm
- 14 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 18 - Kids Easter Party @ Noon
- 22 - Sail Fleet Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 24 - Incoming Bus Seaway BC
- 24 - MBC Commodore Ball @ Southgate Holiday Inn
- 28 - MBC General Membership Meeting @ 7pm
- 31 - Incoming Bus Toledo SC

Ongoing Events:

- Thurs - Burgers & Soup
- Friday Fish Lunch \$6.00 all March



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

April

- 1 - Happy Easter!
- 7 - Incoming Bus Nugent's Canal
- 11 - MBC Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 15 - MBC Bus Trip @ Noon
- 25 - MBC General Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 27-29 - Catawba in-water Boat Show

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