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MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

**April 2019** 



#### Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

Hello fellow members. Barb and I had an unbelievably great time at our Monroe Boat Club Commodore Ball. We know how to put on a party at Monroe Boat Club! Thanks to all our members that attended (you made this Ball one to remember). Thanks also to Rear Commodore Barb Johnson.

Nicole Katcher, Nick Pinotti, Mike and Gail McCormick, Dan Thomas, Mike Anteau, my brother Steve Morrow of North Cape Y C , Barb Jordon of North Cape Y C , John Peterson, Brian Moyer, Lori Moyer, Marty Drozdowicz, Angelo's Northwood Villa and all who helped with the Ball Committee.

Ford Yacht Club Commodore Ball was attended by Barb and me on March 2nd, it was at the Sheraton Hotel near Detroit Metro Airport and was a great party that was well attended by their members. The



#### **Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash**

MBC has a fair amount of infrastructure and thank goodness most of it is good shape. Each month I am finding more and more things that need to happen around the club to keep the place in top shape. I need volunteers for several small jobs. Some are small jobs that need to happen every week. Some are

regular, but less often. Several are either intermittent or once every so often. If you are interested is helping with any type of small jobs/tasks around the club, please contact me. My number and email are Directory page of the Harbor Light. I am going to build on an idea of one of our past commodores and post a list of these tasks on the bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Take a look at the list and sign up for something. It helps to get your work hours in on some low-key projects and helps keep the club looking good.

The House committee is working on the details for a couple of larger projects to enhance the experience of the members and to enhance the banquet room, hallway and north foyer area. Neither of these projects are possible without additional funding and the support of other groups within MBC. I will address the funding needs with the other groups once the budget for each project is finalized. I plan to do a steak roast this spring and burgers in June to raise funds for these projects. By the time you read this article, the Men's restroom renovation will be completed. We are still exploring options to get a new door. Dan Thomas started the process to get the doorways in the hallway and to the restrooms updated so the look is consistent. We plan to continue the process with the Men's restroom.

Speaking of burgers. The Satin Gavel is hosting burger Thursdays in April. The Auxiliary is hosting burger Thursdays in May. Inviting your friends to one of these evenings for an awesome burger or chicken sandwich is a great way to introduce MBC to a potential new member. For you newer members, come on out to one of these Thursdays and enjoy one of the best burgers in the area. If you're looking for work hours, sign up to work one of these nights. Several

Sheraton is the next venue for the AYC Ball in 2020. Then onto Bay View Yacht Club Commodore's Ball on March 30th.

Bennett Stein's Jigs dinner was sold out and the Club was rocking that night, Thanks Bennett. More dinners and surprises to come! Charlotte Neuhauser and Don Blouin have accepted to Chair the 75th anniversary of Monroe Boat Club, get involved and help with ideas for committee.

I need some members to step forward to help with auditing the Clubs entities. My phone number is 734-260-2819. I look forward to navigating our meetings through smooth sailing all of 2019. I will be looking for solutions from members not problems, and like to see our influential members focusing their energies by helping and being positive. It is our Club; change can be good. Remember to look at our website calendar at <a href="www.monroeboatclub.org">www.monroeboatclub.org</a>. MBC, the Friendliest Club on Lake Erie.

years ago, Celeste and I started helping with steak roasts and burger nights to meet more people at our club, your club. We've met a lot of wonderful people helping out.

Celeste and I have started attending some of the fund-raising events put on by the 2019 class (current Commodores) and the 2020 class

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(current Vice Commodores). It certainly fills up the schedule. So far, we continue to meet great people and have fun. How can you not have fun when you get to hang out with fellow boaters?

Our summer Regatta is coming up on 26-28 July. This is MBC's party to celebrate our Commodore, Jeff Morrow. Jeff has been and continues to help me find my way into the thick of the V/C position. He has been helpful in planning this Regatta and is active along with several others to make sure we have a lot of fun at this event. A lot of the background stuff is already completed or in process. Please consider donating items of value or interest to the Auction fundraiser

on Saturday. More information will follow in future articles. It is a real privilege to be working with such a talented and focused group of volunteers. We need to continue with a single vision in planning – promoting MBC and putting on a fun event.

I am grateful for all the support, information and consultation so many members have provided me to date. Keep giving me your ideas and information. Let's build together. We are all connected through our membership, and together we will fill the house.

"To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle." Walt Whitman.



#### Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

**Greetings Everyone!** 

Seriously, where does the time go? I swear I was just doing March's article yesterday! March was a good month for the bar. We had DJ Wally playing on Saturday March 2nd (He also was able to pull off a

surprise birthday party for his daughter that night). St. Patrick's Day was like no other in a very long time in the bar. A HUGE "Thank You" to Bennett Stein, Amelia Beverly, Mike McCormick and crew for all their hard work to make it such a memorial night. (Not to forget Bennett Stein's behind the scene assistant who just happens to be "the assistant to anyone who needs assistance" here at our club,) THANK YOU NICOLE KACHAR!! Also, a huge Thank You to all our members and guests, without your support it would have just been

another St. Patrick's Day. Hi-Jinx had the dance floor packed. Burger Nights have been rocking it as well. V/C Fred Hoitash and his crews are working very hard to give everyone the fine burgers we have become accustom to on Thursday nights. Mandy Beasley is bringing people out of the woodwork for some of her delicious lunches and homemade soups. I hear she can't keep her submarine sandwiches in stock. Euchre Sunday has come to an end, that is a sign that spring is right around the corner, thank you Mark Beverly for coordinating it this year and congratulations to all the lucky winners. Nicole and I are trying to schedule a "Name That Tune" night for April but haven't gotten a confirmation on a date yet. Until next month....

Cheers!

#### CCEC Update - Charlotte Neuhauser

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- April 3, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- May TBD, US Customs & Border Protection presentation
- June 4-5 8:00-2:00, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders

#### **MBC CLUB EVENTS**



**MBC Book Club**. Judy Peterson reports, "The book selection for March was The Long Road to Mercy by David Balducci. Everyone agreed that it is a very good story with

interesting characters and thought-provoking ideas. We recommend this book! Our lunch this month was cooked by Mandy! She made Reuben sandwiches. We have returned to our large table in the bar room and really enjoyed coming back to our original place."

For April our book selection is The Irish Cowboy by D.W. Ulsterman. It is available through Amazon. Our book selection for May is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Everyone is welcome to join us. We meet at MBC on the first Wednesday of each month.



US Customs & Border Protection. It's time to think about boating to Canada on a warm spring day. It's been five years since the US Customs officials visited MBC and provided up-to-date information on entering and

returning from Canada. This year the CBP will be at our club at 3pm Sunday April 28, providing an update on the information and documentation you will need to easily return from Canada. The officials will cover boating restrictions and requirements and also entering and returning by car and air from international sites.





We all use our cellphones on a regular basis, but what happens if we try to call 911 for

emergency when out on the lake? Will the call go to the closest, most relevant rescue agency? Unfortunately, that may not be the case. In an effort to ensure effective dispatch of the closest potential rescue asset, the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 requires the U.S. Coast Guard to review its policies and procedures to "formulate a national maritime Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) policy." There are more than 6,000 PSAPs in the U.S. —local 24/7 call centers with trained dispatchers that receive 911 emergency telephone calls and route them to the proper emergency service. This effort will minimize the possibility of maritime calls being improperly routed and to ensure the U.S. Coast Guard will be able to effectively carry out its maritime search and rescue mission.

!!! Don't forget! All watercraft, unless exempt, must be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State by March 31 in the 3rd year of issuance. Watercraft exempt from registration are:

- Those 16 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles, and not used for rental or commercial purposes;
- Nonmotorized canoes and kayaks, rafts, surfboards, sailboards, and swim floats, regardless of length, and
- Watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan.

**Did you know?** According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Genevieve Gillette was an extraordinary woman who helped shape state parks during their first 100 years. She was Michigan's first female landscape architect and became a "paramount character in the design and development of state parks." More information may be found on the Department of Natural Resources centennial website at MIDNR@gov."

#### MBC-A (501c3) Update

Update on Environmental Career Day. The days are scheduled for June 4-5. The teachers tell us there are potentially 130 7th graders who will be eligible. As you probably recall, we will need 10 boats—both power and sail. A captain and co-captain are needed for each boat. It's not just a boat ride, but for some of these kids, they have never seen Lake Erie before, let alone been out on a boat. These days can make a difference in the lives of these kids; as one young man said as he got off the boat last year, "This has been the best day of my life—I'm so glad I came to school today." We will need boats and other volunteers willing to help serving lunch and other activities. Please mark your calendars!

<u>Update on Environmental Issues</u>. There was an interesting article in the March 13th edition of <u>Great Lakes Scuttlebutt</u> on "The Future of Boating." It covers the story of Greenline Yachts which started in 2009 designing yachts with environmental issues in mind. According to the article, they developed their Hybrid system and became one of the first boat builders to use vacuum infusion technology in the production of yachts. This technology optimizes the amount of resin used to make these stronger, lighter boats. During the production process, they use more environmentally friendly materials that reduce emissions. The boats use solar panel technology which serves as a renewable source of energy in place of a generator. You may find the Greenline Yacht at <a href="https://www.yachsalesinternational.com">www.yachsalesinternational.com</a>.

Charity Poker and Federal Environmental Funding Gov. Whitmer's FY 2020 state budget includes up to \$3 million from the State Lottery Fund for the Michigan Gaming Control Board to license and regulate charitable gaming. This is the mechanism through which MBC-A acquires its license to participate in charity poker. The earnings then are used to assist in the funding of the educational events which ultimately covers rental and damage fees of MBC's facilities.

On the Federal level, you may have noticed in the proposed FY2020 budget, there is another attempt to slash federal funding going towards cleaning up major U.S. waterways including the Great Lakes, even though Congress has thwarted previous attempts

according to budget documents released last week. The budget's blueprint for the Environmental Protection Agency proposes cutting most or all federal support for the programs, which benefit waters degraded by years of pollution, overdevelopment and exotic species invasions. The biggest recipient is the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative which was launched in 2010 to deal with longstanding environmental problems in the lakes. The 2020 budget proposes a 90% drop from the \$300 million it has gotten in most previous years. The program has bipartisan support from members of Congress from New York to Minnesota, some of whom pledged to fight the latest proposal to gut it. The success of the past funding isn't just anecdotal. A 2018 study by University of Michigan economists found that for every \$1 put into the cleanup program, it produced \$3.35 in additional economic activity for the region. The activity comes in the form of outdoor recreation and restored habitats. Some of the specific cuts include: The Clean Water State Revolving Fund - \$574 million reduction, The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - \$300 million reduction, and The Environmental Protection Agency - \$2.76 billion reduction.

Just a reminder! When you order from Amazon, you can have a percentage of your purchase donated to MBC Association!!! All you have to do is sign up! It's painless! And it is an easy way for MBC-A to receive some much needed \$\$\$ for the projects we're offering. The way it works is that once you sign up at <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a> and indicate MBC Association as your charity, Amazon will give 0.5% of the purchase price for each item to MBC-A by depositing it directly into MBC-A's bank account. It does not add to the cost of the item you're purchasing, but it is taken from the purchase price that Amazon receives. The Amazon items and purchase prices are the same as for those you don't purchase through Smile. When signing in to Amazon, simply use the following link <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a> to purchase your items. Make sure you are using our charity by clicking on MBC Association within the Amazon site.

#### Power Fleet Capt. - Dan Martin

Hello Monroe Boat Club Members and Auxiliary. The time is coming to get the boat(s) ready for the season. Get those props repaired and balanced ASAP. Wax on/ wax off.

I would like to thank the MBC Auxiliary for taking care of the bus trip MBC had in on February 23. Our first 2019 outgoing bus trip is scheduled for April 6th and will be going to Sunseeker's Boat Club, Ford Yacht Club, and Elba-Mar Boat Club. Please contact me if you would like to schedule more bus trips. We are plotting out club boat trips at this time too.

Hanging above the MBC bar is the AYC perfect attendance poker run flags from the 2018 year. I hope to encourage our members with boats to earn a few more in the 2019 season. There are five

designated AYC clubs as poker runs and if you attend all five with your boat you will receive a flag. Please contact me and I will be happy go over all the details.

#### 2019 AYC Poker Run:

Toledo Sail Club
 Swan Boat Club
 Maumee River Yacht Club
 Bay View Yacht Club
 Great Lakes Steel
 June 24-25
 August 2-3
 August 16-17
 August 23-24

Thank you



#### **Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher**

Hello from the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary welcomes Jamie Dumas back as Auxiliary member. Good to have you back. Spring has arrived and we are starting the season off with the children's Easter Party on April 14th, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., chaired by Shawna Powell and Olga Collino. There will be a sign-up

sheet on the bulletin board in the bar. Come on out and enjoy a fun day with the children and the Easter bunny. The new ship's store has been approved and construction will begin soon. We believe the

new ship's store will be an asset to our club. For those of you who would like to purchase the ship's store merchandise there is a key at the bar for your convenience. May will be Auxiliary Burger Nights we are having a special bacon cheeseburger along with our regular burgers, chicken and delicious soups. Our 50/50 drawing proceeds are put towards the sponsoring of our children events. We thank you for your continual support. Enjoy the weather, see you at the club!

#### <u>Dock Master – Brian Manor</u>

I hope everyone has survived our winter. I'm looking forward to the start of the boating season. I want to extend a special thanks to all those who showed up on March 9 th and 16th to help make repairs to the docks. We stripped 7 docks of their old surfaces and replaced them with new composite decking in the 2 work days. Again, thanks to all of you that came out to help.

I will be scheduling a couple of work parties in April to install new ladders to replace the ones damaged by ice this past winter. I haven't decided on the dates yet. I really don't have much more to report

#### Sail Fleet Capt. - Garry Griffith

Spring is here and time for the boat prep to get cranked up...after it warms up a bit. There has been another good response in March by club members applying for the Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship for this year's North Cape Yacht Club Sail Camp. This is a great opportunity for young sailors to improve their sailing skills while having fun.

The Sail Fleet visited Walt Norris' Maritime Museum on Saturday March 2nd. SF members and guests viewed Walt's excellent collection of model sailing vessels before moving on to Inside the Five for refreshments. (photos)

The Sail Fleet met on March 21st to prepare for the 2019 sailing season. Race documents for our Tuesday night and three weekend races were reviewed, and summer cruise destinations and a variety of other Sail Fleet business was discussed. The Midweek Races kick off on May 14th and the MBC weekend race schedule is as follows:

- Race for the Sisters July 13th
- Ladies Race August 11th
- Solo Challenge August 17th

The I-LYA Spring meeting will be April 5 – 6 in Westlake, Ohio.

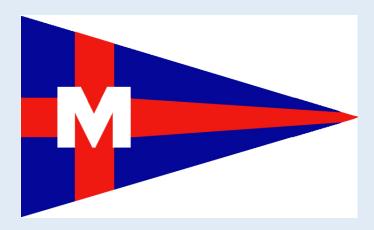
Our next Sail Fleet meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM at the club. Please plan to attend as we will be finalizing race and cruising plans for the 2019 season.

NCYC has published its Spring seminar schedule:

- April 3rd Shipboard Electrical Systems by Dave Disbennett
- April 10th TSA Border Patrol Latest Rules and Regs. on Border Crossings
- April 17th Understanding & Forecasting Cyanobacteria Blooms in Lake Erie
- April 24th Medical Emergencies by Dr. Prybylski
- May 1st National Museum of the Great Lakes Tugboat "Ohio" History
- May 8th Race Rules and Starting Races by Bill Pribe

All seminars start at 7pm and are open to the public.

A special thank you to Commodore Morrow and R/C Johnson for the excellent evening at Angelo's Northwood Villa.



#### **Photos of our Club and Members**



Pics from Sail Fleet outing.



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## Directory of Officers, Board, etc. FLAG OFFICERS for 2019

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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#### **NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"**

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**Calendar of Events** 

## April

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Satin Gavel Meeting	2	3	4	5 I-LYA Spring Mtg, Westlake OH	6 MBC Outgoing Bus Trip I-LYA Spring Mtg, Westlake OH
7	8	9	10 6:30 pm MBC Mem Mtg 6:30 pm Aux Board Mtg 7:00 pm Aux Mem Mtg 8:30 pm MBC Board Mtg	11	12	13
14 I:00 pm Children's Easter Party	15 6:30 pm Regatta Planning Mtg	16	17 6:30 pm House Committee Mtg	18	19 Good Friday	20
21 Happy Easter! Bar Opens at 4:00 pm	22	23	24	25 MBC 75 <sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting	26	27 5:00 pm Blue Gavel Steak/Chicken Roast
28 3:00 pm US Customs Border Patrol Presentation	29	30				

#### **Future Events**

- May 2 Sail Fleet Meeting 2:00 pm
- May 14 Tuesday Night Sailing Begins
- May 23 Icebreakers Presentation
- Jun 4-5 Environmental Career Day
- Jun 14-15 AYC Poker Run @Toledo Sail Club
- Jun 28-29 AYC Poker Run @Swan Boat Club
- Jul 13 Race for the Sisters
- Aug 2-3 AYC Poker Run @Maumee River YC
- Aug 11 MBC Ladies Race
- Aug 16-17 AYC Poker Run @Bay View YC
- Aug 17 MBC Solo Race
- Aug 23-24 AYC Poker Run @Great Lakes Steel
- Oct 12 Sail fleet Annual Award Banquet

#### **Ongoing Events**

- Thursdays 5:30 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Weekday Banquet Room Rental only \$150.00

#### **MBC Classified Ads**

## **CLASSIFIED**

Summer Storage Season May 1- Nov 1 Winter Storage Season Nov 1 - May 1 Contact Yard Master Jeff McKeever (734)-755-8565 For Sale
1980 Herreshoff Gaff Rigged Catboat
Superb condition: Teak table, cast iron woodburning stove, cedar
lined lockers, bronze hardware, 7 to 8 coats Epifane finished
brightwork and more!
Includes 4-stroke outboard and Loadrite trailer
Richard Ridcout 419-290-0074
riconyl@yahoo.com

(Ad exp: May 2019)



## **Going to Canada with your Boat?**

What do you need for documentation? Up-to-date information!

When: 3:00pm Sunday April 28th

Presenters: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Where: Monroe Boat Club, Banquet Room

7932 Bolles Harbor Dr, Monroe, MI

Directions: I-75 Exit 11, LaPlaisance Rd, east

Follow until road curves right, then go straight/bear left

Turn left onto Lake St., the first road on the left

(734)243-8935 http://www.monroeboatclub.org/

Get the facts! Everyone welcome! Free to the Public!

# MBC Blue Gavel Steak Roast Saturday April 27th, 2019 5pm-8pm (DJ Dave Powell to Follow)





Steak Dinner \$15.00 Chicken Dinner \$12.00 Meatless Dinner \$8.00

Baked Potato, Mushrooms, Vegetable & Rolls

Also Available: Variety of Homemade Salads

& Sides Along with Delicious Homemade

Deserts

Sign-Up by <u>April 14</u> to Guarantee Dinner Or Contact Wendy Campbell 734-735-8504

### **Monroe Boat Club**



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