

HARBOR LIGHT



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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

December 2019



Club Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Thank you Monroe Boat Club! Our members, officers and guests continue to amaze me with their participation, friendliness and activities at the club. The holiday season is starting and we have several MBC activities scheduled, and the banquet room continues to be rented for special events. I was able to attend the Blue Gavel annual brunch as an invited guest. So good to know that MBC has one of the more active and well attended Blue Gavel organizations. Celeste and I helped Power Fleet Captain Ryan Shaughnessy welcome Sun Seekers Boat Club into MBC for their incoming bus trip a couple weeks ago. Riverview Yacht Club is coming to MBC on 7 December as part of their bus trip. We will be away at the I-LYA meetings, but I can assure you that Ryan and the other officers will be welcoming the incoming passengers to the friendliest club on the lake.

Speaking of activities, please check out Vice Commodore Dan Martin's article for details on the New Year's Eve party and muskrat dinner coming up. I enjoy helping with the muskrat preparation and the crew. It will be nice to just be one of the crew this year.

Rear Commodore Mike Powers is beginning to line up regular entertainment on Saturday's for the winter season. Yes, it gives us all some fun time at MBC during this time of snow, sloop and ice. I've heard a rumor that the Bloody Mary bar is going to become a regular Sunday event. Watch for the announcements. Euchre is going on every Sunday and your pool team is home almost every other Tuesday.

Power Fleet Captain Ryan Shaughnessy is just getting going on the AYC hospitality room. New members, this is your chance to have some fun, get in your work hours, and see what goes on at the AYC Commodores Ball weekend. Let me tell you, you will not be prepared for this if it is your first time attending. Watch for the announcements for the planning meetings. Brian Moyer has the tickets for the weekend event. You can probably find him running the Bloody Mary bar on Sunday's if you want a ticket.



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

Does Santa Clause power boat in the summer and ice boat race in the winter??? I think so. On to business December 26th (Thursday) 9am we will be cleaning and preparing muskrats for the annual Muskrat Dinner which will be held Monday January 6th. Tickets go on sale December 1st... look for the flyers in the club. The New Year's Eve party this year will feature "HI JINX BAND" as the entertainment from 8pm-1am. Many of you are familiar with them. The party will begin at 7:30pm and I will post a sign-up sheet for appetizers and munchies. Mary Sacco Pizza's delivered between 10-11pm with a champagne toast at midnight. Family and friends are welcome.

Consider attending the House Committee meetings to be part of recommendations for improvements of the clubhouse and grounds.

So this year, I get to raise the money for MBC's Commodore's Ball in May, 2020. More on that later. For now, we have a wine and painting party in late November planned as well as a couple months of burgers. We are also trying to find a good date for a late spring Steak Roast, and one or two surprise events. Stay tuned.

We are in the final stages of installing a new lock system at MBC. New key cards will be mailed out in November with information about the transition and when the old cards will no longer work. The system is already installed and we are finalizing the database of members and Auxiliary before programming and printing the new cards. Realistically, nothing will change except on one day in December, you will begin to use a new key card to get into MBC.

There will be a lot of information disseminated by your officers in the next couple of Harbor Light editions. This winter may be a good time to start reading the newsletter so you can be in the know as to what is going on around the club. Have you ever shown up for church an hour off on either side of the time change? Kind of the same thing.

"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." *Neil Gaiman.*

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Meeting dates and times will be posted on the MBC club calendar. We are discussing replacing the floorcovering in the banquet hall and through the back hallway along with some other projects. Regardless of your ability to attend the meetings I will need your help via work



Rear Commodore – Mike Powers

Greetings MBC Members!

I want to thank all of the people who have stepped forward to help the Bar, from cleaning the walk-in cooler to bringing in appetizers for the major college football games to being a guest bartender when needed! I especially want to thank P/C Rick & P/C

Wendy Campbell, P/C Ron Soto, P/C Kathy Powers, Scott & Kim Fuller, Jim Padot, Jim Hensley, Dave Cupp, and Ray Frost for spending a cold Monday morning emptying, cleaning, and then refilling the walk-in cooler and several other projects!

There are a number of events planned around the clubhouse throughout December, including Thursday Burger Nights and Euchre games every Sunday throughout the month.

On Saturday, December 7th, River View Yacht Club will be coming to visit by bus arriving at about 7:15 pm – please come to help us welcome them to the club!

Friday, December 13th will be the Toys-for-Tots Fundraiser event in the bar, featuring music by HiJinx Band. The Christmas Party for our wonderful Bar Staff will be on Friday, December 20th starting at 7pm. Stop in and have a Christmas cocktail with them and to listen to great music by DJ Dave!

On Christmas Eve, the bar will close promptly at 11:59 pm (per Michigan state law). The bar will be closed Christmas Day and will reopen for business as usual on Thursday, December 26th.



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessey

Taking the boat out of the water and conceding that summer is over is always the saddest time of the year for my wife and me. I enjoy being on the water so much that it always makes me tear up seeing my boat in the hoist. Looking at the bright side we have a lot to look forward to this winter.

The power fleet is taking on burger nights for the months of December and January. Signup sheets are on the kitchen door if anyone would like to help. We are taking on these duties to raise funds for the AYC party that will be taking place Valentine's Day



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Merry Christmas all. The sailing season is officially over and the boats are out of the water and wrapped for the winter. Our letters to Santa are being sent asking for a new sail or two. We'll be attending the AYC sailing banquet at NCYC and the MBC Auxiliary Christmas Party on Dec. 8. Sailor Martie will be

leading the children in Christmas songs and reading a story. We'll be there with grandchildren in tow. Please consider joining us with yours. A signup sheet is at the club.



Dock Master – Brian Manor

I would like to thank all the members who came out for the October and November work parties. I would especially like to thank Kyle Harris for supplying the air compressor once again to blow out the water lines.

I would like to caution members that we have installed de-icers this year on the docks. If there is any ice cover in the dock

hours to get the different task done. When an email goes out and a sign-up sheet goes up, please volunteer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the membership!

Please join us in the bar to ring in the New Year on Tuesday, December 31st! V/C Dan Martin is planning a great event that evening, so please join us for the festivities!

There are already several events scheduled for January, starting with MBC's Annual Muskrat Dinner on January 6th.

As a reminder, per our liquor license, members must purchase alcohol for any guests. Our bartenders will shortly have an updated list of current members and auxiliary members, so please don't be offended if you are asked to show your membership card!

Also, when departing after having enjoyed the bar, please remember to return the tables and chairs to their original positions and help to clear the tables – thank you!

There are a number of tasks and projects needed to keep the club's bar operating well, from cleaning & repairing various things to preparing food or soups. If you are interested in doing any of the above for work hours, please let me know either at the club or by email (mnpowers@radideo.net).

Also, I welcome any and all ideas and suggestions to make the bar a better place for Monroe Boat Club! We may not be able to implement all of them, but the more ideas the better!

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Years! I'll see you around the club!

The Bar Guy...

weekend at the Sheraton in Romulus. There will be festivities both Feb. 14th and Feb. 15th. The theme is Disney this year and our room will be based on Beauty and the Beast. We will know more of what we have to work with in the room soon. There will be committee signups going up soon as well.

Lastly, keep an eye on the bulletin board. There are many great events held by other AYC clubs throughout the winter. I am also taking suggestions on dates for bus trips. We are planning on having two. One will be clubs heading north from MBC and the other will be to a few clubs south of us.

A discount is available for US Sailing membership or renewal thru the Monroe Boat Club 'MVP' program. This can be accessed thru <https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/default.aspx>. Choose 'Monroe Boat Club' from the drop-down menu.

Thursday December 12 at 7pm we will have our initial organizational meeting to formulate our 2020 racing and cruising season. Come early and enjoy a burger and conversation before the meeting.

areas, it will be very thin. I know we have several ice fishermen who like to fish within our docks. If you know any of them, please warn them the any ice in and around our docks will be unsafe. We have posted unsafe ice signs on the end of the docks.

To all our members, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Auxiliary – Michelle Lachcik

Wow, winter has come in like a lion, and it isn't even winter yet!!

Thank you to Ruth Finch for chairing and all the volunteers who helped with the luncheon for Change of Watch held on Sunday, November 3rd. It was wonderful, as always.

As reported last month, the children's Christmas Party is being held on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

There are no other Auxiliary events to report as of this time.

I am wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and happy, healthy & prosperous New year.

Think Spring!!!

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- December 4, 12:00pm, MBC Book Club

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "The Book Club's November meeting was another success. We had a great time discussing the book Behind Closed Doors. Everyone had comments and almost everyone really liked this book. We recommend it highly if you like "psychological thrillers."

Our next meeting is December 4, 2019 at noon in the banquet room at MBC. We have decided to read The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. We will have our annual Christmas gift exchange...each of us brings a wrapped \$1 gift to put on the table, and then we decide by chance which gift each one gets. It's a lot of fun. We will also have a great lunch. I believe the menu is chicken and noodles. Three of our regular members have also volunteered to bring desserts...sounds delightful!!!! I'm sure we will all have the "Christmas Spirit" after this get-together!

Please come and join us if you are at all interested in reading current fiction, and in having a bit of fun socializing with MBC friends! "

MBC-A (501c3) Update

amazon smile Take advantage of the upcoming shopping holidays: Black Friday on Nov 29 and Cyber Monday on Dec 2. You can help the MBC Association of the Monroe Boat Club with its projects by taking advantage of the upcoming shopping holidays at <http://smile.amazon.com> 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 <http://smile.amazon.com> to purchase your items. Make sure you are using our charity by clicking on **MBC Association** within the Amazon site.

MBC-A just received notice there was a **\$21.17** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between July 1 and Sept 30, 2019. The donation was deposited to MBC-A's bank account. Thank you to everyone purchased your products through AmazonSmile.

IRA Rollover Gifts for Donors Aged 70-1/2 or Older

How It Works

From the DNR. Time to start your summer camping plans.

Although you may be thinking more about turkey and football, you may not realize that Nov. 22 is a key date for making summer camping plans.

Campsite reservations can be made up to 6 months in advance. This means that Nov. 22 is the kickoff for camping reservations that fall on Memorial Day weekend.

Whether you plan to camp on this holiday weekend or later in the summer, reservations will open up soon!

There are also overnight lodging options, including cabins, yurts, lodges and tepees, available in state parks. These reservations can be made up to a year in advance.

River Raisin Institute Wildlife Series-Eastern Bluebird will be held on Jan 25 from 1-3 pm at 1403 E Elm Ave. The presentation will cover all aspects of attracting bluebirds, life cycle, foraging, nesting, habitat, and conservation efforts. Attendees will construct bluebird house kits for public areas. Presented in partnership with River Raisin National Battlefield Park and Michigan Bluebird Society.

1. You are 70½ or older and instruct your IRA plan administrator to make a direct transfer of up to \$100,000 to MBC Association
2. Plan administrator makes transfer as directed to MBC Association

Benefits

- Your gift is transferred directly to MBC-Association; since you do not receive the funds, they are not included in your gross income**
- Your gift will count towards your minimum distribution requirement
- You support the programs that are important to you through MBC-A

**No income-tax deduction is allowed for the transfer.

NOTE:

The discussion herein is general in nature and may not apply to all individuals. Prospective donors are urged to consult their personal tax and financial advisors concerning the specific consequences of making gifts to MBC-A. We would be pleased to discuss, in confidence, ways in which you may support MBC-A. These measures may also have an impact on your estate planning.



Items of Interest

BoatUS Discount for MBC Members



COOPERATING GROUP PROGRAM

MBC Members:

As part of the BoatUS Cooperating Group program, members of the MONROE BOAT CLUB will receive \$15 BoatUS Membership dues and 10% off water towing service!

MBC Members don't forget to join or renew your BoatUS Membership at a discount using MBC's unique source code:

GA81739B

- ❑ 24/7 Dispatch to over 600 towboats in 300+ ports nationwide
- ❑ Marine insurance for boaters with 24/7 claims service
- ❑ Discounts on fuel, slips, repairs & more at over 1,200 boating businesses nationwide
- ❑ Subscription to *BoatUS Magazine* - 6 issues per year

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Towing, Tides, NOAA Marine Weather & More!

Now featuring TowBoatUS CONNECT - the fastest way to get a tow. Link directly to the captain coming to assist you!



TowBoatUS
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Do You Own This Boat??

This 13ft "Zuma" sailboat has been in the storage lot for quite some time with no updated payments or paperwork. If this is your boat, please contact Yard Master Dave Ryan asap!!!

419-260-9578 or dryan@bex.net

Per the Conditions of Storage Contract, "Owner consents to have their boat or trailer removed for non-payment, and acknowledges the Notice of Lien created by statute PA362-1998 and the Michigan Marina and Boatyard Storage Lien Act and waives any statutory notice under the law.

Monroe Boat Club is giving notice to the owner that a Boatyard Storage Lien is hereby created for (2) summer and (2) winter seasons at 13ft x \$5.00 x 4 seasons = \$260.00 and will be subject to sale to satisfy the Lien not less than 30 days after this notice is published.

Please call Yardmaster asap to resolve this situation!



MBC Association – Fund Raisers

The 5th and 6th MBC Association Charity Poker Fund Raisers (10/25-28 and 11/1-4) were successful.
Please consider volunteering for one of the future events scheduled for 2020:

Friday – Monday

1) Feb 7 thru 10

2) Apr 24 thru 27

3) Nov 6 thru 9

You will find the experience interesting and an enjoyable social opportunity.

Special thanks to the following

MBC Volunteer Workers:

Bob Zaki
Carolyn Dutton
Rodger Dutton
Celeste Hoitash
Fred Hoitash
Charlotte Neuhauser
Chuck Kressbach
Dan Thomas
Donald Blouin
Elaine Adkins
Rob Adkins
Fred Wickenheiser
Mark School
Nancy School
Nicole Shaughnessy
Ryan Shaughnessy
Tony Schippa
Troy Willett

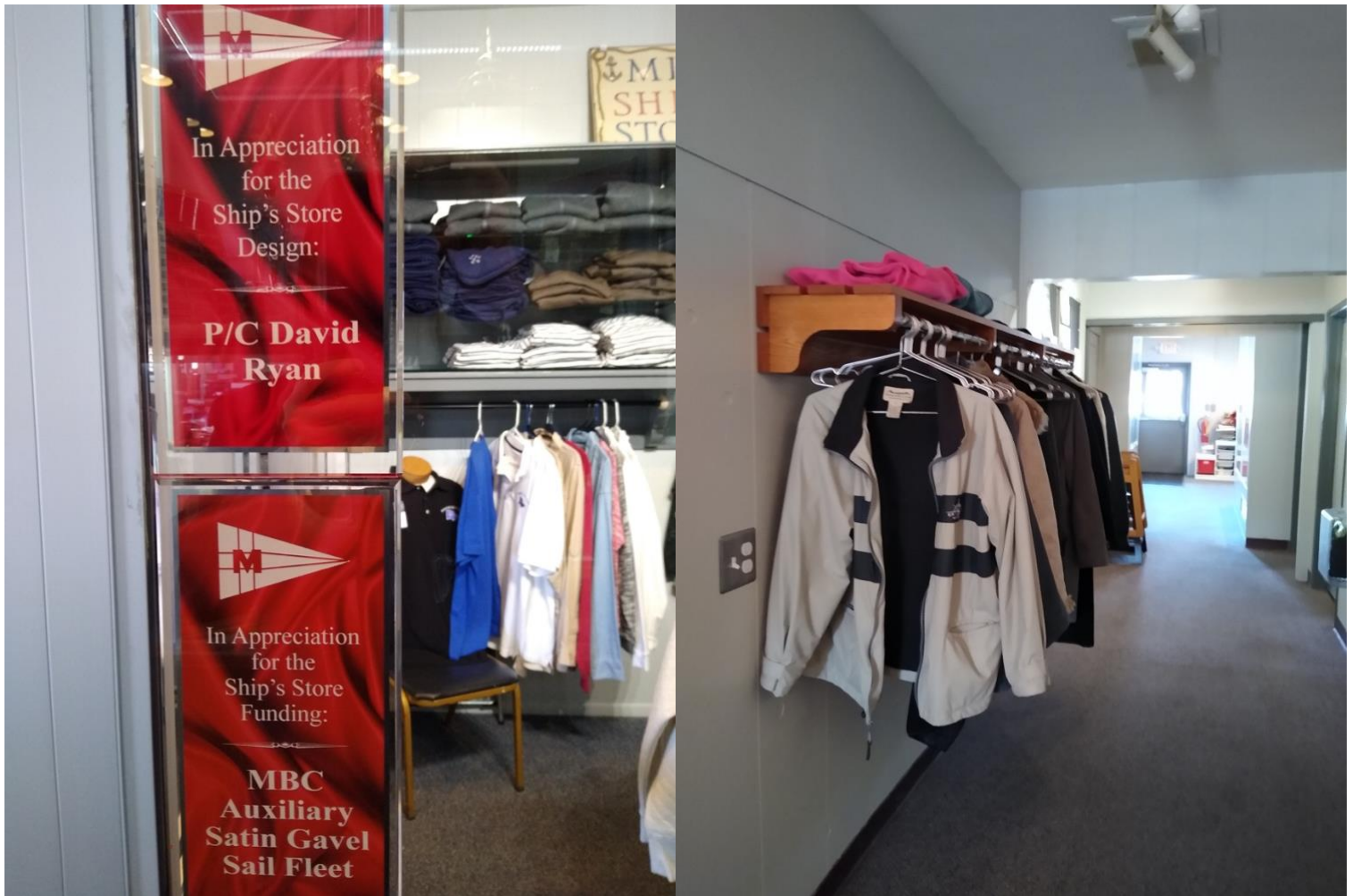


From the Auxiliary

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I would like to promote a few house improvements recently completed over this past year. The first involves one of our most exciting accomplishments being the addition of the Ship's Store. This was constructed earlier this year, however we recently installed two plaques acknowledging those people and groups who so graciously gave of their time, talent and funding. Without them, this project could not have been possible. The second involves the installation of a permanent coat rack to the hallway for coats, hats and other items for any and all functions within Monroe Boat Club. A huge thank you to Dan Williamson, ProActive Contracting, Co., for his great craftsmanship and installation, as well as to the MBC Auxiliary for funding this project. See the enclosed pictures showing both improvements.

As a side note, the "old" coat rack was donated to Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School (FGR), Ann Arbor, Michigan. Thank you to MBC for this gracious donation.

Celeste Hoitash
Past President, MBC Auxiliary



MBC 75th Anniversary Logo

Commodore Hoitash introduced the commemorative 75th Anniversary Logo to the Board during the organizational meeting on Nov 5, and the Board unanimously approved the logo. The club will have numerous opportunities to celebrate our 75th anniversary during the year, with the culmination at the Change of Watch in November 2020.

The logo is an evolution of the club's 70th anniversary image with some elements that make it unique for this special occasion. The club burgee is prominently featured along with a diamond-white "75". The burgee is surrounded by two rings that bring to mind a porthole, common to both power and sailboats, with the name of our club arching overhead.

The federal government includes Bolles Harbor MI on the Official List of Navigable Waters as a Safe Harbor, with Monroe Boat Club being the only named Major Stakeholder in the official description; thus, Bolles Harbor is included as our location in the logo.

The blue waves remind us of the blue Lake Erie waters, and there is a wave for each of the club principals of Promotion, Protection, and Encouragement stated in Section 2 of our bylaws.

Both the 70th and 75th logo's were developed and created by Andrea "AB" Bugelle of Milan, OH in consultation with the Commodore. She comes from a boating family who are members at Sandusky Sailing Club, and she provided MBC with the designs at no cost.



MBC Member Photo Directory



*** * FREE * ***



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR PICTURES TAKEN
for the 75th Anniversary MBC Member Photo Directory

A final photo session will be offered in the
Banquet Room at 12:00 - 1:30pm on 12/15
(Holiday photos can be separately taken on the same day/time)

If you cannot attend...

Members can contact **Kelton Kaye** for a private session at his home before 12/15.
734.752.8669 keltonk@aol.com

or

Members can provide electronic photos by 12/15
Send electronic photos as email attachments to: don.blouin@att.net.

Plan to join MBC and MBC Auxiliary Members in a special 75th Anniversary Photo Directory, which will be published in early 2020. The 75th Anniversary of Monroe Boat Club begins this November.

The last MBC Picture Directory was published in 1984, 36 years ago. Believe it or not, several of us have changed since then and there are many new members! Photos may include the member, and optionally include a spouse/significant other.

MBC Club and Member Photos

L-R: AYC delegates Larry Inguagiato and Brian Moyer, Power Fleet Captain Ryan Shaughnessy, Sail Fleet Captain John Davis and AYC Alternate Rodger Dutton attend the November AYC meeting and sail awards.



Jim Hensley cleaning up an emptied walk-in cooler.



P/C Rick Campbell resting after power washing the walk-in cooler



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Dock Master.....Brian Manor

Yard Master.....Dave Ryan

Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins

Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins

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Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

BOARD of DIRECTORS

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P/C Dan Thomas - P/C Jeff Morrow

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P/C Dave Fetterly - Bob Tasker
Fred Lemerand - Lance Piedmonte - Tom Snarey

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Larry Inguagiato – Dan Martin

AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell

P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Roger Dutton

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Calendar of Events

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 12:00pm MBC Book Club	5	6 I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake, OH	7 I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake, OH 7:15pm Incoming Bus Trip from RVYC
8 1:00pm Children's Christmas Party	9	10	11 6:30pm Auxiliary Board Mtg 7:00pm Auxiliary Membership Mtg	12 7:00pm Sail Fleet Mtg	13 8:00pm Toys for Tots Fundraiser	14
15 12:00pm Final Photo Session for MBC Directory	16 6:30pm MBC Membership Mtg 8:00pm MBC Board Mtg	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas! Bar Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31 8:00pm New Year's Eve Party				

Future Events

- Jan 6 – MBC Annual Muskrat Dinner
- Jan 8 – 6:30pm Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Jan 8 – 7:00pm Auxiliary Membership Meeting

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Weekday Banquet Room Rental only \$150.00
- Euchre every Sunday beginning on November 10th through at least March 8th

MBC Classified Ads

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Summer Storage Season
May 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Nov 1 - May 1
Contact Yard Master
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