

# HARBOR LIGHT



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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

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## Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

Hello fellow members. Barb and I are getting ready for and looking forward to the Commodore Ball parties, the Balls for AYC start cranking up in January. We will be attending Ottawa River Yacht Club on January 26th, then onto Elba- Mar Boat Club on February 2nd and North Cape Yacht Club Burgee Ball on February 23rd. P/C Dan Thomas and Lady Mary will be attending the last 2018 Commodore Ball for Sun Seekers Boat Club on February 9th.

The Monroe Boat Club's Ball is March 23rd and as of this letter will be at Angelo's Northwood Villa in Erie Michigan. I hope this venue will bring many of our members to this celebration, I want AYC to see how much we care about our Club.



## Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

MBC continues to buzz with events and activities, even as the winter season brings in the cold and snow. Thanks to Commodore Jeff Morrow, Rear Commodore Barb Johnson and a great group of volunteers, we pulled off a great New Year's Eve party with a dinner, late night food and great entertainment with Katie & Jordon. Thank you to all who helped make this a great event, and to all the folks that brought a dish to pass. We're going to do something even better for the next one. We've already booked the Soul Kitchen Band to help us ring in 2020.

The annual Muskrat Dinner was another great success. This event takes a whole lot of people time and talent. Many thanks to Dave Rafko, for coordinating EVERYTHING about this event, Jody Thatcher for all the shopping and coordinating the kitchen staff. And most of all a thank you to all the members and guests that worked on this event and all those who help us eat these tasty little critters. Sounds like we will have a supply for next year, so I am looking forward to being one of the muskrat eaters at the next one.

There have been several events in the banquet room, and we are booking new events every week. I am so pleased to see our club space being used like this. All of the events so far have been respectful of club property. Last month the Board approved a reduced rental rate of \$150 for the banquet room on Monday through Thursday. My hope is that members will take advantage of the reduced rates and sponsor some events that could take place during the week. I am in the process of revising the contracts and making the package a lot more succinct and user friendly to complete.

The House committee has been meeting regularly on the third Wednesday of each month in the Commodore's Room. We are working on a list of proposed projects and are open to look at any projects that we need to address. The committee has referred two projects to the Finance Committee so far. The next House meeting is going to be 20 February at 1900. Again, these meetings are open to all interested parties. The dates are all on the club calendar and I

Vice-Commodore Fred Hoitash will need 2019 Regatta Committee volunteers. I will also be looking for members to volunteer for the 75th anniversary of MBC committee. Better to start early and be proactive with some good ideas. The January Club meetings went well. The General and Board meetings on the same night have gone very well with the board being able to address any issues from the General Meeting right away. MBC added one new member at the General meeting and look to add more. Thanks Steve Hudkins. 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](http://www.monroeboatclub.org). MBC, the Friendliest Club on Lake Erie.

am posting an abbreviated agenda on the calendar about a week ahead of the meeting.

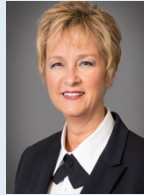
Many of you know that we are still facing issues with the two main bathrooms plugging up every now and then. P/C Dan Thomas took care of a lot of the maintenance issues related to this, but beyond that this situation has been and will be with MBC for many years. Unfortunately, the system faces more challenges during larger events. We continue to monitor and discuss this situation and will

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continue to look at better ways to have standby services for when the system gets plugged. Anything you all can do to help keep the water flowing is appreciated.

I hope you have noticed that the Club calendar on the web site is getting filled up with events (<http://www.monroeboatclub.org/events>). My goal is to put all of the club events and private rentals on the web site. This is your club's calendar and I want all of us to be able to see and make plans to support our events. Please let me know about the events at MBC whether it be Euchre or entertainment in



## **Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson**

Happy February Fellow Members.

For all of you who have not been on Facebook or checked your Mail Chimp a couple of exciting things have happen in the bar. First, we have Mandy Beasley (Taylor) back at the club cooking up some of your favorite lunches. Stop in and give her a warm welcome back. I personally have come down to the club for the Meatloaf and Pot Roast. OMG can that girl cook. She is at the club Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Chili Dogs will remain a staple on Mondays with Carol Smith doing her Taco Tuesdays, and Mandy switching it up on Wednesday and Friday's. She also will be filling in as bartender if needed. Secondly, the new Auto Fryer has been delivered and is working great. We have a wide variety of snacky foods so don't be bashful.

Friday January 25th, we had Katie and Jordan along with a Chili Cook-off. Due to me having to send my article in so early, I can't tell you who won. Thank you to all who participated. Euchre has been

the Bar. I'll get it posted so the membership and potential members can see all the activities at the "Friendliest Club on the Lake".

Lastly a great big shout out the Dan Martin and the Power Fleet for their work in putting together a fun room for the AYC Ball in February. This is a great party, and I hope to see you there. Let's work together to welcome all new members, thank those who work to serve you and to make this club all it is and will be. I am grateful for all your support.

going gang busters on Sundays. If you haven't joined in there are always spots available and a great time to be had.

We are planning a Super Bowl Party for **Sunday February 3rd at 6:00 pm** so mark your calendars and come cheer on your favorite team, either the New England Patriots or the Los Angeles Rams. We will be providing a 6' sub and drink specials party starts at 6:00 game at 6:30. Please bring a dish to pass. A great big shout out to a few of our members, Jeff McKeever, Dave Cupp, and our very own Commodore Jeff Morrow. These guys have been instrumental in rolling up their sleeves and doing what it takes to help save our club money by making repairs and doing general maintenance behind the bar. (Although they have been doing this for quite some time, I personally can't thank them enough.) I would also like to thank everyone for adhering by OUR club rules in the bar by signing in your guest(s) and providing your ID cards upon request, without complaining. Signing off until next month, stay warm out there.

## **CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser**

### **ACTIVITIES**

- February 6, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- March 6, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- June 4-5 8:00-2:00 Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders

### **MBC CLUB EVENTS**



**MBC Book Club.** Judy Peterson reports, "The MBC Book Club met on January 9. We discussed the Debbie Macomber book, ALASKAN HOLIDAY. Everyone thought it was an enjoyable and easy read--exactly what we wanted for the hectic holiday season! We do recommend this book. We spent a

great deal of time discussing possible books for the new year. We decided to read the following:

February: The Reckoning by John Grisham; March: The Long Road to Mercy by David Baldacci;

April: The Irish Cowboy by Ulsterman.

Lunches for these meetings: February: Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert; March: Shepherds Pie, Fruit Salad; April: Taco Bar

Our meetings for 2019 will be on the first Wednesday of each month EXCEPT for July 10 and September 11 (these are moved to the second Wednesday to avoid holiday conflicts). We welcome anyone to join our group who would like to read current novels and enjoy some social time!! Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 6, 2019."

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



Amazon is probably a part of the lives of many of you! When you find the need to 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 to please sign up with Amazon Smile and indicate MBC Association is 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 the 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.



Casting for Recovery (CfR) provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. CfR's retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. For women who have had surgery or radiation as part of their breast cancer treatment, the gentle motion of fly casting can be good physical therapy for increasing mobility in the arm and upper body. Couple that with the emotional benefits of connecting with nature, and you've got powerful medicine. CfR currently offers 60 retreats across the country, serving 800+ women

each year. CfR has international program partners in Canada, UK/Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Italy. Their usual format is 14 women sharing 2 ½ days of a weekend together fly fishing and socializing. MBC-A's proposal is before their National Board as it differs from their format. It suggests a 6-8 week, once per week meeting from 3-8 in the afternoon and the fishing would be lure fishing. It will have a learning-about-fishing period, a fishing period, and a dining/socialization period. We would try to provide this program for those who may have job, children or family responsibilities which prohibit them from going on a weekend retreat, but who can still benefit from the relaxed, nature-focused retreat. If the National Board approves the proposal, I'll be looking for several different types of volunteers—medical-related, fishing related, and boating related. Once approval from the National Board happens, then the complete proposal (physical facilities, budget, resources (grant funding and volunteer) will be presented to the MBC-A and MBC Boards for approval.



**Care of the Environment and Our Water** We all remember how high the water rose last summer, making it difficult to get on board our boats in many cases. However, please refer to

the chart later in the newsletter that shows 1986-87 was the time when Lake Erie was actually higher. The upper limit on the chart of the projection for this year shows that the water during May could rise as high as it was in 1986-87 but the more likely projection shows it slightly lower than last year in May. Looking at the average of all years during each month, we find the levels of 2017-18 running

higher than the averages of past years. (Source: <http://lre-wm.usace.army.mil/ForecastData/BulletinGraphics/MBOGLWL-erie.pdf>). As we're all aware, the depth of the water is partially dependent on the amount of rain and snowfall experienced in the northern portions of the state. Overall, the Great Lakes Basin has been generally drier; moreover, precipitation in the Great Lakes basin this month is about 60% of its monthly average as of January 16th, with Lake Erie receiving only 1/3 of its average precipitation this month to date.

- Both Lakes St. Clair and Erie are 9 inches higher than they were at this time last year, Lake St. Clair is expected to rise an inch while Lake Erie's level is projected to be approximately equal to its current level
- Lake Michigan-Huron's outflow into the St. Clair River and the outflow of Lake St. Clair through the Detroit River are projected to be above average.
- Moreover, Lake Erie's outflow through the Niagara River is forecasted to be above average for January.

Regardless, Lake Erie was still nine inches higher on January 18, 2019 than it was on the same date in 2018. We can probably assume that if precipitation remains about the same, the projected change in level of Lake Erie by February 18 will remain about the same and possibly be about the same as last summer. (Source: <https://www.lre.usace.army.mil/Missions/Great-Lakes-Information/Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/Water-Level-Forecast/Weekly-Great-Lakes-Water-Levels/>)

## Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain! The 2019 AYC Commodore's Ball is almost here, the event is less than a month away and the planning is going well. During the last meeting we made a mockup of the room and the room is going to look great. I am very impressed with the folks who have stepped up to help out. If you too want to be a part of this, the sign-up lists for working at the AYC Commodore's Ball are posted at the club and there's still room to volunteer and earn work hours! The next AYC Hospitality Room planning meeting will be on **Monday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m.** and then a final meeting on **Monday, February 11th at 7:00 pm.** To raise money for the AYC Commodore Ball the Power Fleet ran Burger Nights December and January with a great turn out from the membership. I want to say "Thank You" to all that have helped. Would also like to say thanks to the auxiliary for the generous donation towards the AYC hospitality room.

Power Fleet Activities dates for this coming season's poker runs and cruises will be posted soon.

Soon after the February 15th and 16th's AYC Ball we will plan some bus trips. For sure we will do a club run. Reaching out and visiting other clubs, is a great way to get to know other AYC members and show other clubs our support. This is something that can be easily set up and if you have an idea on which clubs you would prefer to visit, please contact me @ [danbmartin@magnumtools.com](mailto:danbmartin@magnumtools.com) or by text @ 734-751-8600 I am hoping to set something up in March.

..... Please remember to purchase your AYC tickets soon. Tickets are available for purchase at the club behind the bar. Its sure to be a great time.



## Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary welcomes Cynthia LaBudie as our newest member. We are very excited to announce that we are working with Satan Gavel on plans for a new ship store. This is a very much needed project. Hopefully In the next few months this project can get started. This project

would create a great way to display our clothing. With all the recent snow we have had it is always great to see other club members enjoying our club whether by car or as our recent visit by snowmobile's. It's always good to see them. Don't let those winter blues get you down, come on out to the club there's always something to do. See you at the club.

## Dock Master – Brian Manor

My committee and I processed and mailed 2019 dock billings. If you have not received yours by now please contact me. When you return your DOCK HOLDER AGREEMENT and check to us, please remember to include a current copy of your boat registration and proof of insurance. **Dock holder agreements must be returned to the club by February 10, 2019.** Open docks for this spring will be posted on the Dock Master board on February 17th.

The board of directors has approved the replacement of the decking on the finger docks across from the parallel docks. We will also be replacing the decking on docks 6 and 12. This will complete the re-decking of all the finger docks on the Main T. The material has been ordered. Weather permitting, I hope to start this project if we have

safe ice to work off of. I'll keep you posted and will be looking for a work crew to help at that time.

I hope everyone stays warm in February. Think boating season.

## Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

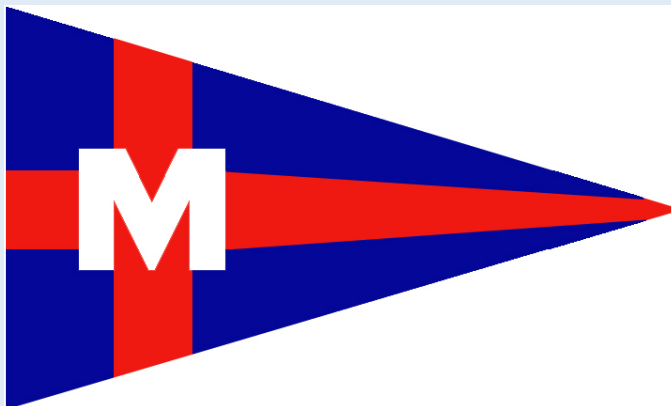
I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and have started out the New Year with big plans for sailing and enjoying the club! Hopefully one of those plans is to get your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews more involved in sailing. Once again in 2019 the club will be providing scholarships to the North Cape Yacht Club Sail Camp. A flyer outlining the 2019 Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Application and camp is included in this month's Harbor Light.

The sail fleet captains of the Western Lake Erie boat clubs met in January to coordinate race event schedules and create a master calendar for all of the sailboat races in western Lake Erie for 2019. This will be made available to club members and will be very handy when making plans for our boats and crews this summer.

Our 2019 race schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday Night Spring Series – May 14 thru July 9. Chair: Don Fillion
- Race for the Sisters – July 13 Chair: Troy Willett
- Tuesday Night Summer Series – July 16 thru September 3 Chair: Don Fillion
- Ladies' Race – Aug 11 Chair: Dan Sadoski
- Solo Challenge – Aug 17 Chair: Walt Norris
- Tuesday Night Rum Series – Sept 10 thru Sept 24 Chair: Don Fillion

We will be holding our next Sail Fleet meeting at the club on **Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 PM** (note revised date). Plan to attend and enjoy a Burger Night hamburger and make some new acquaintances. Send me an email ([garrytgriffith@gmail.com](mailto:garrytgriffith@gmail.com)) to be added to the Sail Fleet group email list to receive announcements and updates.





Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship**WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!**

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2019 at:

[www.monroboatclub.org](http://www.monroboatclub.org)

Applications due March 31, 2019.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth to learn sailing and boating skills, and / or Jr racing via **scholarships to the North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.**

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer. From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy, Laser, or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

**OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 16 that can swim!**

**Must be 13 or older for the Jr Racing Program.**

This opportunity is being extended to children, step children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539



## Photos of our Club and Members



*PIC Brian Moyer and Lady Lori staying warm under the MBC burgee at Toledo Yacht Club.*



*PFC Dan Martin and Gina Gritz invite you to the clubs AYC hospitality room!*



*PFC Randy Martin, Gina Gritz, Lori and Brian Moyer and Dave Ryan visit TYC and BYYC*



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P/C Dan Thomas - P/C Roger Dutton

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20th of each month

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## Calendar of Events

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3 6:00 pm SuperBowl Party	4 7:00 pm AYC Ball planning meeting	5 7:00 pm MBC-A Board Meeting	6 12:00 pm MBC Book Club	7	8	9
10 Dock Payments Due	11 7:00 pm AYC Ball planning meeting	12	13 6:30 pm Aux Brd Mtg 6:30 pm MBC Mem Mg 7:00 pm Aux Mem Mtg 8:30 pm MBC Brd Mtg	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 AYC Commodore's Ball	16 AYC Commodore's Ball
17 Open Dock List Posted (thru 27 <sup>th</sup> )	18 President's Day	19	20 7:00 pm House committee meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

## Future Events

- Mar 1 – 6:00 pm Friends of the Mills Race Dinner, TYC
- Mar 3 – 2:00 pm Dock Assignment Mtg.
- Mar 6 – 12:00 pm MBC Book Club
- Mar 21 – 7:00 pm Sail Fleet Mtg.
- Mar 23 - MBC Commodore's Ball @ Northwood Villa, Erie MI
- Jun 4-5 – Environmental Career Day
- 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

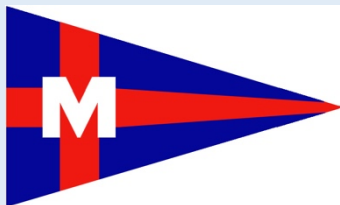
Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

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Jeff McKeever

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# Monroe Boat Club



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