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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

Hello Fellow members from Barb and me. I hope everyone had safe and joyful holidays. MBC's New Year's Eve Party, I am sure it will be a big hit. The Muskrat dinner is on the 7th of January. The sale of tickets was brisk as always and will be sold out by the time you read this letter. On another subject that is personal and historic, I have put a lot of work into the Commodore's Meeting Room in 2018, with more to do in 2019. Two members, Mark Brettschneider and his lead Kevin Knowles, have donated a boardroom table, with chairs on their way. As I talk to members new and seasoned the big majority want to help the Club prosper. Our Club is fortunate that members like Joe Johnson (Demo of House), Mark and Kevin have made these donations. These are my picks for Member Club Awards along with all the 40 hour and 10-hour workers. Thanks to the group that helped set up the table in the Commodore's Room, also. Hopefully another member or members will step up to help with the west property house renovation. The Club is having a

better than average year adding new members so far, with six that came in at the December meeting. Keep it going Steve Hudkins and all members that bring new prospects to him. 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 have a band for Friday night of Regatta, 56 Daze. They played last year's Regatta and did a great job. Vice-Commodore Fred will be looking for a band for Saturday. He will need Regatta Committee volunteers. The December meeting went well. 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. A toast to having a great 2019 for MBC, the Friendliest Club on Lake Erie.



Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

What I like about MBC today is pretty much the same as when I started sailing on Tuesday nights in the late 1980s. There is good water at the docks, the club has activities and events going on all the time, and most importantly, the members are genuinely friendly. We do have a great club. Speaking of the water, for the people who are at the club during the daylight hours, the water in the creek seems to be abnormally clearer than past winters. Not sure what that means, but it is a nice sight to see.

Many thanks to many members that have been helping with the tasks for keeping the clubhouse going. The people using the kitchen, for the most part, have kept it clean. Some of the Auxiliary members have been monitoring the kitchen and made sure we were ready for the recent health inspection. Monroe County Health Department comes in at least twice a year to inspect the kitchen and bar. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the inspection went extremely well, and we should receive a near perfect report for the bar and kitchen.

The House Committee met in December. A list of current projects was reviewed and a few more added. Some of these projects are close to having real plans and moving forward. The balance of the projects were loosely prioritized for planning purposes. Kudos to all who have been working behind the scenes to move ideas to proposals to plans and completion. The House Committee will be meeting the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM, just in case you may want to attend some of the meetings. We're going to keep them informal and focus on the current projects as well as new ones as they are brought to the committee.

I'm trying to keep the club calendar up to date and include as much information about events as possible. Please look at the club events calendar on the MBC web site. The Rear Commodore and I will be posting meetings, rentals, entertainment and special events so you, the members, can know what is going on at your club. If you are

considering renting the Banquet Room in June or July, please get your reservations in early. I've already been receiving contracts for graduation and birthday parties.

Again, a great big thank you to all who do the little unnoticed things to make this club function. Finally, as we go through the holiday season and into the cold winter months, pray for safe travels, enjoy every day, drive safely, and notice the beauty all around you. Oh yeah, you should probably check on your boat as well.

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Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

Greetings Fellow Members! I, along with Nicole, would like to thank all of you members and board members who supported the bartenders at their Christmas Party, the girls were in awe of all the love and support of their Monroe Boat Club family. Those of you who didn't make it missed out on a great party.

We had guest bartender Chris Cosby, who jumped right in and did an excellent job behind the bar, and Katie and Jordan, who never disappoints us, and lots of food and laughter. December is flying by and the cold weather and snow is coming upon us. Please be careful out there in the elements. Have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- January 9, 12:00, MBC Book Club

MBC CLUB EVENTS



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "Everyone really enjoyed our December book "A Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg. Our book for next Month is "Alaskan

Holiday" by Debbie Macomber. And our book for February is "The Reckoning" by John Grisham. We had a lovely appetizer buffet for lunch. And our annual gift exchange was fun!! Our next meeting will be January 9-- the second Wednesday!! Mark your calendars!! We'll be having a pizza and salad lunch. We welcome anyone who would enjoy reading and discussing current fiction along with lots of socializing and enjoying a great lunch with friends!!!!

MBC-A (501c3) Update



Guidestar Nonprofit. MBC Association was recently recognized for our transparency with a 2018 Bronze Seal on our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile! GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. More than 8 million visitors per year and a network of 200+ partners use GuideStar data to grow support for nonprofits. In order to get the 2018 Bronze Seal, MBC-A shared the mission, names of the directors, and the programs with the public using our profile on www.guidestar.org. As there is a link to MBC-A's website where there is information on MBC, our community and potential donors and members can find out more about MBC-A and MBC.

MBC-A Year-End Review. We received \$4,900 in grant money, 42 volunteers for the programs and projects (25 of whom were MBC members) and 25 for Charity Poker. Approximately 222 families, external to MBC, were affected through participation of their children in our programs and projects, and we have a continuing partnership with three external organizations (Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County Intermediate School District, and River Raisin Institute). Other community partnerships are with U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Ohio State University Stone Lab, Anishinabe Tribe, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Institute of Agricultural Technology at Michigan State University, Kustom Marine, Inc., Monroe County Drain Commissioner, Michigan Boating Industries Association, the Port of Monroe, The Maritime Academy of Toledo, Soloman Diving, Inc, U.S. Coast Guard (Toledo), and Toledo Beach Marina. Financial contributions to MBC included \$900 for rent of back hall, \$222 for ceiling mounted new projector screen, \$222 for portable projector screen, \$256 for wireless microphones, and \$289 for handheld wireless microphones.

The Board of MBC-A expresses its appreciation to all those who assisted MBC-A, through volunteering, for the successful programs and projects of 2018. I wish all MBC members could see the faces of elementary school students when they catch a fish for the first time, or hear a 7th grader, who has a history of skipping school, tell his teacher as he disembarks from the boat and slaps her hands, "I'm so glad I came to school today; it has been the best day of my life."

Mark your Calendars for 2019...June 4-5 Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders, Kids Fishing Clinic and Derby on Saturday morning of Regatta, Kayak 600 Saturday afternoon of Regatta, and October 2 for Maritime Trades Career Day for Senior High School Students. Other projects will be announced as the planning progresses.



Care of the Environment. In the last week, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers of the Department of Army proposed a major change in how the nation manages our streams and wetlands. For years the regulations of the Clean Water Act applied to large and small, perennial and temporary, streams and virtually all wetlands. The new proposal would remove the protections of the Clean Water Act from many small streams, especially the streams that flow after rainfall or snowmelt. It also would remove all protections that apply to wetlands that are not contiguous to perennial streams. If this proposal is finalized, up to 20% of the stream miles in the U.S. and up to 50% of wetlands would lose the protections of the Clean Water Act. The streams are an important source of food and cover for fish. This proposal also has an effect on downstream drinking water. For almost 50 years a national, state, and local commitment has been made to keeping our rivers fishable, drinkable, and swimmable. More than 117 million Americans get their drinking water from small intermittent and headwater streams. There have been regulations as part of the Clean Water Act and the 2015 Rule, which clarified what streams and wetlands were protected, on how potential pollutants and chemicals are stored and permits required for roads or pipelines through these areas; however, if this proposal passes, this will not be the case. The water in Plaisance Creek and the River Raisin are recipients of these streams and wetlands.

From the EPA, we find the February 28, 2017 Presidential Executive Order entitled "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule" which states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. It also directs the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army to review the 2015 Rule defining "waters of the United States" for consistency with these priorities and publish for notice and comment a proposed rule rescinding or revising the 2015 Rule, as appropriate and consistent with the law. Further, the Order directs the agencies to consider interpreting the term "navigable waters," as defined in 33 U.S.C. 1362(7), in a manner consistent with the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006). As a result of this Executive Order, the EPA and the Department of Army have proposed to repeal the 2015 Rule and revert to the regulations in place prior to its issuance. They also have proposed a new definition of the Jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act that would differ from the

broader approach of the 2015 Rule. The Clean Water Act's scope was the "navigable waters of the United States." The 2015 Rule broaden the scope to include additional streams, non-navigable waters, and some wetlands. The proposal is to repeal the 2015 Rule and revise the jurisdictional scope of the Clean Water Act. Watch for updates on these changes. (Information from Trouts Unlimited and Environmental Protection Agency Websites)



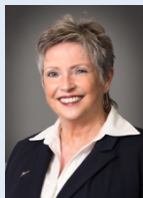
Reconnecting with Nature. During those cold winter days, it might be worth your time to reconnect with nature by keeping a nature journal. Jacqueline Courteau, an ecologist, presented a webinar on December 12 on The Stewardship Network website on how to use a natural journal as a form of meditation and reflection, to heighten observation skills, and to increase feelings of gratitude and connectedness—to nature, to community, and to memory. This webinar is available for your viewing at <https://meet89164134.adobeconnect.com/p3by8dxsatde/>.

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Let the 2019 Fun begin! The Power Fleet Crew is well underway with Thursday Burger Nights to raise funds for the AYC Commodore's Ball hospitality room. Power Fleet's nine weeks of burger nights conclude at the end of January meaning we could really use your help now. As of this writing, we have no one signed up to help in the kitchen for January. Please sign up! In return we give our thanks, free dinner, drinks and work hours. Signup sheets are on the kitchen door. This year the cost to run the room is a bit higher as most of the beverages have to be purchased from the hotel directly. To date we have raised above average monies and that's due to the awesome group of volunteers and your support.

As you may know our theme for the room is *The Birds* by Alfred Hitchcock. To turn the hotel room into this theme we are continuing the planning and the fun is just beginning as layout and construction will start this month. The next planning meeting is Tuesday January 8th at 7:00PM to 9:00PM in the back banquet room. Members along with your first mates are invited to participate. Just show up.

All of us at MBC would also like to welcome our new members and I encourage the new members as well as their first mates to drop into the AYC planning meeting to learn more about this great event. AYC Ball is February 15th – 16th and the \$45.00 ea. tickets are available by asking the bartenders or contact me.



Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: December was an eventful month. We had a fun time and a great group decorating the backroom for the holidays followed by lunch. The children's Christmas party was held, chaired by Nancy Kay. What a fun filled afternoon with Christmas music by Dan Kay, great food, crafts,

Gina and I were happy to attend the Change of Watch for the Inter – Lake Yachting Association. The event was to honor 2018 Commodore Mike Powers and Lady Kathy. Larry Inguagiato was this year's Chair of the I-LYA Power Boat Regatta and next year Brian Moyer will be the Power Boat Chair. Fred Hoitash was Mike's Secretary for his Commodore's year. Now another great year has officially started. Congratulations to the 2019 I-LYA Commodore Cindy Johnson-Mintus, 2019 Vice Commodore Steve Hyder and 2019 Rear Commodore Bob Lang.

I have to say it's impressive to see the presence Monroe Boat Club has as quality people from the club work their way through the chairs of the I-LYA. The MBC Auxiliary provided the food and decorations for the hospitality room. The food and room were suitable for royalty. Great job!

There's been no stopping "The MBC Power Fleet Crew" as we continue to raid the likes of FYC, RVYC, TYC, and EMBC. We dressed up like Santa's for the SunSeekers Santa bus trip too. Give me a call and let's visit all of the above plus SeBC, DBBC, SBC. I will buy the popcorn at Bay View Yacht Club! ...Just saying.

Thank you for your support!

games, face painting along with a visit from the big guy Santa Claus. Great job Nancy Kay. As the New Year is here and the excitement of the holidays are behind us and the cold winter months are setting in, just a friendly reminder we have Thursday night burger nights and many activities during the winter months at the club. Come on out and join in the fun. See you at the club.

Dock Master – Brian Manor

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday, I know I did. There isn't much to report this month so I'm just going to give you some dates to remember. First, dock billings for 2019 will be mailed on or before January 10th. Your payment is due at the club on **February 10, 2019**. The rules state there are no exceptions. If I receive payments after February 10th, the Board of Directors must approve any deviation of this ruling.

Docks open for assignment will be posted on the dock master board on February 17th. You will have till noon on February 27th to sign it if you wish to try for a dock or different dock. Club seniority will prevail in all assignments. The dock assignment meeting will be on March 7, at 2p.m. You must bring proof of ownership (title) and current insurance declaration page showing the boat is insured. Last year it was approved on a one-year trial that the parallel docks will be used for guest docks. These are docks 126b, 127b, 128b, and 129b. Thanks to everyone.

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

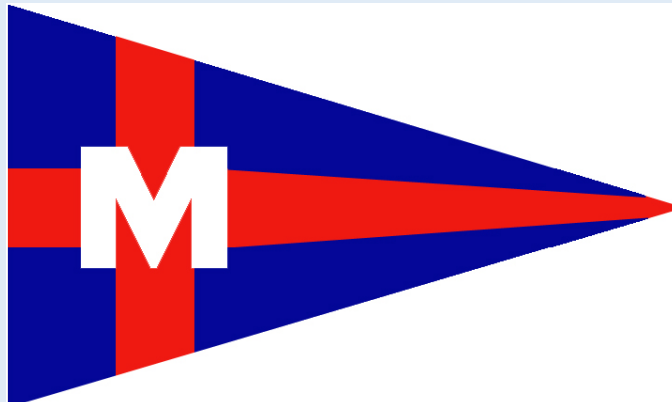
I hope as you read this month's Sail Fleet article, you are enjoying Christmas and the holiday season with family and friends. The I-LYA fall meeting held November 30 and December 1 at the Perrysburg Holiday Inn French Quarter was well attended by MBC members. The Friday night hospitality event was a great place to see old friends and make new acquaintances. The Saturday meetings were informative. And once again congratulations to P/C Mike Powers for his outstanding year as I-LYA Commodore.

The Sail Fleet got an early start on the 2019 season, holding our first meeting for 2019 on Thursday, December 13th. We had a great turnout which allowed us to begin to establish a race and cruising plan for 2019.

Information on the 2019 Eric Peterson Junior Sailor scholarships should be available in January, with completed applications due in March. If you have a junior sailor interested in the program, please make sure Roger Dutton or I know.

Sail Fleet will be coordinating with the Power Fleet on Summer Cruises. Please contact John Rudy with your ideas for cruising destinations. The Power Fleet is also looking to collaborate with the Sail Fleet on Winter Activities such as the hospitality room at the February AYC meeting, as well as other fun activities like chili cook off and bus trips.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be on Thursday, March 14th @ 7:00 PM. See you at the club!



Photos of our Club and Members



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Calendar of Events

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00 pm AYC Hospitality Room Planning Meeting	9 12:00 pm MBC Book Club 6:30 pm Gen. Membr Mtg. (Board Mtg. to follow) 6:30 pm Aux Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Aux Gen. Mtg.	10 Dock Rental Statements mailed	11	12 5:00 pm LEOPA Christmas Party
13	14 7:00 pm Blue Gavel Meeting	15	16 6:30 pm House Committee Mtg.	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Future Events

- Feb 10 – Dock Payments due
- Feb 15-17 – AYC Commodore's Ball
- Feb 17-27 - Open Dock list posted
- Feb 20 – 6:30 pm House Committee Mtg.
- Mar 7 – 2:00 pm Dock Assignment Mtg.
- Mar 14 – 7:00 pm Sail Fleet Mtg.
- Oct 12 – Sail fleet Annual Award Banquet

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!

MBC Classified Ads

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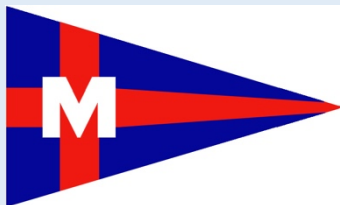
Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

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Jeff McKeever

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Monroe Boat Club



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