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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

Hello fellow members. Barb and I had a nice week in Cancun, Mexico with a dozen other Monroe Boat Club members, (Thanks Jake and Jamie Geiger for invite) what a great time and much needed! Barb and I had a good time at Elba-Mar Boat Club Commodores Ball. They know how to put on a party. Barb and I are getting ready as I write this article for The North Cape Yacht Club Burgee Ball at the Renaissance Hotel in Toledo, this is our third year in a row attending their Burgee Ball. Then Ford Yacht Club on the 2nd of March.

The Monroe Boat Club's Ball is March 23rd and 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. Then onto Bay View Yacht Club Commodore's Ball on March 30th.

The Burger nights and Mexican dinner for February have gone well and we have had a lot of help. Spaghetti night was February 28th and thanks to all the members for the help, it couldn't have been done



Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

By the time you read this we will be counting down the days to the official start of spring. I am still amazed at how differently I think about seasons, sunrises, planet and stars after my years of teaching Celestial Navigation, but I digress. By mid-March we should be feeling a warmer sun during the day and planning our spring project on the boats.

February was a great month for Club and AYC events. A big Thank you to Dan Martin who, with a lot of help, pulled off a great room at the AYC Commodore's Ball on 2/15-16. It was good to see new members participating. I was able to get connected with the 2020 class and will be attending several fundraisers this year and next. I have invited the 2020s to MBC on 3/28 for burgers. By the way, Celeste and I are hosting the March burger nights to begin funding the 2021 Commodore's Ball. I will be cooking the first 3 Thursdays, so I challenge all of you to come out and make me work. I do cook burgers from rare to well if you ask, just saying. We will be adding hot dogs to the mix for March. They will be the Dearborn Brand Natural casing dogs that are used in the best Coney Islands in Michigan.

One of the projects from the house committee has been approved by the Board. A new countertop and fixtures have been ordered for the men's restroom. This should be installed sometime in April. The Auxiliary has agreed to paint the non-tiled portion of the walls to give the room a finished look. There are more projects large and small that need to be completed this year. I need a couple of volunteers to help frame and hang a door toward the end of March. There are a few other small projects that I need volunteers for. If you have a few hours to spare, call or email and we can get you some work hours. We've had the first Regatta planning meeting and will be having another in March. Thank you to all who have volunteered and

without you. The proceeds go to the Commodore Ball fund. Vice-Commodore Fred Hoitash will need 2019 Regatta Committee volunteers. The first meeting is Monday February 25th at 6:30. We already have the bands signed-up for the 2019 Regatta. 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.

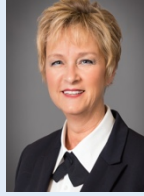
MBC added two new members and re-instated an old friend at the General meeting in February. A big welcome to Brett Shipman and his wife Valeri, and Ray Frost and his wife Newtie, and a warm welcome back to Jeff Dumas. We are always looking for active new members, thanks Membership Chairman Steve Hudkins. I look forward to navigating our meetings thru smooth sailing all of 2019. I will be looking for solutions from members not problems, 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 www.monroeboatclub.org. MBC, the Friendliest Club on Lake Erie.

are participating in this event. I appreciate every hour a member works to improve our club and help make things fun.

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The incoming bus trips and other club events are starting to ramp up. When we have visitors in our club, please stop to welcome them. We're all boaters and have many common interests. Conversation with a stranger is easy when they are also a boater. Other AYC and I-LYA clubs are having events almost weekly. MBC's website has links to many other clubs, so it is easy to look at the events. Recently we went to TYC with a team from MBC for dinner and Name That Tune. You've paid your dues into MBC, so you are also invited guests



Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

"Hola" Fellow Members,

Commodore Morrow and I just got back from a much-needed vacation in Cancun that we booked back in September, hence why you may or may not have noticed we were missing from the AYC Commodore Ball. Our apologies to anyone we may have offended.

The bar had a little issue with the pipes freezing up during that cold snap but with the help of some of our supportive members this was a minimal inconvenience. For being such a "slow time of the year" it sure does seem like the bar has been busy. Our lunch crowd has picked up tremendously, everyone is so happy to have Mandy Beasley back. The deep fryer has been "smoking hot", we sure our getting our money's worth out of that purchase.

The Super Bowl party was a huge success with hardly an empty seat in the bar. Burger Nights seem to have picked up, a big thank you to Carol Smith for chairing them the first two weeks for us in February. Brad Fichtner made some delicious Turtle soup and Kim Fuller hit it out of the park with some amazing Chicken Noodle Soup. The Mexican Night kept the bar busier than normal. It might have had

to all the other AYC and I-LYA clubs. Actually, Celeste and I have been welcomed into boat clubs around the country and in other counties. So, welcome our guests, and be a guest at other clubs. Have fun with your membership.

Speaking of events, the MBC' Commodore's ball is coming up on March 23rd. Come out and support your Commodore at a great event. Hopefully we will see many of our members there.

something to do with Jake Geiger's "secret recipe" Margarita's or Nicole Kachar and Gail McCormick's delicious Burrito's. As of the deadline for turning in my article, I am assuming Nick Pinotti and Bennett Stein's spaghetti sauce was a hit for the final week of February. There was a bus trip from Riverview Yacht Club that came in on February 23rd, thank you to Jody Thatcher and the auxiliary for helping with all your delicious appetizers.

Coming up in March, we had a "We are Tired of Winter" party on March 2nd, with DJ Wally spinning them in the bar. Saturday, March 16th will be our St. Patrick's Day celebration with our own Bennett Stein (and and his crew) cooking up his mouthwatering Corned Beef and Cabbage along with all of the sides. If you have never tried Bennett's corned beef, this is one Jiggs dinner that you will not want to miss. The MBC Commodore's Ball is March 23rd at Angelo's Northwood Villa. There will be a shuttle departing MBC at 5:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. and will return every hour beginning at 9:30 p.m. so if you want to meet up with your fellow club supporters, have a cold one beforehand, and see all of the beautiful gowns stop on out!

Cheers!

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- 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 book we are reading for March is *The Long Road to Mercy* by David Baldacci; the April book will be *The Irish Cowboy* by

Ulsterman. Lunches for these meetings will be: 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 everyone to join our group who would like to read current novels and enjoy some social time!! Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2019."

MBC-A (501c3) Update

MBC Association Board of Directors report of the February 19, 2019 Board meeting.

The following events are scheduled for 2019:

- May (TBD) US Customs and Border Protection seminar
- June 4-5: Environmental Career Day, for 120 Monroe Schools 7th graders
- July 27: (Regatta) Kids Fishing Derby and "MBC 600" Kayak Race
- Oct 2: Maritime Trades Career Day for 30 Monroe Sr High School students

An interview and documentation process to update the roles and responsibilities of the non-profit's officers will begin at the June MBC-A Board meeting. A project has come to our attention which Fred Hoitash will investigate... how MBC and possibly other ILYA member clubs can become involved in the Community Foundations Great Lakes Water Initiative. Southeast Michigan is one of six

environmental "clusters", which activate and grow regional networks, advance water literacy broker new financing strategies, recruit new local donors, and build new programs around water (which are all within the mission of MBC-A). This initiative matches our current programs as well as several in the feasibility stage.

Discussion on fund raising and various uses of the funds for renovation, maintenance, and updating facilities in use by both MBC-A and MBC took place. Extensive discussion was held on the feasibility of the Fishing for Life (breast cancer survivors) and Elementary Fishing Club. Both are complex projects, with the engagement and integration of different groups, including the medical and psychological professions, charter boat captains, MBC boat captains, teachers and administrators, and volunteers along with funding and facilities. The appropriate groups for each project must be brought together for support as a part of proposals for funding, and it's difficult to make final plans until funding is approved. The board decided to move ahead with both projects with key milestones identified where the go/no go decisions will be made. As

a part of this discussion, the need for specific facilities was formulated.

FYI Tax Information. As tax time is in full swing, the IRS still allows a charitable contribution deduction for travel expenses incurred for a charity. Cards were sent to participants for Charity Poke for 2018 as your documentation. If anyone needs documentation for the projects, please contact Charlotte Neuhauser at cneuhauser@gmail.com.

Another point of interest, IRA owners must be age 70 ½ or older to make a tax-free charitable contribution. Those who meet the age requirement can transfer up to \$100,000 per year directly to an eligible charity (MBC-A), without paying income tax on the transaction. Charitable contributions can only be made from IRAs, not 401(k)s or similar types of retirement accounts. You may roll funds over from a 401(k) to an IRA if you want to make tax-free charitable contributions part of your retirement plan. You don't need to itemize your taxes in order to make an IRA charitable distribution. However, you cannot additionally claim a charitable contribution tax deduction on a charitable distribution from your IRA. An IRA charitable contribution also satisfies the annual minimum distribution requirement for your IRA. It's always wise to check with your financial planner or tax accountant on these more complicated issues.

Update on Environmental Issues. The U.S. Senate passed the Natural Resources Management Act on February 12, 2019, containing many outstanding priorities advocated by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, on a bipartisan vote of 92-8. The comprehensive package of legislation includes numerous

provisions that will improve access for sports men and women and will provide resources for habitat conservation programs. It provides for permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund with 3% or \$15 million of annual appropriations made available for the purpose of securing additional lands for hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and other outdoor related activities without costing taxpayers. For anglers, this Act covers a long list of protections and challenges faced by fish and wildlife populations by protecting critical habitat. It will be sent on to the House of Representatives for passage and hopeful signage by the President. (Source: <http://senate.gov>)

amazon smile 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 <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.

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Ahoy from the Power Fleet. Happy to announce the Associated Yacht Clubs Commodore Ball for 2019 was yet again great fun. The MBC hospitality room was looking good due to the efforts of many volunteers who deserve thanks. I tried to name names on Facebook as there were so many who pulled the room together. Great teamwork and my thanks go out to all.

It's a good time of the year to host incoming bus trips from other clubs. The MBC Auxiliary and bar staff always pull through with food and a nice personal greeting. Please assist when asked to help with food offerings and a warm welcome to our guest. For your food donations you will receive work hours and thanks in return.

Gina and I are starting the process of planning an outbound bus trip for April. We want to make sure all MBC members have a chance to participate. When the trip is finalized and posted please sign up to go ASAP, so we get the correct bus(s)

I encourage everyone with boats to try to make the AYC Poker Runs. Attend all five and receive a "Perfect Attendance" flag. Plus, it's a lot of fun. We will all try to assist the MBC boats with ground transportation, docking, etc.

Schedule:

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| • Toledo Sail Club | June 14-15 |
| • Swan Boat Club | June 28-29 |
| • Maumee River Yacht Club | August 2-3 |
| • Bay View Yacht Club | August 16-17 |
| • Great Lakes Steel | August 23-24 |

Thank you for all the support.



Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary welcomes Megan May as our newest Auxiliary member, great to have you. This past month the Satin Gavel and Auxiliary has finalized the plans for a new ship store. The new ship store will allow us a showroom to display our clothing and better access to our

members. Jumping ahead a couple of months the Auxiliary has the month of May for burger nights. This is a great way to earn your hours. Auxiliary members need 5 hours for the year. A signup sheet will be posted in April on the kitchen door. Thank you for all your support. Hang in there spring is just around the corner. See you at the club.

Dock Master – Brian Manor

The winter has been a little tough this year. The ice got high enough to wreak havoc on some of the dock ladders. I'm currently evaluating how many need replacing, and how to attach them so that they can be easily removed in the fall. Once I get board approval for the spending, I'll be putting a work party together to make the repairs.

I'm planning on putting together two work days, weather permitting. One on Saturday **March 9** and the second on **March 16** if needed. We have seven docks that we are re-decking this year. They are docks 54B through 64B, 11C/12C and 5C/6C. If one of these are your dock, your help will be appreciated. Donuts, coffee and lunch will be provided. The planks are pre-cut. I have whatever saws will

be needed. I need helpers to bring cordless drills to screw down the planks. Please email me or text me if you can help.

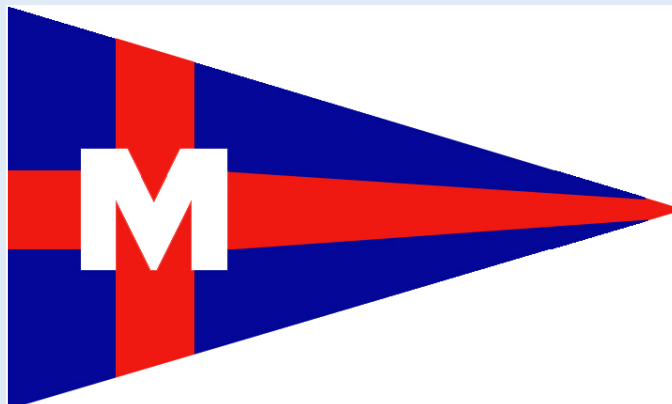
Stay warm!

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

The good news is it is March and Spring is just a few weeks away. Time to start thinking about boat projects...or, better yet head south and sail on a friend's boat and think about the projects when you're back up north. The one thing you do need to do in March is submit an Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship application(s) for your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews for this year's North Cape Yacht Club Sail Camp. The application is available on the MBC website under the "Boating" tab, or here <https://www.monroeboatclub.org/sail-school-application>. A flyer outlining the 2019 Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Application and camp is included in last month's Harbor Light.

The Sail Fleet made a visit to the Norris Maritime Museum on Saturday March 2nd. Walt Norris has an excellent collection of model sailing vessels and he can provide many details and background on each and every ship.

We will be holding our next Sail Fleet meeting at the club on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 PM (note revised date). Please plan to attend and enjoy a Burger Night burger. I hope to get my burger eaten before the meeting starts



Photos of our Club and Members



PC Dan Thomas directing the show.



Dan and Gina going to the AYC Dinner.



Fab, Shelly and Gina in the MBC hospitality room



A FROZEN MBC!!





Jody Thatcher and the Auxiliary relaxing after making food for the Riverview bus trip.



Riverview YC bus trip at Monroe Boat Club



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MBC members staying warm at the club in late February



February winds push ice past the Toledo Harbor Light

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Calendar of Events

March

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 12:00 pm Book Club	7	8	9 9:00 am Dock Work Party
10	11	12	13 6:30 pm Gen Mem Mtg 6:30 pm Aux Board 7:00 pm MBC Board 7:00 pm Aux Memb	14	15	16 9:00 am Dock Wrk Party (if needed) 5:00 pm St. Patrick's Day Dinner
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 6:30 pm Regatta Committee Mtg	19	20 6:30 pm House Committee Mtg	21 7:00 pm Sail Fleet Meeting	22	23 MBC Commodore's Ball @ Northwood Villa, Erie, MI
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Future Events

- Jun 4-5 – Environmental Career Day
- Jun 14-15 – AYC Poker Run @Toledo Sail Club
- Jun 28-29 – AYC Poker Run @Swan Boat Club
- Aug 2-3 – AYC Poker Run @Maumee River YC
- Aug 16-17 – AYC Poker Run @Bay View YC
- 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

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May 1- Nov 1

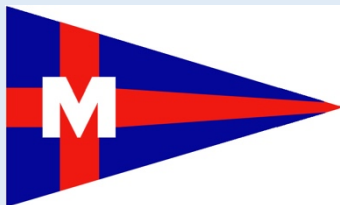
Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Jeff McKeever

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Monroe Boat Club



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