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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

I am very happy with the way our Club has moved forward in 2019 and that Barb and I had the privilege to represent our Club for 2019 (Few more Commodore Balls left). Seeing all the members enjoy our Club in large numbers for events has been very satisfying. 2019 showed me that teamwork from members and the Board can accomplish about anything put in front of us. We came together and stepped up when needed. Thank you, members and Board members for all your hard work!

The Annual Meeting and Dinner is October 25th, I hope to see a lot of our members there.



Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

This is the last article I will write as the Vice Commodore of MBC. It has been an honor to serve the membership and continue to see so many things going on at this club. Thank you, Commodore Morrow, for your leadership throughout the year. I wish to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the members that have contributed work hours, donations, ideas and attended club events. I've always managed to stay at arm's length from the politicking, and will continue to do so. It helps me more clearly see the many contributions and good things happening all because of our membership.

Members who have contributed 40 hour or more work hours were honored and recognized at steak dinner on 21 September. I was not able to attend due to work in Lake Superior. Over 60 Auxiliary and Members contributed more than 40 hours this past year. That is about 15% of the membership. This level of participation shows that MBC is a healthy club that is well supported by its members,

The 75th anniversary of Monroe Boat Club will kick off at the Change of Watch in November. There are a lot of additional activities planned for 2020, along with beefing up some of our traditional events. Commodore Morrow, I and the committee will be meeting in early October to finalize the events and assign chairs for the special event. If you have an interest in helping with this and having some fun along the way, please contact me. We plan to have a brochure/information page out at the Change of Watch. I'd like to see the membership get hyped up about this celebration and enjoy as many of the events as they have time for.

The House and Finance committee, and most recently the MBC Board has approved the funding for the new perimeter lock system that will go on the 4 exterior doors to MBC. Financial Secretary Lance Piedmonte and I both started last year with a passion to see this through. We raised about half the money for this project over the summer and the Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, Auxiliary, Sail Fleet and Power Fleet have all pledged funds to support the project. As part of this process I will be forming an IT committee so that we can begin standardizing the processes and software used within the club. We will also be tapping the committee for their input on infrastructure

Goals for our Club that I wanted to meet or beat were to include keeping our General fund in the black (done) and added to General fund, keep west property improvements going forward (MBC-A), pay off west property loan from dock fund (done), having a Commodore Ball for MBC that included over half attending from our membership (73), The support of all the dinners that were put on to repay the Commodore Ball Fund, another Great regatta, and Commodore reception put on by our Auxiliary. We have our 75th anniversary next year to look forward too! A toast to having a great 2020 for MBC the friendliest Club on Lake Erie.

matters with respect to IT issues. I will be meeting with the vendor for the new lock system in late September to kick off the project. Our hope is to be able to mail out the new door keys to the membership with the dues renewal in November. Once the system is in place we will down the old system. I appreciate the interest that the House and Finance committee has shown toward this project that will make our club more secure.

I still have some in house projects to tidy up as your Vice Commodore through the month of October. Celeste and I are also attending fund raisers for our 2020 AYC class whenever we are able.

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I'm looking forward to coming to an October burger night when I can actually pay for a burger and sit outside to enjoy my dinner with other members.

Thanks again from me to all the volunteers who contributed this year. I have enjoyed all of my year as your Vice Commodore.



Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

Greeting Fellow Members!

September, what September?? I cannot believe how fast the time is going. A big thank you to member Nick Pinotti for organizing the Jet Express trip for MBC. He took on the task and has basically ran it all by himself, what an undertaking. We had two guest bartenders that day so our hard-working staff that wanted to go on the bay trip could. Megan Emerick and Chris Cosby, with the guidance of Renae (who I might say put in a long day) it was like they had worked here forever. Nice job Renae, Megan and Chris!! The new registers are in place and seem to be working out quite well. Starting in October you will be asked if running a tab to swipe your credit/debit card, this way the girls won't have to track you down if you "forget" to pay your tab. I do want to remind EVERYONE liquor is NOT to be taken out of the club except in the smoking area. There seems to be some confusion on this subject. Members and Auxiliary members only can purchase alcohol in our bar. Guests may use "chips" to buy a drink

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Hope you made the best of your boating season. September was a busy but fun month. Had a chance to attend the Detroit Beach Boat Club Regatta and commodore reception. Was good to see many of the MBC members were there too. Annually FYC has their very well attended car show and despite a little rain it was another good year. If you are a car person this as a must attend event.

On another note it's fair to say we created another boating event at Ford Yacht Club with my fortunate wedding to Gina. Although we were limited to the amount of people, we could invite we were blessed to have a great mix of MBC members along with many other friends throughout the AYC. I have to thank P.C. Tom Lyons (SBC) for officiating the wedding, Tim Ames ((EMBC) for his DJ service, Jim Alban (MBC) and Fabrizio Biundo (MBC) for their MC talents. Chief Bill and the staff at Ford Yacht Club were 5-star rated with the food and service.

Monroe Boat Club is a top-notch club and its an honor to be a member and serve. Want to thank all the people who helped me with the Power Fleet position. Gina and I were asked to fill the position of Power Fleet 2019. Were unsure about many aspects of the job but with the assistance of numerous people within MBC and throughout the AYC we happily survived. I feel we could have done some things

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

It is hard to believe that another sailing season is soon ending, a few more weeks left to enjoy our time out on the water before the weather turns. Be sure to take advantage of the somewhat cooler temperatures as autumn returns. The three Rum Races in September were nearly perfect conditions for an evening sail (or motor).

The Sail Fleet concluded its Tuesday Night Summer Series racing on September 3. Series results were as follows: [see photos in the Member Photos section]

- PHRF Class:
 - 1st YUK FU II Walt Norris
 - 2nd Pink Panther Al Michaud
 - 3rd Wildcat (NCYC)
- JAM A Class:
 - 1st Footloose John Davis
 - 2nd Heartbeat Dan Montgomery

"Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored." *Earl Nightingale.*

or can purchase non-alcoholic beverages, please be sure they are signed in. I have had some members voicing concern over these 2 house rules. Also as stated in house rule #5 Members may be required to present their membership cards upon REQUEST when in or around the club House, again, please DON'T get upset with the bartender if they ask for I.D., they are just protecting the club and their job!! Maybe we all need a refresher on OUR MBC House Rules! Please clean up after yourselves, if you bring pizza in or any other food type items, please carry your boxes out to the trash receptacle, don't leave them for someone else to have to take care of. I am sorry I have to use my article to remind a handful of members of our House Rules and common courtesy. We are getting ready to gear up for euehre on Sundays, more information to follow on that. Some short-term changes will be coming to the club due to staffing issues, please bear with us, I am sure it will only be for the month of October.

Cheers!

better or been more ambitious, but we balanced out the year splitting out time with work, personal and club time making it a decent outcome across the board. Gina and I have much more to learn as "WE" continue into 2020. After two consecutive years of "perfect attendance" attending the AYC poker runs we want to continue the volunteer positions under the guidance of the 2020 Commodore Fred Hoitash but need a change of pace. Having no skills at bar management it appears Gina and I are filling the position of Vice Commodore. Our goal is to continue the balance of work, personal and club activities and I can assure the MBC membership we will need your advice and hands on assistance. Thank you in advance....

As a club we are fortunate to have Ryan Shaughnessy moving into the Power Fleet position. I spent much of the year saying "I don't Know" to Gina as we sought answers regarding expectations and procedures. We had much help and many "go to people" making it a pleasant year. I want to pay it forward as we all should making Ryan thrilled, he stepped up to the plate. Let's all rally behind our new Power Fleet Captain and offer positive support and hands on assistance.

Thank you!

- 3rd Turtle Stampede (NCYC)
- JAM B Class:
 - 1st Anyhoo II Alan West
 - 2nd Second Wind Garry Griffith
 - 3rd Mischief Dennis Kwapis

MBCs own Al Michaud and his crew of Pink Panther placed second at the Hobbie 33 National Championship held at NCYC on September 6 - 8. The championship consisted of 7 windward leeward races. Congratulations Al. [see photos in the Member Photos section]

Last month I mentioned that the new trophy display case had been installed at the club. While the case contains primarily current Sail Fleet race trophies and plaques, there are a few older trophies. One of which is a silver cup that was discovered by John Davis while he was cleaning the articles prior to placement in the new case. The cup was nearly black with tarnish when John started his restoration

work. Once restored, the hansom cup bears the following inscription; "Championship Cup won in motorboat races by The Rainmaker at Monroe Piers July 5, 1907". If anyone can recall any of the details of the "motorboat" or the races, please pass it on to me and we will include them with the trophy.

Dock Master – Brian Manor

I can't believe it's already October and the end of the boating season. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I have just a few reminders of things that need to be done with your Dock this fall.

First, your dock pole needs to be removed from the water by midnight the second Friday of November. This is November 8 this year. Please secure your poles to the dock so that they don't float away should we have high water this winter. The last person occupying the dock is responsible for removing the poles. If your dock did not re-rent, you are responsible removing the poles. There is a \$50 fee per pole if we have to remove them.



Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary would like to welcome Carol Smith and Keith Saari as our latest Auxiliary members. We are looking forward to having you in the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will be hosting the Annual Membership Dinner on October 25th, 2019, if you are interested in working as a server or clean up person please contact Jody Thatcher at 419-392-1395, this is a great way to start earning your work hours for the new year. As we wind

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- October 1, 8:00 am-2:30 pm, Maritime Trades Career Day
- October 2, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- October 16, 4:00, Initiation of the 5th-6th Grades Fishing Club

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "Just a reminder that we have our next Book Club meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at noon. We will be meeting in the back room. Our book selections for October are: Something in the Water by

The Sail Fleet will be having its Awards Banquet on Saturday October 12 at the club. A reservation signup sheet is located on the Sail Fleet bulletin board.

Second, I need a crew to help remove the ladders and safety equipment on Saturday October 12. We'll need a power washer to clean the ladders for storage. We will also be taking down the picnic tables and storing them.

Last, I intend to shut down the water system during mid October and blow it out. Hopefully we will do this on Saturday October 19. I'll send out an email to confirm this date.

Thanks.

out this year my two-year term as President of Auxiliary will come to an end. I would like to thank the Auxiliary Officers, Board Members and the Auxiliary members for giving me this great opportunity to represent the Auxiliary. Words cannot express how awesome it is to have the support not only by the Auxiliary but you as club members, you have made my term of Auxiliary President very enjoyable. Thank you, I'm looking forward in supporting the new Auxiliary President and Board Members. See you at the club.

Catherine Steadman, and On Folly Beach by Karen White. You may choose to read one or both! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday!"



November, 2019, will be the beginning of the 75th year since Bolles Harbor Boat Club and Monroe Yacht Club merged to form Monroe Boat Club. 1945 was a special year for some of today's members of Monroe

Book Club as they, their parents, or grandparents were a part of this merger. We hope you will share some of your memories with us as the year progresses. One of the goals of CCEC for the year will be to update the Journey through History book of MBC. It will be published and ready for purchase by Memorial Day of 2020.

MBC-A (501c3) Update



Maritime Trades Career Day, scheduled for 30 Monroe High School students on Tuesday, October 1, has not occurred as this is being written; however, it is assumed that the event will come off without a hitch.

There were several iterations of the schedule for this this year during the past week as unanticipated events occurred. Usually the first activity of the day is a visit to the Port of Monroe. Notification of the arrival of the largest foreign ship ever to dock at Monroe's Port on the same day the students are to visit eliminated the visit since the Port doesn't have the resources to handle a dockage of this magnitude, and a visit by high school kids at the same time. It's wonderful the Monroe Port is increasing its business for the economy of the area, but maybe it's also an opportunity for Monroe High School staff to talk with the Port staff about an internship for one or two high school students.

The students will be visiting Toledo Beach Marina to hear the Marina Manager and a representative of Reed Yacht Sales share their career experiences. Captain Kent Baker with the NOAA research boat will speak about the research boat and the types of careers involved in environmental research. The students will then be bused to MBC for lunch and opportunities to meet with mentors

involved in various types of careers, visit a recreational boat, and the U.S. Coast Guard boat. Then the students will hear from the CEO of a company that specializes in underwater welding. From there we will visit Trout's and learn about small engine repair, and end the day with a visit to Kustom Marine where the students will have the opportunity to see and "hear" a high-performance boat. So, if you see senior high school kids in the back room or in the parking lot around mid-day on Tuesday, October 1, say "hello," be friendly, as they may be some of our future members.



Hooked on Fishing, Not On Drugs... Monroe Elementary Fishing Club. The first session of the 5th-6th graders fishing club of the Monroe Elementary Schools will be held at MBC on October 16, from 4:15-5:30. MBC-A has a partnership with Custer and Waterloo Elementary

Schools to offer a fishing club that will meet twice per month throughout the school year except December. This year it will meet at MBC or the Knabusch Math/Science Center.

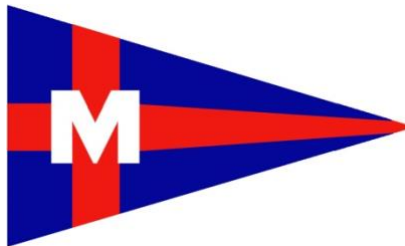
The fishing club meetings will be comprised of much more than throwing a line into the water. The kids will learn to tie knots, fish biology, environmental issues affecting fish, human dimensions of

behavior, and life skills. We hope that engagement in fishing by elementary school children, followed up by the junior high school and high school fishing clubs will be an incentive for these children to finish their high school education and get a start on a career. It even might encourage them to go into the maritime trades that will be experiencing a huge gap in the near future. As one of the older career marine professionals told me recently, "Within 5 years you will not be able to find anybody to fix your boat; we are all retiring and there are no younger ones coming up in the field." This, too, is a reason why MBC-A, with MBC's support, is trying to make a difference for the future.

We have a coach, several fishers have volunteered to assist the coach on a rotating basis, and we have a retired teacher. We could use two more assistants and another teacher. Some of these students have never seen Lake Erie nor held a fishing pole, and parental guidance is limited. Studies show that even short periods of positive adult presence can make a difference in a young child. If you would like to volunteer to assist or you know someone who

might be interested, please let me know (Charlotte at 248.982.8199 or cneuhauser@gmail.com).

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.



Items of Interest**MBC Member Photo Directory – 75th Anniversary Edition**

Plan to join MBC Members and MBC Auxiliary Members in a special 75th Anniversary Photo Directory, which will be a booklet style supplement to the traditional roster this year. The 75th Anniversary of Monroe Boat Club begins this November. The last MBC Picture Directory was published in 1984, 36 years ago. Several of us have changed since then and there are many new members!

Photos may include each member, and optionally +1 person, for members who wish to include spouses/significant others. Recent (digital) personal photos will be accepted in 2 x 2" (passport standard) or 2.5 x 3.5" format.

Photo sessions will be available (in the Banquet Room) prior to the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch:

1) 4:00-5:30pm Fri 10/25, prior to the Annual Membership Meeting

and

2) 11:00-12:30pm Sun 11/3, prior to the Change of Watch (and possibly immediately following Change of Watch)

After photos are taken, a 5x7" copy can be provided (same day) for \$5.

Copies of the Photo Directory will be available for purchase at nominal cost, based on the number of copies ordered; and the Photo Directory will be posted to the MBC "Members Only" webpage.

Please Congratulate the MBC Officer Nominees for 2020

Commodore:	Fred Hoitash
Vice Commodore:	Dan Martin
Rear Commodore:	Scott Fuller
Power Fleet Captain:	Ryan Schaughnessey
Sail Fleet Captain:	John Davis
Secretary:	Todd Strauch
Treasurer:	Kay Sisung
Financial Secretary:	Lance Piedmonte
Dock Master:	Brian Manor
Director:	Jeff Morrow
Finance Committee:	Tom Snarey

And you are invited attend the MBC Annual Dinner Meeting on Friday Oct 25 at 6pm

MBC Club and Member Photos

MBC Jet Express Trip to Put-In-Bay



Tuesday Night Summer Series Racing





MBC at DBBC



1 bride, 1 groom



V.C. Fred and Celeste departing DBBC



Photo Booth Fun featuring Dustin, Fab, Steve and the ladies



P.C. Dan Thomas and Lady Mary Beth



Stealing the FYC Burgee (MBC's Jamie, Shelly, Gina, Dan, Din, EMBC's Lary and Sheila Alexander)

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Financial Secretary.....Lance Piedmonte

Treasurer.....Bob Tasker

Secretary.....Kay Sisung

Dock Master.....Brian Manor

Yard Master.....Jeff McKeever

Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins

Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins

Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI

Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

BOARD of DIRECTORS

P/C David Ryan - P/C Kathy Powers
P/C Dave Fetterly - P/C Dan Thomas

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Secretary.....P/C Ron Soto

Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch

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Delegates.....P/C Ric Murray

P/C Jim Kozlowski

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Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley

Secretary.....Diane Costello

Treasurer.....Kim Fuller

SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS

President.....Linda Lamb

Vice-President.....P/C Kathy Powers

Secretary.....Celeste Hoitash

Treasurer.....Molly Wood

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Comm. Jeff Morrow - P/C Dan Thomas
P/C Dave Fetterly - Bob Tasker
Fred Lemerand - Lance Piedmonte - Tom Snarey

AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer

Larry Inguagiato – Dan Martin

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P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Roger Dutton

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Calendar of Events

October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00am Maritime Trades Career Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 7:00pm MBC- Association Trustees Mtg.	8	9	10	11	12 Sail fleet Annual Award Banquet
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 6:00pm MBC Auxiliary Annual Dinner and Elections Mtg.	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 6:00pm MBC Annual Dinner Mtg.	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!		

Future Events

- Nov 3 – 1pm MBC Change of Watch
- Nov 13 – 6:30pm Auxiliary Board Meeting
- Nov 13 – 7:00pm Auxiliary Membership Meeting
- Nov 18 – 6:30pm MBC Membership Meeting
- Nov 18 – 8pm MBC Board Meeting
- Nov 22 – 6pm Wine and Paint Event
- Nov 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday!

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Weekday Banquet Room Rental only \$150.00
- Sundays 1:00pm - Corn Hole Tournament (registration at noon)

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Summer Storage Season

May 1- Nov 1

Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

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