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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore - Jeff Morrow

Hello fellow members, Taking a deep breath now with Regatta over. One last Thanks to all that helped put this great event on. All I can say is time flies when you're having fun and we still have some Summer fun left. Barb and I attended Bayview Yacht Club's Poker Run on the 17th of August and then onto Great Lakes

Steel Boat Club's Poker Run Regatta on the 24th. Great Lakes is the Home Club for our 2019 AYC Commodore Tom Kovach and Lady Patti and what a beautiful Club it is on the Detroit River. Monroe Boat Club had a large group of members that attended GLSBC Regatta, Thanks Members and P/C's.



Vice Commodore - Fred Hoitash

It's hard to believe that the summer is half over and my year as Vice Commodore year is coming toward an end. The Regatta is over, and it looks like it was a successful event. There are so many volunteers that worked to make the regatta possible. A big heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped to make

the event go on without issues. Thank you to the set-up crews, cleanup crews and tear down crews that I was directly involved with. Saying that the set-up crew is the tops is an understatement. I am still awed by the way this group knew what, when and how to do what was needed to put the project together and then get everything put away on Sunday and Monday. The outside food and breakfast was excellent, thanks to another experienced group of volunteers. You may have noticed that this was a small group that put in long hours. There were so many compliments on the food that goes to say how well these folks knew what they were doing. The auction, wrist band, ticket sales, bar, reception and ships store volunteers were all part of the success of this event. There are pages of volunteers, and I thank every individual that was part of the success of this year's Regatta.

I am still waiting on a few items of income and a couple of expenses to finalize the Regatta financials. The final report should be complete and presented at the September Member meeting.

There are some fall projects coming up that need to be done. Yes, you have more opportunities for next year's work hours. There is a list of projects on the white freezer in the kitchen and we will be adding some more over the next couple weeks. Burger Thursdays will start up again in October and there will be continued opportunities for members to get their work hours in over the winter months.

A dinner to recognize all members and their spouses/significant others who have put in 40 or more work hours this past year is scheduled for Saturday, September 21. Initial invitations will be going out the last week in September and the last round will go out after the 2019 work hours are tallied. Most member know the work

There are still some tickets left for the Jet Express trip on the 28th of September from MBC to Put in Bay and back. The trip is \$75.00 a ticket, so get on board. Tickets are available behind bar and Nick Pinotti.

As we did last year I will be (with a lot of help) mixing up the month of September on Thursdays. Nicole's Mexican the 5th, Franks Italian 12th, McKeevers Pig Roast oink, oink the 19th and Burger night the 26th. Watch for Chimp mail, Face book, and bar advertisements. Don't forget about nominations and By-Law vote on the 16th of September. Get involved instead of being a back-seat driver. Working for Smooth Sailing for the rest of our year. Don't forget our web site http://www.monroeboatclub.org/.

hours they have put in, so you know if you will be getting the invitation.

The September 16 Member and Special meetings will potentially provide an updated member approval and acceptance process that is long overdue. We will be nominating officers for 2020, and this will be the meeting to wrap up many of the year's loose ends. If you are considering running for an office, please contact Don Blouin, Dave Ryan or Mike Powers. These gentlemen have accepted the responsibility to fill the slate of officers for next year. Better yet come

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to the meeting and learn the nomination process, vote on the by-law change, and be a part of the solutions for MBC.

Overall, I am encouraged by all of the active Monroe Boat Club members. I've been fortunate to spend most of my time at the club with people who are positive about the facility, people and future of MBC. I hope the positive atmosphere becomes contagious. We

need to start going out of our way to help our members, welcome visitors, enhance our infrastructure, facilitate comradery, and promote MBC.

Thanks again from me to all the volunteers who contributed this year. MBC is a better place through your efforts.



Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

Greeting Fellow Members!

I truly can't believe how the time flies; the days are getting shorter already. Seems as though we were just gearing up for Regatta and now, we are looking for new candidates to fill a few vacancies on the board. What a rewarding and learning experience

being on the board is, please consider getting involved and running for a position. The bar has been hopping. It is great to see all the members having a great time. We are replacing the antiquated cash registers with new registers with better software. Maybe one day the

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Lady Gina and I most recently ended up with three wrist bands on our wrist's. We went to Seaway Boat Club's Commodore reception then off to Ford Yacht Club for their Regatta and spent Saturday and Sunday at the Bay View Yacht Club reception /regatta. Monroe Boat Club had a fair turnout for the Bay View Yacht Club regatta / poker run. It was a super fun weekend and we continued to develop friendships with our MBC members and fellow AYC clubs. At time of this publication we will be off to the Great Lakes Steel Boat Club poker run / Regatta. GLSBC has never disappointed and they have a unique club with a ships pilot house on the property that provides an interesting place to socialize and have a drink.

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

The month of August found MBC hosting the remaining two of its annual sail races. On August 11th MBC hosted the annual Ladies' Race, which drew seven participating boats. All boats had to consist of at least half female crew, with a female at the helm at all times. A special thanks goes to Dan Sadoski for chairing this event. First in the Spinnaker class was Discover (Leslie Dietsch, NCYC), second was Relentless (Kelly Becker NCYC), and third was Hat Trick (Rebecca Sadoski, MBC). In the JAM class first was Pokey (Lee Ann Snyder, MBC), second was Sea Section (aka One Leg Up) (Jessica Hildreth, MBC), and third was **Slip Away** (Katie Downing, HVYC).

The MBC Solo Challenge Race was held on Saturday August 18. Six boats participated. A special thanks to Walt Norris for chairing this event. Finishing first in the JAM A class was Heartbreaker (Fritz Peterson, MBC), second was White Star (Rodger Dutton, MBC) and third was Squally (Dave Mead CIC). In the JAM B class, first was

<u>Dock Master – Brian Manor</u>

Nothing to report.



Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: Boy this summer has flown by. September is here and at this time of year we are taking names of candidates who are interested in running for office on the Auxiliary board, whether it be for an officer position or a board member. We are always looking for new faces and new ideas. This is

a great opportunity to get involved in your club. If interested please let an officer know or come to the Auxiliary meeting on September 11th, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. and express your interest. The election is held at our Annual Auxiliary dinner in October. Monroe Boat Club has had a fun filled summer with many events, but just because summer is over does not mean that the events are ending. There is always some fun event being scheduled. Be sure you check out the

whole organization will be linked together via the software, it sounds as though this is a good possibility. The carpets are clean, we have a new freezer to keep your beer mugs cold, our annual audit is done, and the place has been tidied up. The bar is sponsoring a Put-In-Bay trip hoping to raise some money to put into a fund to purchase new "comfortable" bar chairs. We are having Rich & Ronnie G's Trivia here at the club Friday Sept. 6th. Come on down for a great time. We are always striving to make Monroe Boat Club a great place to hang out and enjoy the camaraderie of the members. Ten months into my term and I am STILL open for suggestions! Until next time...Cheers!

This is the time of year to consider running for the Power Fleet Captain position. It would be my pleasure to work with someone in the 2020 year assisting in making the P/F/C job enjoyable and fun. I can't tell you how much we have been honored to hold the position. We came to the Power Fleet position with not much understanding and have grown to love it. Now its your turn. Speak up and ask me or another board member questions about the position. Put your name in the hat! Feel free to Call or text me anytime at 734-751-8600. Thank you!

One Leg Up (Charlie Simons, MBC), second was American Pie (Doug Petee, MBC) and third was Red Angel (Tom Beck, JRSC).

The second half of the Mid-Week sail race series at MBC, which started on July 16th, has been a real challenge. As of the writing of this article four of the scheduled six races were cancelled either due to lack of wind or severe weather. The series concludes September 3rd.

On August 28 MBC had a joint Sail Fleet/Power Fleet cruise with the destination of Maumee Bay State Park. The cruises are an enjoyable opportunity to spend time boating and socializing with other MBC members. A special thanks to John Rudy for coordinating these cruises for us.

Last, but not least, a new trophy case is being constructed outside the bar wall window. More on this in next month's article.

bulletin boards in the club, Facebook and mail chimps sent out, and don't forget we have Thursday burger nights with delicious burgers, chicken and homemade soups. Now there's no reason to sit home, so come on out and enjoy your club. See you at the club.

<u>CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser</u>

- September 11, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- October 1, 8:00 am-2:30 pm, Maritime Trades Career Day

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "Book Club was well-attended and quite animated! There was a lot of discussion about the book we read for August, (The

MBC-A (501c3) Update



Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs...Monroe Junior Fishing Club. It's coming to the 4th-6th graders of the Monroe Elementary Schools. 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. It will meet at MBC, the Knabusch Math/Science Center, or in a classroom at Custer.

The 2018 Special Report on Fishing, produced by the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation and the Outdoor Foundation, reported that 82% of current adult participants in fishing were introduced to the sport during childhood. After the age of 12, it was much less likely for a person to try fishing. Those participants who tried fishing during childhood retained positive memories. In general, children, ages 6-12, continued to participate in fishing at a higher rate than teenagers, ages 13-17. By working with elementary school children, interest may be sustained with future clubs/teams at the middle and high school levels. In Michigan there are at least nine high schools that sponsor competitive fishing teams. Monroe High School is one of them with 90 members of the fishing club. A fishing club at the junior high school was recently started. In addition, there are colleges or universities in almost every state that are offering financial scholarships for fishing. The colleges/universities in Michigan that have competitive fishing teams are Adrian College, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, and Northwood University.

The fishing club meeting will be comprised of a curriculum which has been developed and tested by the Future Fisherman Foundation (www.futurefisherma.org). Its four main categories and subtopics include: Angling Skills (Getting Started, Casting, Lures and Baits, Hooking, Playing and Releasing the Fish, Cleaning and Cooking the Fish, Safety In and Around the Water, Tackle Maintenance); Fish Biology (Parts of a Fish, Identification of Common Fish Species, Fish Habitat, Characteristics of Water, The Balance of Nature); Human Dimension (Human Impact, Fishing Ethics, Fishing Regulations, Conservation & Management, Stewardship); and Life Skills (Making Wise Choices About Illegal Drugs, Feeling Good About Yourself, Getting to Where You're Going, How You're Unique, The Importance of Families, Choices & Feelings, It's OK to Ask for Help, Standing Up for What You Believe, Practicing Patience Through Fishing, Linking Problem Solving with Coping Skills, Putting Life in Perspective, Dreams & Goals, Dealing with Stress, Hooked on Fishing—Not On Drugs Pledge). The complete lesson plans for each meeting are in place and ready for some of you to lead them.

Summer of '69 by Elin Hilderbrand). We recommend this novel. For our September meeting (**NOTE**--second Wednesday, September 11) we will be discussing the novel, REDEMPTION by David Balducci.

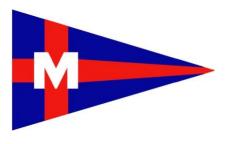
We hope to see you then!!"

The principals of the two schools have already begun communicating with the students. Even though school has not yet started, one student told his Principal that he wants to be president of the club. (Hmmm...???) We are looking for MBC members who love to fish and would like to share this "love" with young 9-12-year-olds. By having a team of 5-6 adults, no one person will be responsible for every session. We also need 2-4 other adults (knowledge or love of fishing not necessary) who like working with kids. Your responsibilities would be to take care of the after-school snacks and assist the instructors moving the kids from activity to activity, helping individual kids, or just assisting. This team will also have a schedule and rotate so no one person is responsible every meeting. Club meetings will start the first part of October and parent and training meetings will occur in September.

Any member of MBC who has a child or grandchild who fits the 4th-6th grade level in September may have their child join the club even though not a student at Custer or Waterloo or even Monroe School District. You must register by emailing me at cneuhauser@gmail.com and attend the parent meeting and sign the required waiver forms.

If you or you know someone who would be interested in helping in some way with this exciting endeavor, please contact me through cneuhauser@gmail.com or 248.982.8199. The projects MBC has been offering with the School District have resulted in many of you playing a vital part in each one, and I'm not sure you realize the great impression you've made in the lives of these kids. The assessments which we conduct at the end of each project tell the true story. Please consider being a part of this project!

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.



MBC Trip to Put-In-Bay 2019



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Message from Nominating Committee

==== Reminder **====**

General Membership Meeting& Nomination of Officers

As a reminder, a General Membership meeting will be held at MBC on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 PM.

During this meeting, in accordance with the club by-laws, the presentation of candidates and consideration of nominations from the floor for next years' club Officers will take place.

The candidates are to be selected for the following elected offices (one or more for each office) as follows:

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Power Fleet Captain, Sail Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Dock Master, Director, one of which shall be the retiring Commodore (4-year term) and Finance Committee member (3-year term).

The Annual Election from those nominated will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019.

Kay Sisung
MBC Secretary

MBC Club and Member Photos





Directory of Officers, Board, etc.
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Calendar of Events

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Labor Day!	Final Summer Sail Series Race	4	5	6	7
8	9	Tuesday Sailing "Rum Races"	11 I 2:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Aux Board Mtg. 7:00pm Aux Member Mtg.	12	13	14
15	16 6:30pm Membership & Nominations Mtg. Board Mtg. to Follow	Tuesday Sailing "Rum Races"	18 House Committee Mtg.	19	20	21 40-Hour Appreciation Dinner
22	23	Tuesday Sailing "Rum Races"	25	26	27	28 I I:00am Jet Express to PIB
29	30					

Future Events

- Oct 1 8:00am Maritime Trades Career Day
- Oct 7 7:00pm MBC-Association Trustees Mtg.
- Oct 12 Sail fleet Annual Award Banquet
- Oct 18 6:00pm MBC Auxiliary Annual Dinner and Elections Mtg.
- Oct 25 6:00pm MBC Annual Dinner Mtg.

Ongoing Events

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

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