

# HARBOR LIGHT



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## Commodore – Ron Soto

The reason for the season is upon us! Lady Trish and I would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to all of our club family! Regrettably for us, we've lost a very good friend this past month. Enjoy and savor every moment with friends, family, or extended family.

On club business, we've held our first board and general membership meetings and I am still in the processing stage and getting back up to speed. I have a great board that provides a lot of



## Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

Hello MBC! The club is decorated for the holidays, thank you to the outdoor decorating team including Craig Sauer and Jamie Steffes. There are several events that are planned throughout the year. All current "planned events" have been loaded into the MBC calendar. You can view the club calendar under the "Events" tab on the newly updated MBC Website at [www.MonroeBoatClub.org](http://www.MonroeBoatClub.org) A big Thank You to the IT Committee!



## Rear Commodore – Fred Hoitash

The Thanksgiving Holiday is over and Michigan aMAIZEingly beat Ohio State. I'm not going to read anything more into the win, just enjoy it. After a couple of initial hiccups in the beginning of November, things are beginning to smooth out a bit with respect to the operation of the MBC Bar.

We are rolling out some winter lunch specials in hopes of getting more of you out to the club during the winter months. Fridays in December we will be serving fried Walleye sandwiches with fries and slaw from noon to 3PM. Looks like we will be serving up some hot seafood chowder provided by member Chris Johnson for the Fridays in January. We've got another special in store for February, so stay tuned. I will do my best to get something out to the membership a couple times each month to keep you updated. We are working on updating the hardware for the Bar announcement TV. Once the hardware is updated all bar and club news will be advertised on this screen.

The bar and banquet room are getting decorated for the holidays the last week in November. Nicole Kachar, Kelly Butler, Jodie Thatcher and others are sure to make the place festive for the season. V/C

meaningful insight and direction for the clubs future. For that, I thank each and every one of you. Trish and I have not had the opportunity to represent the club as of yet, however we are looking forward to the opportunity.

On another note, I am looking for a volunteer to manage the Michigan/Monroe obits. Contact me at your earliest convenience and I will explain the process. In closing, we wish everyone a safe, HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Enjoy the moment!

Most events have been posted on the MBC Facebook page. There are a lot of opportunities to help your Club and get your work hours in. A great opportunity is work on Thursday Burger Nights. The Banquet Room is available to be rented out at 100% capacity. Planning has started for the New Year's Eve party as well as the annual Muskrat Dinner! More information to come.

Diehl and company indicated the decorations will add to the New Year's Eve Party fun. Hopefully we can have the celebration, and all be safe and healthy in 2022.

The new chairs and tables will be ready around the middle of December for us to pick up and assemble. P/C Fetterly has been on top of this project and schedule all the time and is already assembling the team of people to get the materials to MBC and get everything assembled. Your support of the club and club events over the last few years have provided the funds to purchase the new chairs and tables. The past Rear Commodore's and I thank you for helping this project come to fruition. As the other clubs begin to come back to MBC in the Spring, they will again see a club with an active membership that continues to support improvements around the building and property. The Thanksgiving holiday may be past, however I continue to be thankful for the choice I made to join this club 30 plus years ago, and thank you, the membership for making MBC what it is today.

Please come out on Friday, 10 December, and join me in thanking our bar staff for their work this past year. We will be having some food, most likely fried chicken, and a couple of side dishes. For those

who feel moved, the staff may appreciate an appetizer or dessert. We'll keep the appreciation going from about 6 to 10 PM.

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend." *Melody Beattie*



## Power Fleet Capt. – Tony Schippa

Happy Holiday's,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. Are you looking for some work hours? The Power Fleet will be hosting Burger Nights for the months of December 2021 and January 2022. The sign-up sheets are posted on the kitchen door. You will also have a chance to get your hours in by working on the AYC Commodore's Ball and working the room the weekend of Feb 17th-20th at the Sheraton/Detroit Metro in Romulus. This will include set up and tear down. Tickets for this event can be purchased at the bar and the cost is \$50.00 per person. I only have 28 tickets at the moment- it's first come first serve.



## Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

We are heading into the winter season and my list of boating things to do before spring is getting created. Past commodore Dave Ryan received an email from a company he dealt with that specializes in sales of yacht cordage, and he suggested sharing the information in a sail fleet article the Harbor Light newsletter. One of the nagging problems I have experienced with the various lines on my boat is algae, mold, and general filthy slime, particularly on dock lines. The lines not only look ugly, but the soil can shorten the life of the lines as well. When attempting to clean and restore lines, both harsh cleaning chemicals as well as abrasion should be avoided as they both will damage lines. They recommend using a commercial laundry washing machine set on a gentle cycle to gently clean the lines. Others have recommended putting the lines in a mesh laundry bag before adding them to the washing machine



## Dock Master – Dave Volker

Would like to give the Dock Party crew that came out for work a BIG thank you! We ended up with some members leaving their poles in for our crew to take them out and make some money for the Docks. It will come in need for our seawall project that is in motion for the beginning of next year.

Please take notice that there is caution tape along the front seawall by the parking lot. Please, "DO NOT CROSS THIS LINE" There will



## Auxiliary – Shawna Powell

Happy Holidays from the Auxiliary! This month Olga Collino and Carolyn Dutton are chairing the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12th at 2:00. They will have lunch, crafts, and a special visitor from the North Pole. If you would like to bring your child, grandchild, or guest, please RSVP to Carolyn (734)731-2635 or Olga (419)304-1789 by December 8th. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00, with the board meeting held prior at 6:30. Don't forget, if you attend a meeting, you will get one work

## CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, December 1, noon

### NEWS

**Book Club:** Judy Peterson writes: "Book Club will meet on Wednesday, December 1, for our annual Christmas buffet luncheon and \$1 gift exchange. We're reading 'The Last Thing He Told Me' by Laura Dave and 'Stranger in the Lifeboat' by Mitch Albom. These 2 books will take us to the January 5 meeting when we will discuss both books. Anyone planning to

### AYC Report:

Get ready for another fun filled year and it starts in January. The annual Wild Game Dinner will be held at the Gibraltar Community Center on Jan 28. Hors d'oeuvres at 18:00 dinner at 19:00 the cost is \$40.00 per person. All tickets must be purchased by January 19, 2022. Contact me for your tickets. The first regatta of 2022 is the Toledo Ice Yacht Club Winterfest, held Jan 28th-29th at Ottawa River YC. The Commodore Reception will be held on the 29th. The time to yet to be determined. In other fun news PIB Yacht Club will be open to members on Wednesday and Saturday this winter - opening up at 17:00.

to further minimize abrasion. A mild cleaning agent like Woolite can be added, but bleach should never be used as it will degrade the integrity of the lines. Heat can also damage lines, so they should never be put into a clothes dryer but instead should be hung to air dry only.

We still have some shirts available that were created for support of the MBC 2021 Ladies' Race and are very cool to wear for any casual occasion and would make a great gift or stocking stuffer. One for \$10, two for \$15. Limited availability in Unisex M - 2XL. Act now so you don't get left out. Contact Erin Jeruzal ([montgo66@yahoo.com](mailto:montgo66@yahoo.com)). Proceeds will benefit the MBC Sail Fleet (see photo in Photos section)

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and a great new year.

be no bubblers in this area for getting ready for replacement of the seawall. The rest of our marina will have the bubblers in place and there will be thin ice in and around the docks.

Please be aware that there are non-members coming in off the street fishing off of our docks. Many issues arise from this situation for MBC. Please ask them to leave kindly. If they do not, please contact myself or a board member and we will handle accordingly.

Hope all have a safe and happy Merry Christmas and New Year!

hour. Auxiliary will be decorating the back room on Sunday, Dec 4th at noon for Christmas, and will need to take the decorations down on Monday December 20th, at 3:30 to make way for the New Year's Eve Bash. If you are interested in helping with either of these times, we would be happy to have you! Feel free to contact me with any questions: (734)755-8920, [sdonnelly060@gmail.com](mailto:sdonnelly060@gmail.com)

I wish all of our members peace, happiness and good health this Christmas and New Year..

attend the December meeting is asked to bring an appetizer to pass and a \$1 wrapped gift for our gift exchange. Looking forward to some holiday fun and some good reading!!!"

**Tour of the Commodores Room Libraries:** Come with me for a virtual tour. As we enter the Commodores Room, on both sides of the door are several bookcases jammed with casual and fun books. Some are mysteries, drama, detective, romance, and they are free for you to borrow, read, and return. Moving across the room, you will find another bookcase filled with books covering topics related to

## MBC

boating, navigation, maintenance, and the lake environment, birds, invasive species, trees, bugs, and the planets. This library may be helpful if you have children who are doing special reports on Lake Erie and its environs. Again, they are free for you to borrow, read, and return. This library was begun with a grant from BoatUS through

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MBC's Education Committee in 2010. There are some members who enjoy coming to the library, choosing a book, and spending the afternoon quietly reading. You will find a collage of pictures of the two libraries at the end of the newsletter.

## MBC-A (501c3) Update

The Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization is called the MBC Association. By virtue of your club membership, all members and their significant others are Associates of the charitable organization. MBC-A funds, organizes and administers educational programs that have non-member, local schools and community involvement.

### MBC-A Receives \$3,000 Grant!

In collaboration with administrators of MCISD and Monroe Public Schools, almost all covid-delayed events will begin again next spring. MBC-A received funding of \$3,000 from the Monroe County Health Foundation for the **Environmental Career Day** for 7th graders, which is scheduled for June 8-9, 2022. We will be in touch as we approach May for volunteers to take the students out on boats on both afternoons and reminding you that 60 students will be in the backroom on those two days.

### CTE Director visits MBC!

Director of Monroe School's Career Technical Education Leah Morelli and her assistant visited MBC this past week, and MBC-A will co-sponsor with the Career and Technology Center of Monroe Public Schools the **4th Annual Maritime Trades Careers Day** on Wednesday, September 28, 2022. This will be the perfect day as World Maritime Day will be celebrated on September 29, 2022. Some of you have participated as mentors to these students in past sessions. Please plan on joining the group once again. Results of the day have shown that at least one student joined the U.S. Coast Guard, and several have been hired by both Trout's Yacht Basin and Toledo Beach Marina.

### Poker Nights!

It was with happiness and relief that we were able to begin money-making activities after nearly two lost years of revenue due to Covid.

On the weekend of Nov 12-15, MBC-A was the managing organization at Woodhaven Lanes (Woodhaven MI) for what the State of Michigan calls charitable gaming, which is a series of Poker Nights.

MBC-A sells poker chips, redeems money and provides data-entry services over the 4-day weekend. Our volunteers were: Tony Schippa, Henry Santiago, Amy Cook, Fred Hoitash, Celeste Hoitash, Don Blouin, Charlotte Neuhauser, Dan Thomas, Chuck Kressbach, Dave Ryan and Bob Zaki.

Due to extreme road construction and poor signage surrounding the venue and low turnout due to a number of other factors, we made just under \$600 as compared to \$3,000 in a typical pre-covid weekend. However, it was good to have a productive feeling again. Our next Poker Nights are Feb 4-7 and again on April 8-11 if you'd like to help staff this event.

### Fishing Club News!

We now have a lead coach and several more coaches for the 5th-6th Grade Fishing Club, so we are planning to start the club the first week of January. We could use one or two more people who would enjoy working with some great kids on fishing. We hope to start sessions every other Tuesday or Wednesday (tbd) (4:15-6:00) every other week. Work hours are available.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, just send an email to Charlotte Neuhauser [cneuhauser@gmail.com](mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com)

We give a big **Thank You!** to all Boat Club members who have used Amazon Smile and your company's Grant programs, and those that are about to! Participate at Smile.Amazon.com and choose MBC-Association in the site.

## Yard Master Update

The storage lot has been a successful project for Monroe Boat Club. Along with the success comes a lot of hands-on work and some operational adjustments affecting the placement of boats, as we no longer have the luxury of unlimited space.

Since 2020 Rick Campbell has been assistant Yard Master and this fall Fritz Peterson has transitioned into that job. Both Rick and Fritz have done outstanding jobs maximizing our space.

This year's winter storage season now has over 111 boats, trailers and RV's stored. The storage lot has reached its maximum winter boat capacity and revenue is up approx 18% over last winter's season. We owe a big Thank You! to Trout's Yacht Basin and Harbor Marine, including MBC's Mike Morrison for working hard to place all the large boats in our yard.

As boats are now closer together than before, please be very careful when working on your boat, especially shrink-wrapping.

In addition to MBC members storing boats with the club, we have benefited from Big Daddy's Marina customers and have seen several winter boats coming from Detroit Beach. Several of these boat owners have joined MBC in the last year or so.

Please be sure that any items in the storage yard are marked with the owner's name so we can identify it. There are about 10 items that have not yet been paid for, and it is essential to remit your fee's immediately if you have not already done so.

During late October, recycled asphalt millings were spread along the main drive paths in an effort to reduce the dust next summer, and another load is scheduled to be put down to cover the remaining traffic areas. This should improve conditions for the club and the neighbors. Thank you to Mike Burket for his work.

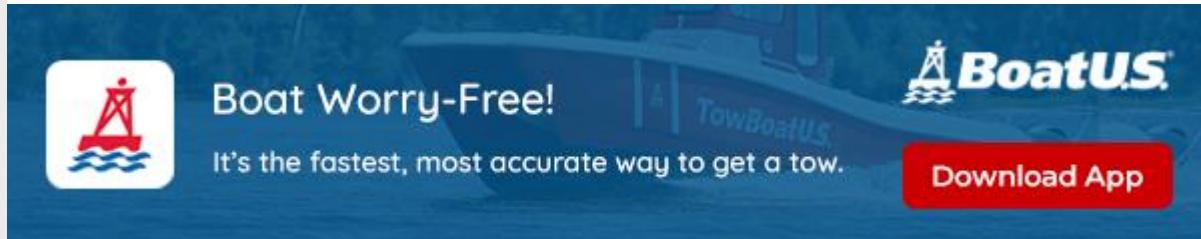


Items of InterestWelcome New Members!!BoatUS

MBC is part of the BoatUS Cooperating Group program, and members of the MONROE BOAT CLUB will continue to have access to over 25 benefits and services at a discounted price!

- 24/7 Dispatch and 600+ towboats in 300+ ports nationwide
- Expert boat insurance with 24/7 claims service
- Discounts on fuel, slips, repairs at over 1,200 boating and fishing businesses
- A subscription to the award-winning *BoatUS Magazine*

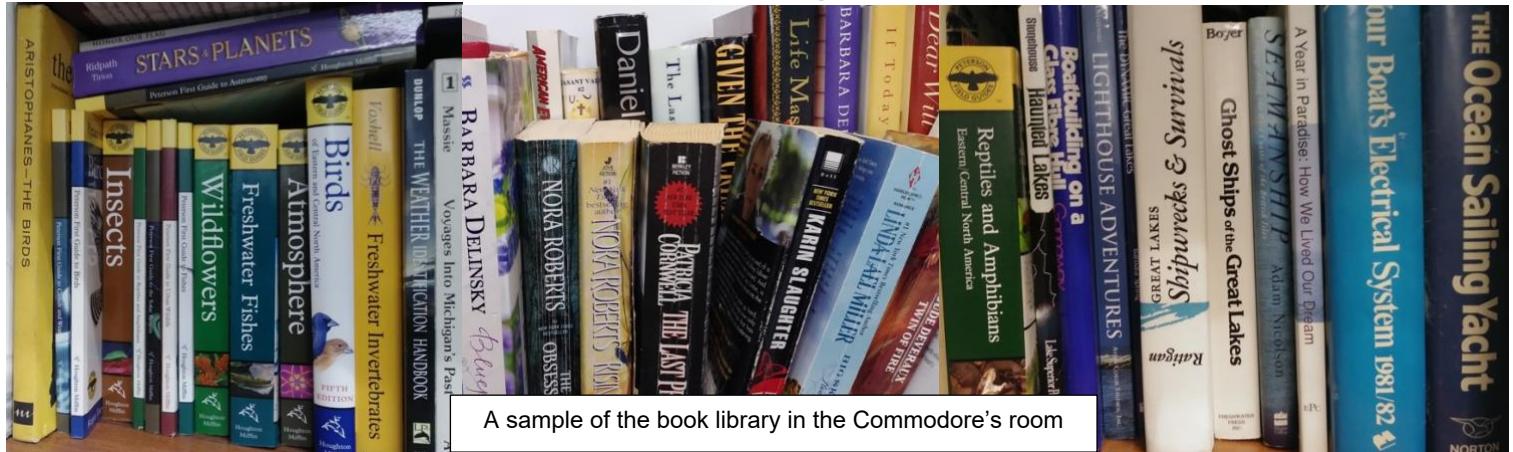
MBC members can join or renew their BoatUS Membership using the MBC source code:  
**GA81739B**



## MBC Club and Member Photos



Bolles Harbor welcomes Christmas!  
Thanks to Linda Kowalczyk and Karen  
Lemerand for decorating the sign.



MONROE BOAT CLUB  
2021  
LADIES RACE

## Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Yard Master.....	Dave Ryan
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Historian.....	Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins
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Parliamentarian.....	Lance Piedmonte
Chaplain.....	Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

P/C Dave Fetterly -P/C Dan Thomas  
P/C Jeff Morrow - P/C Fred Hoitash

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Chaplin.....	P/C John Peterson
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P/C Dan Martin – Fabrizio Biundo  
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Tony Schippa

**AYC ALTERNATES:** P/C Rick Campbell

P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Rodger Dutton

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### DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION

**20th of each month**

Monroe Boat Club website.....[monroeboatclub.org](http://monroeboatclub.org)

MBC-A (501c3) website.....[mbcassociation.org](http://mbcassociation.org)

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## Calendar of Events

# December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 I-LYA Fall Mtg
5 I-LYA Fall Mtg	6	7	8 6:30pm Auxiliary Mtg	9	10 6:00pm Bartender Christmas Party	11
12 2:00pm Children's Christmas Party	13	14	15 6:30pm MBC Board Mtg 7:00pm MBC General Mtg	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party!	

**Future Events**

- Jan ?? – Muskrat Dinner (Date TBD)
- Jan 5–5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fishing Club @ Knabush Center
- Jan 28 – AYC Wild Game Dinner @ Gibralter Comm Center
- Jan 28-29 – TIYC Winterfest @ ORYC
- Feb 4-7 – MBC-A Poker Nights @ Woodhaven, MI
- Feb 17-20 – AYC Party @ Sheraton, Romulus, MI
- Jun 8-9 – Environmental Career Days

**Ongoing Events**

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup! (Start date unsure)
- Lunch Specials Every Day
  - Coney Dog Monday
  - Taco Tuesday
  - Wing Wednesday
  - Walleye Sandwich Friday (Dec)
  - Seafood Chowder Friday (Jan)

MBC Classified Ads

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Summer Storage Season

Jun 1- Nov 1

Winter Storage Season

Oct 1 - Jun 1

Contact Yard Master

Dave Ryan

(419)-260-9578 - dryan@bex.net

Wanted to Buy: Fishing Boat

Looking for a Lake Erie fishing boat

23 ft or longer

Thank You!

Mike Polander

(734)-564-8576

mikepolander@yahoo.com

For Sale: Brand New Dry Suit & Trapeze Boots

Neither were ever used.

Dry Suit is size Large - \$400

Trapeze Boots are size 11-12 - \$50

If interested contact Hope McEvoy

586-381-3483 (talk or text)

Hope0929@aol.com

For Sale: C&C 33-1 Sailboat.

Fully equipped. Dacron and Kevlar sails, Harken removable roller furling, GPS, safety equipment, fenders and cradle.

Winter storage and spring launch included.

\$15,000

Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net