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Commodore – Dan Martin

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

It has been a struggle for me and likely for some other board members to find content for the Harbor Light. Sadly, we have had too many events canceled along

with the uncertainty of future events. We have several more months of challenges, but the sun will rise up and as a strong boat club, a nation of great Americans and the world in general we are all heading in a direction for the better. Friends will come together, the club bar will open again, regattas will be scheduled, and boats will float. You get the idea; fun times are on the horizon.

January 20th at 7:30 PM there will be a member meeting and I encourage the membership to attend. The last quarter of 2020

started off poorly due to the COVID-19. It looks like the State of Michigan may resume limited indoor restaurant dining by January 15. I am hoping the January membership meeting can be the start of a new direction and we can set a good path for 2021. Of course, as of this article I do not know if it will be in person, via Zoom meeting or a combination of both.

Soon our Vice-Commodore Dustin will be looking for Regatta Committee volunteers. There are also some projects around the club if you would like to help feel free to contact me (734-751-8600) or Dustin (734-430-1932). Give us a call and we can custom tailor a project that you might enjoy that is within your wheelhouse. Of course, workhours will be given in return along with our thanks.

Thank you for your support!



Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

Greetings from your Vice Commodore. Below are the activities that have been taken place during the past month.

On Sunday December 13th we held a Toys for Tots drive thru fundraiser. The event ran from 2 to 3 pm, in just that one hour we collected 142 toys, 2 books, 5 stocking stuffers, and \$185 in cash. Thank you to all our volunteers and generous members for making these event a success (see attached picture).

An ongoing fence concern was able to be temporality fixed. During times of high winds, a section of the chain link fencing would “flap

around” because the support straps were missing. At one point the fence got lodge onto a trailer that was being stored at Harbor Marine (see attached pictures). Thanks to Dave Ryan and Rick Campbell for coordinating the trailer getting moved so that the fence repairs could happen, and temporary support straps could be added.

Due to the ongoing concerns for COVID, we had no choice but to cancel the Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve parties. Also, we are going to try to push the Muskrat dinner back to a later date. If it’s possible, updates will be posted when available.

Stay Safe.



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from the Rear Commodore,

As we embark upon a new year, I would like to remark once again on the support that has been shown by our membership this last year. This has been a challenging time to say the least but our mutual love for MBC has been shown by you all.

Before I continue, I cannot thank Brad Fichtner enough for the December 19th soup take-out event. Brad’s soups were amazing, and completely donated to help our bartenders during this difficult time. (All proceeds from soup sales went directly to MBC Bartenders, Brad donated ALL THE FOOD to accomplish this event).

He prepared enough for 2 Burger Nights and we sold out in 50 minutes!!!. This was an amazing display of support by both Brad and by you, the members who lined up before we were even opened to show your support. Many others showed their support by donating to the bartenders Christmas Stockings which I am sure will help with their own financial needs. We were assisted by many members including my very supportive Lady Lori, Rick and Wendy Campbell, Carl and Deb Laura, Al Michaud, Vice Commodore Dustin Diehl, and Very Special Guest Worker Trent Miller!! A Huge Thank You to all that supported this extraordinary event.

In the spirit of thanks and gratitude I really want to thank all who have helped during other events, lunches, burger nights and so much

more in 2020. Your efforts have reinforced how fortunate we are to have such supportive members. I truly feel gratified to serve another year. I look forward to reopening the bar at MBC (again) and seeing so many of our friends once again able to be together on MBC property. I have postponed our usual Bartenders Christmas Party until we have more reopening information. Members have made it clear that they would like to be there and to have it at MBC and we all agree.



Power Fleet Capt. – Tony Schippa

Happy New Year everyone!

The broken record continues with the shutdown still in place we've had no meetings. I want to thank everyone who came on and supported the Toys for Tots, along with everyone who showed up and bought soup to help support the awesome MBC bar staff on soup Saturday. I want to personally thank Pam Manor and her team for volunteering



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's all hope that the covid vaccine will bring a safer new year, the club will reopen, and our lives will return to normal.



Dock Master – Dave Volker

Hope everybody had an enjoyable holiday season. Dock holders, if you haven't received your dock renewal billing, you should very shortly. Please remember to include a current proof of insurance and registration along with your check. Dock fees stayed the same as last year. \$450 for B docks, \$550 for C



Auxiliary – Shawna Powell

Happy New Year everybody! It's been a crazy year, and I'm sure ready for a new start. Last month, the auxiliary put on a Children's "Drive-Thru" Christmas. The kids and adults both really seemed to enjoy themselves. It was great to be able to see some familiar faces. Huge thank you to Olga Collino, Jenny

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- No MBC Book Club until at least January

NEWS

DNR Information: For those of you who may have received a new snowmobile for Christmas, there is some information you should know. In addition to [registering your snowmobile with the Secretary of State](#), resident and nonresidents that operate snowmobiles on public land in Michigan are required to purchase a snowmobile trail permit. The trail permit enables snowmobilers to ride state-designated trails, public roads and public lands (where authorized).

Snowmobiles are exempt from the trail permit AND registration if they are:

- Operated exclusively on lands owned or under the control of the owner.
- Used entirely in a safety education program conducted by a certified snowmobile safety instructor.

When we do reopen, we plan to immediately resume our regular lunch specials that we established during 2020 and will look for more options for 2021. Coney Dog Monday, Taco Tuesday, Wednesday Wing Day, and French Dip Friday are here to stay. I will share more information as soon as is available.

With that said, Lori and I wish you all The Best New Year Ever!! I think we all really deserve it. Feel free to contact me with any questions and concerns and expect an email notice soon about reopen details (fingers crossed)..

to help with burger nights in December even though we didn't have any I still appreciate them stepping up to help out. The next AYC meeting is scheduled for an in person meeting on Jan 25, I'm hoping to have the Theme for the AYC conference in April along with the 2021 poker run schedule.

I'm inspired by people who keep on rolling, no matter their age - Jimmy Buffett.

MBC will be represented at the winter Western LE Basin Sail Race Coordination meeting to ensure that our races do not have significant conflicts with other club's race dates.

docks and \$950 for D docks. Please remember your dock fees need to be received at the club by February 10th.

I will be posting the available docks on February 17th. The list will come down at noon on February 27th. Our dock assignment meeting is on Sunday March 7th this year at 2:00pm.

Thank you and think of warm weather and boating season!

Francisco and Megan May for co-chairing the event with me, as well as Scott Hudkins, Holly Ziemke, Nancy School, Brian Francisco, Dave Powell and Dave Collino for volunteering. I hope everyone has a safe, happy and healthy New Year and wishing you all the best in the upcoming year!

- Operated exclusively in a special event under a permit from the governmental unit having proper jurisdiction.

If you are going ice fishing, dress warmly, bring a life jacket, ice picks and a cell phone that will have a signal while you're on the ice. Avoid areas of ice with protruding debris and areas with weak ice which will appear milky.

Never fish alone (but make sure to practice proper social distancing of at least 6 feet if you're with people who don't live in your household), and always tell someone where you're going and when you expect to return.

Use extreme caution if temperatures begin to rise or fluctuate during the season. Repeated thawing and refreezing of ice weakens its integrity, decreasing its ability to support additional weight of people, snowmobiles, ORVs and shanties.

Don't forget to bring out your bird feeders for the winter songbirds. The DNR has reported Michigan is experiencing a sudden sharp increase of northern finches, common redpolls, pine siskins and evening grosbeaks which have arrived in record numbers in search of cone and seed crops.

VOLUNTEER



CCEC stands for Club Community Events Committee and has been very active in the past offering different types of events, ranging from a First Mate Workshop to boating clinics to travelogues. It staffs the book sale tent at Regatta every summer. CCEC has recently been requested by MBC members to offer boating clinics again. We are snowbirds now and spend about 6 months in Florida so offering winter workshops and events is not

MBC-A (501c3) Update

December saw too many MBC members cast off one last time: Scott Fuller was past Rear Commodore, beloved Sue LaVigne, and sailor Art Butler.

Art was essential to the forming of the MBC-Association, using his legal skills to help craft the articles of incorporation, performing all of the legal filings with the State of Michigan and the IRS, and serving as a Trustee since the founding of the club's 501c3.

Art selflessly offered guidance and council to our entire club, assisting Commodores and the Board on issues both legal and social. Sundays were for family sailing with his wife Carolyn, their children and grandchildren and he would often cut those hours short to return to MBC and resolve a pressing issue. The generosity of his time and kindness of his heart is unmatched. Each year, Art presented an itemized sheet of the dozens of hours of legal services he had rendered along with the total value of his work. He would sign the bottom "Please convert to Work Hours as you see fit" in exchange for payment.

The MBC Association will deeply miss your easy friendship, thoughtful actions and wise counsel.

We are proud to announce on January 27, MBC's Charlotte Neuhauser will make a presentation at the annual conference of the Stewardship Network describing the highly successful Environmental Career Days at MBC. For over 10 years, the Environmental Career Day program has been a positive influence on 7th graders from the Monroe schools. The "ECD" is a collaboration with Monroe Boat Club, Monroe School District, Monroe County Environmental Fund and the River Raisin Institute. Charlotte and Director Danielle Conroyd of River Raisin Institute will be making a presentation at the upcoming 2021 Stewardship Network Conference discussing the long-standing connections of our projects with the Monroe School District.

Based in Ann Arbor, the Stewardship Network has a mission to connect, equip, and mobilize people and organizations to care for land and water through shared experiences, knowledge, and resources.

Due to the ongoing Covid situation, this will be a virtual conference held Weds Jan 27 through Friday January 29, 2021.

All are welcome to register to see this prestigious conference and presentation:

We are excited to announce that registration is now live for The Stewardship Network Conference 2021! ([click here to register](#))

feasible for me. I'm looking for someone to take over the leadership of CCEC. It's fun, doesn't take a lot of work, and members appreciate the events that are offered. This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with other members. Round up some friends and serve as co-leaders. And you earn workhours. Please email me at cneuhauser@gmail.com if you're interested.



Re-imagining Connections: The Stewardship Network Conference 2021

Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 - Friday, January 29th, 2021

Presented virtually via [hopin](#)

Visit our conference website at <https://conference.stewardshipnetwork.org>, and rsvp to our Facebook event [here](#).

The MBC Association presented Commodore Hoitash with a check for \$5,000 during MBC's 2020 Annual Meeting in late October! The money will go towards future facility rental space for the various programs MBC-A produces. The Club has placed these funds into the Special Projects fund, earmarked for the renovation of the West Property waterside house.

MBC-A is always looking for volunteers. If a project seems interesting to you, just send an email to Charlotte Neuhauser cneuhauser@gmail.com.

amazon smile For the past two years, MBC-A has been an affiliate of the Amazon Smile program. When you buy from Amazon, at no extra cost to you, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to MBC-Association when you buy through Smile.Amazon.com

During the 3rd Quarter, July-Sep, MBC-A has received \$72.45 from Amazon. We give a big Thank You! to all Boat Club members who have used Amazon Smile, and those that are about to!

You can help the MBC Association of the Monroe Boat Club with its projects by taking advantage of Amazon Smile <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**Toys for Tots and “Drive Thru” Children’s Christmas**

MBC had a FANTASTIC turn out for our Toys for Tots and “Drive Thru” Children’s Christmas on Sunday Dec 13! Thank you to all our volunteers and our generous members for making these events a success. Three MBC Bartenders, Renea, Katie and Leah volunteered to work the drink carry-out bar at no pay.

Vice Commodore Dustin Diehl did an amazing job organizing the Toys for Tots donation drive and had a great crew working with him.

MBC collected 142 toys, 2 books, 5 stocking stuffers and \$185 in cash for Toys for Tots. P/C Kathy Powers, USMC (Ret) is our Marine Corps liaison, and Laurie Revere, the Monroe County ToT Coordinator assisted at MBC all day.

The Auxiliary put lots of smiles on the kids’ faces with their hard work on the Kids Christmas. Thank you to Shawna Powell, Olga Collino, Megan May and Jenny Fransisco for organizing the party.







MBC Club and Member Photos



MBC fence repairs.



CORRECTION: Thank you Larry Swiontoniowski, Kris Swiontoniowski and Linda Kowalczyk for decorating the Bolles Harbor sign!

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2020</p> <p>Commodore.....Dan Martin danbmartin@magnumtools.com (734) 751-8600</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Dustin Diehl ddiehl4371@gmail.com (734) 430-1932</p> <p>Rear Commodore.....Brian Moyer mbc.rear.comm@gmail.com (734) 777-6093</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Tony Schippa tonyschippasellshomes@gmail.com (734) 637-8221</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....John Davis jadavis1@bex.net (419) 304-1211</p> <p>Financial Secretary.....Lance Piedmonte</p> <p>Treasurer.....Fabrizio Biundo</p> <p>Secretary.....Todd Strauch</p> <p>Dock Master.....Dave Volker</p> <p>Yard Master.....Dave Ryan</p> <p>By-law Chair.....Rodger Dutton</p> <p>Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins</p> <p>Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins</p> <p>Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI</p> <p>Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte</p> <p>Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD of DIRECTORS</p> <p>P/C Dave Fetterly -P/C Dan Thomas P/C Jeff Morrow - P/C Fred Hoitash</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President..... P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Vice President..... P/C Mike Powers</p> <p>Secretary.....P/C Ron Soto</p> <p>Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch</p> <p>Chaplin.....P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Delegates..... P/C Rick Murray P/C Jim Kozlowski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUXILIARY OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Shawna Powell</p> <p>Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley</p> <p>Secretary.....Jenny Francisco</p> <p>Treasurer.....Olga Collino</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb</p> <p>Vice-President.....Sharon Bagley</p> <p>Secretary.....Kim Fuller</p> <p>Treasurer.....Molly Wood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Comm. Dan Martin - P/C Fred Hoitash P/C Jeff Morrow – Fabrizio Biundo Fred Lemerand - Tom Snarey - Lance Piedmonte</p> <p>AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer Larry Inguagiato – Tony Schippa</p> <p>AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Rodger Dutton</p> <p>ILYA DELEGATE: John Davis</p> <p>Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month</p> <hr/> <p>Monroe Boat Club website.....monroeboatclub.org</p> <p>MBC-A (501c3) website.....mbcassociation.org</p> <p>Webmaster.....Ken Naszradi knaszradi@yahoo.com</p>
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Calendar of Events

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year!	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 7:00pm Blue Gavel Mtg	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 6:30pm Board Mtg 7:30pm Memb Mtg	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Future Events

- Feb 17-27 - Open Docks Posted
- Mar 7 – 2:00pm Dock Assignment Meeting

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Lunch Specials Every Day
 - Taco Tuesday
 - Wing Wednesday
- Call Sharon Bagley or Judy Peterson for a Ships Store appointment

MBC Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED

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

Outside Storage Customers:
To help minimize any hazards for MBC boats,
you must comply with **Storage Agreement #4:**
“No boat or any item stored shall be
connected to any utilities while unattended.”