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Commodore – Dan Martin

Gina and I have been having a good time participating in some 2021 AYC Commodore gatherings and promoting Monroe Boat Club. There is a three-year rotation for hosting the AYC meeting and at time of writing this article our governor has opened capacity to 50%. This will allow us to host the meeting for March.

Monroe Boat Club continues to welcome new members. We are pleased to have quite a few members join in February. Steve Hudkins is doing a great job working with new members. As a reminder we still have a few openings available for membership. Please continue to promote the club to potential new members. I am very proud of our board. Everybody is working very well together.

There is also an excellent level of communication between the board members allowing ideas and projects to move forward.

Regatta planning is underway, and we have an award-winning lineup for entertainment on Friday and Saturday. Please get ready as members of MBC to assist the club for the 2021 regatta. At some point sign-up sheets will be posted.

The Commodore ball is scheduled for Saturday October 16, 2021. Proceeds from April Burger nights will go toward our ball. A sign-up sheet will soon be on the door of the kitchen. Please consider signing up to help for burger nights

Look forward to seeing all of you at the club!



Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

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

Upcoming Events:

- MBC Regatta Planning Committee meeting will be March 3rd at 6:30 pm
- There are several events that are planned throughout the year. All current "planned events" have been loaded into the MBC calendar. Most events have been posted on the MBC Facebook page. We are working on getting the events into the MBC Website also.

Building concerns:

- Bathrooms seem cold at times. Furnace was looked at by Russ Moore and Rick Campbell. They found that there was a circuit board that needed to be replaced. Part will be ordered to fix concern.
- Dishwasher leaking. Eco Lab was called out to service concern. Issue was they found a disintegrated heating element gasket in the wash tank. Also, a pre-drilled sensor hole with a plug which had loosened. Tightened and leaking stopped.
- On-going winter wind damage to the building. All damage will be fixed when the weather breaks.

Stay Safe.



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from the MBC Bar,

Welcome back! As we celebrate 1 month reopened, Spring is starting to peek around the corner! We have been open every day since February 2 from noon to 10pm (per State restrictions) utilizing the back room and back bar for spacing and capacity. Effective Friday March 5 The State relaxed the restrictions raising the capacity limit to 50% up to a total of 100, and the mandatory closing time raised to 11:00. Thanks

to the volunteers who moved our chairs back and helped reopen the Creek Side Bar!! We all want this to be over, myself included, but this is a very positive development considering we will soon have warm weather allowing us to enjoy outdoor seating.

Thanks to everyone for your understanding and adherence to the State mandates. The Bar staff and I all appreciate it very much. I would like to say Thank you to Rick and Wendy Campbell for helping me with the bar recently. I also am very indebted to Kim Fuller for

stepping into the assistant position while Dewey is off. I took a full-time job last month and have been very focused on this new position, so I am very grateful to the Campbells, Kim, and our staff for doing an amazing job keeping things running smoothly.

We were unable to hold our usual Christmas Party for the bartenders last year due to closure. Some of our bartenders have still been unable to collect unemployment and consequently did not receive any compensation from the beginning of November until February 2. Brad Fichtner did a fabulous Soup event while closed to help them, but I would like to do more. I am planning a "Bartender Appreciation Night" for Friday March 19. I will arrange for some entertainment in line with restrictions and weather, for the evening. We will have guest bartenders so that our bartenders can enjoy the club with us.



Power Fleet Capt. – Tony Schippa

Last month we started getting back to normalcy. I've been talking with the sail fleet captain about some combined boating trips for the club this summer, I'll have more details next month. We've got some incoming bus trips lined up for March on the 6th River View will be stopping by and Bayview will be stopping

by on the 20th. This year Honorary Commander Craig Lamb will be



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Hola, we're still here in sunny Puerto Vallarta. We don't have snow, but the sand is hot, and the margaritas are cold.

Happy to see that the club is open, and Tony is busy cooking burgers. The AYC and MBC summer regatta



Dock Master – Dave Volker

Well, here we are on the downside of using the Deicers for this year. (see pictures in member photo area of our docks using the deicers and some of our neighbors not using them.) This might help to see how great these are for our MBC marina.

You will be receiving this just after Dock Assignment day of Sunday March 7th at 2:00PM. There will be restrictions for this day due to the State of Michigan capacity restrictions. Right now, the only



Auxiliary – Shawna Powell

Spring is almost here and the last few days of warm sun have me dreaming of hot summer days on the water. Hope everyone got to enjoy a little bit of sunshine. In February, we were able to get back to our usual monthly meetings at the club. We will continue to have our meetings on the second Wednesday of

the month, in person, with a remote zoom option for those who prefer not to meet at the club. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 with the board meeting held at 6:30. On Sunday, March

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- No MBC Book Club until the club reopens.
- May 1-2, Walleye Competition, MBC

NEWS

FYI: The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) announced today that it has approved Enbridge Energy's application for certain permits required to build a utility tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. If constructed, the tunnel would house a proposed replacement for the 68-year-old Line 5 dual petroleum products pipelines currently lying on lakebed. EGLE's

Our lunch specials for March: (Monday – Coney Dog Special) - (Tues – Taco Tuesday) – (Wed - Wings Day) – (Thursday Burger Night / Bar menu) – (Friday Carols Fish Fry- Delicious Cod Loins. Not to be missed, this is good stuff!!)

As always, I thank you for the tremendous support you have shown me. I also want to thank Lori Moyer; she has been very patient with me through all of this. Her sacrifice (like many others) for the good of our club is really what its all about at MBC. The fact that I now work full-time, teach at the college part-time, and do Rear Commodore means she has had to accept me constantly being on the go. Thank You to my Amazing Wife! Without her support none of this would be possible, (or fun)!

Goodbye for now, See you at Your Club!!

putting together this year AYC bowling team if you're interested reach out to Craig. As I mentioned we have other clubs visiting MBC, I would like to get a group of us together and hit the road to support other clubs. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club for an MBC trip in April.

calendar is being finalized. I'm pleased to report the Mills Trophy Race is back on the calendar for June 11-12. That's all for now, see you in April.

person allowed in the assignment meeting is the member that signed the assignment sheet or his or her proxy.

I have more ideas for our docks that our members have brought to me. Some will happen this year and some may go in next year's plan. Always looking for ideas from our members to better our docks either small or large. It doesn't matter. These are our docks, and we need to be proud and happy of them.

Spring is around the corner. THINK SPRING!

21st from 1:00-2:00PM Olga Collino is chairing a drive-thru Easter celebration for the kids with a special appearance by the Easter bunny. I know this will be a fun event for all the little ones. Mark your calendars, Auxiliary is hosting Burger Nights in May. Come in for a delicious burger or sign up to help out in the kitchen. Things are just starting to get rolling again, so hopefully in the coming months there will be more to report. Hope everyone stays safe, and healthy.

review of the permit applications concluded that the proposed construction of a tunnel beneath the lakebed can be done in compliance with the state environmental laws that EGLE administers.

EGLE's permit review confirmed that the proposed tunneling project would have minimal impact on water quality in the Great Lakes and would not affect protected public uses of Michigan's water resources.

DNR INFO: Is your child or grandchild boater safety certified? Anyone born on or after June 20, 1996, must successfully complete an approved Boater Safety Education course to operate a vessel. Complete boater safety online at Michigan.gov/RecreationalSafety

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

The club's 501c3 arm, The MBC Association, works closely with a variety of partners to be able to provide quality programs to both our members and the area community.

Through the local school system, we have introduced school-aged kids to a variety of marine related careers through the Environmental Career Days, Maritime Career Days and organized fishing opportunities.

As the Covid crisis has had a horrible effect on kids school experiences and the spring schedule is still uncertain, we have had to postpone the June Environmental Career Days until 2022. This program requires coordination with the Monroe School System, US Customs and Boarder Protection, OSU Stone Laboratory and others, including our members who take the students onto the lake to obtain water samples.

The commitments and logistics required to produce the event was just not possible given the existing health situation. We are very disappointed not to hold the program this year and will be working hard to regain the momentum next year.

MBC-A is planning for the return of the **Youth Fishing Derby**, held in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources during the club's Regatta weekend in July. Planning is moving forward, knowing there is a great deal of uncertainty around any schedules at this point.

MBC-A is planning for the annual September **Maritime Career Day** for high-school students, as well as launching a new program with

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.

NOAA-Detroit for an **Applied Atmospheric and Weather** program for high school aged young women, to include practical application for the students to understand weather by actually sailing a boat on their own.

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

As of the end of March, there are 21 customers supporting MBC Association, with 115 purchases during January 2021. 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**MBC to host the 2021 Michigan Walleye Tour May 1-2!!**

The Michigan Walleye Tournament visits Lake Erie on May 1-2, with \$43,000 in prizes and a First-Place cash prize of \$10,000 to be awarded at Monroe Boat Club.

The weekend will feature up to 100 of the top walleye fishing professionals bringing their top 5 fish to be weighed at a marina-front stage on Saturday and Sunday.

MBC's Blue Gavel will present a Steak Roast on Saturday evening, and the Tour promises a youth fishing seminar to round out the weekend.

Stay tuned for more details as they develop!!

Michigan Walleye Tour

at

Monroe Boat Club

May 1-2

Friday April 30, 5:30pm: Skipper Meeting-Back Room
 Saturday May 1, 3:00pm: Weigh In--Marina Stage
 Saturday May 1, 5-8:00pm: Blue Gavel Steak Roast
 Sunday May 2, 3:00pm: Weigh In and Awards
 Marina Stage

\$10,000 First Place--\$43,000 Total Prizes

Public Welcome for Saturday and Sunday
 Weigh-In and Prize Award Ceremony



www.MonroeBoatClub.org



www.MichiganWalleyeTour.com

MBC Kids – Learn to SAIL!!

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2021 at:

www.monroboatclub.org

Applications due March 31, 2021.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18! Must be able to swim

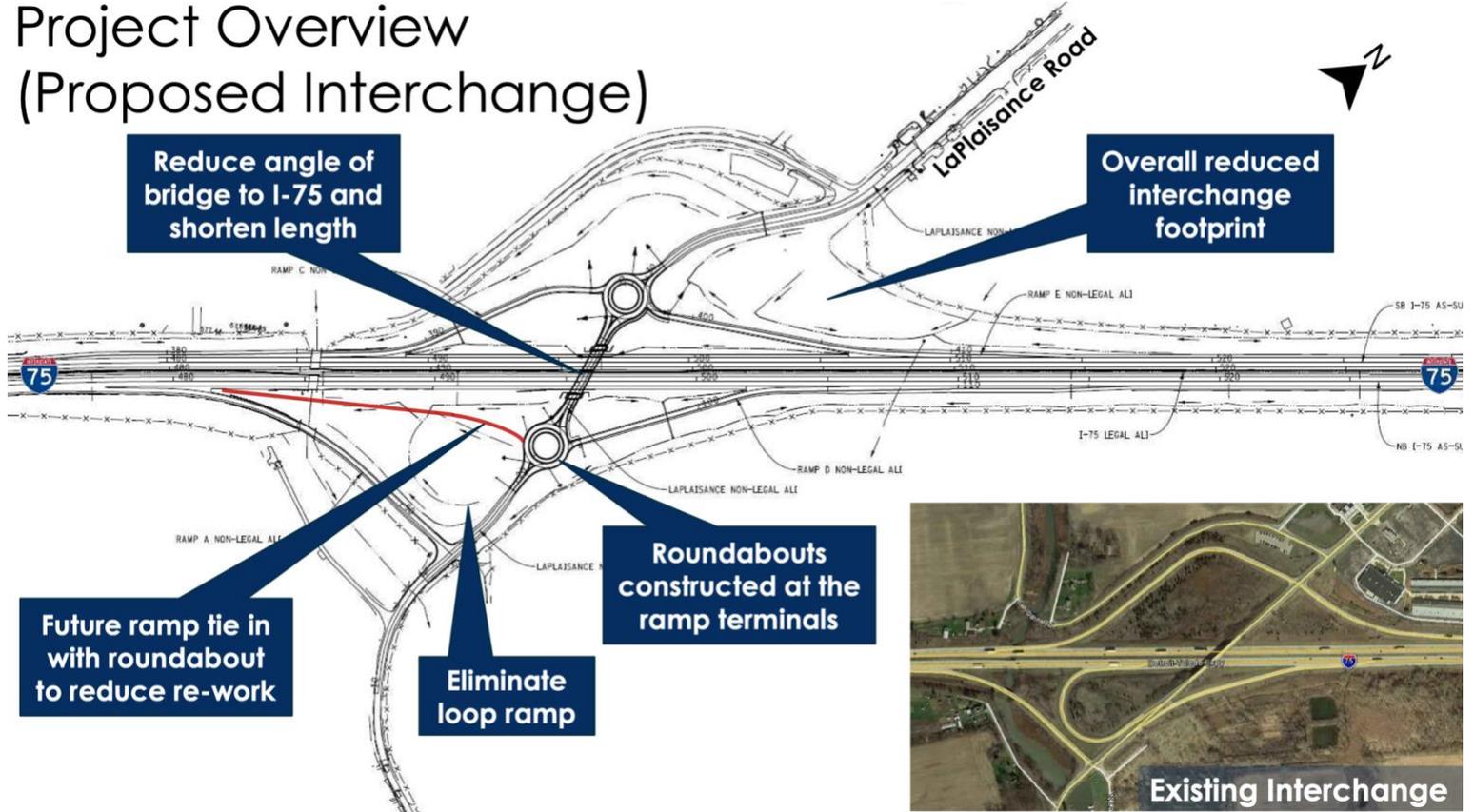
This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539

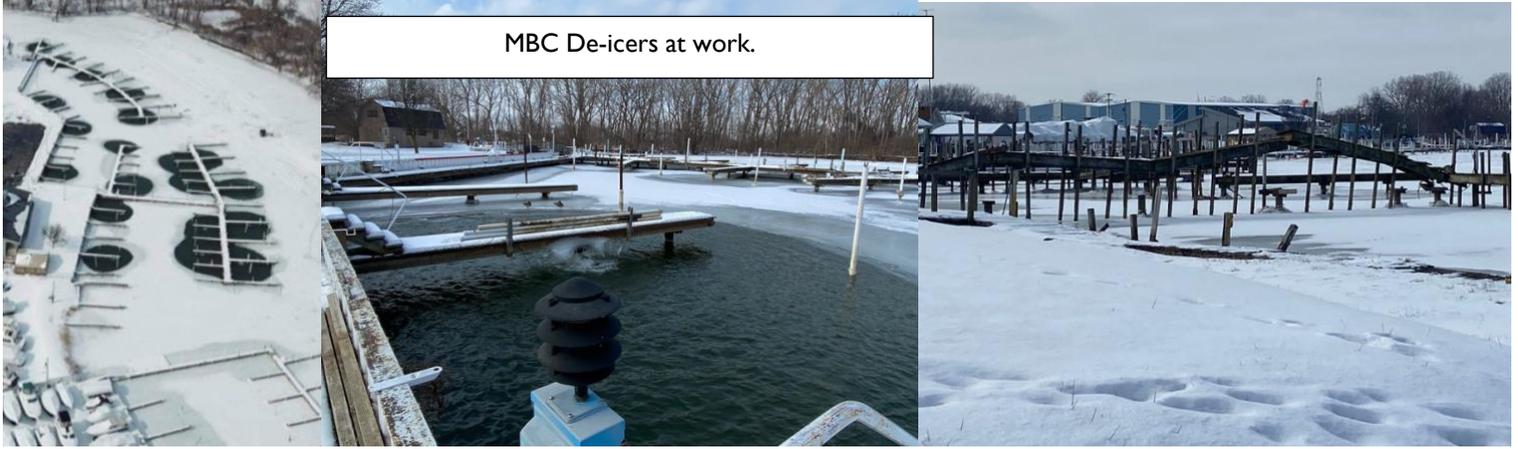
I-75/LaPlaisance Road Interchange Project Info

We're all curious about this project and when it will be done. The full project plan can be viewed using this link: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mdot/I-75_LaPlaisance_Presentation_702273_7.pdf. Thanks Dan Thomas for this info and link.

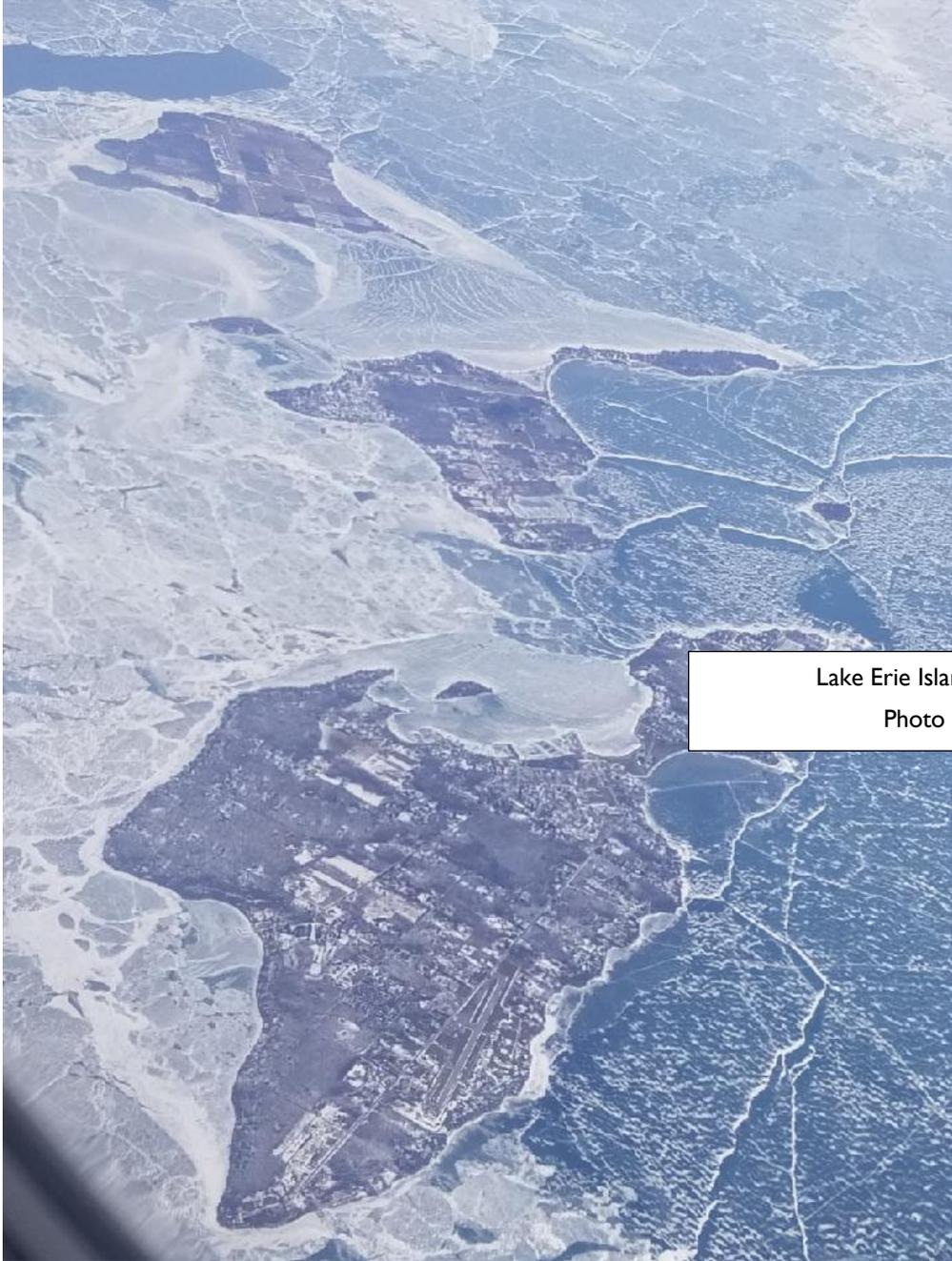
Project Overview (Proposed Interchange)



MBC Club and Member Photos



MBC De-icers at work.



Lake Erie Islands ice-pack on Feb 26.
Photo by John Glanville



Enjoying the club... from the inside!



Troy Willet and Crissy Corley visit Corley Canal YC and retrieve the MBC Burgee from R/C Doug and his wife Sandy.

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p>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>BOARD of DIRECTORS</p> <p>P/C Dave Fetterly -P/C Dan Thomas P/C Jeff Morrow - P/C Fred Hoytash</p> <p>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>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>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>FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Comm. Dan Martin - P/C Fred Hoytash 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>NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <p>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

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:30pm Regatta Planning Committee Mtg	4	5	6
7 2:00pm Dock Assignment Mtg	8 7:00pm Blue Gavel Mtg	9	10 6:30pm Aux Board Mtg 7:00pm Aux Membership Mtg	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Bartender Appreciation Night	20 4:45pm Incoming Bus Trip: Bayview YC
21 1:00pm Easter Party until 2:00pm	22	23	24	25	26 I-LYA Spring Meeting, Independence OH	27 I-LYA Spring Meeting, Independence OH
28	29	30	31			

Future Events

- May 1-2 – MI Walleye Tour
- Apr 4 – Happy Easter!
- Apr 15 – Tax Day
- Apr 21 – Board and Membership Mtgs
- Apr 25 – AYC Dinner @ MBC
- May 1-2 – Michigan Walleye Tour @ MBC
- May 31 – Memorial Day
- Jun 11-12 – Mills Trophy Race
- Jul 23-24 – MBC Regatta
- Oct 16 – Commodore's Ball

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
 - French Dip Friday
(Fish Fry Friday during Lent)

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.”