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Commodore – Carl Butler



I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Change of Watch ceremony on Nov. 6th.

It was very well attended, and it was so nice to see the membership come out and welcome the new officers. Thank you to the Blue Gavel for hosting this ceremony. Thank you, Brian Moyer, for your excellent job as the emcee. I had the personal pleasure of pinning the silver stars on Craig Lamb as an Honorary Past Commodore of MBC. Congratulations Craig.

On Nov. 12th I attended the dock party, to winterize the docks and harbor. Henry Santiago and Dave Volker had everything organized and ready to go. A great team of members came out to work and braved the cold to get the job done. Thank you to everyone that helped out.

Nov. 14th I was invited to the Auxiliary board meeting, as a meet and greet. I must say, they are a very nice group of ladies. The Auxiliary is an important part of the club. Please keep an eye out for events that they put on, and please support them in any way that you can.

Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa



The holiday season is underway!

Hello everybody! I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope you're all gearing up for Christmas and New Year's.

This year's Monroe Boat Club Christmas party will be on December 22, 2022. Come start your family weekend with us. Decembers burger nights will be hosted by the Power Fleet and on the 22nd they will be serving a turkey dinner. I'll have some raffle baskets for those last-minute gifts. The money raised from the gifts will go towards special projects for 2023.

Plans for our New Year Eve's party are underway. Keep an eye out for details.

Calling on volunteers! It is time to sign up and get those work hours in before boating season. I need the following groups:

As we approach the Christmas season, I think we can all agree that **it's a wonderful life** being a member of MBC. We are once again participating in the Toys for Tots program at the club. There will be a party to donate toys on Dec. 16. Please come out and donate a toy so that some child may have a happy **Christmas Story** of their own. You can donate anytime at the club. There is a box for toys by the front door. Soon the Christmas stockings will be hung with care. Feel free to share some Christmas cheer with the bartenders, as they work hard all year. We have some of best bartenders around!

Burger nights in Dec. are to support the power fleet captain. Come out and enjoy a fun meal with friends. Dave does an excellent job and deserves our support.

Don't forget to check the MBC website for upcoming events and general information.

Merry Christmas to all...and to all a goodnight!!!

House Committee:

This committee will inspect the premises for repairs, evaluate enhancements, and set up schedules and project structures for the year.

Entertainment Committee:

The duties of this committee is to help fundraise, host and plan special events and activities for the club members. This includes but not limited to bands, comedy nights and special dinners.

Regatta Committee:

This Committee will help assist the Vice Commodore in planning the biggest party of the year.

The sign-up sheets will be posted in the back hallway.



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hi everyone. I am honored to be serving as rear Commodore for 2023. I'd like to wish everybody the best for the holidays. I am hoping for an exciting year of events in the bar like Friday lunch specials and entertainment. The winter months we will have Sunday Euchre and Sunday night Open Pool Table.

I'm finding out that there is a lot that goes along with being the Rear Commodore. It is definitely a learning experience although I've operated businesses for over 30 years, I am learning to run a different kind of business. I'm very excited to learn more and meet new people. The bar staff has been wonderful for helping me figure it all out. I'm sure they will continue. Plan to attend the Bartender

Appreciation evening on December 16, from 6:00 to ?. Consider bringing an unwrapped toy to put in the Toys for Tots box that evening. And also, I would like to thank Dewey and Kim for all their help.

Hope all have a prosperous new year for 2023. Keep in mind every day that passes is one day closer to spring. And as a membership club we should remember to be respectful to others in the bar. If you move tables around for larger numbers of people, please move the tables back in their place.

Again, I am honored to be a part of Monroe Boat Club. Thanks for all the help.



Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

The good ole winter months are upon us 😊 BUT events are happening. The big AYC Commodore's Ball coming up February 17-19th, 2023. See me for tickets. \$50.00 each person for the entire weekend.

Both December and January MBC Burger nights will be hosted by yours truly. C'mon down and enjoy a night of fun at the club. If interested to work those nights, sign-up sheets are on the kitchen door.

There are plans for a bus trip for the Detroit Boat Show and sister clubs on Jan 14. Information to be sent out on FB and emails. As the cold-blooded members go down to their southern homes, keep getting yourself involved with your club. It is a way for you to learn and experience all of what our club offers. Keep bringing your suggestions to better our club and remember, keep "Havin' Fun"



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday. In the off-season each year, we work on plans for the Sail Fleet activities for the next season. Since several of our active MBC sailors spend the winter season away from the area, we will be scheduling a winter Sail

Fleet meeting in the early part of December, so that most will be able to attend. The date has not yet been chosen, but we will send out an email announcement to MBC Sail Fleet members once details are determined. If you need to be added to the Sail Fleet email list, please text message, call, or email me. (danmont@umich.edu or 734-905-0449) Thanks!



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello Members

WOW, it was a great turnout for the winterizing of the docks. Which also turned out to be the first real snow fall of the season. So, a big thank you to all who came out. But there is more work to be done yet this year.

The board has approved the funds for the rebuild of the last four docks at the banana docks. I am working with Michigan Waterways

to get this work scheduled and completed before the beginning of boating season.

For all of you snowbirds, enjoy the warn weather and for everyone else, stay warm.

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy New year to you and all your families.



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

Thanksgiving is past and Christmas comes fast now. The banquet room has been decorated and the Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 4th at 1pm.

Not much to report at this time. The next meeting will be on December 12th with the Board meeting at 6:30 and General

Membership at 7:00. I encourage everyone to attend as you receive one work hour and you know what is going on with the Auxiliary and have some input on decisions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, December 6, noon

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "The MBC Book Club met on Tuesday, November 1 at noon at MBC. The group decided to put off the discussion of the selected book, It Starts With Us by Hoover, until the December 6, 2022 meeting. At that time, we will also discuss the December selection, Comfort & Joy by Kristin Hannah.

At the December meeting we will have our annual appetizer and salads buffet luncheon, so everyone is asked to bring their favorite appetizer and/or salad. We will be having our annual \$5 gift exchange, so please bring a wrapped \$5 gift for the box.

The book selected for January 2023 is The Housemaid by Frieda McFadden. This meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 2, 2023. Looking forward to seeing you all December 6!!

Looking for a Christmas gift for a fisher? The book *Walleye: A Beautiful Fish of the Dark* by Paul Radonski (University of Minnesota Press, 2022, 336 pages, \$24.95) might be your answer. Radonski is a biologist and ecologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and worships the walleye. Members of the perch family, walleye evolved to navigate the murky litter of northern streams and rivers and are named for their oversized pupils which enhance vision in low-light conditions. They are sensitive to sound and motion and are formidable predators. As we all know, they are delicious. The book provides plenty of advice on the best places to find walleye, the various techniques for bringing them in, and recipes for panfrying the fresh catch.

Besides their appeal to sport fishers, walleye have been valued as a food source in tribal harvests for thousands of years and continue to this day under the protection of federal treaties. Commercial fishing in the Great Lakes was a big business a century ago, peaking in the 1950s, before over-catch brought about a collapse of the fishery in most locations. But commercial fishers in Canada still harvest about 17 million pounds of walleye annually, some from Lake Erie. Radonski devotes the last part of his book to an assessment of how best to ensure a healthy walleye population and preserve both commercial and recreational harvest. He describes the pros and cons of stocking lakes from state-run hatcheries, and he points out why stocking fails sometimes and how to measure the health of walleye populations. This book is for anyone who cares about the sustainability of walleye and similar natural resources.

Celebrating 50 Years...About the Clean Water Act (EGLE Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

"The CWA is the primary federal statute regulating protection of the nation's waters. It developed out of growing public concern in the 1960s and 1970s over substantial pollution entering the nation's

MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The MBC-Association is the club's 501(c)3 arm, and as a charitable non-profit organization the MBC-A is able to provide programs and resources that are not funded through the club's General Fund.

New Website Address!

MBC-A has a new location for their website, now located as a sub-page on the Boat Club's website. Webmaster Ken Nazradi did a great job of transferring the content from the old host. Once you are on the MBC website, look under the "Our Club" tab, then in the drop-box click on "MBC Association", then click on the blue word towards the bottom. Or take a look at the new look with this direct link: <https://www.monroboatclub.org/MBC-Association>

Gradeschool Fishing highlighted at Monroe Rotary!

The second year of the Grade School Fishing Club is in high gear with 32 kids participating every-other Monday afternoon at MBC. Head Coach Jamie O'Brien was able to address the Rotary Club of Monroe in November and explain the program to the Rotarians. The Rotary Club is a humanitarian service organization that brings together business and professional leaders to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill and understanding. The presentation was highlighted in their newsletter with an article and photo of the address, which is reprinted below. Thank you, Jamie!

MBC-A Fundraising:

MBC-A tries to raise funds primarily from non-boat club sources. As part of this effort, MBC-A participates in the State of Michigan's "Charitable Gaming" opportunities. Non-profit organizations must be qualified by the Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB), and must apply to the MGCB for licenses to hold charity poker vents. Daily financial reports are provided to the MGCB for tracking and audit purposes.

waterways. Over the past half century, it has transformed water quality in lakes, rivers, streams, and oceans across the United States. The Act significantly amended a 1940s-era water pollution control law and established the basic framework for regulating the discharge of pollutants to lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands; and for protecting water resources. Since the Act's implementation and amendments over the years, Michigan and the U.S. have taken significant steps to meet its goals to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters. Under the CWA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry and developed national water quality criteria recommendations for pollutants in surface waters. The CWA made it unlawful to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters without a permit.

In Michigan, water quality has significantly improved. The CWA requires the state to submit a biennial Integrated Report on the quality of its water resources to the EPA and U.S. Congress. The 2020 and 2022 reports are available online."

One in 12 men and one in 200 women, about 425,000 people in Michigan and 13 million in the U.S., have colorblindness. While people without colorblindness see over one million hues and shades, people with colorblindness see only about 10% of them. To people who are colorblind, some colors are indistinguishable. For example, purple and blue look the same, red appears brown, pink looks gray and green seems brownish or gray. Several of Michigan's parks have installed the EnChroma technology which enhances colorblind visitors' outdoor sightseeing experiences. Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park and Ludington State Park are two of them. As you travel around the US, watch for the technology in other state and national parks.

How we participate:

MGCB provides rules for poker events. MBC Association is licensed to host charity poker events, in partnership with a rental poker room (often a bowling alley) and an equipment supplier. Our volunteers must log cash, receive, count, distribute and redeem chips for players. The equipment supplier provides the materials including tables, chips and even professional dealers, but cannot sell or redeem chips. Tournament poker and Cash poker tables must comply with State rules and are open to the public.

Proceeds

Proceeds are shared on a prorated basis with the equipment supplier with MBC-A earning 55%. Income for a 4 day weekend event range from \$380 to \$7,500 dependent on location and number of players.

MBC Volunteers – are the backbone of these poker events, with 3-4 volunteers present at all times. For each 4-day weekend event, about 12 volunteers work one or more 4 hr shifts, in spring and fall. We try to plan these outside of the active boating season.

2023 – Spring and Fall Schedule

April 27 - 30	Thurs-Fri 10:00am - 6pm
	Sat-Sun 6:30pm - 2am
Oct 19 – 22	Thurs-Fri 10:00am - 6pm
	Sat-Sun 6:30pm - 2am

Location:

VISION LANES 38250 Ford Rd, Westland 48185 (35 minutes from Monroe Boat Club)

Club Work hours are provided to volunteers. If you wish to volunteer contact Don Blouin at don.blouin@att.net

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

THE SPOKE



The Rotary Club of Monroe | District 6400

HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT DRUGS

At the regularly scheduled in-person club meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022, club member Jamie O'Brien spoke to the group about her passion - Hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs. This project was started in 2019 by the MBC Association, a 501c3 charitable giving organization.

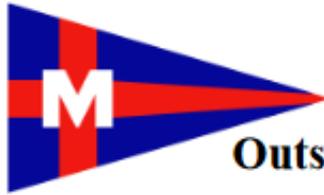
The fishing club offers a fishing-based curriculum which exposes children to a variety of topics which include biology and anatomy, fish identification, regulations, knot-tying, water safety and making positive choices.

If you wish to learn more about the program, please contact Jamie O'Brien below!

CONTACT
JAMIE O'BRIEN



Visit the [MBC Association](#) website to learn more about other programs the 501c3 has to offer.

Items of Interest

Monroe Boat Club

Outside Boat and Trailer Storage Agreement

--MBC Member--



Owner Name(s) _____ Member # _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____
 Email _____

Summer June 1 to Oct 1 Year _____

Winter Oct 1 to June 1 Year _____

A Season is all or part of the term and includes a 30-day grace period.
 There is NO grace period at the *end* of the Summer Season.

Check One: Power Sail Empty Trailer or Cradle Enclosed Trailer RV

Seasonal Rates:

Empty Cradle or Trailer 1-Axle	\$45.00/season
2-Axle	\$55.00/season
3-Axle	\$65.00/season
Enclosed Trailer	\$125.00/season
Boats/RV's: Under 30'	\$6.00/ft
30-39'	\$8.00/ft
40-49'	\$10.00/ft
50' and over	\$12.00/ft
Summer Storage-Boats Only:	\$6.00/ft any length

Registered Length: _____ Beam _____ Total Fee: \$ _____

Registration/Lic No: _____ State _____

Hull/Trailer ID or Serial No: _____

Boat Name _____ Manufacturer: _____ Year _____

Title State: Michigan Ohio Other _____

Year of Title and Owner Name _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No: _____

Proof of Insurance must be attached.

Check No and Date: _____

NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.



Troy and Chrissy Willet visited MBC over the Thanksgiving weekend and were met by Steve Snare. Stay tuned for an adult field trip to northern Michigan and The Lewiston Inn this coming March.

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					I-LYA winter mtg at Doubletree Hilton in Westlake OH	I-LYA winter mtg at Doubletree Hilton in Westlake OH
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I-LYA winter mtg at Doubletree Hilton in Westlake OH 1:00pm Kid's Christmas Party		12:00pm Book Club	LEOPA Christmas Party			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			MBC Board Mtg		6:00pm Toys for Tots Bartender's Party	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				5:30pm Club Christmas Party		Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Merry Christmas!			MBC Member Mtg			New Year's Eve

Future Events

- Jan 14 - Detroit Boat Show Bus trip
- Jan 20 - AYC wild game dinner
- Feb 17-19 - AYC Commodore's Ball, Romulus MI
- Mar 12-19 - AYC Norwegian Breakaway Cruise

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Lunch Specials Every Day
 - Coney Dog Monday
 - Taco Tuesday
 - Wing Wednesday
 - Friday
- Sundays 1:00pm - Euchre

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

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

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: 1997 SeaRay 21ft 5 in
1997 Mercruiser 221 HP V8
Winterized every year, No mechanical issues
Bottom freshly painted, Includes trailer, boat cover,
batteries, anchor. Taken great care of.
\$9,500 OBO
Call: 734-241-9309 or 734-735-5590 (leave message)

For Sale: Aqua-cat Catamaran.
Red, White & Blue sail in great shape.
12 ft, 6 in.
\$600 OBO
Contact Jennifer 734-417-8332 (text only)