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Commodore – Ron Soto

Poker Run Regatta 2022 is finally upon us. I would like to thank everyone involved with helping make this regatta a success. Lots of hands makes for less work!

Lady Trish and I have been pretty busy with receptions last month at Point Place Boat Club, Toledo Sailing Club, Cooley Canal Yacht Club, and at the first Poker Run of the year which was at Harbor View Yacht Club. All were very well attended and a great time. Next we'll be off to Swan Boat Club, Ottawa River Yacht club, the Poker Run at Elba Mar Boat Club, Perrysburg Boat Club, River View Yacht Club, Nugents Canal Yacht Club and of course our own Poker Run regatta! Yes, it will be a very busy month! My only wish is for everyone to come through and volunteer at your club. The worse thing that can come out of it is that you will meet your fellow members, make new friends and hopefully have a great time in the process.

While I typically allow our Board members to generate their own reports, there is one relevant point that cannot be shared enough.



Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

Hello MBC,

Our Regatta is approaching fast. Regatta sign-up sheets are hanging up in the hallway. Thursday Burger Nights will be suspended for the month of July. Burger Night will resume in August with P/C Dan Martin chairing. There are several events that are planned throughout the year. All



Rear Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Well, it's that month where all the action starts around the boat clubs. There are Regattas every weekend. Monroe's regatta is the weekend of 7/22-24. Once again V/C Diehl is planning a great event with good bands and good food. The bar will do its part to help make the event a great success. This year we are an AYC Poker Run, so we will have additional boats coming in as early as the Sunday before the regatta. Be prepared for a great event. Please visit our other AYC clubs this summer and enjoy their regattas. They are all a lot of fun. Lady Celeste and I continue to enjoy participating in other clubs events. We've made a lot of friends throughout the

We are a Poker Run following a Poker Run. River View is the week before ours and with fuel prices the way they are, there will be a lot of clubs leaving there and coming directly to our club for dockage. Usually, we forecast the Wednesday before regatta to be the beginning of settling in coming boats to our basin, but it's looking to be more like Sunday! If you have plans to be going out or if you know that you will not be at your dock for regatta, PLEASE inform our Dock Master so that we can more accurately allow for space. It will be greatly appreciated along with your patience.

On another note, at our last General Membership meeting the Board upon my request approved to change the meeting date from July 20th (the week of regatta) to a week ahead on the 13th. The Board meeting will be at 6:30 followed by the General Membership meeting at 7:00.

I thank you all and best wishes for a fun filled safe summer! We'll see you at the Club and Regatta!

current "planned events" have been loaded into the MBC calendar. Most events have been posted on the MBC Facebook page also. There are a lot of opportunities to help your Club and get your work hours in. Let me know if you're interested.

Stay Safe!

years and have fun visiting with them at other clubs events. We even have events planned for our class of 2020 Commodores again this year that we are definitely attending.

It is unfortunate that there is no sponsor for burger nights this month. This has been a staple at MBC since the late 90's. Thank you P/C Dan Martin for stepping up to host August Burger nights. Folks, it not just about some crew coming in to make food. It's about providing a social event for our members. A time to gather, break bread together and catch up with your boat club friends and family. I fear that more people now take for granted that Thursday night burgers are just going to happen, as if they are a catered event.

These events are how long-term friendships are founded, new members are onboarded/mentored, projects around the club funded, and you and I being able to both participate in and support club events. Maybe July is a good month to ponder what you might do to participate in future club events. The saddest part is that the opportunity to allow members at least 140 work hours is gone.

The rotating tap will continue at least until my term ends in November. We look forward to tapping Bell's Oberon in a week or two. I've talked to several of the members and am glad that the beer drinkers out there are liking the rotating tap concept. After that we are bringing in an old Detroit staple. I have a list of beers to bring in that is longer than the time we have this year, unless we get busy and drink a lot of beer. The Wolverine Irish Hills is a local Ann Arbor



Power Fleet Capt. – Tony Schippa

Hello members!

With the first poker run in the books I would like to thank our members who attended the Harbor-View Regatta. It was a good time had by all!

In preparation for our MBC Regatta on July 23, 2022, we are asking all our members to work with us as we get ready for visiting AYC Clubs. As of today, we already have 17 boats coming in with size's ranging from 29 feet to 54 feet. Speaking of the Regatta, I am still looking for volunteers to sign up for the pizza sales on Friday and Saturday nights. This is a fun easy way to get your work hours in.

If you plan on attending Elba-Mar Boat Club Regatta on the July 9, 2022, please let me know. Elba-Mar will start accepting boats on



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

On Saturday, June 25, the MBC Sail Fleet paid tribute to long-time MBC sailor Ed Heil, who passed away on December 17, 2021. After a brief memorial given by past MBC Commodore James Kozlowski, a small fleet of MBC sailboats and power boats accompanied Ed's wife Jackie and family out into Lake Erie for a short cruise, followed by a celebration honoring Ed back at the club.

I was recently introduced to a free app for Android and iPhones from the United States Coast Guard (USCG), which gives convenient access to a lot of needed boating information. Profiles can be set up for multiple vessels. It contains a checklist of items for a USCG vessel safety check, streamlines sending out a float plan to family



Dock Master – Dave Volker

WOW, summer has come upon us fast and things are flying around MBC. Great activities and fun have been had and more to come. We have our Christmas in July Regatta/Poker run coming up. We need all hands on deck for this event to be pulled off. We are a poker run this year and it sounds like we will be the most visited since we are in the middle of all of them. If this past week Regatta at Harbor View is any indication of 109 visiting boats. **Hang on to your dock lines and put your fenders out. It's going to be a wild week.**

As we begin to prepare for the 2022 MBC Regatta, we will have a lot of boats coming in early this year due to reasons that are out of our



Auxiliary – Shawna Powell

Hello from the Auxiliary!

Coming up at the end of this month is our Poker Run Regatta on July 22nd and 23rd. I hope everyone gets the chance to come out and have a little fun with us. I

beer that will continue to be on tap due to its popularity at MBC. I appreciate all your comments, both positive and negative. I've been around long enough to know that you will never please everyone. I also know that listening to negative comments and figuring out how to address them, if possible, gives us something to consider for the future and helps us stay focused on improvements.

The staff and I are here to provide a service to club members, and we all truly enjoy providing that service. Thank you for the respect you give to the staff. Let's have a great July and a great Regatta.

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'." *Erma Bombeck*

Thursday July 7th starting at 6:00 PM. Then the following weekend July 15th and 16th Riverview Yacht Club will be hosting the third stop of this year's poker run. They will be accepting boats starting on Wednesday July 13th. Again, if you plan on bringing any of your boats, please let me know so I can work on getting docks for you.

In other news, the AYC Bowling League will be starting up September 22nd. The Pool League will be back in 2022. They have three teams currently. The start date is TBD. MBC Golfers get ready for the annual AYC Golf outing September 18th at Eagle's Landing Golf Course. The cost is \$75.00 per person, which includes dinner at HVCY. Last year we had two teams attend this outing.

Something to keep an eye on the government is looking to make all boats go electric that's right goodbye to the combustion engine! As more news comes out, I'll let you know.

and friends with the specifics of a planned trip, has a list of important navigation rules, allows you to report a hazard to navigation, and get weather information from NOAA buoys, among other things. And best of all, it is free. Just do a search for "USCG app".

We have had a good turnout for Tuesday Night racing, with several new boats registering and coming out for the races. Starting at 7PM, the races are roughly 5 to 7 miles in length, which allows us all to have a good time back at the club afterward, visiting and making new friends. The 55th Annual MBC Sisters Race, which was established in 1966, will be run on July 16, 2022. Information and registration for all MBC sail racing events can be done in person, by mail, or online at noticeofrace.net.

control. We're asking any member that will not have their boats in and their slips are available the weekend of July 22nd – 24th to please let us know as soon as possible. You may contact F/C Tony Schippa or Dockmaster Dave Volker. We are anticipating the AYC bridge will be arriving Sunday afternoon the week before, July 17th with boats ranging anywhere from 30 to 54 feet. Our initial plan is to put them in front of the club.

Please help us to have an organized and safe 2022 Regatta. And remember keep "Havin' Fun!"

will be chairing the food for the Commodore's reception this year. I will need volunteers to donate fruit and veggie trays, meat and cheese trays, desserts, and appetizers. There will be a sign up sheet in the bar, or you can text or call me at (734)755-8920. I will also

need volunteers to help with the prep, set up and serve, and clean up. Please let me know if you are available.

Our Auxiliary Meeting will be September 12, at 7:00 PM with the board meeting held prior at 6:30 PM. Nominations for next year's

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, July 6, noon
- Free Fishing Derby for Kids, July 23, Hoffman Park

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "We had a good meeting on June 1 with lots of discussion about our two book choices. Most of the group found The Wife Upstairs to be predictable for the most part. And Mercy was a typical Baldacci book. Neither was outstanding, and we would not recommend either one.

Our choice for the July 6 meeting is The Maid by Nita Prose. Our choice for the August 3 meeting is The Nantucket Hotel by Elin Hilderbrand.

We hope to see everyone who is interested in reading and conversation (and some lunch too) at our next meeting at noon on Wednesday, July 6. Hope you are enjoying our warmer weather and longer daylight hours!"

Free Fishing Derby for Kids. Every year since 2006 (except during covid), MBC has sponsored a fishing derby for kids the Saturday morning of Regatta. This year it will be held on Saturday, July 23, at Hoffman Access Site (end of LaPlaisance) for kids, ages 5-12. Children of boaters visiting MBC for Regatta are welcome as well as children from the community and beyond. All children must be

MBC-A (501c3) Update

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.

During the MBC Regatta on Saturday July 23 from 9:30a-11:30a, the MBC-A will host a **Kids Fishing Derby** for ages 5-13 partnering with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Domka Outdoors, and Angler's Landing.

Register 15 minutes before your starting time by age group:

- 10am- Up to 2nd Grade
- 10:30- 3rd-5th Grade
- 11:00- 6th-8th Grade
- 11:30- Awards! Prizes!

All kids ages 5-13 are welcome to come fishing for the day, and you will be treated to a fun day of fishing and fun learning. If you participated in the recent Meet the Pro's Night of the Walleye Tournament, this is a great opportunity to use your new rod and reel, wear your new hat or shirt and catch a big one!

You are welcome to the Fishing Derby regardless if you came to the Meet the Pro's Night or not. Kids and relatives of MBC members, as well as any child's friends are welcome and encouraged to attend the Fishing Derby.

officers will be at this meeting. If you have been thinking about getting more involved, this is the perfect opportunity.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the lake and boating season so far. Hope to see you at the club soon!

accompanied by an adult and provide their own life jacket and pole. We will have a few poles available. Bait will be provided, and prizes will be awarded at the end of each age grouping as well as for overall winners at the end.

Registration will begin at 9:30 and then 15 minutes prior to each fishing time. The schedule for fishing is:

- 10-10:30 – K-2nd grade
- 10:30-11:00 – 3rd-5th grade
- 11:00-11:30 – 6th-8th grade
- 11:30-12:00 -Awards

Bring a chair and enjoy watching the kids fish.

From the DNR...If you have children or grandchildren who are looking for jobs this summer, the Department of Natural Resources is a place where they can have a job with flexible scheduling, a woods-and-water workplace, and make a starting hourly rate of \$15.

Proper recycling practices — as encouraged by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) — are not only good for the environment and economy; they're also important for the safety of people who work at any materials recovery facility (MRF) throughout the state where items placed in recycling bins are sorted. The dangers posed by sharp objects such as blades and scissors can injure workers who are sorting items moving down the MRF's conveyor line. Electronic devices such as cellphones and old laptops are a no-no because they're powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can explode when crushed or shaken. Please recycle correctly for the sake of the workers.

The location will be the Hoffman Fishing Site just down the road from MBC. Different age groups will have different starting times so look for the Regatta Schedule for details. All sorts of prizes will be awarded to the young anglers for things such as first fish caught, biggest, smallest and many more.

This past January was the re-start of the 5th-6th Grade School Fishing Club after Covid put the program on hold for a year. There were 10 kids involved, led by Head Coach Jamie O'Brien and assisted by Dennis Lamb, John Trout and pro fisherman Wesley Smith. The program was awarded a big grant by the International Blue Gavel Humanitarian Foundation to purchase junior-sized life jackets. The Foundation's 2021 President Larry Inguagiato assisted in obtaining the grant. This month, the Monroe Rotary has invited Coach Jamie O'Brien to speak at their July meeting on the national Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs curriculum that the fishing club follows. Your club's 501c3 is providing a recognized positive impact to the community.

We are looking forward to starting the next season with the kids in September.

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

FREE Kids Fishing Derby

Free Kids Fishing Derby...July 23

- Ages 5-12
- Must be accompanied by an adult
- Provide own life jacket and pole; a few poles may be provided
- Bait provided
- Major Prizes for longest fish, shortest fish, first caught; other prizes as well



Registration-15 minutes prior to your fishing time

10-10:30- K-2nd grade

10:30-11:00- 3rd-5th grade

11:00-11:30- 6th-8th grade

11:30-12:00- awards

- Beverages and munchies available for sale

Location: Hoffman Access Site, Bolles Harbor (LaPlaisance Road exit off I-75, quarter mile past DNR boat launch entrance and Anglers Landing)

Co-sponsors: MBC-Association of Monroe Boat Club, Domka, Anglers Landing, Department of Natural Resources

Yard Master Update

The difficult springtime weather is now almost forgotten, but it delayed the launching of many larger boats and caused some congestion as smaller boats were launched and the trailers came into the storage yard with the big boats still there. Most of that has been resolved now.

Note it is *Required* by the Storage Lot Rule #4 in the roster book that all trailers be identified with the owners name. Remember that we are all volunteers trying our best to make this work and we need you to help us with the identification. Be sure the weather hasn't faded your name over the years. If we can't read it, its not marked.

Although its only July, it's already time to think about storing your boat for the winter! The lot was at full capacity last winter, and it will be again.

From the Storage Lot Section in the rosters book, the rules say to ensure you have a winter storage space you need to get your agreement *and fee* sent in by Labor Day:

- a) Storage Applications and Fee received by Labor Day, any available space will go to MBC Members who stored on club grounds the previous year. Secondly to other MBC Members, then to AYC/I-LYA members, then to others.
- b) Applications received after Labor Day will be awarded space as available.

So even if you have stored for several years and you wait till October to get in your form, you may be out of luck. Get your winter storage reservation in by Labor Day!

Be sure to use the 2022 Storage Agreement, and MBC Members be sure to use the MBC Members rate schedule and not the AYC rate schedule.

The **Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program** was a recognized success! Thank you to everyone who used one of the special bags to recycle their shrink wrap. The club's 501c3, MBC-Association, provided a subsidy to boat owners for the cost of purchasing the bags.

The State picked up over 20 bags on June 7 for recycling into Trex lumber. MBC was the subject of a positive front-page news article and Trout's, Harbor Marine and Big Daddy's all participated. We even had to place additional orders of the special bags to meet the demand.

We received calls from a chain of lakes near the city of Northville, Univ of Michigan, Adrian and Elba Mar Boat Club about starting their own recycling programs.

Congratulations to MBC Boaters who utilized the program keeping the plastic out of landfills and positioning Monroe Boat Club as a leader in taking care of our Great Lakes environment.



TUESDAY EVENINGS
@ 7PM

We're taking it back to nature this summer! Join us as we connect mind, body, and soul in a relaxing green space.



Move with nature.

JOIN OUR OUTDOOR YOGA CLASS!

Tuesdays: 7-8pm

**Venue: Monroe Boat
Club**
7932 North Harbor Dr.

Rate: Donation

*Note: Please bring your
own yoga mat and
beach towel*

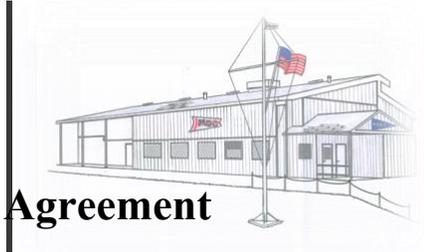
Suitable for everyone. All
levels welcome. For inquiries,
please call or text
April Nykodym @
248.767.9133



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.



MBC Kids Fishing Derby at Regatta

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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 Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson

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Larry Inguagiato

Tony Schippa

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July

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 6:30pm MBC Board Mtg. 7:00pm MBC Member Mtg	14	15	16 10:00am Annual MBC Sisters Race
17 Visiting boats arrive for Regatta	18	19	20	21	22 MBC Regatta	23 MBC Regatta 9:00am-Noon Kids Fishing Derby
24 MBC Regatta	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Future Events

- Aug 13 – MBC Solo Challenge
- Aug 21 – MBC Ladies Race
- Sep 9 – Turn in Storage Forms to reserve winter storage
- Sep 12 – Auxiliary Nomination Meeting, 6:30pm Board, 7:00pm Members

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup! (CANCELLED FOR JULY)
- Tuesdays 7:00pm - Tuesday Night Sail Race (May 24 thru Aug 30)
- Tuesdays 7:00pm – Yoga Class @ MBC
- Lunch Specials Every Day
 - Coney Dog Monday
 - Taco Tuesday
 - Wing Wednesday
 - Friday

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

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

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)

For Sale: 1985 260 Searay Sundancer
Twin 170 Mercruisers
Lowrance GPS/Sonar, 2 Cannon downriggers
Side planer boards, 8ft Zdiak inflatable, suitcase A/C
\$7,500
Contact: Dave Criswell
734-954-0903 or dcriswell39@yahoo.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)