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Commodore – Ron Soto

Greetings from your Commodore! Lady Trish and I have been testing our livers out and it's almost time to say UNCLE! We had a great time at the Elba Mar Boat Clubs Commodores Ball at the Grecian Center on Dix Toledo Road and wow is all we can say! Great

venue with the facility and a good time. Likewise, can be said of the AYC Commodores Ball honoring Commodore Mike Brown and his Lady Noella! Whew, good times! A big thank you goes out to P/F Captain Tony Schippa for his time and effort getting the room set up along with his help. Word of caution... should he ever make Bahama Mamas again, drink in moderation!!

As we move forward into our second quarter, things are beginning to move along well. Yes, there are bumps in the road, but progress is being made. All officers are doing well in their offices. West property project will be rolling shortly which is a great opportunity for newer members to get their work hours in early. I have met with Troy Willett and the Vice Commodore to review what needs to be done in order

of priority. The Dock Master has things under control on the seawall project which is also moving along quite well. Regatta plans are very much in the works and shaping up nicely. Dock assignment day is quickly approaching and there looks to be an interesting meeting. After that we spring ahead and begin to smell the spring air.

My Lady and I will be doing Breakfasts in May beginning on the first and going through the 22nd. I will be looking for help with the event. More news to follow.

Lastly, I need to inform you that at the conclusion of March, Gail McCormick will be leaving her position as our club Accountant. Gail has been instrumental for the club for the previous 21 years! Her and her husband Mike are always helpful in the club. I personally would like to acknowledge her for ALL that she has done throughout the years! Thank you, Gail! Financial Secretary Lance Piedmonte will handle the responsibilities for the time being.

See you at the club!



Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

Hello MBC,

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. There are a lot of opportunities to help your Club and get your work hours in. A great opportunity is working on Thursday Burger Nights. Also, another great work hours

opportunity is the West Property. Email and Facebook notifications have gone out for West property help. The Banquet Room is available to be rented out at 100% capacity. We have already started preparing for this year's Regatta. We are a poker run this year. So, it's going to take all hands on deck to make it a success.

Stay Safe.



Rear Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Welcome back snowbirds and world travelers! It is good to see the first wave of travelers coming back to MBC. Just a reminder for the members that have been away for a while, or the new members coming to the club; you may be asked to show your membership card. Consider it an honor to be asked and a chance to introduce yourself to the bar tender. As we begin to see more and more days break the freezing mark, many of us are also eyeing our boats and boating schedules. The Fleet Captains have been busy planning bus trips, getting ready to welcome incoming bus trips and

planning MBC summer cruises. Check out their articles for the latest information.

Come join us on Saturday, 26 March to welcome the Hi Jinx Band back to MBC. They will be playing from 8 to 11 for your listening pleasure. We have Rockin' Bob from PPBC scheduled to play some great acoustical music on Saturday, 23 April. Bob will be rocking MBC just after tax time and before the weather breaks enough to spend the long days getting the boats ready to get wet. We welcome your guests and hope that you and they have a great time at our club. Please remember to have them sign the guest book listing you as

their sponsor and remember that you are responsible for their behavior as your guest.

We are going back to the Walleye sandwiches this month beginning on Friday 11 March. I'm working on something different than Cole slaw, so watch the MBC Bar TV and the email announcement for the final details. As the Walleye specials run down in April the Bar may have some outside lunch specials cooked on the grills to ring in the spring. Our goal is that these specials continue to bring people to the club and offer a little something special for our members and guests. Don't forget about the Taco Tuesday specials and all the weekday lunch specials. The staff and I thank all of you who come in during the day for lunch, flu shots, or just to exchange a story with friends.

By the time you read this we will have another new beer on the Rotating Tap. Pabst Blue Ribbon will make both the old and new members smile and think about memories while drinking a crisp refreshing PBR. "Pabst makes it Perfect" We will give the PBR a break and tap Sullivan's Irish Gold Ale for lunch on Thursday, 17 March. That's St Patrick's Day for those still asleep under the Blarney stone. Sullivan's is brewed in Killarney, Ireland and a great choice for a St Patty's Day draft.



Power Fleet Capt. – Tony Schippa

Well, the AYC ball is now history. I would like to thank Nicole and Ryan Shaughnessy, Dave Volker, PC Fred Hoitash and PC Dave Fetterly for their help with the MBC room. The event went well considering it was the first one in two years with a smaller crowd than

normal, but a good time was had by all. March 19th will be a very busy day at the club. There will be two clubs to MBC - Elba Mar Boat Club and Ottawa River Yacht Club. I'll be posting sign-up sheets for members to donate food items - this is a good way to get work hours.



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

Hello, fellow sailors!

We are creating a new email list for the sail fleet at MBC. I would like to request that all sailors at the club please send me an email (danmont@umich.edu) with their name, email address, and boat name. We are working on potential destinations and dates for MBC joint sail/power fleet weekend cruises for this summer. The new updated email list will allow us to contact you with information regarding both cruising as well as racing events and items of interest at the club.

Dates for MBC 2022 races have been scheduled:

- Race for the Sisters: Sat July 18, 2022, Chair: Troy Willet
- Solo Challenge: Sat August 13, 2022, Chair: Walt Norris
- Ladies Race: Sun August 21, 2022, Chairs: Martie Reed and Erin Jeruzal

Each summer the Monroe Boat Club has made scholarships available for children, grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews of MBC members for the North Cape Yacht Club Sail Camp.

Camp weeks available this summer:



Dock Master – Dave Volker

Spring is coming as we get thru this last part of winter, Deicers are doing their job once again, (see picture in photos section). Our major project for the seawall has started a month ahead of time due to the metal coming in sooner than expected. This will help on getting things done prior to our events happening at our club. (see pictures in photos section). I will be sending out email and Facebook notifications for Dock Work Parties. Please be on the lookout for

Please review MBC House Rules 10 and 11. The Bar hours are from Noon to 10:00PM Sunday – Thursday, and Noon to Midnight Friday & Saturday. The bartender or the Rear Commodore may choose to keep the bar open later. The consideration for later hours is quite simply that there are non-intoxicated people in the bar that are spending money in the bar. Please understand that the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission conveys the full authority of serving an individual to the bartender of the licensed facility. When the bartender says no service or time to leave, you have no choice under the laws of the State other than to do as you are told. Let's all make a choice to not put ourselves in this position and respect all of your fellow members.

Let's keep MBC fresh and fun. There are so many ways you can make a positive difference and help build comradery and make friends. The more you and I do to enhance our club and our sister clubs, the more fun life will be.

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met."
William Butler Yeats

The weekend of March 25-27 will be **MBC On The Road**. I've rented a small 15 passenger van to go out and visit other clubs. There will be a sign-up sheet in the club - the cost will be \$20.00 per day, the afternoon of the 26th will be reserved for the Yellow Dog event. This will be a good way for you to visit other clubs and help me get some burgees.

See you at the club.

- June 20 to 24
- June 27 to July 1
- July 18 to July 22
- July 25 to July 29

See the flyer at the end of this Harbor Light Newsletter for further details. Applications are due by March 21, 2022.

The Lake Erie Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta is being hosted by the University of Toledo May 20-22, 2022 at North Cape Yacht Club. The regatta organizers are seeking boats and their owners to participate with the collegiate race crews as well as volunteers to help over the weekend. Please contact me if you can be available. There will be an informational meeting for boat owners and volunteers at NCYC at noon March 12.

The US Coast Guard has established new regulations for on-board fire extinguishers effective April 20, 2022. In addition to other new fire extinguisher requirements, if the date of manufacture stamped on the extinguisher is older than 12 years the extinguisher will have to be replaced. Contact me if you would like further specifics.

these, we will need all hands on deck to complete our projects needed to improve MBC. Composite wood will need to be put in place, Electrical, Water, Concrete, Landscape, and etc. etc. a lot of work but the outcome will be amazing.

Dock assignment day is March 6th at 2:00PM. This will be an exciting get together for our members to see who gets what dock before their friend does. 😊 Even if you did not sign the sheet for

assignment, come on out and enjoy the comradery and fun that we will have at MBC during this time.

If you have any ideas for our docks, please feel free to make suggestions. I have some plans to improve our docks. But there is always room for other improvements.



Auxiliary – Shawna Powell

Hello from the Auxiliary! I would like to thank those that helped get the club kitchen cleaned up and organized - great job everyone! Last month, we welcomed a new Auxiliary member, Krys Spare. If you see a new face around the club, say hello! The Auxiliary has a few events coming up, first is the Children's Easter

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CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, March 2, noon
- March 14 and 28, 4:15-6:00, 5th-6th Grade Fishing Club, back room

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "No report for February due to cancellation of the meeting because of the stormy weather. We will meet as scheduled on March 2. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group."

From the DNR... The public is invited to join DNR Fisheries Division Staff at Conversations & Coffee events in March and April for an informal opportunity to discuss local issues and management activities related to fisheries. The events provide information on local and statewide regulation changes impacting anglers and offer the public an opportunity to meet with fisheries managers and biologists to discuss local issues and management activities. The Lake Erie Management Unit will meet on Tuesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., virtually (Contact: [Jim Francis](#), 517-242-3593, or [Sara Thomas](#), 734-718-0474) for information on virtual connection.

Summer Jobs... If you have children or grandchildren or maybe you are looking for an interesting summer job that gets the person outdoors and helping people enjoy natural resources or conserving Michigan's wildlife, join the hundreds of seasonal workers hired each summer and fall to work in state parks, state forest campgrounds, boating access sites and harbors, state game areas, and DNR field offices and customer service centers. Learn more at <https://www.Michigan.gov/DNRjobs>. MBC-A, during the MBC Regatta, offers a community-wide fishing derby for kids, and DNR always partners with us by providing two summer employees to conduct the fish measuring. Last summer we were not sure until that morning whether they would have staff enough to provide the two DNR people to measure. Fortunately, they did show up. As you know, so many restaurants and other businesses are short on staff but working for the DNR might be a new and interesting activity for many people this summer.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy... "Governor Gretchen Whitmer and departmental leaders unveiled Michigan's final adaptive management plan serving as the companion document to the previously released [Domestic Action Plan \(DAP\)](#) addressing the causes driving harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie.

"We know that harmful algal blooms are caused by a number of sources in Michigan's portion of the Western Lake Erie Basin and beyond. While it will be challenging to reach our 40 percent nutrient reduction goal, I know we can get it done. Together, we will make the

Spring is getting closer, days are getting longer, and day light savings time is right around the corner. Can you feel it? OH YEA !!

Party on Sunday, March 20th from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. If you would like to help out with this event, please text or call me at (734)755-8920. Olga Collino is chairing a Family Game Night on Friday, April 22nd. Look for a flyer with more information soon. The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Monday, March 21st at 7:00 P.M. The Auxiliary board meeting will be held prior, at 6:30 P.M. Hope to see you at the club soon!

investments we need to reduce algal blooms and continue working to protect our Great Lakes."

The adaptive management plan informs both state-led and partner supported projects to help reduce the amount of nutrients from fertilizer, wastewater and erosion entering Lake Erie from an array of sources as Michigan works to reach its 2025 goal of 40 percent reduction of both total phosphorus and soluble reactive phosphorus, which fuels algae growth in the lake.

The plan outlines Michigan's three main focus areas: reducing loads from specific outlets and general run-off areas (point and non-point sources); wetland restoration, green stormwater infrastructure, and other land conservation practices in both the rural and urban areas; and engagement with partners and the public.

By reducing nutrient loads such as phosphorus from farmland and urban sources into Lake Erie, the plan will help decrease the events causing harmful algal blooms. Harmful algal blooms are overgrowths of algae which can produce toxins and can affect water quality. The departments are also working on several joint project initiatives in the Western Lake Erie Basin including the United States Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, helping Michigan's agricultural producers implement conservation practices. They are also encouraging farmers to participate in the [Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program](#) a voluntary effort to provide technical assistance to farmers so they can reduce the loss of nutrients from their farm fields.

The adaptive management plan also supports watershed management planning with an emphasis on completing agricultural inventories. EGLE and MDARD are focusing these agricultural inventories in high priority sub-basins in the Bean Creek Watershed (a sub-watershed to the Maumee River Watershed), the S.S. LaPointe Drain Watershed, and the River Raisin Watershed.

A Word from Senator Gary Peters... "The Great Lakes are not only a critical resource for clean drinking water – supplying water to more than 40 million –people – but they are also an engine of economic growth and job creation across our state. However, decades of industrial pollution have damaged the environment and ecosystems that the Great Lakes depend on.

That's why I fought for and secured \$1 BILLION through the bipartisan infrastructure law for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) – the single-largest-ever investment in the Great Lakes. This investment is a game-changer for Michigan. It will greatly expand and accelerate restoration efforts across Michigan in nine high priority areas whose lakes, rivers, and watersheds flow into our Great Lakes – directly improving the health of Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Superior and their watersheds. These include the Clinton River, Detroit River, Manistique River, Muskegon Lake, River Raisin, Rouge River, St. Clair River, St. Mary's River and Torch Lake areas."

MBC-A (501c3) Update

The Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization is called the MBC Association. By virtue of your club membership, all Members, Auxiliary, 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.

Fishing Club News! Head Coach Jamie O'Brien is leading the new 5th-6th Grade Fishing Club that started in late January. These Monroe City and County School kids are meeting in the banquet room two Monday's a week after school. They follow a national STEM-approved syllabus that will teach them about fish habitats, biology, fish identification, regulations and much more in addition to baiting a hook and casting. Nicole Schaughnessey is the liaison with the Monroe County Intermediate School District and Monroe Public Schools. Helping the kids are member Dennis Lamb, Mr. John Trout, and anglers Wes Smith and Kalvin Brady of the *Detroit Walleye Slayers* professional fishing team.

As February came to a close, Coach Jamie says "We covered knots this week and the coaches are so proud of these 5th and 6th graders skills, or perhaps we just admire the nimble fingers and perfect eyesight of the youth. Regardless, fun has been had by all. We are preparing to start casting training in the next class....what could possibly go wrong with children casting lines with weights on the end of them in a dozen or so different directions!

All kidding aside, teaching is a higher calling and MBC and this fishing club is showing some of these children Lake Erie for the very first time, letting them banter as they learn new skills and all of us are learning how much fun life should and can be."

Wes and Kalvin were at last year's Walleye Tournament at MBC and expressed an interest in working with a kids program. It is nice to see how the events at MBC compliment and build off each other.

MBC-A pays rent for the back room and funds the program so there is no cost to the kids or families. We anticipate providing a light snack when the kids meet in the afternoons, so if you would like to provide

a kid-friendly snack please contact Jamie O'Brien at jamie1hope@yahoo.com

'Poker Nights' Fund The Programs: The State of Michigan calls this "Charitable Gaming" because a 501c3 charity is required to manage organized poker games throughout the state. We simply call it "Poker Nights". We have a poker weekend at Vision Lanes in Westland MI on March 3-6 that is likely completed by the time this newsletter comes out. The volunteer's hours are turned into real dollars at the end of the weekend, allowing MBC-A to operate programs such as the Kids Fishing Club, Environmental Career Days, Maritime Trades Career Day, and the Regatta Fishing Derby without using club money.

There is another scheduled in Woodhaven MI on April 8-11 and a few volunteers are still needed. If you would like to have a fun evening helping to manage the poker games, just contact Don Blouin at don.blouin@att.net

Quite frankly, most of the revenue that we need comes from these Poker Nights, and we need help with administrative tasks. We will give you plenty of training and are looking for somebody to fill out the required paperwork prior to the events, and to help acquire and schedule the volunteers. You don't need to attend the event at all, this can be done at your home, or even remotely out-of-state. If you can fill out forms and send them in on time, this could be just right for you! Just contact Don at the email above.

Amazon Smile! We give a big **Thank You!** to all Boat Club members and friends who have used Amazon Smile and those that are about to! Participate at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and choose "MBC Association" as your charity in the site.

If your company buys from Amazon, ask them to choose MBC Association as their charity. Since we started the program, we have received \$506.00, and one member's purchases have resulted in over \$360.00 of the total. You can make a difference!



NCAA Lake Erie Big Boat Sailing this May!

Right here in the Western End of Lake Erie, the University of Toledo will host a NCAA intercollegiate PHRF regatta on May 20-22.

The following schools are already committed to attend:

College of Charleston, Univ of Rhode Island, Wisconsin Madison (providing a J/92), Ohio State, Ohio Univ, Michigan State, Indiana, Grand Valley, Miami (Ohio), Northwestern Univ., Cleveland State, and Toledo. There will be a “waitlist” for additional schools across the nation as well.

The sailing teams will compete using PHRF boats from owners in our region. The owner will be onboard as an observer/safety person and the students will operate the boat. If you want to find out more, and might consider using your boat for this event, there will be an informational meeting for all possible boat owners and volunteers at North Cape on March 12th at Noon. We are hoping to make a big push in getting more boats to this event so we can have as many teams as possible in order to have a fun and full regatta.

Boat Owners Meeting - 12 - 1 pm
Volunteers Meeting - 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Please if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to:
Craig Mueller - 513-833-6917 Craigmueller6712@gmail.com



**Lake Erie
Intercollegiate
Offshore
Regatta**

**Boat Owners and
Volunteers Meeting**

At NCYC

Boat Owners:
March 12 | 12-1 pm

Volunteers:
March 12 | 1:30-2:30pm



MBC in the Winter!

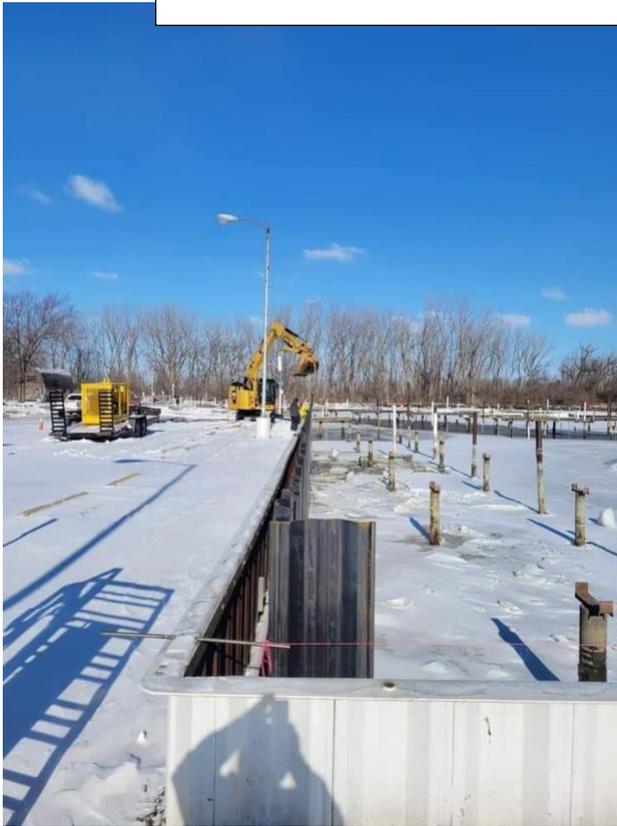


Deicers at work.





Work on the seawall at MBC ahead of schedule!



Ford Yacht Club visits MBC and Commodore Soto presents our burgee during February.



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March

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 MBC-A Poker Nights @ Vision Lanes, Westland MI	4 MBC-A Poker Nights @ Vision Lanes, Westland MI	5 MBC-A Poker Nights @ Vision Lanes, Westland MI
6 2:00pm Dock Assignment Mtg MBC-A Poker Nights @ Vision Lanes, Westland MI	7	8	9 6:30pm MBC Board Mtg	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day!	18	19 Incoming Bus Trip (EMBC and ORYC)
20 2-4:00pm Children's Easter Party	21 Children's Summer Sail Camp scholarship app deadline 6:30, 7:00pm Aux Meetings	22	23 7:00pm MBC General Member Mtg	24	25 MBC On The Road Bus Trip	26 8:00pm Music in the Bar MBC On The Road Bus Trip
27 MBC On The Road Bus Trip	28	29	30	31		

Future Events

- Apr 23 – Music in the Bar
- May 12-15 - Michigan Walleye Tournament @ MBC
- May 24-25 – Environmental Career Days
- Jul 18 – MBC Race for the Sisters
- Aug 13 – MBC Solo Challenge
- Aug 21 – MBC Ladies Race

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 (Feb/Mar)

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