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MONROE BOAT CLUB *

April 2023

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Commodore – Carl Butler

Spring has sprung!!! (or so says the calendar)

March proved to be a very busy month for Deana and I. With attending balls or meetings for our own ball, we have had a full schedule. The invitations for the

Monroe Boat Club Commodore's ball should be arriving very soon. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our "friends" on April 29th.

I attended my first dock bid day, and I was very impressed with how smoothly and professionally the bidding was handled. My congratulations to Henry Santiago and the dock committee on a wellexecuted bid day.

Work on the west property has begun and is moving along nicely. We ask that the members stay clear of the property while the work is being done. This not the time for parades or tours. I'm certain a proper "Open House" will be planned once the work is finished.

I did have the pleasure of greeting the members of Ottawa River Yacht Club (albeit briefly) when they brought two busses full to our club. There was a wonderful spread of food provided by the Auxiliary and members alike. It was amazing to see such a helpful turnout to welcome our friends. Thank you to all that were there.

Burger nights have been very successful from February through

sorry we couldn't be there, as Deana was quite sick.

March. This will really help make the Commodore's ball even "friend" lier. I want to thank Rick and Wendy Campbell for taking over the managing, setup and shopping for the burger nights in March. Your help was paramount to our success. I also want to thank all of the members that have come out every week to support us. With record burger sales and other fundraising we have set new records. Please continue to support these ventures in April as the Satin Gavel will be taking over the galley. Our ancillary groups deserve the same support we have.

I can only hope that a good time was had by all at the 80's party. I'm

I know this is an early announcement, but V/C Tony Schippa has begun planning for the Regatta. PLEASE look for sign up sheets for help. This is a huge event and we will need a lot of help. The plans are looking good and it should be an awesome weekend.

In closing I would like to ask that you check the club calendar frequently as events are added all the time. You may now access the club calendar through a link in the Harbor Light. I hope to see you all very soon around the club.



Vice Commodore - Tony Schippa

Happy Spring,

Now that we have moved our clocks ahead, we are that much closer to boating season! It's time to refresh our boating knowledge. MBC will be offering

3 boating classes in the months of April and May. Basic Boating, Suddenly in Command and Navigation are the names of the three classes. The cost for the course's will be \$25.00 - which is for classroom materials. These classes will be open to all AYC and I-LYA members as well as to the public. The instructor will be from the USCG Auxiliary.

Time to read the writing on the walls.... the 2023 Regatta signup sheets are now posted. I'm looking for the membership to sign up for another great time in July.

A big shout out to MBC Auxiliary along with all the members who brought dishes to pass last month, for all the incoming bus trips. The visiting clubs rave about our hospitality and how much fun they have at our club. Great job MBC!!!

At this time, I would like to thank the Auxiliary along with PC Fred Hoitash and Lady Celeste for giving our Kitchen a deep cleaning and giving the dishwasher it's yearly tune up along with the sink's hand sprayer.



Rear Commodore - Carl Laura

Hello members of Monroe Boat Club. Well spring is here. Soon we will be sitting outside at the picnic tables. Very exciting! First of all, I want to mention the walleye dinner on April 7th will have entertainment for your enjoyment. I hope everybody comes out to enjoy

a great dinner with music. I also want to mention that in the bar are recycle bags for your shrink wrap. Five dollars a bag. Be sure to Separate shrink wrap from the debris. It's just a good thing for all of us. On April 14th we will be having a Martini Night with entertainment. I"m excited to say we are expecting a new dishwasher for the bar so we can get your glasses sparkling clean as Crystal should be. There



Power Fleet Capt. - Dave Volker

1st day of Spring has passed, and I bet you all are looking at your boats, asking what to do next to get it ready for the water. BE SAFE is the main thing on the water. Go over your entire boat to familiarize yourself with it again. You may catch something that needs to

get fixed or see something you never saw before. Check all your safety equipment and make sure it is in usable condition and up to date; floatation devices, first aid kit, flares, daytime distress flag, water bucket, charts, dock lines, anchor lines, bilge pumps, to name a few. Remember, fire extinguishers that are 12 years old or older must be replaced. They should be placed on each level of your boat. We want you to come back to MBC in one piece and safe!

will be some events earmarked as fundraisers to cover the cost of the dishwasher. We have another bus trip on April 8th from Maumee River Yacht Club at 5 o'clock; I would love to see members show up to greet and make them welcome. This year's Master's Walleye Circuit arrives April 21 and 22, and again we need your participation to help make that a big hit. Still working on Friday lunches for your enjoyment. So, keep an eye on your calendars for these events. Also, euchre is done for the year. I really want to thank Mark Beverly for what he's done for euchre and a boost that the bar gets every Sunday. It really helped specially during the slow season. Thank you for all your support.

Our incoming bus trips have been a major success. The visiting clubs have all said that they enjoyed our MBC club and look forward to visiting back at another time. Thank You to our MBC Auxiliary as they have knocked it out of the park with providing food and help for each and every one of these bus trips. Thank you to all our MBC members that donated food for these events also. It is a BIG help for all that are involved.

Stay safe and remember, keep "Havin Fun".



<u>Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery</u>

The MBC Sail Fleet Spring Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM in MBC Commodore's Room. Come early and support Burger Night at the club.

Each season, all of the yacht clubs in western Lake Erie hold a scheduling meeting to coordinate dates to try to minimize conflicts. All of our MBC proposed race dates fit in the scheduling as follows with no changes:

- Tuesday Night Race Series -- May 24 through August 30 (No race on July 5)
- Annual Sister's Race -- Saturday, July 15
- Solo Challenge -- Saturday, August 12
- Ladies' Race -- Sunday, August 20
- Rum Races -- Tuesdays, September 5, 12, and 19

The I-LYA 2023 Spring Meeting is being held March 31 – April 2, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton, Westlake Ohio.



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello MBC members. The weather is changing and it's time to start getting ready for boating season.

The walleye fishing tournament is just around the corner. For the dock holders: I am asking that if you

can and have time, please put in your dock poles before April 21st. This is not a requirement but would be greatly appreciated. On the

story of Laura Dekker who at age 16 became the youngest person to sail around the world alone and unassisted. This got me thinking about other motion pictures that dealt with sailing. One is "All is Lost", which stars Robert Redford as a solo sailor cruising in the Pacific Ocean when he unexpectedly rams into a floating shipping container during the night which badly damages his vessel. Another which I watched recently was "Wind", from 1992 which deals with racing the 12-meter class yachts leading up the America's Cup races. The footage of the boats racing is incredible. "The Mercy" is the true story of Donald Crowhurst, who entered the 1968 Golden Globe Race, which was the first solo around-the-world race. He set forth to accomplish this in a self-built craft of his own design. This stars Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz. I would love to hear from others any sailing movies you have seen that you would recommend to others. I can be reached via email at danmont@umich.edu or text message or phone at (734) 905-0449.

The other day, Dan Thomas mentioned to me that he had recently

watched a sailing movie that he really enjoyed. "True Spirit" tells the

agenda is the finishing of the four banana docks that has been started. Also I will be turning the water back on before the 21st. I will be scheduling a dock work party to get ladders, life savers, ect. back on line. Time yet to be determined. So be on the lookout for an email or face book notice.

Still waiting for good weather!



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

Hello, Spring soon it will be time to clean up your boats and get them in the water. It is going to be a couple of busy months for me Satin Gavel Burger Nights are in April and Auxiliary is in May. It is a good time to get your hours in and work with some great people in the

Everyone should make it a point to attend meetings at the club. This is your chance to have input on things being done or proposed. Our Auxiliary Meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7:00. You can check the club calendar for the General Membership Meeting. We need to get some updating done to make thing looks better. See you all at the club.

CCEC Update - Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, April 4th, noon
- April 22 Earth Day

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "We discussed our book selection for March, The Lost Girls of Willowbrook by Ellen Marie Weisman. Most thought the book was an "unputdownable" book that told quite a disturbing story-especially since it was based on a true incident. A few ladies found it unreadable because of the disturbing and vivid content. But most of the members would recommend this book. After a lengthy discussion, we decided to read And So It Begins by Rachel Abbott for our April 4 meeting. Please feel free to join our casual reading club. We look forward to seeing everyone come to the meeting at MBC on Tuesday, April 4 at noon!!!!

Earth Day, April 22, coming up! Test your knowledge with a quiz from www.earthday.org. Check for correct answers at the bottom of this column. Other quizzes found at the link above.

- 1. True or False: Wasting less food is a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- 2. Which of the following is a greenhouse gas? CO2 CH4 Water Vapor All of the above
- 3. What is the Greenhouse effect? The name of climate change legislation that was passed by Congress; When you paint your house green to become an environmentalist; When the gases in our atmosphere trap heat and block it from escaping our planet: When you build a green house
- 4. Which of the following are consequences associated with climate change? The ice sheets are declining, glaciers are in retreat globally, and our oceans are more acidic than ever. Surface temperatures are setting new heat records about each year. More extreme weather like droughts, heat waves, and hurricanes. Global sea levels are rising at an alarmingly fast rate—17 centimeters (6.7 inches) in the last century alone and going higher All of the above

CCEC After 17 years, this is my last CCEC column (unless someone else will pick it up). Just for a moment, I thought it would be fun to reminisce with the first column in the April, 2007 Harbor Light.

MBC-A (501c3) Update - David Ryan

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 pays for, organizes, and administers educational programs that have non-member, local schools and community involvement.

"Upcoming Activities-

- June 9, Fishing Derby for Kids (still going strong)
- June 21, "Fishing Like An Expert" Workshop by David Criswell (We miss you, Dave)
- Boat Stern Project-- If you see Tom and Barbara Valmassei photographing the stern of your boat this spring, don't be alarmed. It's just part of the Boat Stern Project. They're taking pictures of member's boats for a collage to be presented to the club. (We miss both of you)
- Did you know?...5.6 trillion cigarettes are smoked worldwide each year; out of these approximately one-third worldwide are littered. (U.S. Department of Agriculture) We all are aware of the harm to humans, but what about the damage done to marine animals? Marine animals mistake cigarette butts for food; and when this happens, they ingest hazardous chemicals which can kill them or make them sick. Cigarette butts also create blockages in their stomachs which prevent proper digestion. "Flicking" of cigarette ash onto the ground is also damaging. The ash contains all the hazardous chemicals found in cigarettes. This ash is then carried away by wind and rain into bodies of water. As we begin preparing boats for launch and are working around the water, please remember to dispose of your cigarette waste properly." (2023 data says 'Nearly 5 trillion cigarettes are consumed each year, contributing to more than 8 million deaths and nearly US \$2 trillion in economic damage.)"

Answers to Earth Day Quiz

- True. More than a third of food produced globally never makes it to the table. Approximately 8-10% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions relate to food waste.
- 2. All of the above plus nitrous oxide (N2O) and ozone O3). Human activities have increased emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere beyond what the Earth can support, resulting in climate change.
- 3. When the exchange of incoming and outgoing solar radiation occurs, some of the radiation becomes trapped by gases in the atmosphere. This creates a "greenhouse" effect and warms the planet.
- 4. All of the above. All these problems are associated with climate change, and the majority of scientists agree that many of these are caused by human contribution to the greenhouse effect.

This year the MBC-A has a lot going on!

2023 Scheduled Events:

1. **April 21-22 -- "Masters Walleye Circuit"** pro fishing tournament for all MBC and area kids and parents to see. The professional fishermen will put on a fun and

- informative seminar the Friday evening after the weighin at MBC. MBC-A is also providing the Special Liquor License for adult visitors throughout the tournament.
- April 27-30 Fund Raiser Poker at Vision Lanes in Westland MI. MBC-A provides volunteers to manage the poker games and in return we receive 55% of the gross profit for the weekend.
- 3. April-May -- Recycle Michigan with special recycling bags for boat shrink-wrap. Available in the bar right now, help keep plastic out of the landfill and waterways, and turn it into Trex dock planks. MBC-A pays for about half the cost of each bag, so you pay only \$5.00. Big Daddy's, Harbor Marine and Trout's Yacht Basin are all participating with us.
- 4. May 31-June 1 Environmental Career Day (ECD) for 7th Graders Now in its 12th year! Participation includes 2 groups of 50-60 students at MBC one day and Monroe County Community College one day. The program focuses on: 1) the effects of aquatic and land invasive species and 2) the types of careers involved with the environment. The program is co-sponsored by MBC Association, River Raisin Institute and MCCC. We will be needing MBC Boaters to take kids out in their boats each day.
- July 22rd 16th Annual Kids Fishing Derby at Regatta (ages 5-13) –Always on the Saturday morning of Regatta. This year it will be held at Hoffman Park in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- 6. **Sept–June Fishing Club for 5–6th Graders** Currently meeting two times per month. Started in 2019 and now really getting going, the theme for the club is "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs." Meetings are held in the MBC banquet room on 2nd & 4th

- Mondays each month until renovations of the west house are complete.
- 7. Sept 26th Maritime Trades Career Day for 10-12th Graders Participation primarily includes students enrolled in trades courses at Monroe High School, and is limited to 30 students for one day. Local tours include various sites including Port of Monroe, Trout's Yacht Basin and Service, Toledo Beach Marina, NOAA, and Solomon Diving underwater welding company.
- Oct 19th-22nd Fund Raiser –Poker Nights at Vision Lanes Westland, MI.

How are all these programs paid for??

'Poker Nights' Fund the Programs:

The club's 501c3 arm was created to provide educational programs outside of the club's normal budget, relieving the club of those expenses. Due to its structure with the IRS, it is able to receive grant money that the boat club would not qualify for. In addition, the MBC Association is licensed by the Michigan Gaming Control Board to manage poker events that are held in certain bowling alleys and and veteran's posts.

This enables Monroe Boat Club to provide a positive impact to our community and enjoy the recognition that brings, without any expense to the club. All of the funding comes from other people and non-club sources.

Poker nights have been an important part of the budget. Don Blouin has worked very hard to schedule the dates, locations and volunteers to staff the events, and it has been very successful.

Revenue from this event can only be used for things directly related to the stated mission of the 501c3. It has been used to pay meeting space rent to MBC, purchase equipment that is used for meetings and presentations, and subsidies the Boat Plastic Recycling Bags. The 501c3 pays MBC for using club facilities for every single meeting and program..

Masters Walleye Circuit @ MBC

Masters Walleye Circuit at Monroe Boat Club April 20-22

Thurs April 20, 5:15pm: Captain's Meeting-Cabela's Friday April 21, 3:15pm: Weigh In-- Marina Stage Friday April 21, 5:00pm: Kids Night!-- Marina Stage Saturday April 22, 3:00pm: Weigh In and Awards Marina Stage

\$10,000 First Place--\$45,000 Total Prizes

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



www.MonroeBoatClub.org



www.MastersWalleyeCircuit.com

Walleye Dinner @ MBC



Martini Madness @ MBC



Yard Master Report

Springtime is approaching quickly, and right along with the nicer weather comes boat prep!

1) Recycling Bags have arrived!

You may recycle your plastic shrink wrap by using a special recycling bag available at MBC for \$5.00 and the State of Michigan will recycle the material. Note: Only Shrink-wrap can go in the bag, no string, fiberglass strapping, zippers, spacers or vents. Please use this service and reduce the amount of plastic in our waterways and landfills. See the flyer in this newsletter for additional info. MBC-A is funding the \$4 per bag discount.

The bags are available at the Club Bar.

2) Water Service has been installed!

Available for the first time this spring in the Storage Lot, the new service will eliminate hoses running across the road.

Spigots are located at each light post as well as about half-way along the big blue wall. Your spring washing and waxing will be a whole lot easier this year!

3) MBC has a special discount arrangement with BoatUS. You can get discounts from BoatUS by using MBC's Group Code GA81739B.





WHY RECYCLE BOAT COVERS?

- For every bag recycled, there is a savings of 115 Kwh of energy, 13.5 gallons of oil, and 16-20 cubic ft. of landfill space.
- Your business can save money in disposal fees associated with dumpster rental, landfill fees, and hauling.
- Looks great on a Clean Marina application or recertification.
- Keeps the Great Lakes clean and waste free.
- Recycling marine film fuels the circular economy of Michigan. Recycled plastics from this program are used by manufacturer, TREX decking, giving your used plastic a new life as composite decking.

RECYCLING RUN has been the official collection program for boat covers in Michigan for over 10 years! Join the over 50 marinas, boat dealers, and individuals across the state in reducing your waste and keeping our harbors clean!



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AYC Sportsmanship Award

Back in 2021, the Monroe Boat Club was the first club to be able to display the AYC Sportsmanship Award due to the Class of 2020 Commodores high esteem for our Past Commodore Fred Hoitash. The award was bestowed to the entire Class of 2020 for all of the Commodore's work to lead their clubs through the difficulties covid pandemic. This wasn't the first time the AYC Sportsmanship Award has been to MBC.

It was in the dead of winter in January of 1993 when Jaci Grady became the very first woman to join Monroe Boat Club. Jaci was an avid sailor owning a San Juan 24 "Holger Danske" and participated in virtually every event MBC offered. She competed in Tuesday night races, the Spring Series, Sisters Islands races and more. Soon needing a larger, faster boat, Jaci acquired a Catalina 30 and appropriately named her "First Lady".

Winning many race titles, Jaci became friends with renowned sailor and MBC member Howard Pinkley, who owned the Point Place flag making business "Toledo Flags" supplying MBC with all the club award flags and burgee's. Not content to simply participate, Jaci became the club's Sail Fleet Captain in 1996. Her excellent sailing skills, contributions to our club and Lake Erie in general caught the attention of many people around the lake. Following a highly successful MBC Sail Fleet Awards Banquet at the end of her 1996 term, and unbeknownst to Jaci, she was nominated by Howard Pinkley as a contender for the AYC Sportsmanship Award with the AYC Bridge unanimously bestowing the honor of 1996 Sportsman of the Year to Jaci Grady. Later renamed the Commodore Howard Pinkley Trophy for Outstanding Sportsman of the Year, Jacki remains MBC's first and only individual recipient of this award while being a MBC member. (Chris Johnson is also a recipient...Congratulations Chris!) We salute Jaci Grady, truly our First Lady of the Lake!



Sailors Can Recycle Old Sails

Lake Erie sailor and Monroe area resident Madeline Lark is the Midwest Sail Acquisition Manager at Sea Bags. Do you have an old sail you don't know what to do with?

Sea Bags is a Maine based designer, manufacturer, and retailer of nautically inspired totes and accessories that are made from 100% recycled sails and materials. Sea Bags has reclaimed over 700 tons of sails since we started and in 2021, collected over 7,100 sails that would have otherwise gone to a landfill.

They have a Sail Trade Program, making the process of donating a sail easy. And for every usable sail, we offer our customers free Sea Bags product in trade.

Madeline will collect sails that are ripped, blown out, shredded, stained, etc. with the goal of keeping as many sails as possible out of landfills. For every sail traded, you will receive an item of your choice, have a bag made out of your own sail, or receive a tax-write off. For more information or to schedule a sail pick up, please feel free to contact Madeline at (207) 347-0282 or madeline@seabags.com. You can also check out our products and learn more about Sea Bags at our website www.seabags.com.

Where do all the old sails go? Watch The Tale Of The Sail.



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



West Sister Island Lighthouse

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Tony Schippa
Dan Montgomery

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P/C Rodger Dutton

I-LYA DELEGATE: Dan Montgomery

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April 2023

Calendar of Events

To keep things simple, the club's calendar will no longer be displayed in the newsletter.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to go directly to the club's calendar on the website.

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

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: 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: 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: 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)

> Mercury Inflatable, Trailer & Motor \$3,500.00 270 Sport - 8' 4" length; 5' 1" beam 4-person capacity/992 weight capacity Genesis Trailer Mercury 5HP 4 stroke motor Purchased new in 2020 Ken - 734-771-0153