

MONROE BOAT CLUB *

December 2023

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Lady Denise and Commodore Tony would like to wish everyone a warm holiday greeting. Monroe Boat Club has a dynamic and enthusiastic leadership team, with a great blend of experience and fresh perspectives.

The success of the Coat-A-Thon and the positive impact it had on the community is truly commendable. The numbers you shared reflect a generous outpouring of support, and it's heartening to see the club making a difference. Here are the numbers from the event,

181 coats, 5 snowsuit's, 66 hats, 61 gloves and 6 scarfs along with 7,377.00 in cash donations. Barbie Gessner the host said the money will be used to purchase items for children who come to the Dept of Health and Human Services with nothing.

The Commodores Ball with a 24K Gold theme and the song choice of "24K Magic" by Bruno Mars sounds like a fantastic event! I'm sure



Vice Commodore – Dave Volker

WOW, Sorry about the lengthy article but MBC is on the move for many things happening.

1. Please respect the volunteer/contracted workers and MBC Employees here at MBC.

- 2. Reminder that anybody removing any material from MBC is to contact the Vice Commodore before removing the property and sign the sheet that is hanging inside the kitchen door on the banquet side of kitchen.
- Updated Banquet room application on the website, in the 3. hallway file folders, and in the Commodore's Room office.
- All dates have been updated in the Calendar on the MBC 4. web site. More events to follow.
- Face Book daily postings, Thank you to Wendy Campbell 5.
- 6. Carpet cleaning will happen every 3 months for Banquet Room and Lounge, by Dave's Carpet Cleaning. Last cleaning was November 9th.
- 7. Carbon Monoxide/Smoke detectors replaced in banquet room.

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it will be a memorable and enjoyable evening for all the members. Planning such events takes a lot of effort, so I hope everything falls into place perfectly.

Fundraising for club projects is indeed crucial, and having a mix of experienced members to mentor and support newer ones is a valuable asset. The combination of fresh ideas and seasoned guidance is a recipe for success.

If there's any specific information or assistance you need, whether it's related to event planning, fundraising strategies, or any other aspect of club management, feel free to reach out. I'm here to help.

May you all have a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year. May the coming year bring even more success and fulfilling experiences for the club!

- 8 Dishwasher in kitchen has been fixed, leak and thermostat, thank you Fred Hoitash for contacting Hobart for thermostat, and pump seals. It's been needed for a while.
- 9. MBC New member board has been placed in the Lounge for members to see the new faces and welcome them. There pictures will also be placed on the scrolling TV. Coordinating with Nick Pinotti and Steve Hohma.
- 10. Butt Hut is finished ready for use. Thank you to Trish Soto for the help. Trish is a go getter.
- 11. Burger Nights have been filled till the month of June. I will be filling in with others in the future.
- 12. Grounds have been cleaned up, Thank you to Tom Allen, Craig Sauer, Todd Valmassei, & Steve McCollum. Great team that worked together and got done what we needed.
- 13. Harbor Light, hard copies available on the counter in the lounge. Where the B/N condiments go or pool table.
- 14. Muskrat Dinner is on. Prep is on December 26th and the Dinner will be January 12th, 2024. Thank you for Brad Fichtner for being the manager of this event.

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- 15. Kitchen Freezer has been defrosted ready for the rat and general use. Thank you to Wendy Campbell
- 16. On Going Projects
 - a. West Property / Director Dustin Diehl Managing 2024 summer to be finished estimated.
 - b. Fire Pit / Commodore Tony Schippa Managing 2024 spring to be finished.
 - c. Concrete Maintenance / V/C Dave Volker Managing 2024 April to be finished.
 - d. Commodore's Room Exit Door: New door is being installed by Aaron Goldsmith as of this writing.
 - Camera's Kitchen/outside/commodores office added / V/C Dave Volker Managing 2023 fall/winter to be finished.
 - f. Building repair and Painting V/C Dave Volker Managing 2024 spring/summer
 - g. Parking lot bumpers / P/C Rick Campbell Managing 2024 spring to be finished.
 - h. MBC Sign repair V/C Dave Volker Managing 2024 spring/summer warm weather needed.



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello Monroe Boat Club friends. Or should I say Ho-Ho-Ho Christmas is close and I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas! And the best for everyone in the upcoming new year of 2024. Soon the bartenders' stockings will be going on the wall please be gracious

toward them they've treated us well all year. On December 9 we will be holding the bartender appreciation night. I hope to see everybody there P/C Dave Powell will be rocking us as DJ. And we also have guest bartenders volunteering. Thank you to them. It would be nice if members could bring appetizers to pass.

Euchre Sundays are in full swing, and also open pool night on Sundays. I'm going to have to mention the Coat-A-Thon. What a



Power Fleet Capt. – Russ Moore

Hello MBC members, I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving with family and giving thanks for all your blessings in life. I am still getting familiar with this new and exciting role as Fleet Captain, its going to be an exciting year. Tickets for the AYC ball are available

through myself and at the Lounge... please ask your friendly bar staff.



Sail Fleet Capt. – Andrew Devenish

Hello Everyone. I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving and that your plans for the Holidays ahead are going well.

As is usual for this time of year, the boats are tucked away and the mind goes to repairs, improvements and changes that we want to make on the boat for next year. Google and Yahoo are great resources, but don't also forget your fellow club members who may be able to help with some helpful advice, experience, or even a set of hands. Maybe a quick question could save a lot of research, so be sure to ask around, especially if you are new to boating or your particular boat.

It was great to see eight members of the MBC Sail Fleet at Toledo Yacht Club support the 100th Mills Race kick-off event. It was certainly appreciated by the Mills Race Committee, and the fact the meeting had to be moved to a larger room speaks well for the events i. MBC Grounds, Commodores room, and attic clean up V/C Dave Volker Managing 2024 spring/summer.

Any questions about the above projects, please address them with V/C Dave Volker

I'm looking for managers for the following positions that will report directly back to me. This will build a team to keep things organized and build this club for the best.

- Regatta manager
- Grounds manager
- Building manager
- Hall Rental manager
- Entertainment manager
- 40-hour Appreciation manager

Still looking for Ideas for the 5–10-year plan for MBC. Please write them down and present them to me, so we can get the list together.

Just keeping our membership informed of the happenings around our club. As you see it is easy to fill your work hours somewhere and somehow. As we keep improving our club, please remember, keep "Havin Fun"!

great night great with great people, and I was so honored to be part of that. Now that the new bar dishwasher is working I would love to see fewer plastic cups and more glass. Plastic will be used for kitchen workers and taking drinks outside. When we have big gatherings, sometimes it is hard to keep up with all the glasses, and we are trying to reduce the waste and save the price of plastic as every little bit helps. We also got a new refrigerator for the bar kitchen we had to alter the shelf to make it fit but it is now in place and working. And again I would always like to think of people behind the scenes that make the bar run well each and every day. So wishing everybody happy holidays and a happy new year!

It will be the weekend of February 16-18th I only have two weekend dinner tickets available so they are on a first come basis, feel free to contact me or Lori for your tickets. I will be going to my first AYC meeting at FYC this month and will have more to follow soon for some possible bus trips, incoming and out going.

entries next year. I hope those attending found the talk on sailboat lines by Lanex Marine to be of interest – I certainly did, and will be giving them a call next time I need to replace lines on my boat.

As MBC's delegate to I-LYA, I will be attending the fall meeting scheduled for December 2nd to represent our club and to learn from the materials that will be provided in the meetings. I will bring up any resulting topics at the upcoming sail fleet meeting.

On that subject, the sail fleet meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 6th @ 7PM in the banquet room – I'm hoping that the larger room will be needed to accommodate the fleet attendees. The agenda will be published later this month but the meeting is intended to finalize the chairpersons for the 2024 events, get feedback on race dates, approve proposed spending, and review ideas for potential fundraisers/projects. I do hope that if you are in the sail fleet that you will come join us, but if not, please call or email me any ideas or suggestions you may have.

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Harbor Light

If you would like to be added to the Sail Fleet email list, please let me know.

To reach me, please use my new cell number of 734 598 0614 – and please update your address book.

Warm Regards and Happy Holidays!



Dock Master – Aaron Goldsmith

Hello MBC Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and started preparing for winter. With the help of some great members, we were able to get all the water

movers in, ladders out and power washed, thin ice signs in place and all the dock poles pulled. 38 poles were pulled from 13 docks. 8 were member docks and 5 were MBC docks.

Mike Tymczak and Steven Hohman are new members to the Dock Committee, I look forward to working alongside this Dock Committee. We will be holding a Dock Committee meeting to discuss any future projects along with dock prices for 2024.



Auxiliary – Tara Goldsmith

Happy Holidays everyone! It's been a busy Fall so far. Our November Auxiliary meeting went very well. We discussed some upcoming events. The MBC Children's Christmas Party is December 10th at 1:00. This is a wonderful party the auxiliary hosts year after

year. Beckie Tymczak is chairing this year (734-604-0509). She'd like to have a rough count of children attending for Santa gifts. Please contact her if you plan to join us. We are also planning another Family and Friend Game Night in February, more info to follow.



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. At the 2023 Annual Meeting, MBC-A paid the club \$4,500.00 for future facility usage rentals.

As 2023 draws to a close, we Thank You – MBC Members, donors, businesses, organizations, and foundations - that give each year to sustain our mission. We couldn't accomplish what we do without you. No matter what the size of your gift in time or treasure, you are making a difference. The power of your contributions gives us a stronger position to advocate for a clean water community on our Great Lake Erie. Consider MBC Association in your end-of-year giving.

Dock fees will be sent out before January 10th and must be paid on or before February 10th, Postmark dates are final. If anyone is headed south for winter and would like to pay before leaving, that can be done. Please put check and dock number in Dock Masters mailbox. If price happen to change, we can settle up when you get back.

Please remember not to fasten anything to the new composite decking. Those boards are very expensive and not as strong as wood. If you need accommodations that require modifications, please speak to me or another Dock Committee member for assistants.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christmas decorations will go up in the banquet room on Monday, December 4th at noon. Anyone interested in some work hours is welcome to join us. Our next meeting is December 11th, in the Commodore's room. The board meets at 6:30 followed by the general membership at 7:00. The children's fishing club overlaps some of our meetings. Please be respectful and quiet when passing through the banquet room. We had a wonderful attendance last month for our meeting. I will continue to send out reminders through Facebook and email. I hope to keep the momentum going and see you all in December.

Ways you can support MBC-Association:

- Volunteer or donate to MBC-A.
- Make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one.
- Make a lasting impact by considering MBC-Association in your estate planning this holiday and tax season.

Help MBC-A to continue preserving and protecting Lake Erie through stewardship programs – Learn more at: https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home.

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

MBC-A Programs for 2024

2024 MBC-Association Calendar of Events				
Event	Date	Participants: # & Description	Partners/ Sponsors	Volunteers Needed Types & Number
Fishing Club	2nd & 4th Mondays, Sept-May, 4:00-6:00	Monroe County 5th- 6th graders, 15-20	MBC-A	Coach & Parents - 3-4
Fundraising	May 2-3 Th-F 10am-6pm	Poker Nights	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A
	May 4-5 S-S 6pm-2am	Vision Bowling Lanes		Volunteers
Environmental Career Day	May 29-30, 2024, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: June 28, 7:00pm	60) 7th graders Monroe MiddleSchool each day	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. Health Fund, Monroe Middle School	8-10 MBC boats, captains & co- captains, 3-4 in
Atmosphere, Weather and Applied Sciences	June 5, 8 am- 7 pm, Setup, June 4, 7 pm	20) 9th-10th graders Monroe MiddleCollege	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. ISD	5-6 MBC sailboats, Plus 2-3 adults in classroom
Fishing Derby	July 20, 9am- 1 pm, Hoffman Park	25-50) 5-12year old children	MBC-A, Michigan DNR	3-4 MBC members
Maritime Trades Career Day	Sept. 26, 8 am-2:30 pn	30) 11th-12th graders Monroe High	MBC-A, DTE, Monroe Public	5 DTE volunteers, 2 MBC members
Fundraising	Oct 17-18 Th-F 10am-6p Oct 19-20 S-S 6pm-2am	-	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A Volunteers
Programs in Devel	opment:			
Fishing for Veterans	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, May-October, 9a-1p	10-15 veterans with PTSD West House	MBC-A, Monroe County Mental Health, Monroe Co. Veterans Affairs	1 from Veterans Affairs, 1 from MBC
Nuclear Energy Day	Oct. 9, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: Oct 8, 7 pm	8th graders from Monroe Middle	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe PublicSchools	2-3 MBC members

Sailing Safety Course



Edgewater Yacht Club is proud to offer:

US Sailing Two-Day Hands-on International Safety at Sea course.

Dates: April 27 and 28, 2024

Location: EYC Club House and Cleveland State University Pool

Cost: varies - see below registration link

US Sailing Web Site: <u>https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/find-a-course-near-you/</u>

US Sailing Sanctioned International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training (2-day) 4/27/2024 - 4/28/2024 Registration https://edgewateryachtclub.theclubspot.com/event/5IfUvgW1vJ Edgewater Yacht Club www.eycweb.com 6700 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway Cleveland, OH 44102 USA Contact: Karl Felger Ph: (216) 346-0878

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Membership ChairNick Pinotti
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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> DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month

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MBC-A (501c3) website

https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home

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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)

110 ft long Halyard/Mainsheet/Spin Guy. Brand New Lanex "Ocean" line.
12mm (1/2") Double Braid Polyester Core/Cordura cover. Eye Splice in One End 6,736 lbs strength. Color: Flecked Bladk & White (looks great) \$195
Contact David 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: 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