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## Commodore – Carl Butler



Happy New Year everyone!!! I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday with your loved ones.

As you may have heard, I had a very mild stroke just before Christmas. I was able to be home with my family for Christmas and am so grateful for that. I'm doing well and will continue to get better. Thank you to all that reached out to me with well wishes and support. This is just another example of how AWESOME Monroe boat Club is!!!!

I had a decent time during the Ohio State/Michigan party...only because of the outcome. The food was good, as well as the rivalry/camaraderie. Overall, it was a fun day spent with good friends and members.

Deana and I had a blast at the bartender appreciation party along with the toys for tots campaign. MBC members came out and donated so many wonderful toys and showed our awesome staff just

## Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa



Happy New Year Members,

Well, we had a little snow and wind right before Christmas and the club took a hit, time to replace some of the gutters along south side of the building. I also purchased a new American Flag for our flagpole, since the storm took its toll on the previous one

Get ready for the annual Muskrat Dinner taking place on Friday, January 13th. Tickets can be purchased at the bar or reach out to Brad Fichtner (734-790-7175) or myself. Thank you, Brad and your team, for cleaning the Muskrats on December 26th.

A House Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM. This meeting we'll start to identify and schedule MBC

## Rear Commodore – Carl Laura



Well, the holidays are over and the winter months are upon us. Some of us will be heading to warm states for the winter and the rest of us will hang out here in Michigan to enjoy the winter months.

how much we appreciate them. We truly have the best bartenders around!

If you haven't visited the ship's store in a while you might want to check it out. They have some really nice new stuff for everyone. There is also a section that is special to the Commodore and Lady. Stop by and check it out. You can make a donation or a purchase, whichever you like.

The MBC Commodore's ball date has been set for April 29th, 2023. I truly hope to see you all there.

I'm looking forward to the coming year, and all the plans that the Board has proposed. Please stay tuned as your input or help may be needed.

projects for 2023. Come out early to support the power fleet by buying a delicious burger before the meeting I will be looking at getting a Regatta Committee together in January, never too early to get started. I am committed this year and moving forward thereafter to our goal of being the friendliest club on Lake Erie, we can do it!!

The club calendar is updated. If you are considering an event in the banquet room, you will need to get those rental agreements in to me. We already have events planned in June and July.

I would like to thank everyone who came out to support Renae, Kelly, Samantha, Katie and Shelly. Everyone had a great time! Also, thanks to everyone who brought a toy for "Toys for Tots" – the room was room filled with over 600 donated toys!

Here at the Monroe Boat Club bar, we will have the lounge warm and cozy with your choice of favorite drinks, lunches every day and Thursday Night Dinners!

I have had several members ask me about Martini Nights once a month, which I am "all for" and we hope to provide that for you soon, along with our ongoing Sunday Euchre and Sunday Night open pool table.

Again, I want to thank all the members and staff that help in the daily operations of the bar. It really is a Team Effort! I want to give a



### Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

BRRRRRRRRRR. Hello Members of MBC. Hope you stayed warm during that cold spell. Water dropped to levels never seen before by some. Hope your holidays were joyous and memorable.

Burger nights are really going good for me in December, I'm seeing some different members attending Thursday nights with the different meal ideas. Great to see new faces. January is looking great for workers signing up. A BIG thank you to all that have signed up or jumped in for some fun nights at MBC.

Please take advantage of getting involved to get to know your club. "Trust me" it's a whole lot more than just one thing here at MBC!

The AYC Commodores Ball decorating meeting went well for the first meeting of decorating our MBC Spiderman room at the ball in



### Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

We hope everyone at Monroe Boat Club has had a safe and happy new year. Each year we tend to reflect back on the past year and many of us make a mental vow to improve some aspect of our life or learn something new. Here is a list of possibilities for sailors to consider for the upcoming sailing season:

- 1) **Sail somewhere new.** Pick a destination you have never been to, it could even be a shipping channel buoy to test your navigation skills. Or sail to one of the islands and spend the night and take in the sights the next day before sailing home.
- 2) **Reefing the mainsail.** Most sailors know that reefing the mainsail makes the boat more manageable when in windy conditions, but many sailors have never done it. This year, instead of waiting until the wind is blowing 20 knots, pick a calm day and put a reef in the mainsail to figure out how best to do this efficiently on your boat.
- 3) **Climb the mast.** If you have never gone up your mast, find another sailor who has done this and go up your mast in a bosun's chair or use climbing gear designed for this. You never know when you will need to go up to change a bulb or retrieve a lost halyard.
- 4) **Practice heaving to.** Many sailors have heard of this but have never actually performed the maneuver on their boat. Heaving to is not only something you can use in heavier winds to take a break but also to relax and take in a beverage on a calmer day.



### Dock Master – Henry Santiago

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This has been quite a start to the winter season with the winds up to 55 mph

special thanks for the Bartender Appreciation Night and Toys for Tots, with special recognition to Shawna Powell and April Nykodym for being special-guest bartenders, and to P/C David Powell for the fantastic music during our Appreciation Night.

I hope everybody has the best year for 2023! Thank you!

February. ALL are welcome to give ideas and a helping hand of one way or another. More meeting dates will come out via email and FB. More the marrier.

Please look at the board just inside the back door with ongoing AYC events. Flyers are posted with many events going on at our sister clubs. Another great way to get to know your neighboring clubs.

#### **Incoming bus trips:**

- Saturday March 4th, 2023. from Harbor View Yacht Club. (Time to follow)
- River View Yacht Club has postponed their visit due to conflicting scheduling with MBC.

Thank you and keep "Havin' Fun"

5) **Perform a "man-overboard drill".** Not only go through the proper procedures to perform in the event that someone goes overboard, but also perform all the steps including how to get that person aboard the boat once they have been brought alongside. Something as simple as a floatable boat cushion could be used for the drill.

6) **Make a sailing photo book.** Go back through all of your boating photographs and select a set of them to be made into a book. There are several companies online that will take your digital photos and then create a hard-bound photo book for you. It is a fun way bring back great sailing memories.

7) **Learn to make some new knots.** Practice making knots, not just the ones you are already familiar with but learn some new ones as well. The bowline is one of the most important knots for sailors to be proficient with. Make it challenging by even learning to tie it one-handed.

8) **Volunteer for an event at MBC.** Throughout the year there are events at the club like Burger Nights that need volunteers to help out or even food to be dropped off for other special events. In the spring there are maintenance items that need volunteers. This is a great way to not only fulfill work hour requirements, but you get a chance to meet some other great MBC members.

We're hoping that 2023 will be a year to remember. If you need to contact me for any reason, please text message, call, or email me. ([danmmont@umich.edu](mailto:danmmont@umich.edu) or 734-905-0449).

I have never seen the water level so low at the Docks. Then came the severe cold temperatures. It has been and still is a struggle to keep the deicers on line. I give Dennis Lamb a big applause for being my eyes and helping me with this unexpected situation. All but five of the deicers are now on line.

A heads up, my plan is to get the dock invoices out on January 7th.



## Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

Christmas and New Years have passed, and I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy. Keep up to date at MBC events and if we have visiting boat clubs we may hear from V/C Tony Shippa regarding snacks. The Auxiliary is looking at scheduling more events this

year and if you have any ideas please come to the meeting. Our Commodore said nice things about the Auxiliary in the last newsletter, Thank you for that Carl. Our next meeting will be Monday January 9, 2023 with the board at 6:30 and General at 7:00 and remember you do receive 1 work hour for attending, see you there.

## CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- MBC Book Club, January 3rd, noon

### NEWS

**Book Club:** Judy Peterson writes, “The MBC Book Club met on December 6 for our annual Christmas luncheon buffet and small gift exchange--in addition to our regular meeting. It was a delightful afternoon! We discussed the November selection, It Starts with Us, by Colleen Hoover. Everyone agreed that it was a good read and worth recommending. We also discussed the December selection, Comfort and Joy by Kristin Hannah. This book was a typical Christmas story, and most members felt it was not good enough to recommend.

Our January selection is The Housemaid by Freida McFadden. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at noon at MBC. Hope to see you all there!”

**The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy** reports in the Great Lakes Report there are many challenges in the region in terms of climate resilience, access to clean fresh water, workforce development, and technology research and development. The Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Technological University focuses on these challenges by modeling high resolution autonomous bathymetry and buoys to observe and predict the short- and long-term impacts of high-water levels, creating smart and autonomous maritime systems to improve mobility on the lakes and improve safety for mariners. Michigan Tech is also bringing strong workforce development to the Great Lakes by developing undergraduate and graduate level scientists and engineers ready for a cyber ready workforce with skills in data science, machine learning, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and autonomous marine systems. The goals of these efforts are to continue to advance the Great Lakes region as a national leader in the maritime domain.

Please note that MBC Association is doing its part in the Great Lakes region by offering the annual Maritime Trades Career Day for 30 Monroe High School students. They are exposed to maritime opportunities ranging from international connections through the United Nations, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Port of Monroe, Trout’s Engine Shop, and Toledo Beach Marina. Every year we receive reports that as a result of the Day, students have applied and are working at these sites.

## 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.

**Happy New Year** to you and your family. The New Year provides an opportunity to look to the future with anticipation, and reflect on the past year’s accomplishments:

### **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

**Department of Natural Resources** offers an invasive species series of webinars on Zoom. On January 18, 9:00 am a representative from the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University will present “If You Can’t Beat ‘Em, Find Something That Will Eat ‘Em.” When infestations of invasive species become too large to control chemically and mechanically, what are the alternatives? She will explain her lab’s efforts to establish two host races of the knotweed psyllid (jumping plant lice) that are adapted to control different knotweed species. This is part of the invasive species series of one-hour long sessions with experts with experience in invasive species research, management and prevention. They have an archive of past presentations open to the public and can be found at NotMiSpecies [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/outreach/not-mi-species-webinar-series?utm\\_campaign=webinar+winter2023&utm\\_medium=pr&utm\\_source=govdeliverywebpage](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/outreach/not-mi-species-webinar-series?utm_campaign=webinar+winter2023&utm_medium=pr&utm_source=govdeliverywebpage).

**MBC Association** is also focusing on invasive species as part of the annual Environmental Career Day for 120 7th Graders. When the students are at MBC for the day, they study aquatic invasive species; when at Monroe County Community College, their study is more on land invasive species. Please mark your calendars. These two days will be May 31-June 1, 2023.

**Have you ever wondered how landfills work?** Did you know your average garbage truck can pick up waste from 800 to 850 homes? Today’s landfills are highly engineered systems designed, installed, operated, and closed with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy oversight to “ensure the safety of Michiganders and that our natural resources are protected” according to Liz Browne, director of the Materials Management Division. The story map at the following site shows Michigan solid waste disposal from your home to the landfill. It includes landfill basics, a map showing both type II and III solid waste landfills (5 sites in Monroe County), an in-depth cross-section of a landfill, 2 videos, landfill regulations, disposal statistics, and the oversight. Link on Michigan.gov/SolidWaste or <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/63986202a14b43f8a8e388b6f59b67ec> This is a fascinating site if you’ve ever wondered about the internal workings of the landfills.

the bottom. Or take a look at the new look with this direct link: <https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home>

### **Gradeschool Fishing Club**

The second year of the Grade School Fishing Club begins the second half of this year’s “season” on Monday Jan 9 at 4pm. The group has 32 kids participating every-other Monday afternoon at MBC.

### **MBC-A Receives Two Grants**

MBC-A tries to raise funds primarily from non-boat club sources. During December, MBC-A received the first of two installments of \$1,500.00 from the County of Monroe MI for funding of the 2023

Environmental Career Days. This is a two-day program for area 7th graders, introducing many of them to Lake Erie for the first time, taking water samples and determining the chemical makeup of the water.

This spring, we will need 12 boat owners to each take approx 4 kids on their boat for about two hours, so they can see the lake and take the water sample. I can guarantee you will enjoy sharing your time with these young people. Please say "Yes".

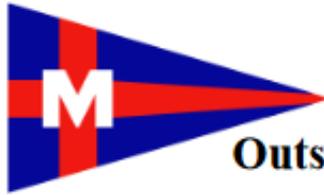
MBC-A also received \$100.00 from the Consumers Energy Foundation for their employee and retiree volunteer participation in our programs. Thank you Monroe County and Consumers Energy! \*\*\*NOTE if you are a Consumers or DTE employee/retiree, be sure to record your participation in these programs so that MBC-A can continue to receive these grants.\*\*\*

Your club's 501c3 has had a positive impact on the Monroe community and enhanced our club's reputation in many ways during 2022:

- **Fishing Club** grew from 15 kids to enrolling 50 at the first meeting this year.
- **Environmental Career Day** had 22 volunteers from 6 organizations teaching 98 school kids.
- **Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling** was introduced at MBC and Bolles Harbor.

- **Maritime Trades Career Day** exposed 31 students and 3 teachers to jobs in the marine industry as MBC members and professionals mentored the students.
- **Summer Fishing Derby** entertained 15 kids during Regatta Saturday
- **Meet the Pro's** professional fishermen provided education, rods, reels and swag to 85 kids during the Michigan Walleye Tour.
- **Weather and Atmospheric Sciences** new program was developed with NOAA and North Cape Sailing School.
- **Partner Organizations** who participated with us for these programs: NOAA, Monroe County Community College, Ohio State Univ Stone Laboratory, Michigan State University Alumni Association, US Customs and Border Patrol, Peace Corps, Monroe County Environmental Fund, Port of Monroe, US Coast Guard, Trouts Yacht Basin, DTE Foundation, Consumers Energy, Michigan Recycling Coalition, Monroe Tourism Bureau, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe City Schools, NCSS, Monroe Boat Club.

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

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.**

Members enjoying the club





Memories from past Muskrat Dinners



Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery suggests climbing your sailboat mast.

**Directory of Officers, Board, etc.**

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# January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy New Year!	2	3 12:00pm MBC Book Club	4	5	6	7 Dock Invoices Are Mailed
8	9 6:30pm Aux Board Mtg 7:00pm Aux Member Mtg	10	11 MBC Board Mtg	12 6:30pm House Comm Mtg	13 4:00pm-8:00pm MBC Muskrat Dinner	14 Detroit Boat Show Bus Trip
15	16	17	18	19	20 AYC Wild Game Dinner	21
22	23	24	25 MBC Member Mtg	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### Future Events

- Feb 17-19 - AYC Commodore's Ball, Romulus MI
- Mar 4 - HVYC incoming Bus Trip
- Mar 12-19 - AYC Norwegian Breakaway Cruise
- May 31-Jun 1 - Environmental Career Days

### 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)