

# HARBOR



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### Commodore – Carl Butler

I would like to start this month by thanking everyone who attended the Commodore’s Ball. It was a fantastic evening spent with FRIENDS! Deana and I had such an amazing time. We would like to thank the ball committee for all of their help making the

Monroe Boat Club Commodore’s ball the amazing event that it was. I have received many compliments on the ball and the program. The dance floor was rocking with great tunes provided by our DJ Dave Powell. The photo booth was a huge hit, and everyone had fun with it! Thanks to Dave Grassley and his wife Sue from Floral City Images for the awesome pictures. Thanks again to P/C Mike Powers & P/C Kathy Powers, P/C Ron Soto and Lady Trish, V/C Tony Schippa and Lady Denise, P/C Dave Powell and Lady Shawna, and Lady Sharon Bagley. You were all very fun to work with.

It’s nice to see the boats starting to fill the harbor. I’m hoping everyone will have a fun and safe boating season this year. Please

be sure to review the dock rules for the club. The dock master can assist you if you have any questions. If you need to find me, I’ll be around the corner at Big Daddy’s Boat Yard. Feel free to stop by and say hi.

We recently had some landscaping work done around the club, and I have to say it looks great! The new rocks in the flower beds and the compass rose were all redone. Thank you to Jim Hensley and his crew that helped to get this done.

Our Regatta will be here before you know it. This is the biggest party we have all year. It takes everybody working together to make this a success. Please see the sign-up sheets on the board at the club. We still need people to chair two important jobs for the Regatta. The Vice Commodore and his committee have been busy planning a great weekend full of entertainment food and all-around fun. I hope to see you all there.



### Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa

Boating Season is finally here!

I would like to thank everyone for attending the Memorial Day Service. This is one of my favorite events at the club. This event could not happen without the Blue Gavel and Auxiliary. The brunch was outstanding! The signup sheets for the Regatta are up. This is the easiest way to get those work hours and have some fun doing it.

Projects around the club are in full swing. Thank you to Tom’s Landscaping Company for the work they did around the club, it looks fantastic! The compass rose re-stain is beautiful and just in time to welcome all our guests. The West Property is coming along. We are a little behind on our timeline, mostly because of waiting on the Township to approve the plumbing and electrical permits, which I am

happy to say have been approved. I would like to thank past V/C Dustin Diehl for being the Project Manager. I would like to thank everyone who has reached out to me and asked questions about the proposed fire-pit. I will be having an informal meeting with diagrams and the timeline for the project, this will be your opportunity to ask questions. Please keep an eye out for the email with the date and time. I would also like the memberships input on the building as she’s in need of some woodwork along with a new paint job or maybe going to siding. I’ll be getting some quotes on both. If you’re in this line of work, please email me with any suggestions.

Have a wonderful June out on the water. I’m looking forward to the first Poker Run at Cooley Canal Yacht Club June 16th/17th. I will see you there.



### Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hi to all, and June is here!

The docks are getting full, and its great to watch the beautiful view of the boats going in and out of the harbor. The hanging flower baskets are up along the

seawall and Rudy Amer planted the flower boxes along the sidewalk. We have new outdoor tables, chairs and center pieces thanks to Martie Reed and the Sail Fleet. I think its a nice place to take a refreshment and relax when you are outside. Thank You!

Friday Lunch Specials continue every week through the summer. April and Nick will be fixing the fabulous BLT's again on June 16th.

I would also like to thank the Blue Gavel and the Auxiliary for their donations to cost of the new dishwasher.



## Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

What a great and beautiful Memorial Day weekend. Our MBC services were a dedication to our Service people that have served our great country. A big THANK YOU to MBC Blue Gavel for putting on this event. It is always a heartfelt ceremony. We would not be where we are at in our great USA if it were not because of our past and present Service people. Thank you!

I have a list of the Regatta schedule with the Poker Run clubs highlighted in yellow (see Items of Interest section). If you attend the



## Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

The boating season is finally here! The MBC Tuesday Night Races started on Tuesday, May 26th. They will be held every Tuesday evening from now until the end of August (except for July 4th). If you would like to enter your boat, or perhaps go on a ride along on one of the other boats to see what sailboat racing is like, please contact me. We have also temporarily reserved a total of 10 slips for a MBC sail/power fleet cruise to Maumee Bay State Park 7-28 to 7-30 (Friday-Sunday). These slips will be reserved only for a very limited time, so call Kim at (419) 836-0008 and place your deposit soon!

I was sitting with a friend at the club the other day discussing sailing trips and he mentioned that someone he knew was on a dream adventure sailing around the world, and that the trip took them past Papeete, the capitol city of French Polynesia, which was in the lyrics of the song "Southern Cross" by Crosby Stills and Nash. This song has been one of my favorite sailing songs, and it got me thinking about creating a new music mix of sailing and boating songs to enjoy while on our boat. Here is what I came up with for now (in no particular order):

- "Kokomo" – The Beach Boys
- "Sailing" – Christopher Cross
- "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" – Alan Jackson and Jimmy Buffet
- "Margaritaville" – Jimmy Buffet
- "Boats" – Kenny Chesney
- "Banana Boat" – Harry Belafonte



## Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello members. It sure is nice to see so many boats in their docks. The new sidewalks project went well with a little clean up still left. Thank you to all that helped. Now that this boating season is underway, I will get with the Sheriff's department to come out and do the



## Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

I want to thank everyone who helped with burger nites in April and May. It is now time to remember our

Wendy Campbell, Kim Fuller and Jody Thatcher have contributed delicious food to the Bar all month.

You may still have a chance to get tickets for Quarter Mania on June 14th, which will benefit the Special Olympics. I hope everyone has a great beginning to their summer!

poker run events, please see me, and sign our fleet captain book for registering MBC members for the event. If you attend the poker event by boat for 4+ hours, the captain gets a poker card. If the Captain attends that poker event for 8+ hours, he receives a poker card and credit toward a perfect attendance burgee.

A lot of events going on, not only at our club but all over the area. Keep enjoying, dancing and as always, keep "Havin Fun".

- "Sloop John B" – The Beach Boys
- "Rock the Boat" – Hues Corporation
- "The Dock of the Bay" – Otis Redding
- "Soak Up the Sun" – Sheryl Crow
- "Son of a Son of a Sailor" – Jimmy Buffet
- "Brandy" – Looking Glass
- "I'm Your Captain" – Grand Funk Railroad
- "Ride Captain Ride" – Blues Image
- "Southern Cross" – Crosby, Stills, & Nash
- "Into the Mystic" – Van Morrison
- "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" – Gordon Lightfoot
- "Yellow Submarine" – The Beatles
- "Come Sail Away" – Styx
- "Sail On" -- Commodores
- "When the Ship Comes In" – Bob Dylan
- "Beers and Sunshine" – Darius Rucker
- "Where the Boat Leaves From" – Zac Brown Band
- "Boat Drinks" – Jimmy Buffett
- "Wooden Ships" – Crosby Stills & Nash
- "Drunken Sailor" – Irish Rovers
- "Sail On Sailor" – Beach Boys
- "Sailing" – Rod Stewart

I can be reached via email at [danmont@umich.edu](mailto:danmont@umich.edu) or text message or phone at (734) 905-0449.

Vessel Safety Examination (VSE) or as I refer to it, Boat Safety Check. For all first-year dock holders, this is a mandatory requirement (see Dock Rule #27). For all others, this is strongly recommended and a good practice.

Let's have a safe boating season!

Veterans and celebrate them on Memorial Day. There will be no Auxiliary meeting in June, July or August so everyone can enjoy their summer and boating. See you all soon.



## MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The Club's 501c3 arm is the MBC-Association. MBC-A is able to provide educational programs for youth and adults without any cash expense to the Boat Club.

### **The Grade School Fishing Club for 5th-6th graders**

is now complete for this school year. Head Coach Jamie O'Brien provided the kids and their parents a end-of-semester congratulatory dinner at MBC and each 6th grader completing the program got to keep and take home their fishing rod, tackle boxes and lures courtesy of MBC Association at no cost to the child or family.

### Take part in **The Great Nurdle Hunt!**

Nurdles are found all along the lakeshore, on beaches and at the edges of rivers and streams. What is a Nurdle? It's any piece of plastic that has washed up and is degrading due to the sun and wave action.

Want something fun to do with your kids or grandkids this summer? It's a lot of fun for kids to look for them. Take part and help end Nurdle pollution in our area!

#### **What to do:**

- >Head to any shoreline
- >Look for Nurdles

- >Put them in a bag and dispose or recycle properly.

#### **What do I need?**

- You don't need anything except yourself, and maybe a friend or two.

#### **Why is this helpful?**

- Once in the water, plastic is almost impossible to remove. By taking part in this Hunt, you are doing a little bit and contributing to a world-wide effort.
- Plastic is mistaken for food by birds and fish. It does not ever go away, it continues to fragment into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic, spreading everywhere.

**A Big Thank You!** To all those who are participating in the Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling. MBC-A is subsidizing about half the total cost so that each bag costs you only \$5. A total of 56 bags of plastic are being recycled this year, a huge success that is recognized by the State of Michigan.

The bags will be picked up by the State during the first week of June, so unwrap your boat and bag it soon!

You *can* make a positive difference!

## 2023 Regatta Schedule

(Poker Runs in Yellow)

6/2/2023 - 6/3/2023	Point Place Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 6/3/2023.
6/3/23	Jolly Roger Sailing Club	Cattail Regatta
6/16/2023 - 6/18/2023	Cooley Canal Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 4:23PM 6/17.
6/16/2023 - 6/17/2023	Toledo Sailing Club	<a href="#">Homecoming. \$1.98 Contest 6/16. Commodore's Reception 1:23PM 6/17. See the flyer.</a>
6/30/2023 - 7/2/2023	Swan Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 7/1 at 2:23PM
7/8/2023 - 7/9/2023	Elba Mar Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 7/8.
7/8/2023 - 7/9/2023	Ottawa River Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 7/8 at 4:23PM.
7/14/2023 - 7/15/2023	Perrysburg Boat Club	Regatta. Starts 5PM 7/14. Commodore's Reception 1:23PM 7/15.
7/14/2023 - 7/15/2023	River View Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's reception 7/15 at 4:23PM.
7/21/2023 - 7/23/2023	Nugent's Canal Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 7/22 at 1PM.
7/21/2023 - 7/23/2023	Monroe Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 7/22 at 4:23PM
7/30/22	Jolly Roger Sailing Club	Gul-Burg Day Regatta
8/4/2023 - 8/6/2023	I-LYA	Sail Regatta. I-LYA website for more information ( i-lya.org )
8/11/2023 - 8/12/2023	Ford Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 8/12.
8/18/2023 - 8/19/2023	Bay View Yacht Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 8/19.
8/18/2023 - 8/19/2023	Seaway Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 8/19 4:23PM.
8/19/23	North Cape Yacht Club	Regatta.
8/25/2023 - 8/27/2023	SunSeeker's Boating Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 8/26/2023 at 1:23PM.
8/25/2023 - 8/26/2023	Sun Parlour Boat Club	Regatta. Commodore's Reception 8/26/2023 at 4:23PM.
8/26/23	Jolly Roger Sailing Club	Fall Series Regatta
9/9/23	Grosse Ile Yacht Club	Commodore's Reception 4:23PM.
9/8/2023 - 9/10/2023	Detroit Beach Boat Club	Regatta , Commodore's Reception 9/9/2023 at 1:23PM

# You Can Be A Nurdle Hunter!

(See the MBC-A article in this newsletter)



## 2 Additional Cruises Scheduled!

MBC Sail and Power Fleets,

We were able to schedule two more club cruises for the summer. You already heard about the on again Maumee Bay State Park cruise. Well now we have one in June and another in August, so you can do one cruise each month this summer.

23-25 June is a cruise to Bayview Yacht Club in Toledo. We just got the word that they will have room for up to 10 boats. A sign up sheet will be posted in the hallway on Friday morning. Please include the length and beam of your boat so we can pre-arrange the docks at BVYC for Friday arrival. We'll work with BVYC and see what kind of itinerary we can work out.

11-13 August is a cruise to Middle Bass Island State Park. They are operating under a new reservation program so we are NOT able to reserve a block of dock at this times. They are hoping to have this situation resolved before the end of the season. If you plan to do this cruise, please go to [ReserveOhio.com](https://ReserveOhio.com). You will need to create an account, then search for Middle Bass Island State Park Marina and select the arrival and departure dates. When selecting the dock, please select a site on C Dock, since there are the most open sites on this dock. We are reserved close to the middle section of the dock. Once reserved, please email us at [cfdist@comcast.net](mailto:cfdist@comcast.net), so we can get an idea of how many boats are participating and send an itinerary before the cruise.

Let's all have some fun cruising the lake this summer!

P/C Fred and Lady Celeste



# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

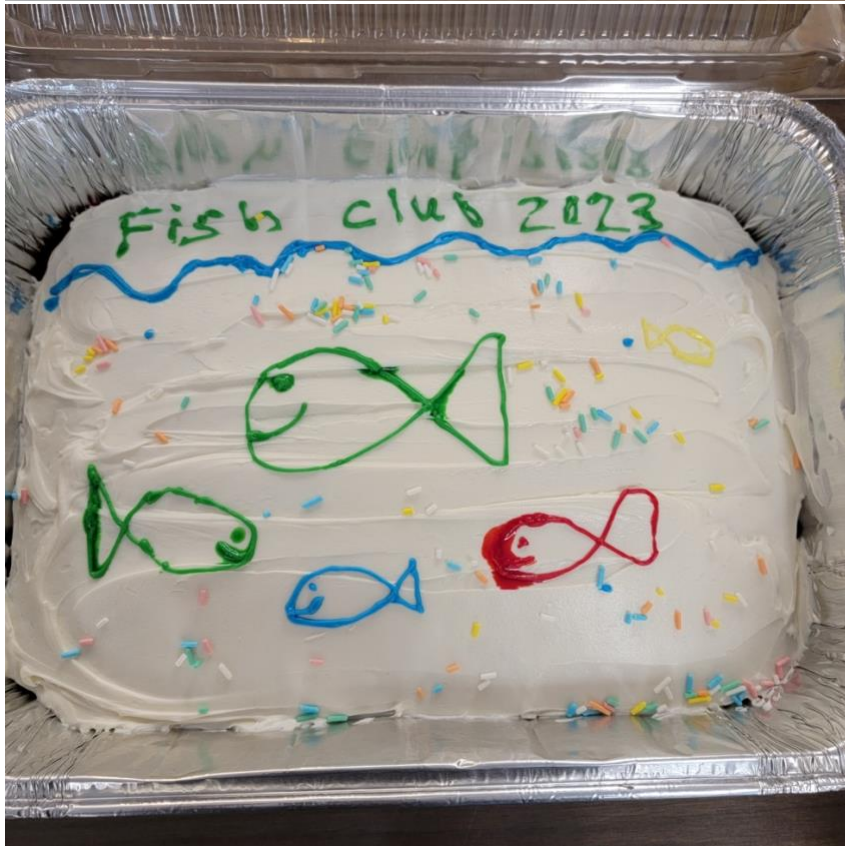
Year of Title and Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

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.**



The Grade School Fishing Club of 2023!  
These 5th and 6th graders from all over Monroe met twice a month at MBC to learn about equipment, knot tying, fishing, biology and more! It looks like they really did get *Hooked on Fishing*.  
As the 6th graders move on, they keep the rods and reels they have used, so they can keep enjoying the waterways.  
Head Coach Jamie O'Brien organized an end-of-the-season dinner for the group, and one of the girls who will be returning next year baked a beautiful cake for everyone!  
Congratulations Fishing Club!





Gradeschool Fishing Club caught a big one on the last class of the semester at MBC!



Come on out and enjoy the new patio furniture donated by the Sail Fleet!

Memorial Day Service at MBC!







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

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To keep things simple, the club's calendar will no longer be displayed in the newsletter.  
Please [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the club's calendar on the website.

# 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)

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

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 Black & White (looks great)  
\$195  
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net