

* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Commodore – Carl Butler

Spring is in the air!!! Or at least I hope so.

I have great news for everyone. The west property has had the tag lifted and the necessary permits have been issued so that the work may continue. Hopefully the remaining pieces will fall into place, and this project can be completed by the start of boating season. Dustin Diehl has been

completed by the start of boating season. Dustin Diehl has been working diligently to get this project back on track. Thank you Dustin!! Great job!

Congratulations to Mary Louise Allen for winning the cooler of cheer. Thanks again for all of the donations and purchases. Through the month of March, the burger nights will benefit the Commodore's ball fund. I will be cooking most nights, so come out and enjoy a great meal.

As I mentioned in my last article, we held a Name That Tune event in the bar. This was a huge success and all that attended had a fun night at the club. We have since held another Name That Tune, and it too was a success. A back to the 80's party is upcoming this month as well and is sure to be just as fun! Keep an eye on the calendar for dates of these fun events as well as others.

I would like to congratulate P/F Dave Volker and his committee for the great job on the AYC Commodore's Ball hospitality room. Our



Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa

This month I want to talk about volunteering. We have a group that continues to do all the work around the club. The problem with this is those people tend to get burned out when it's the same 20% doing 80% of the work. The club depends on members volunteering to

keep the club's dues down. There are many ways to help at the club. Burger Nights, weekend club actives, construction, and the Regatta just to mention a few. Now, let's talk about reciprocating! We will have at least 4 bus trips coming to MBC over the next few weeks. The auxiliary will be providing food for our guests, and we will be

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room was decorated with a Spiderman theme. I have to say the detail and thought that went into the décor was AMAZING! You did a MARVELous job!

From the time of this writing through the end of March we will have 4 incoming busses from other clubs. Please keep a watch out for emails and or Facebook posts with requests of help and donations of food. I would love to show them that we really are the friendliest club on the lake.

Friday, February 24th I was pleased to attend the "Friends of the Mills" event held at Toledo Yacht Club to honor P/C Dave Ryan as their Honorary Chairman. What a great honor for Dave. Congratulations Dave, this title is well deserved.

I may be absent on Saturdays for a while as the ball season is in full swing. I hope to see you around the club on other nights and for other events that I can attend.

In closing I would like to once again ask that you check the club calendar on the club website at <u>https://www.monroeboatclub.org/events</u> for upcoming events of all kinds, so that if help is needed you have opportunity provide it.

asking the membership to bring an appetizer or dessert for the visiting clubs. Now that the AYC event is behind us, Power Fleet Captain Dave can focus on getting his bus ready for some trips out to other boat clubs. Last week we did a carpool to go out and visit other clubs and there were only two cars that went. I know last year I did everything I could to make bus trips available for our members, especially to the other poker runs to where you could have gone right from MBC to the poker runs and back to the club. No one took advantage of this. So, I'm asking everyone to please step up and help our club.



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hi everybody. Winter still seems to be treating us well. Seems like March is going to be an active month for the bar and club. We have four bus trips this month visiting us. Two in the bar on the 4th and the 18th and one in the banquet room because of the large amount

of people coming in on the 11th. It would be nice if we considered coming in and greeting our friends from other clubs on those three days.

We have entertainment again this month. "Back to the 80's Party" on March 18 starts at 8:00pm. Dress in your totally 80's rad clothes!



Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

To our 400+ members of Monroe Boat Club founded in 1945. With MBC pride enjoying AYC reciprocity between clubs. I am VERY disappointed with our membership after the event of the AYC ball weekend. MBC is expected to put a room together as a

representative of AYC. This needs help from our MBC members to support this event and MBC. A signup sheet was up in the hallway for 2 weeks prior to the event with notification to our members via FB and email. 3 slots were filled out of 22 available. Request for food sent out the same way, we got ZERO food for the weekend. This is a SAD way for MBC to represent the AYC that a lot of MBC members enjoy going to other clubs. And other clubs enjoy coming to MBC.

MBC is a working club and needs help from all the members, not just a hand full that are doing most to all the work on all of the events around the club. As MBC members to keep moving forward and enhancing our club, we ALL need to chip in and give a hand where needed and presenting your views for bettering this club. Making it a club that people want to join and be at for an experience that is talked about throughout all the other clubs.



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

A lot of people love lighthouses. I was reading recently that there are 29 lighthouses on Lake Erie. Some of them are open to the public, while others can only be viewed from outside or from afar. Some of them are a reasonable distance to be reached by boat from our

club. Here is some information for several which might be of interest to incorporate into a future boating trip.

Turtle Island Light is split between Michigan and Ohio. It was built in 1866 and the tower stands 44 feet tall. It operated until 1904 when the channel became too shallow for shipping. It is not open to the public but can be seen from a distance.

Toledo Harbor Lighthouse is a familiar sight when leaving the channel from MBC. It was built in 1904 to replace Turtle Island Lighthouse which is only 4 miles away. It stands 8 miles from the mouth of the Maumee River and it marks the beginning of the Toledo Harbor shipping channel. The light is maintained by the US Coast Guard and is still an important aid to navigation. The Toledo Lighthouse Preservation Society has owned the lighthouse since 2007 and offers memberships for \$20/yr.

West Sister Island Lighthouse is one of the oldest lighthouses on Lake Erie. It was built on the westernmost point of the island in 1847. The lighthouse was automated in 1937 and the lightkeeper's house

There will be a lip-sync contest, an air guitar contest and Best 80's Outfit contest. Come out and have a blast!

We have lunch specials for most Fridays. And lets not forget Dock Assignment Day on March 5; when you come into the bar in the first part of the day I would appreciate the use of smaller bills so we do not use up all the change in the cash register. I would like to thank people who help me out on a weekly basis and when I was on vacation. Thank you so much I'd like to consider them the bar team. Hope everybody stays well. It won't be long to we will see boats back in the water.

Please be part of the solutions and not part of the problem to move this MBC club to the future!!

MBC has the following bus trips coming in from another club. The MBC Auxiliary is donating the main food dish for these bus trips. Please bring in your food tray for work hours to donate to these visiting clubs.

- March 4th Harborview Yacht Club 6:30 ish 50 people. Chili/Hot dogs & chips main dish
- March 11th Ottawa River Yacht Club 5:00 ish 100 people. Sloppy Joes & chips main dish
- March 18th Elba Mar Boat Club 4:30 ish 50 people. Chicken Sandwiches main dish
- April 8th Maumee River Yacht Club 5:00 ish 35-50 people. Main dish not set yet..

was abandoned. The light is still operational. The island became a designated refuge for migratory birds.

Green Island Lighthouse was originally constructed of wood in 1854. It burned down completely on New Year's Day in 1864 but was rebuilt of limestone. The lighthouse was eventually replaced nearby by an 80-foot steel framework tower.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial is located at Put-In-Bay on South Bass Island. It was established both to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie, during the War of 1812, as well as to celebrate the peace between the United States, Canada, and England. It honors Oliver Hazard Perry who led the U.S. Naval Fleet to victory. The impressive memorial was constructed as a Doric column standing 352 feet over Lake Erie. Although it wasn't built to be a lighthouse, two marine-type lights were added in 1940 as an aid to mariners. Visitors can ascend to the Observation Deck, which gives an impressive 360 degree view of Lake Erie and the surrounding islands.

I am looking forward to the upcoming boating season.



Dock Master – Henry Santiago



Hello members!

I believe that by the time this article comes out the Dock Assignment Day on March 5 will have been completed. There's not a lot to report for this month.

The material to finish the four banana docks have been delivered and



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

The annual children's Easter Party will be held on April 2 at 1:00. Tara Goldsmith is chairing this event so if you wish to help let her know. This month we have 3 weekends with visiting clubs the 4th, 11th, and 18th. The club will need donations of food for these events.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

• MBC Book Club, March 7th, noon

NEWS

Book Club: Judy Peterson writes, "The small group that met last week discussed the book <u>The Family Across the Street</u>. They all liked it! and found it a thriller worth reading!! Then they decided to read <u>The Lost Girls of Willowbrook</u> by Ellen Marie Wiseman .for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at noon at MBC, We hope everyone will read our selection and come to the meeting ready for some good discussion and some fun. Everyone is welcome!!!

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and

Energy... Please control and click on all colored links. Woolly bully: A new invasive adelgid to watch for in Michigan Since invasive balsam woolly adelgids (Adelges piceae) arrived in North America in the early 20th century, the tiny insects have killed countless fir trees in the northeast, west and southeast. In August,2021, the invasive insect was detected in Michigan. Since then, the Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development and Natural Resources have been working to protect native balsam firs and popular Fraser and concolor firs, mainstays of the state's Christmas tree industry. Follow the link to hear MDARD's Robert Miller about identification, potential environmental threats and the state's efforts to eradicate balsam woolly adelgid.

Yooper Troopers: Lessons learned controlling Phragmites in Michigan's Upper Peninsula Once you know what

Phragmites looks like, it seems to be everywhere along roadsides and shorelines. Walk down the street from MBC towards I75 and you'll see them. It even can be found in the background in scenes from major movies. Though this invasive plant seems to be widespread in Michigan, there are areas where it's still scarce, like the Upper Peninsula. Liston to Nick Cassel, Executive Director of the U.P. Resource Conservation and Development Council, at the above link to learn how partners in the U.P. Phragmites Coalition are working together to find and control infestations, and how their work can help all of us control the infestations. I am waiting for better weather to schedule the work. I am excited about the upcoming Masters Walleye Circuit fishing tournament hosted by our club on April 21-22; so we have a good amount of work is to be done in preparation for this event.

Boating season is just around the corner!

This is a good way to get your hours in keeping in mind the cost of the food or time spent on homemade items should equal \$15.00 which is the cost of an hour paid if not completed at yearend. Our next meeting will be March 13, board at 6:30, membership at 7:00 you also receive a work hour for attending. See you at the club.

The <u>MI Healthy Climate Conference</u> will take place April 11-12, 2023, at the Huntington Place in Detroit! The State of Michigan, through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, is organizing this day and a half conference to bring together and mobilize engaged stakeholders, community and business leaders, advocates, and other partners to implement the key actions in the <u>MI</u> <u>Healthy Climate Plan</u>. Registration deadline: March 31.

On day one, attendees will hear from thought leaders and experts on the urgency to act and the opportunity to create a healthier, more just, and carbon-neutral Michigan. A zero net energy/zero food waste networking reception will take place that evening at the <u>IBEW Local 58 Zero Net Energy Center</u>. Day two breakout sessions will provide opportunities for deep-dive conversations, information sharing, and ample time for building new collaborations – all toward achieving the objectives of the MI Healthy Climate Plan laid out in the **six priority actions of the Plan**:

- 1. Commit to environmental justice and pursue the just transition.
- 2. Clean the electric grid.
- 3. Electrify vehicles and increase public transit.
- 4. Repair and decarbonize homes and businesses.
- 5. Drive clean innovation in industry.
- 6. Protect Michigan's land and water.

History of Earth Day, April 22, coming up! Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis - oil spills, smog, and rivers so polluted they caught fire. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans, 10% of the U.S. population at the time, took to the streets, college campuses, and hundreds of cities to protest environmental issues and demand change for our planet going forward. Some of us remember it clearly. Do you remember Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine), author of the 1970 Clean Air Act, addressed an estimated 40,000-60,000 people as the keynote speaker for the first Earth Day celebration in Philadelphia. Today it is a global network that empowers more than a billion people to better understand, protect, and improve the environment. The goal of Earth Day is to raise awareness for climate change, protect the world's resources, and environment. Earth Day is one of the largest civic events that takes place throughout the world. Consider the following, to create a

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Harbor Light

more sustainable Michigan, and contribute to a healthier and cleaner planet:

- Return single-use bags to grocery stores for them to recycle
- Recycle the plastics you no longer need or find additional uses for containers
- Donate unwanted items of clothing instead of throwing them away

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.

DTE Energy Supports MBC-A!

Every autumn, the Maritime Trades Day program introduces high school kids to employment opportunities in area marine businesses. We have a very successful track record of these students' securing employment with the companies they interact with.

Last fall, several retirees and employees of DTE Energy mentored the students and shared their career experiences with them.

Because of these members' service to the community and to MBC-A, DTE provided a grant of \$500.00 to the MBC Association.

DTE alumni mentors are: Greg Braunlich, Al Brooks, John Kauffman, Ken Nazradi, and Bennett Stein.

Their time, effort and positive interaction resulted in these comments from those students:

- Things change in your life that can give you better opportunities.
- I learned to take risks.
- We got to hear advice from people who became successful in their field.

- Plant trees and native wildflower seeds and put in a rain or butterfly garden
- Eat more vegetables, whole grains, and legumes
- Ride a bike, take a hike, go canoeing, or kayaking

- I learned starting a trade job before college and then starting college is smart.
- The lunch with mentors made me think about careers.
- If you take the right opportunities, you can be successful.

Thank you DTE Energy for helping to make this possible!

Other club members helping with Maritime Trades Day included Greg and Kelly Arndt, Nancy School, Charlotte Neuhauser and Don Blouin.

Fishing Club News!

Head Coach Jamie O'Brien is leading the 5th-6th Grade Fishing Club that meets at MBC two Monday afternoons a month.

The "semester" has been extremely productive through the winter and Coach O'Brien and other supervising adults took the kids for this year's first on-the-water experience on Feb 20. Jamie has also arranged for the kids to get out on boats on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in May, rather than fish from the shore.

What a great experience for these students!

MBC-A earned a state license to manage a 4-day Poker Weekend at Vision Lanes in Westland MI on April 24-30. Thank you to Don Blouin, coordinator, and all the volunteers working those days! From earnings through the weekend, your work hours are immediately turned into dollars to fund the programs. MBC members volunteer their time, and card players from the general public provide our income.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)" OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18! Must be able to swim

This opportunity is being extended to children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539

Documented Boat Owners Beware of Scam!

All boat owners must register their boats with the State, and some boats are further registered with the federal government thru a process called "Documentation". These are "Documented" boats.

In the last several years private companies have mailed document renewal letters that appear to be from the legitimate National Vessel Documentation Center, but are actually not.

Read any letters closely and Beware!

You can renew directly through the Coast Guard's National Documentation Center for One, up to Five year at \$26/yr (a maximum of \$130.00 for five years). Deceptive letters may say a 5-year renewal is mandatory, and not indicate a cost until you complete their website form and you find out it is \$375.00!

The official, legitimate website is the US Coast Guard, "NVDC Home" and has a ".*mil*" suffix. The ripoff sites often have a ".*us*" suffix.

Ripoff Site: <u>https://nvdcrenewal.us/</u>

Real Site: <u>https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Deputy-for-Operations-Policy-and-Capabilities-DCO-D/National-Vessel-Documentation-Center/</u>

IT Committee needs a few good volunteers.

The IT Committee is a small group of volunteers that are engaged in helping MBC move through changes and integrate systems as the club considers new technologies, storage, and electronic system changes.

We are an advisory committee that meets to provide recommendations to the Board. There is a need for 2 to 4 more people on the committee, which meets 8 to 10 times per year as a group. Individuals or small groups may be assigned small tasks to be resolved between meetings.

If you are interested in helping out and participating, please contact Fred Hoitash at <u>cfdist@comcast.net</u> or 734-649-1335. Thank you.

Yard Master Report: March 2023

MBC has a total of 93 items in the storage yard during the Winter of 2022-23. The club is owed \$585.00; if you have not paid your winter storage, please send it in ASAP!

Recycle Boat Shrink Wrap!

Monroe Boat Club is providing a boat shrink-wrap recycling program again this year. MBC-A is covering about half the cost of the special recycling bags, which will be available at the Club Bar in late March for just \$5. The State of Michigan will pick up the plastic by June 7. Please participate in shrink-wrap recycling to keep this material out of the landfills and from blowing around the Bolles Harbor area!

To reserve a bag for your boat, just drop the Yard Master an email at DRyan@bex.net Our marine partners at Trout's Yacht Basin, Harbor Marine and Big Daddy's Boat Yard are all participating! This is an exciting and important collaboration of the Bolles Harbor marina businesses.

This spring the new storage yard water service will be active for your wash-down needs. This has been in the works for a long time and it is terrific to finally have this available for our members and customers. You will find spigots at each light pole and near the middle of the Blue Wall. No more leaky hoses stretching across the road!

Get Ready...Spring is coming! David Ryan MBC Yard Master



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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The Grade School Fishing Club displayed their knowledge and for the first time this year was casting into the water on Feb 20. Each student wore a life jacket funded by the International Blue Gavel Humanitarian Fund. With no boats in the harbor, they fished near the MBC marina with the permission of the Club Board and dock master.





MBC Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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мвс 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