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## Commodore – Tony Schippa

Thank you, now P/C Carl Butler for everything you did this year as our Commodore. You brought great knowledge to the position and made suggestions to improve MBC. I look forward to many years together with you and Lady Deana.

I would like to thank everyone who has encouraged, assisted, and mentored me over the years, to prepare me to be your 2024 Commodore. I would like to welcome our MBC Bridge and Board of Directors.

- Vice Commodore Dave Volker
- Rear Commodore Carl Laura
- Recording Secretary P/C Fred Hoitash
- Treasurer Lance Pedmonte
- Financial Sectary Trish Soto
- Dock Master Aaron Goldsmith
- Power Fleet Russ Moore
- Sail Fleet Andrew Devenish
- Board of Directors newly elected Carl Butler (4-year term), P/C Dave Ryan, P/C John Peterson, P/VC Dustin Diehl
- Membership Chair Nick Pinotti
- Finance Committee Tom Snarey (3 yr trm)

One of my goals is to get back to having an election for each position. This year we had the opportunity to elect a Vice Commodore. I would personally like to thank Jamie O'Brien for



## Vice Commodore – Dave Volker

I would like to thank the MBC membership for electing me as your 2024 Monroe Boat Club Vice Commodore. It is an honor to hold this position and your trust in me to do it properly for 2024.

Now, with that being said it's time to go to work. I'm asking the membership for your ideas for the club. We need a new 5–10-year plan and I need your ideas to put it together. The previous 5-year plan has been mostly done and time changes and ideas grow. New ideas such as paving the west property parking lot, adding a second floor viewing deck, expanding the front parking lot,

stepping up and running for that position. I'm very excited to see new members on the MBC Board. We will have a very constructive Board this year.

Monroe Boat Club is in a pretty good place with its finances and infrastructure. My goal is to continue to look at ways to update and improve the infrastructure of our club's property and the experience for the members. This must be done while watching and improving the financial position of our boat club. I'm hoping to see more members at the meetings so we can get the proper feedback on the many decisions the Board faces in running the "business" of the club.

We had some projects that did not get completed this year. Those projects will be scheduled for the spring of 2024. As we move into 2024 keep an eye open for more fundraising events so we can keep the projects moving forward.

Congratulations to Chris Wallich on being named "Member of the Year". You have done an amazing job on the West Property project. We are all looking forward to using it in the years to come.

I'm not sure where October went but, the but the club house had a lot of activities going on and I know a good time was had by all. The Trunk or Treat was a huge success, everyone I talked to said they had a blast. Finally, thank you Linda Lamb for serving as the 2023 President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. You and your team did an amazing job this year hosting all the events at MBC. I'm excited to be working with now President, Tara Goldsmith.

panoramic doors, and New Awnings above the doors and sidewalk entering the club, just to name a few. Please write them down and possible diagrams of your idea so we can devise a 5–10-year plan for how you want the club to look.

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
- Muskrat dinner manager
- 40-hour Appreciation manager

As you see there are a lot of positions and opportunities for our members to get involved and keep our club growing for the future.



## Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello everyone. Well, it looks like I'll be beginning another year as Rear Commodore. I am very happy with what we accomplished last year. New dishwasher. Bar remodel. Now we have a new refrigerator for the bar kitchen. And I appreciate all the people behind the scenes and helped keep the bar going on a daily basis. The great Friday lunches. I want to thank all of our staff for their great job that they did this year. Now most of the boats are out but the view out the windows of the bar is still a very happy place for me. I will try to continue with some entertainment this year. Name



## Power Fleet Capt. – Russ Moore

Hello everyone.

I am excited to serve as the Power Fleet Captain for this upcoming year. Lori and I are planning a fun and exciting year full of bus trips and boat trips coming and going to other clubs.

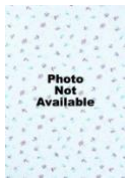
Our first incoming bus trip will be on November 10th. Sun Seekers Boat Club will be visiting our club. Dave Volker has offered to help with this trip since we have a prior commitment. We would appreciate any members who could come and help greet these folks.



## Sail Fleet Capt. – Andrew Devenish

Hello Everyone! Thank you for the opportunity to be your Sail Fleet Captain for the 2024 season. First, a short introduction. I am a relatively new member to the club, having joined in 2021, but I have been sailing boats for a large part of my life. I am currently sailing a Catalina 27 "Kopite" and have been enjoying the club's Tuesday night races as well as the Sisters and Solo events. (Kopite (Kop-ite) is a colloquial term for a supporter of the British Football Club "Liverpool" – a carryover from my days growing up in the UK. ).

I'd like to thank Dan Montgomery for his leadership of the Sail Fleet in 2023, and the entire fleet for their support as I took on the Tuesday race chair. We have a great group of people in the sail fleet, and I look forward to working on their ideas of how we can improve the fleet races and other activities.



## Dock Master – Aaron Goldsmith

Hello members,

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Dock Master. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Aaron Goldsmith. I've been a member for two years but been around the club for a while. I'm excited to dig into some of our 2024 projects. I've been in contact with Nick and working on pricing to repair and rework the wye dock and replace a broken steel pipe that divides two docks.

There are many other events that I will handle but always looking for help with those. Information will be sent out by email and on Facebook.

Looking forward to this year, with all your support our club can rise to the top. Time to keep "Havin Fun" at Monroe Boat Club.

Thank you!

That Tune. Martini nights and some more entertainment. November euchre will start up again for the winter. Open pool table on Sunday evenings.

November 25th Michigan /Ohio game starts at 12 noon we will have the bar open at 11 AM so you can come on in and get ready for the big game. Thanksgiving Day I will be giving bartenders the first part of the day off to be with their families so the Bar will open at 4 PM. Change of Watch happened on Nov 5th and I was glad to see everyone there. Again, I was honored to take another year of Rear Commodore. Thank you everybody for your support!

Remember.... we are the friendliest club on the lake. Let's keep that reputation going!

The Poker Runs scheduled for this year will be to the Toledo Sailing Club, Maumee River Yacht Club, Swan Boat Club and Bay View Yacht Club. Dates will be announced in the near future.

Thank you for nominating me and I look forward to representing the Monroe Boat Club this year.

If you are in the sail fleet, and we haven't met already, you can expect I'll be contacting you, as I am very interested to learn of the sail fleets past activities, experiences, and suggestions on things to try. We already have some ideas under formation that we will be developing over the winter.

If you are not in the sail fleet, but have interest or curiosity about sailing, please reach out, and we can answer any questions or perhaps get you out on a boat for an experience.

Sail Fleet members please look out for the notice of a fleet meeting to be held in December, where we will be planning for the season ahead..

Just a reminder that all dock post must be removed and horizontally secured to the docks before midnight of the second Friday in November (Nov 10th). If the Dock Committee has to remove any dock post, the last occupant will be billed \$50.00 per post.

Thank you to all who came out and helped with the dock party. I appreciate the teamwork and meeting other members. This is a great way to earn some work hours.



## Auxiliary – Tara Goldsmith

Happy Fall everyone, the new year is upon us! Thank you to Commodore Carl and Lady Deana, Chris Johnson and Art Richardson, Nancy Schools and Pam Manor along with the rest of the membership board.

We had a wonderful Auxiliary dinner, from the decorations, servers, talented cooks and delicious food, it was all so appreciated. I'd also like to thank last year's President, Linda Lamb and the entire board for all their hard work and hours of dedication to the club, as well as our members who volunteered their time and efforts over the past year. I look forward to working with this year's board: Vice President Shawna Powell, Treasurer Amy Cook, Secretary Jenny Francisco and Board members: Linda Lamb, Olga

Collino, Kim Fuller, and Beckie Tymczak. The Auxiliary recently put on the annual Trunk or Treat. Thank you Jenny Francisco and Jean Kull for chairing this awesome event. It was fantastic, with beautiful weather and a great turn out. We have a terrific year ahead with many events planned. Our next Auxiliary meeting is November 13th. Board meets at 6:30 and general members at 7:00. I encourage all of the Auxiliary to attend. It's a great way to contribute input and keep up with what's happening around the club. As a reminder, if you are present for a meeting, you earn one work hour. I will be sending out reminders through Facebook and e-mail. Finally, I'd like to congratulate Commodore Tony Shippa and Lady Denise as well as rest of our officers. Let's make it a great year!.



## 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. This year, MBC-A paid the club \$4,500.00 for future facility usage rentals.

Looking back on this year, MBC-A produced Six different programs. Three were primarily MBC oriented, and three impacted young people in the Monroe area. MBC Association positively impacted 161 families, and 168 MBC and community members volunteered for these projects.

Thank you all for making a positive difference!

--**Regatta Kids Fishing Derby** has occurred for over 17 years and 20 kids participated in this year's July event

--**Masters Walleye Circuit** brought professional fishermen from across the country to MBC for a Thursday-Friday-Saturday event in April.

--**Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program** tripled in size this year in coordination with the Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan Recycling Coalition to reduce plastics going into the landfill.

--**Maritime Career Day** introduced 31 Monroe High School 12th grade students and 3 teachers to potential employment in the marine industry in September.

--**Environmental Career Day** provided 91 7th Graders with exposure to various professions and careers related to the Great Lakes and coastal ecology in June.

--**The 5th-6th Grade School Fishing Club** began its third year under Head Coach Jamie O'Brien with 19 students and occurs two Monday's a month at MBC.

On the funding side, MBC-A receives certain grants to fund specific parts of certain programs and is also State-licensed to manage public poker tournaments. Coordinated by Don Blouin, poker events in April and October provided \$11,028.00 to operate our programs and rent club facilities.

During the weekend of Oct 19-22 over \$6,200 was raised by these volunteers:

- Donald Blouin
- Frederick Hoitash II
- Danny Thomas
- Charlotte Neuhauser
- Celeste Hoitash
- Carol Gabler
- Barbara Sherwin
- John Jakupco
- Kevin Gabler
- John Sherwin
- Charles Kressbach
- Bob Zaki

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).

## **MBC 2024 Officers**

<b>Commodore:</b>	<b>Tony Schippa</b>
<b>Vice Commodore:</b>	<b>David Volker</b>
<b>Rear Commodore:</b>	<b>Carl Laura</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>P/C Fred Hoitash</b>
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<b>Director (4-yr term):</b>	<b>Carl Butler</b>
<b>Financial Committee (3-yr term):</b>	<b>Tom Snarey</b>

# Mills Trophy Race



*Centennial Kickoff Event*

100TH RACE LAUNCH AND HOLIDAY COCKTAILS

*The Toledo Yacht Club*

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21

6-8:00 PM

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY: LANEX YACHTING USA  
JAMESTOWN RHODE ISLAND, USA

**INTRODUCING THE MILLS CENTURY CLUB**

MEET OUR SPONSORS: TOLEDO SPIRITS, SAILING INC.,  
LANEX YACHTING USA, FROSTY BAR AND BARTON MARINE USA

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## MBC Yard Master Update

The storage yard is in very nice shape thanks to the work of Rick Campbell and Fritz Peterson. Boats, trailers, RV's and other items are organized and tidy, and our members are disposing debris in the proper locations. Thank you!

The Yard will be full this winter, and boats are close together. The MBC Board has recognized the potential for shrink-wrapping accidents and has approved the following Shrink-Wrap Procedures. NOTE that it is the OWNER of the boat who is ultimately responsible to ensure these procedures are followed:

Before the shrinking process begins, it is the boat owner's responsibility to see that all the following conditions exist within an area of 10 feet surrounding the boat to be shrink-wrapped.

- A. Outside Contractors must have adequate liability insurance on file with Monroe Boat Club.
- B. All fuel tank vents, including fuel vents on adjacent boats within 10 feet, are to be temporarily sealed with tape. (Note 10 foot rule above)
- C. A fully charged fire extinguisher type ABC minimum UL rating 4A:60B:C (minimum 10 lb with hose) will be in the close proximity of the vessel being wrapped.
- D. Minimum of one helper / observer present.
- E. A ladder, scaffold, or similar platform to provide a safe, sturdy means of reaching all areas of the vessel that requires the shrinking process.
- F. MBC equipment is not to be used to comply with these conditions.
- G. Tape must be removed from the adjacent boat fuel vents when shrink wrapping is completed.
- H. Shrink wrapping is to be done during daylight hours only.
- I. Shrink wrap is to be disposed into Michigan Recycling Bags, which can be purchased from MBC, your contractor, or Dr. Shrink Inc. If Recycling Bags are not used, the Owner is responsible for removing all material from the MBC Yard. MBC does not allow plastic wrap in club dumpsters.

Thank you for storing with Monroe Boat Club!

P/C David Ryan  
Yard Master



# 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.**





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

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**Financial Secretary**.....Trish Soto  
**Treasurer**.....Lance Piedmonte  
**Secretary**.....P/C Fred Hoytash  
**Dock Master**.....Aaron Goldsmith  
**Yard Master**.....P/C Dave Ryan  
**By-law Chair**.....P/C Rodger Dutton  
**Membership Chair**.....Nick Pinotti  
**Historian**.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins  
**Obituaries**.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI  
**Parliamentarian**.....Lance Piedmonte  
**Chaplain**.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

P/C Carl Butler - P/C John Peterson  
P/C Dave Ryan – Dustin Diehl

**BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS**

**President**.....P/C John Peterson  
**Vice President**.....P/C Chuck Wood  
**Secretary**.....P/C Fred Hoytash  
**Treasurer**.....P/C Duke Finch  
**Chaplin**.....P/C John Peterson  
**Delegates**.....P/C Rick Murray  
P/C Jim Kozlowski

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

**President**.....Tara Goldsmith  
**Vice Pres**.....Sharon Bagley  
**Secretary**.....Jenny Francisco  
**Treasurer**.....Olga Collino

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**Vice-President**.....Sharon Bagley  
**Secretary**.....Kim Fuller  
**Treasurer**.....Molly Wood

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Comm. Tony Schippa - P/C Carl Butler  
P/C Ron Soto - Lance Piedmonte  
Tom Snarey – Fred Lemerand – P/C Dan Thomas

**AYC DELEGATES:** Dave Volker

Tony Schippa  
Dan Montgomery

**AYC ALTERNATES:** P/C Dan Thomas

P/C Rodger Dutton

**I-LYA DELEGATE:** Dan Montgomery

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*20th of each month*

**Monroe Boat Club website**.....[monroboatclub.org](http://monroboatclub.org)

**MBC-A (501c3) website**

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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

SeaRay 220 Cuddy Cabin Powerboat 1975 and Trailer  
White hull with Blue bootstripe  
21.7ft long x 8ft beam  
Gas 165 HP I/O Engine  
!! Best Offer !!  
Located in The Yard at MBC  
Call David Ryan 419-260-9578 or DRyan@bex.net