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<u>Commodore – Carl Butler</u>

Ahh, so here it is...my final article as Commodore.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed already. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me to serve as your Commodore. I would also like to

thank the Bridge and Board members for your insight and overall help this past year. Deana and I have met so many wonderful people this past year. We are both so grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the club and make so many new friends at MBC and throughout the AYC and I-LYA. Although our journey is not quite complete, I will turn the helm over in November. Deana and I will continue to represent Monroe Boat Club for the remainder of the year at various AYC functions. I have learned a great deal this past year, and I hope to parlay that into the director's position next year. We

had a great year at MBC, I hope we keep the momentum going and support the incoming officers in the coming year. As I finish up my year, we have some important dates to remember. First is the Auxiliary dinner on Oct. 20. Invitations will be coming out soon. I would love to see a nice turnout for this event. It will be my pleasure to serve you that evening, as a thank you for all the help and support you've given the club this past year. Next will be the General membership dinner to be held on Friday Oct. 27th. There will be an end of the year report along with awards. Please make a note to attend and enjoy the evening. Lastly, we will hold the change of watch on Sun. Nov. 4th. This is always a great day to welcome new officers and enjoy fellowship with other members. Thank you again for a wonderful and fun year.



Vice Commodore - Tony Schippa

I would like to say it's been an honor and privilege to serve as your 2023 Vice Commodore.

As I reflect back on this year, the biggest achievement was starting to get the Club House back in shape.

Removing some trees and getting the stone in place along with getting the cement replaced on the main T docks and around the compass rose gave the club an updated appearance along with fixing some safety issues. We also got new doors in the kitchen and the Commodores room. Once we get the fire-pit in place, our members will have another great space to sit around and enjoy a beverage. Moving towards 2024 the next big projects will be replacing the main door going into the Club House, along with updating the outside of the club house itself. I recently got some quotes to power wash,

repair all the wood and have new paint applied along with getting the upper deck in place above the smoking area so we'll have additional place for members to sit outside and overlook the harbor. I would like to thank past V/C Dustin Diehl for taking over the West Property project and putting together an all star team in getting the project completed.

As a delegate for the AYC I was elected to chair the 2024 Nominating Committee which is a great honor and another way to be an Ambassador for MBC. In conclusion, it was a fun summer with our Fleet Captain Dave Volker. We were able to attend all the poker runs!!! Thank you, my friend, for a great summer.



Rear Commodore - Carl Laura

Hi everyone. Happy October, one of my favorite months of the year. The bar has benefited from the last two hamburger nights months. Thank you so much Carol Smith for chairing both months. And a big thanks to all the people who helped work the last two

months in the kitchen. We have made enough money to pay for the dishwasher and now working on a new refrigerator for the bar kitchen which I hope September will cover with no out-of-account money.

And to all the people who came out for hamburger nights, thank you so much!

Soon the trees will be changing colors and will be losing leaves; hopefully the weather stays nice through October as it has done in years before. We will start seeing the boats pull out soon.

I want to remind everybody Oct 20th is the Auxiliary dinner. This is a well-deserved celebration for some very hard-working people on the auxiliary; my hats off to all of them and thank you. And then Friday Oct 27th will be the Membership Annual Dinner and I hope to see you all there.

Halloween is in our future.... hope the ghost and goblins stay away lol. And I also want to say thank you for the people who supported



Power Fleet Capt. - Dave Volker

Here comes a sad time of year that the boating season is winding down for MBC. BUT there are many events going on without needing a boat. Not only our club but many AYC affiliated clubs that we are welcomed at. Please see the board in the hallway

for current events.

Being your Power Fleet captain for 2023 has brought me to many of these clubs and found out that there is a lot of fun and friends to be had out there. I have built many relations being your AYC lead delegate visiting other clubs either for a meeting, poker run, regatta, or just havin fun being there for comradery with other clubs. It has been an honor to be your representative as MBC Power Fleet Captain for 2023.

As the next MBC Power Fleet captain steps in, they will need help right away with the AYC Ball in February 2024. For this event MBC

me this last year as your Rear Commodore. It's been an honor to serve the club as the manager of the bar. Most everything I did was right IoI and I made a lot of friends thank you all. I have been nominated for the 2023-24 year's Rear Commodore and would be honored to continue to serve you.

builds a Hospitality room for the theme of the year. This year's theme is 80's movies and TV. Commodore Carl Butler will be choosing what he would like for his exiting ball at this event. It needs your help to do our best and try for that almighty 1st place against our other AYC clubs. It was fun but there was a lot of work to do. Please be looking for that sign-up sheet and email requesting your help. This event is welcome for all to attend and enjoy the festivities. It is held at the Sheraton Inn in Romulus. Be on the lookout for information and ticket information.

It's been a great year and thank you for electing me your 2023 Power Fleet Captain. It has been an awarding and learning year for me.

Thank you and remember as we all move forward. Keep "Havin Fun"!



Sail Fleet Capt. - Dan Montgomery

Another boating season is soon drawing to a close on Lake Erie. The MBC Sail Fleet held its annual end of season banquet on Friday, September 29. Awards were presented based on results for the Tuesday Night Races as well as honoring results of MBC

sponsored races during the summer. The MBC awards presented for the 2023 season were as follows:

MBC Mid-Week Spring Series (May 23 - July 11)

PHRF:

- 1st Wildcat, Russ Atkinson, NCYC
- 2nd Yuk Fu II, Walt Norris, MBC
- 3rd Heartbreaker, Fritz Peterson, MBC

JAM A:

- 1st Heartbeat, Dan Montgomery, MBC
- 2nd Liberty, Dan Sadoski, MBC
- 3rd Footloose, John Davis, MBC

JAM B:

- 1st Magi, Jim Grant, MBC
- 2nd Kopite, Andrew Devenish, MBC
- 3rd American Pie, Doug Petee, MBC

58th Annual Race for the Sisters (July 15)

PHRF:

- 1st Bullet, David Branson, NCYC
- 2nd Heartbreaker, Fritz Peterson, MBC
- 3rd Relentless, Dave Ryan, MBC

JAM:

- 1st Heartbeat, Dan Montgomery, MBC
- 2nd Yeah Buoy, Lee Elekonich, NCYC
- 3rd Kopite, Andrew Devenish, MBC

Solo Challenge (Aug 12)

- 1st Liberty, Dan Sadoski, MBC
- 2nd Kopite, Andrew Devenish, MBC

Doublehanded Race (Aug 12)

- 1st Heartbeat, Dan Montgomery/Erin Jeruzal, MBC
- 2nd Relentless, Dave Ryan/"Flip" Phillips, MBC
- 3rd Pokey, Joe Snyder/Jason Flynn, MBC

Ladies Race(Aug 20)

- 1st Relentless, Kelly Becker, NCYC
- 2nd Vagi, Michelle Ranville, JRSC
- 3rd Siren Song, Susan Caudell, NCYC

MBC Mid Week Summer Series (July 18 – Aug 29)

PHRF:

- 1st Wildcat, Russ Atkinson, NCYC
- 2nd Yuk Fu II, Walt Norris, MBC
- 3rd Heartbreaker, Fritz Peterson, MBC

JAM A:

- 1st Heartbeat, Dan Montgomery, MBC
- 2nd Liberty, Dan Sadoski, MBC
- 3rd Turtle Stampede, Steve Theiss

JAM B:

- 1st Kopite, Andrew Devenish, MBC
- 2nd Pokey, Joe Snyder, MBC
- 3rd American Pie, Doug Petee, MBC

MBC Overall Season Championship - Mid-Week

PHRF:

- 1st Wildcat, Russ Atkinson, NCYC
- 2nd Yuk Fu II, Walt Norris, MBC
- 3rd Heartbreaker, Fritz Peterson, MBC

JAM:

1st Heartbeat, Dan Montgomery, MBC



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello MBC Members.

From another successful walleye tournament, a great regatta, new concrete by the seawall, four new docks finished and the newly installed dock numbers; we

accomplished a lot and had a great time doing it.



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

This will be my last article. I want to say it has been a great year for me, I have always had a lot of help from my Board and all the members of the Auxiliary. Our 2nd Annual Fashion Show chaired by Dawn Burkett, co-chaired by Shannon Landrum was a huge success

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.

Announcement from MBC Association!!!

MBC-A pays the standard room rental rates for every meeting and event held at the Boat Club. MBC-A will be paying \$4,500.00 to the Club's general fund for the meeting spaces we estimate will be needed through the next year. This will cover events such as the Grade School Fishing Club, quarterly board meetings, Environmental Career Days and more.

Thank you, MBC, for providing the facilities for these events!

Maritime Career Day Returns to MBC!

Thirty high school seniors from Monroe High School and their teachers will celebrate World Maritime Day at MBC on Tuesday, September 26.

For the past 16 years, MBC has produced programs designed to introduce area students to local job opportunities. The importance of early career exposure cannot be overstated for the Monroe area.

The day included mentoring with DTE volunteers, meeting with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Sheriff's Dive Team, and presenters from Monroe County Community College and Solomon's Underwater Welding. They will also tour the Port of Monroe, Trout's Yacht Basin, and Toledo Beach Marina.

This is a non-traditional career exploration method, and we have documented success with a number of students in past years that have received jobs through these programs. Please help us help our community.

Grade School Fishing Club begins 3rd Year!

2nd Kopite, Andrew Devenish, MBC

• 3rd Magi, Jim Grant, MBC

As I look back on the past year, some of the accomplishments of the MBC Sail Fleet included the donation of new outdoor furniture for the outdoor pavilion area, sponsorship of an Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship for Summer Sail Camp, hosting the two breakfasts during the MBC Regatta, and initiation of a first MBC Doublehanded Race. I am already looking forward to next season, as I'm sure most other members are. Keep in mind the various activities at the club including Burger Nights as well as the various special events.

The end of for the year for the board members is upon us. As some of you know, I have decided not to run for the Dockmaster position. I want to thank the board, the dock committee, and everyone for the support and opportunity of having that position. I will be staying on as a dock committee member to help out with the next dockmaster.

See you all soon!

despite the rain. I hope this can be an annual event for the Auxiliary. Our annual dinner and election of officers is coming up on October 20th. Our Commodore Carl Butler is hoping to honor all our members at this event so I hope you can all attend. So thanks again for everything this year and I hope to see you at our dinner.

The 5th and 6th Grade Fishing Club began its third year with an orientation meeting on Sept 11 where 19 kids registered for the program running two Mondays per month for 16 sessions. The program will finish at the end of the school year next May. Jamie O'Brien is the Head Coach. Assistants include Mr. John Trout, Bruce Diven, Kim Diven and Sharon O'Brien. We could really use some MBC members sharing their fishing know-how!

As last year's 6th graders "graduated" from the program, they got to keep the rods, reels, lures and tackle boxes they used for the previous two years so they can continue fishing with their families and friends.

MBC-A purchases brand-new equipment for the incoming kids. The Boat Club does not pay for anything, and in fact MBC-A pays the club for the use of the back-room rentals.

The program follows the nationally recognized "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" program of the Future Fisherman Foundation. This teaches kids much more than simply casting a line into the water. They learn about biology, habitat, identifying species, regulations, life skills, teamwork and goal-setting.

If you would like to help with this terrific program, please call Jamie O'Brien at 734-735-2764.

MBC Association is its own distinct corporation; it is fully registered with the State of Michigan and the IRS. It currently has 7 people serving as Directors, with a maximum of 9 authorized. YOU can help as a board member! The objective of MBC-A is to provide programs and projects that promote a clean-water harbor community and have fun doing it. That is a fairly broad statement which can include a lot of things that Monroe Boat Club members are interested in.

If you can lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact David Ryan at DRyan@bex.net to see how you can participate!

You can make a positive difference!

News from the Nominating Committee

2024 Officer Nominations:

Commodore: Tony Schippa

Vice Commodore: David Volker, Jamie O'Brien

(there will be an election for VC at the Annual Meeting on Oct 27)

Rear Commodore: Carl Laura

Secretary: P/C Fred Hoitash

Treasurer: Lance Peidmonte

Financial Secretary: Trish Soto

Dock Master: Aaron Goldberg

Power Fleet Captain: Russ Moore

Sail Fleet Captain: Andrew Devonish

Director (4-yr term): Carl Butler

Financial Committee (3-yr term): Tom Snarey

Maritime Trades Career Day

Maritime Trades Career Day for 12th Graders, held Tuesday, September 26, 2023

This Tuesday September 26, for the 6th year, the Maritime Career Day was held for area high school students. Sponsored by Monroe High School Career Pathways Center and the MBC Association a (501(c)3 nonprofit affiliated with Monroe Boat Club.

The goal of the one-day event for 31 high-school seniors (12th grade students) enrolled in Trades and Technical Education courses was to expose them to maritime-related careers known to have gaps between worker supply and business demand, including ship and boat captains, marina operators, service technicians and mechanics for small and large boat engines.

The importance of early career exposure cannot be overstated for the Monroe area. This is a non-traditional career exploration method designed to introduce area students to local job opportunities, which has produced documented success with a number of students in past years receiving jobs through this program.

Representatives from Solomon's Diving, the Sheriff's Marine Division (Dive Team), the Merchant Marines, Trout's Service, and Safe Harbor Toledo Beach Marina shared career information with the students. Enthusiastic conversations were held at lunch-time with MBC member mentors representing the DTE Volunteer program and six students at each table. Special appreciation goes to the mentors: Greg Braunlich, Nick Burson, Ken Nazradi., and sincere thanks go to Dan Thomas and Merchant Marine Officer Braunlich for their presentations and mentoring. The students also experienced a working 1921 steam engine firing up and compared it with a highly efficient 4-stroke engine at Trout's Yacht Services.

The students and three teachers then traveled to Toledo Beach Marina for short presentations by the General Manager and Chuck Hutchins for a tour of the facilities.

The Maritime Career Trades Day has been offered since 2017, and every year the Port of Monroe and the U.S. Coast Guard have also been included in the program. This year within 24 hours of the event, both the Port and the Coast Guard had to pull out for various reasons. Our thanks to everyone who was involved for their flexibility and short notice of schedule changes. Even with the real-time adjustments, challenges were overcome and the teachers assured us it was a great experience for the students as they were highly interested and engaged all day.

MBC-A Board Member Charlotte Neuhauser has coordinated the overall program since its inception, with board members John Kauffman organizing the DTE mentors and Don Blouin and Maureen Kauffman making sure the students had plenty to munch on during the day. The event was partially funded by the DTE Volunteer Program.

MBC Yard Master Update

The boating season is coming to a close, and the Summer Storage season ends on October 1st. There is no grace period at the end of the Summer season as space is needed for boats coming out of the water and into the Yard. If your trailer/boat/RV will be staying after October 1st, you must turn in a Winter Storage Agreement and fee.

The Yard is in great shape and has been re-surfaced this year. There is power and water available for your winterizing needs, and The Yard continues to be secured and lit at night. We expect that The Yard will be at full capacity again this winter. Please help us keep track of the items by identifying your property with your name.

Note that the special recycling bags *must* be used next spring for all shrink-wrapped boats. The club Will Not be providing a dumpster for the plastic next spring. If the special recycling bags are not used, the owners will need to dispose of the shrink-wrap on their own.

MBC Members receive a lower storage rate than the I-LYA/AYC customer contract found on the public part of the club website. *Don't use the wrong form!*

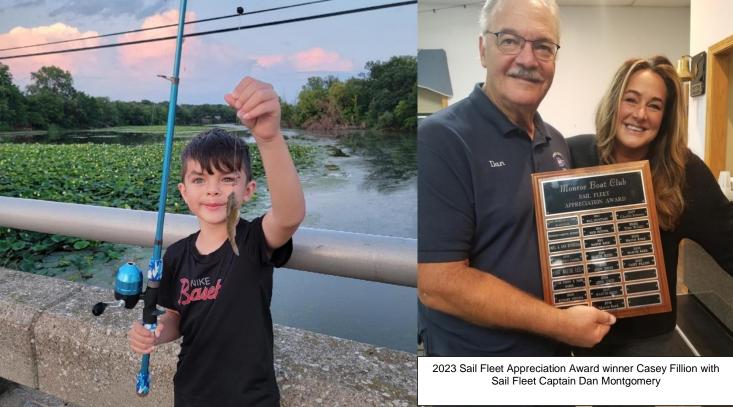
Please download the Members storage contract in the <u>"Members"</u> tab of the club website www.monroeboatclub.org or directly here <u>Members Storage Contract</u>

Documents can be mailed to MBC or dropped into the slot in the wooden mailbox in the Commodore's Room (access via the door near the BBQ Pavilion). You must be sure to mark your trailer, cradle or boat with your name so we can identify it.

Owner Name(s)			Member #	
Mailing Address:				
		(Cell)		
Email				
☐ Summer June 1 to O	ct 1 Year			
☐ Winter Oct 1 to June A Season is all or part of the There is NO grace period at	term and includes a 3	0-day grace period.		
Check One: ☐ Power ☐	Sail Empty 7	Trailer or Cradle	□Enclosed Trailer	□RV
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Registration/Lic No:				
Hull/Trailer ID or Serial N				
	Manufactu		Year	_
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Year of Title and Owner N				_
Insurance Carrier Proof of Insurance must be		Policy No	·	
Cheek No and Date				

NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.







Second Annual Auxiliary Fashion Show!

Dawn Burkett put on a magnificent evening for members, friends, community, and area businesses.

A little rain only added to the excitement!









MBC Association produced the yearly "Maritime Career Day" for Monroe High School seniors in the Career Pathways Center. It was a really great program, and the kids had a blast while they learned a lot. This was the 6th year for this program.







Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

FLAG OFFICERS for 2023

Commodore.......Carl Butler Butlers@bex.net (419) 262-8109 Vice Commodore......Tony Schippa tonyschippasellshomes@gmail.com (734) 637-8221 Rear Commodore......Carl Laura c-mauto@hotmail.com (231) 313-3816 Power Fleet Captain......Dave Volker volkerdave@yahoo.com (734) 735-7831 Sail Fleet Captain......Dan Montgomery danmont@umich.edu (734) 475-1611 Financial SecretaryWill Elpers Treasurer.....Lance Piedmonte Membership Chair.....Nick Pinotti Historian......Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins Obituaries.......Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI ParliamentarianLance Piedmonte Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson

BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Vice President	P/C Chuck Wood
Secretary	P/C Fred Hoitash
Treasurer	P/C Duke Finch
Chaplin	P/C John Peterson
Delegates	
-	P/C Jim Kozlowski

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SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS			
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Secretary	Jenny Francisco		
Vice Pres	Sharon Bagley		
	Linda Lamb		

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Vice-President	Sharon Bagley
Secretary	Kim Fuller
Treasurer	

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comm. Carl Butler – P/C Ron Soto P/C Fred Hoitash - 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

Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com

NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"

Editor......Randy Treece

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month

Monroe Boat Club website.....<u>monroeboatclub.org</u>

MBC-A (501c3) website

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

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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.

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

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