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Commodore – Carl Butler

I'd like to start this article talking about nominations. We have several open offices that need to be filled. These positions are very important to the success of the club. I hope that as you read this you will remember that just a year ago, I was very new to this

club, when I was asked to be Commodore of the club. I didn't join the club with any aspirations of becoming Commodore or any officer. As I realized that is was something that the club needed, I agreed to take the position. I'm very glad I did! I have learned a great deal about the workings of the club this past year. Not to mention all the great members I've met. Please take some time to think about how you might be able to help YOUR club. If this inspires you, feel free to contact myself P/C Dave Ryan, or Don Blouin with any questions you may have or to just get nominated. Thank you. Just a reminder, that the General Membership meeting will be held on Sept. 27th at 7:00 pm, in the banquet room. All offices must be filled before we adjourn from that meeting.

After the Regatta wrapped up I attended the I-LYA power regatta at Put In Bay. Although the weather could have been better, I had a

great time. It was nice to see several boats from MBC there as well. I was so proud of all the kids from MBC that participated in the events and won several awards. Congratulations to you all on all of your awards. Congratulations to Shawna Powell for winning the weather forecasting contest. I hope we can get even more involvement next year.

I know Deana and I have been absent from the club, as we have been attending other clubs Regattas and their cocktail receptions. We've enjoyed making new friends from so many clubs. We do miss visiting with our fellow MBC members. We'll be back soon.

I know the season is winding down, but R/C Carl Laura has been having Sunday funday music and specials. Let's continue to support him in his efforts. As of this writing the bar is getting a new look. Many thanks to all that helped getting this done. Make sure you come out and check it out. I just know you're going to love it.

I hope to see you around the club.



Vice Commodore – Tony Schippa

Well, I hate to say this, but I can't believe Summer is coming to an end! It appears to have been a fun boating season for our members, their family and friends. As we move into the fall season, there will be a lot of projects getting done around the club. The new

doors we have been waiting for have finally arrived and are getting installed. I'm currently getting quotes to paint or put-up new siding on the building. Once I receive the quotes, we will meet with the Finance Committee, if necessary, before getting Board approval.

We will be replacing some of the cement slabs that are cracked leading up the main T docks, around the rose compass and around the building. Also, don't forget we have the Sail Fleet Banquet and Fashion Show coming up.

Did you get your 40 hours or more of work hours this year? The annual 40-hour Steak Roast will be coming soon. The date and time to follow. I would like to personally thank all the MBC members who have worked so hard and volunteered their time this year! You Rock!



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello everyone, happy September. hope all is well and everybody had a great boating season. We still have two good months of weather. Possibly! Well the bar facelift is done hope everybody is happy with it ! I want to thank all the people for the donations to cover the cost. And I was so happy with the amount of members that showed up to help with the facelift! A big thanks to Dave Volker and Kelly

Butler for spearheading the project. The work on the project was completed in just three days and took 218.25 man hours to do it all and they did it! Thank you so much. I also want to thank everybody that helped with the August hamburger nights. And we also have September hamburger nights to support more upgrades to the bar. Thank you Carol Smith for chairing both months. she is such a good

friend of mine and such a hard worker. also on September 17th another fashion show it was a hit last year open to the public.

Also don't forget Friday specials For September. 1st Rick Ley will be fixing delicious fish tacos with walleye. 8th Kim Fuller and Jody Thatcher will be fixing sliders. The 15th Kim and Jody will be fixing our favorite meatloaf. 22nd Will be Carl's Cajun. 29th Kim and Jody



Power Fleet Capt. – Dave Volker

Now that all the Poker runs are complete, a BIG thank you for all those who showed by Vehicle or Boat. Fun times had by all those who attended these Regatta's. 2 boats had a perfect attendance award this year by attending all 5 poker runs by boat. "Havin Fun" PFC

Dave Volker & "Stardust II" V/C Tony Schippa. It's been interesting and fun going to these other clubs by water. Thanks Tony, for showing me the way to these other clubs.



Sail Fleet Capt. – Dan Montgomery

As I write this, September is fast approaching, with the hours of daylight each day getting shorter and shorter. After the regular MBC Tuesday Night racing finishes up at the end of August, there will be three fun Rum Races held on the following Tuesdays on, September 5, September 12, and September 19. Everyone is welcome to participate, the races start at 6:30PM and everyone will sail as fast as possible out to a given race mark and back. Based on each boat's handicap rating, the boat with the shortest adjusted elapsed time will win a bottle of rum, which is traditionally shared with all of the race participants in the club after the race.

The Annual MBC Solo Challenge Race, which was held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, had a new doublehanded division added this year. The race consisted of a 9.6 nautical mile long triangular course. The Solo Division allows only one person aboard each boat, and Dan Sadoski on Liberty (MBC) took first place, with Andrew Devenish on Kopite (MBC) finishing second. The Doublehanded Division allows only two people aboard each boat, and Dan Montgomery with Erin



Dock Master – Henry Santiago

Hello Members

We have finalized how best to install dock numbers on the first deck board for every dock. This improvement will make it easier for our guests and visitors to locate docks. A work party will be scheduled for the first weekend after Labor Day; more details to come as to date/time when the formal request goes out. The work will require a lot of up and down and



Auxiliary – Linda Lamb

I hope everyone gets out to see the recent facelift in the bar area. It has been updated, cleaned up and redecorated. This was supported by donations and a lot of volunteer labor. Thanks to everyone who everyone who helped. I want everyone to think about



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

Will be doing pot roast we don't wanna miss that! and another special thank you to Jeff Morrow and Barb Johnson and Barb's son Joe for the donations of meat for the Friday lunches! that was very generous of them thank you! i'm very proud of everything at the boat club. The blue gavel with the help of Rick Campbell the parking lot looks beautiful!

A big shout out to R/C Carl Laura for giving the go ahead to refresh the bar. It looks fantastic and THANK YOU to all that helped get it done in 3 days. Thank you to all the people who donated to this project. It would not have been possible without you.

Remember there are other Regattas going on at other clubs and at MBC. See the AYC board in the hallway for dates and times. Go check them out during these festive times and "Have Fun"!

Jeruzal on Heartbeat (MBC) finished in first place, Dave Ryan with "Flip" Phillips on Relentless (MBC) finished in second place, and Joe Snyder with Jason Flynn on Pokey (MBC) finished in third place.

The Annual MBC Ladies Race was held on Sunday, August 20, 2023. The rules require more women on board than men, and only a woman is allowed to be at the helm. Finishing in first place was Kelly Becker on Relentless (MBC), with Michelle Ranville on Vagi (MBC) finishing in second place, and Susan Caudell on Siren Song (NCYC) finishing in third place.

The MBC Sail Fleet will be holding its annual Sail Fleet Banquet on Friday, September 29, 2023 with cocktails starting at 6:00 PM and dinner served at 6:30 PM. Awards presentations will follow. Please contact Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery by Wednesday September 20 with the number of people who will be attending with you. Tickets are \$20 each.

I can be contacted via email at danmont@umich.edu, or via text message or phone call at (734) 905-0449.

kneeling on docks, workers will need to be in good physical condition. I do not want to see anyone straining or hurting themselves. I am excited for everyone to see the finished look when this is completed.

I have also noticed some weakness on the main docks, I will be addressing that in the budget for the next season.

Hoping everyone enjoys a great Labor Day Weekend!

running for office, we need to have a slate of officers at our September meeting. Our meeting will be in the banquet room on September 11, 6:30 for the Board and 7:00 for General Membership. Don't forget we have our Fashion Show coming up on September 17, it will be a fun evening for all.

\$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!

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 includes 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.

WE NEED 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS who can help serve pizza, fruit, and cookies for lunch at the Club on Tuesday September 26. Please call Charlotte Neuhauser at 248-982-8199 or email her at cneuhauser@gmail.com. It earns you Club Work Hours!

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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.

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!

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Items of Interest**News from the Nominating Committee****Its Already Time to Think About 2024!!**

The Nominating Committee would like to invite each member to consider the possibility of running for an office and serving your fellow members. It is already August, and the Nominations Meeting is just around the corner in September!

MBC is run entirely by volunteers and we need your help. Club Officer nominations are open to each member equally, regardless if you are a brand-new member or have enjoyed the club a long time. Yes, it does take a little of your time and indeed we are all busy. However don't let those things become excuses.

The rewards from serving as a Club Officer cannot be measured in financial gain or imagined status; yet you will find serving your club is most gratifying. Being elected to office or serving on an active committee affords the opportunity to learn how our organization functions and participate in its progress.

Please take the time to consider these opportunities. Each member of MBC is eligible to run for and hold any office. Any Board member or Past Commodore would be happy to talk with you to learn more about this rewarding experience.

2023-2024 Officer and Board Nominations:

At the September General Membership Meeting, nominations for the slate of officers will be selected. We invite all members to become involved in managing our club and consider serving as an elected Officer. MBC maintains the publication "*Roles and Responsibilities*" describing the duties of each position to assist you in understanding the functions and obligations associated with each elected office.

Don't be bashful or think you can't do this, because YOU CAN! New members and long-time members will find serving your club to be gratifying and rewarding. Those who have served in the past have no regrets about the time spent as Officers and/or Board members for MBC.

Please contemplate sharing your talents and time to contribute in an essential way to Monroe Boat Club as we near our 80th year.

Please consider adding YOUR name to the ballot.

What a great thing it is to be part of MBC!

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MBC Yard Master Update

Winter boat storage is approaching quickly! Turn in your storage agreement now.

You are guaranteed space if your application and fee are turned in *before* Labor Day. If your application is turned in *after* Labor Day, storage space will only be awarded if available.

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. And the best news is that prices remain the same!

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 **"Members"** tab of the club website www.monroeboatclub.org or directly here [Members Storage Contract](#)

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.

Per Club Rules:

- A) When the storage lot is at full capacity and applications (with fee and proof of insurance) are received by Labor Day, any available space will first go to MBC members who stored on club grounds the previous year, secondly to other MBC members and then to AYC/I-LYA members, then to others.
- B) Applications received after Labor Day will be awarded space as available.
- C) All applications shall include a signed Agreement, Proof of Insurance and applicable fee.
- D) Owner shall clearly identify the item with the Owners Name.**



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.



Under the guidance of MBC Blue Gavel President John Peterson and Vice President Chuck Wood, the MBC Blue Gavel made a significant donation to help fund the "Voyage for Veterans" on August 16, organized by the Catawba Island Blue Gavel.

Blue Gavel District 9 President-Elect Mike Powers (USCG Ret) and P/C Kathy Powers (USMC Ret) along with CIC Blue Gavel President David Mead gave introductory remarks to everyone in attendance, and then accompanied the Veterans on a voyage to South Bass Island aboard the "Gemini", a 73ft Burger Motor Yacht. The vets were treated to lunch at the Crews Nest along with a presentation and guided tour of the Perry Peace Memorial by the National Park Service Rangers.

Nearly 30 veterans representing all branches of the US military participated in the program, and all live in the independent and assisted-living Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky.

The Blue Gavel is a group of Past Commodores united to promote and preserve the customs and traditions of boating through social, educational and humanitarian programs. The "Voyage for Veterans" certainly fits every element of that mission.

Thank you MBC Blue Gavel for helping to make this event possible!

Caption Contest



MBC Sail Fleet icons Al Michaud and Fritz Peterson.

MBC Solo Challenge: Double Handed Division Winner Erin Jeruzel and Dan Montgomery



MBC Solo Challenge: Solo Division Winner Dan Sadoski





First Place Crew: Carol Stark, Lynne Melchior, Skipper Kelly Becker, Virginia Gilford, Kim Stange, sailing Relentless.

Race Organizer Erin Jeruzal presents the 2nd Place award to Jill Grant, Heather Bostleman and skipper Michelle Ranville, sailing Vagi



3rd Place Crew: L-R: Skipper Sue Caudell, Rena DeLaney, Ken Beauchamp, Angela Beauchamp sailing "Siren Song". Not pictured: Aimee Szabo

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p>FLAG OFFICERS for 2023</p> <p>Commodore.....Carl Butler Butlers@bex.net (419) 262-8109</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Tony Schippa tonyschippasellshomes@gmail.com (734) 637-8221</p> <p>Rear Commodore.....Carl Laura c-mauto@hotmail.com (231) 313-3816</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Dave Volker volkerdave@yahoo.com (734) 735-7831</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....Dan Montgomery danmont@umich.edu (734) 475-1611</p> <p>Financial Secretary.....Will Elpers Treasurer.....Lance Piedmonte Secretary.....Jamie O'Brien Dock Master.....Henry Santiago 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</p>	<p>BOARD of DIRECTORS P/C Jeff Morrow - P/C John Peterson P/C Dave Ryan – Dustin Diehl</p> <p>BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President..... P/C John Peterson Vice President..... P/C Chuck Wood Secretary.....P/C Fred Hoitash Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch Chaplin.....P/C John Peterson Delegates.....P/C Rick Murray P/C Jim Kozlowski</p> <p>AUXILIARY OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley Secretary.....Jenny Francisco Treasurer.....Olga Collino</p> <p>SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb Vice-President.....Sharon Bagley Secretary.....Kim Fuller Treasurer.....Molly Wood</p> <p>FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE Comm. Carl Butler – P/C Ron Soto P/C Fred Hoitash - Lance Piedmonte Tom Snarey – Fred Lemerand – P/C Dan Thomas</p> <p>AYC DELEGATES: Dave Volker Tony Schippa Dan Montgomery</p> <p>AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Dan Thomas P/C Rodger Dutton</p> <p>I-LYA DELEGATE: Dan Montgomery</p> <p>Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com</p> <hr/> <p>NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <p>DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month</p> <hr/> <p>Monroe Boat Club website.....monroeboatclub.org</p> <p>MBC-A (501c3) website https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home</p> <p>Webmaster.....Ken Naszradi knaszradi@yahoo.com</p>
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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.

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Summer Storage Season
Jun 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Oct 1 - Jun 1
Contact Yard Master
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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