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Commodore – Fred Hoitash

These are certainly different times that we are going through. Celeste and I have been staying at home, enjoying our time together, and praying for people’s health, our government for their best decisions, our medical teams for all they are doing in preparedness and with existing cases, and many others involved in this battle against a very contagious virus. We’re also, like many of you, beginning to organize our boating stuff. We might as well take advantage of the time we get to spend together and get everything ready to go for getting the sailboat ready and for the early fishing season with the Mako.

We were able to attend the North Cape Yacht Club and Ford Yacht Club Commodore’s Balls since the last article. We had a great time at both events. Unfortunately, since then many events are being postponed or cancelled. Of interest to our club is the I-LYA spring conference. This conference scheduled for the first weekend in April has been cancelled. The I-LYA Commodore, Steve Hyder, is looking at potential dates to reschedule. The Michigan Walleye Tournament scheduled for the first weekend in May has been cancelled and will most likely be scheduled for the same dates in 2021. Most of you are aware of the many fund raisers that have been cancelled at our club and at other AYC clubs. I and others on the Board, will keep the club informed through emails and Facebook as situations change and these fundraisers and MBC events ramp up again.

We have a Steak/Chicken roast planned for 26 June as a fundraiser for the Commodore’s Ball. There is going to be a reverse raffle drawing that evening as well. Tickets should be ready for sale before the end of April. That date is also my birthday, so we are inviting the members and friends from AYC and I-LYA and the Power Squadrons to come party with us. That being said, understand that we must remain very fluid with all plans for a little while yet.

As you read this article, work has begun on the banquet room remodeling. All of the tables and chairs have been cleaned, sterilized and put away. The dance floor has been put away and should be on the market to be sold. If any of you know someone interested in purchasing this for use at another facility, please give your Vice Commodore the contact information. The Vice Commodore’s article will have more information on the progress of the painting and floor demolition.

The annual reciprocity cards have been sent to all of the AYC clubs, some of the I-LYA clubs and a few other clubs around the Great Lakes. The Rear Commodore has a current list of these clubs. Through my involvement with teaching public boating classes, which are currently on hold for the remaining sessions, I have a few more clubs to send reciprocity cards to for the 2020 season. I’d like to remind our members that through your membership at Monroe Boat Club, your membership is also associated with other Associated Yacht Club, Inter-Lake Yachting Association, and Yachting Club of America, clubs and facilities. The Yachting Club of America (YCA) is an association of over 700 sailing and yachting clubs in the U.S. mainland, Hawaii, Alaska, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. How’s that

for a value-added feature of your membership! Celeste and I enjoy going to other clubs, and of course local breweries, when we travel. There are boat clubs in most cities on rivers and large lakes, so make it a point to stop in and say hello to fellow boaters.

Recently, the Board authorized a change in MBCs affiliation with Mailchimp.com for sending out emails to members, auxiliary and friends of MBC. The changes will allow on-line support, and most importantly, more flexibility to assign people to manage the email announcements. If you know anybody that is not receiving emails, that would like to receive emails and the electronic version of the Harbor Light, please send me an email with the contact and email information to add to the list.

If you need to change any information in the directory, please email this information to the Financial Secretary, Lance Piedmonte. We are in the process of finalizing the data for the 2020 photo directory and would like all of the information to be correct.

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As a last piece of information, your officers are monitoring the directions of the Federal and State government as well as the CDC and MDHHS. This information is changing daily. Hopefully all of America's people will have followed good social practices and self-quarantine so that the growth curve of the virus becomes thwarted and we can soon begin to open our club and enjoy the comradery we have with all of our members. Be prepared and stay safe.



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

I do not have much content for the Harbor Light this month as the COVID-19 issue has altered all of our lives. Work (the day job) has amped up taking much time from me but I hope to have things a little more stabilized in a week or two. Have to give thanks to Randy Treece because normally I might be a little delayed with an article for the Harbor Light but this month, I was late for sure and Randy had to chase me down. He has a tough job chasing the board members down and producing the HL publication. Thank you, Randy, for your dedication to get the job done.

As for the club property much is on hold. Rest assured phone conversations have taken place to ensure the property remains in good condition.



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from your Rear Commodore,

I hope you are all well during this new normal we find ourselves in. The Bridge officers have been in regular contact monitoring the situation and will continue to do what we can to protect our members. The State of Michigan has ordered all Bars and Restaurants closed except for carry out until at least April 13. The Bar area is undergoing a cleaning



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessey

Hello members. This virus has thrown a wrench into everyone's plans lately. We originally had four incoming bus trips planned. We regret to inform everyone that all of those trips have been cancelled due to this pandemic. This also puts any outgoing bus trips on hold until we have a better understanding on

how long this will last.



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Hola everybody. March sailing in Mexico has been fun to watch. First the 1000-mile race from San Diego finished here. All of the boats were in the 50 to 70-foot size, but a Hobie 33 won overall. (Al and Walt type boats). Next the MEXORC four-day regatta was held here. It featured hi-tech racing boats from



Dock Master – Brian Manor

As of this writing our governor just closed down this state. I hope everyone has stayed home and safe. I wanted to get started on seasonal dock repairs at the end of March. Because of what was happening, I felt it was not prudent to schedule any work parties.



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

Welcome to new Auxiliary Members Leslie Drouillard and Kris Kitchen. Glad to have both of you. You will be an asset to the Auxiliary.

Just a reminder to our new members joining. You are required to work five (5) hours you first year in the way of working a function, or donation of appetizers. This

"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these." *George Washington Carver*

The Regatta planning has slowed a bit but I will be making phone calls throughout April to continue preparations. I know I am being vague, but at time of this HL issue conditions in the US are changing daily. Moving through April it is the hope to solidify plans for the future.

On another note Gina and I had a chance to go on the AYC trip to Punta Cana. We had fun with our fellow friends in the boating community before we came back to the "New World". We took a Monroe Club burgee so we could claim we were at Monroe Boat Club "South" making a claim in the sun and sand.

Hoping everyone stays safe and healthy!

at a level that we have been unable to perform under normal operating conditions. I encourage everyone to follow the recommendations to prevent the spread of the virus so that we can get back to business as usual as soon as possible. Currently Monroe County is at a low rate of infection. I hope we can continue that trend. I will keep the membership informed of any developments as they become available.

On a brighter note, we hope to soon have nicer weather so we can all get the boats ready to splash and enjoy the upcoming summer. I'm sure many of us miss the sunset cruises and spending time with friends and family out on the water.

Updates will be provided to the club about any incoming or outgoing bus trips as soon as they are available.

Thank you.

around the world. However, our vacation is being cut short due to the Corona virus. We're heading back home.

Spring should be coming to our sailing season, which means uncovering our boats, catching up with old friends and drinking a few beers in the boatyard. I'm planning on a sail fleet meeting in April, but when is to be determined.

When you are finally able to launch your boat, please let me know if your Dock has issues.

Please stay safe and well.

will not be waived. After your first year, you may pay \$15.00 per unworked hour plus your \$20.00 annual fee. Credit for hours ends September 1st of each year with new year beginning October 1st.

Also, the 2019 Membership Roster just came out. Please verify your address and phone numbers in the Roster or on the MonroeBoatClub.org website. I've noticed many incorrect phone

numbers in the roster and at times can't reach the Member I am trying to contact. Please make sure you have corrections made by emailing Lance Piedmonte at lance@piedmonte.com. Also please let Lance know if you wish to receive "mail chimps" with your email address provided to keep you informed of things going on at the club. If you would like to receive the new Roster, they are available at the club but would suggest you get one before they are gone.

Note the box left in the entrance to the bar area. It was provided by Auxiliary Member Wilma Alban for a collection of hygiene products for Orchard Schools. This would be for some underprivileged children in need of shampoo's, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, etc. Even travel size samples would be welcome. Please be as supportive as you can.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- On hold due to current health guidelines.

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club From Judy Peterson: "We had a very nice meeting on March 4--lots of members and some great pulled pork donated for lunches from Chris Johnson. Thank you Chris!

The general consensus was not to recommend The Goldfinch. It was too long, too wordy, depressing, and we didn't care for the ending.

For the next meeting, we will read The Holdout by Graham Moore. (Sounds really interesting--thriller!) Check out reviews online.

The April Book Club meeting is postponed until health guidance allows a meeting.

News from the DNR. Although the public contact areas (restroom buildings, shooting ranges, visitor centers) at many DNR-managed facilities are temporarily closed, people are still welcome to enjoy the

MBC-A (501c3) Update

The Club's 501c3 arm MBC Association has developed a group of educational programs that enable community youngsters to reinforce many of the skills that are essential to the "STEM/STEAM" educational curriculum.

Since the founding of our 501c3 in 2016, these programs have been independently funded with no money coming from the Club General Fund! MBC-A now provides 4 major projects: **Environmental Career Day** (for 7th graders), **Maritime Trades Career Day** (for High School), **Kids Fishing Derby** (during Regatta) and the **Fishing Club** for 5th/6th graders. In development is a county-wide **Atmospherics and Weather Program** geared for 10th grade high-school women to be rolled out in the Fall of 2021.

Every project MBC-A offers has goals and objectives which have been developed and approved in collaboration with the appropriate partners for each project. Beginning in 2007, an Agreement for Partnership between Monroe Boat Club, Monroe Public Schools, Lake Erie Environmental Outreach Program (LEEOP, which is now called Knabusch Math/Science Center), and Mason Consolidated Schools served as the foundation for our first funded project: "One Bag...One Boat Can Make A Difference" This was an initiative to clean up our waterways. We were awarded Boat US Foundation's 2007 Clean Water Grant of \$3,818.00. Bag sales and grant

The Children's Easter party scheduled for Sunday, March 29th was cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. I am sure that the children were really looking forward to seeing the Easter Bunny, but it is better to be safe than sorry. Maybe we can plan something for the children in the future.

Also, the Ladies from DBBC and their Booze Cruise to MBC on Saturday, March 21st was cancelled due to the Club closure. It is better to be safe than sorry. Hopefully we can host them in the future when things return to normal.

Hopefully we will see you soon. Getting a little cooped up in the house but know that it is for our own good. Stay safe and healthy!

public outdoor areas at state parks and recreation areas, state game and wildlife areas, state forests, state trails and, of course, our lakes, rivers and streams. For the duration of the COVID-19 situation, the need for the Recreation Passport for entry at state parks and other destinations is being waived.

Michigan boasts the longest U.S. freshwater coastline and its 82 state-sponsored harbors and fishing opportunities. Now may be a good time to plan your day or overnight trip by boat this summer. Click on the DNR's Boating the Great Lakes under things to do boating page, www.michigan.gov/dnr for easy access to the digital harbor guide, including harbor locations, amenities, reservation info. There is an online map that shows which harbors take online reservations and which ones accept reservations by calling the harbor directly.

Don't forget...your watercraft, unless exempt, must be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State. Registrations expire March 31 in the third year of issuance.

money helped to fund the libraries of LEEOP and the MBC Commodore's Room.

Also, in 2007 Monroe Boat Club, through Education Committee/CCEC, offered the first Kids Fishing Derby for children, 5-17 years old, in partnership with LEEOP and the Department of Natural Resources. Both of these projects brought the educational and environmental interests of MBC to the attention of the public.

amazon smile At this year's 75th Anniversary Regatta, the Kids Fishing Derby will celebrate its 19th year of kids fishing! Your help and tax-deductible contributions these programs is always appreciated! You can help the MBC Association of the Monroe Boat Club with its projects by taking advantage of Amazon Smile <http://smile.amazon.com> and indicate MBC Association as your charity, Amazon will give 0.5% of the purchase price for each item to MBC-A by depositing it directly into MBC-A's bank account. It does not add to the cost of the item you're purchasing, but it is taken from the purchase price that Amazon receives. The Amazon items and purchase prices are the same as for those you don't purchase through Smile. When signing in to Amazon, simply use the following link <http://smile.amazon.com> to purchase your items. Make sure you are using our charity by clicking on **MBC Association** within the Amazon site.



Items of Interest

From the Yard Master

The Storage Yard Season is about to transition from Winter to Summer. If any MBC Members have boats stored with our neighboring marina partners (Trout's and Harbor Marine), and need temporary outdoor prep space, we can accommodate you at the rate of \$3.00/day per the Short-Term Storage Lot Fee section in the Roster.

Thank You to those Summer Storage customers who have already submitted their contracts, insurance and payments!! In the same way our club dues and dock fees are paid ahead, your Storage contract and fee needs to be turned in before you utilize the yard. You can store your empty trailer for the bargain rate of just \$45.00 and summer boat storage is just \$5.00/ft. Clear up your driveway and store at MBC!

You can find the storage contract in the "Members" tab of the club website: www.monroeboatclub.org

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).

The access gate is using the same lock and combination as before. When the lock is upgraded to the new key-card reader system, all paid-up customers will have their cards enabled to open the gate. There will be more information as that project moves forward.

Warmer weather is on its way and we are all looking forward to working on our boats. Please pick up any used containers, rags, etc. that are generated and dispose of materials properly. While you are getting ready for the boating season, continue to do your part to contain the spread of the virus so life can return to normal as soon as possible.

MBC Club and Member Photos



Monroe Boat Club "South" AYC Punta Cana DR Trip.



Golf cart all waxed up. Burgee hanging proud. Boat is next! Wax on / Wax off.

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2020</p> <p>Commodore.....Fred Hoitash cfdist@comcast.net (734) 649-1335</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Dan Martin danbmartin@magnumtools.com (734) 751-8600</p> <p>Rear Commodore.....Brian Moyer brian@moyerswelding.com (734) 777-6093</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Ryan Shaughnessy ryan.shaughnessy@ymail.com (517) 745-8145</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....John Davis jadavis1@bex.net (419) 304-1211</p> <p>Financial SecretaryLance Piedmonte</p> <p>Treasurer.....Kay Sisung</p> <p>Secretary.....Todd Strauch</p> <p>Dock Master.....Brian Manor</p> <p>Yard Master.....Dave Ryan</p> <p>By-law Chair.....Roger Dutton</p> <p>Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins</p> <p>Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins</p> <p>Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI</p> <p>Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte</p> <p>Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD of DIRECTORS</p> <p>P/C Rodger Dutton - P/C Dave Fetterly P/C Dan Thomas - P/C Jeff Morrow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President..... P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Vice President..... P/C Mike Powers</p> <p>Secretary.....P/C Ron Soto</p> <p>Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch</p> <p>Chaplin.....P/C John Peterson</p> <p>Delegates.....P/C Rick Murray P/C Jim Kozlowski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUXILIARY OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Michele Lachcik</p> <p>Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley</p> <p>Secretary.....Diane Costello</p> <p>Treasurer.....Kim Fuller</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb</p> <p>Vice-President.....P/C Kathy Powers</p> <p>Secretary.....Celeste Hoitash</p> <p>Treasurer.....Molly Wood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Comm. Fred Hoitash - P/C Dan Thomas P/C Jeff Morrow – Kay Sisung Fred Lemerand - Lance Piedmonte - Tom Snarey</p> <p>AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer Larry Inguagiato – Ryan Shaughnessy</p> <p>AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Roger Dutton</p> <p>ILYA DELEGATE: John Davis</p> <p>Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION 20th of each month</p> <hr/> <p>Monroe Boat Club website.....monroeboatclub.org</p> <p>MBC-A (501c3) website.....mbcassociation.org</p> <p>Webmaster.....Ken Naszradi knaszradi@yahoo.com</p>
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Calendar of Events

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 April Fools Day	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8 Passover	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Future Events

- May 1 – Summer Storage Begins - Download your contract in the Members tab at www.MonroeBoatClub.org and return the fee to MBC before putting your equipment in the yard.
- Jun 26 – Steak/Chicken Roast Commodore's Fundraiser

Ongoing Events

(Cancelled Until Further Notice)

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Weekday Banquet Room Rental only \$150.00
- Lunch Specials Every Day

CLASSIFIED

Summer Storage Season
May 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Nov 1 - May 1
Contact Yard Master
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