



Commodore – Fred Hoitash

When you read this newsletter, many of us will be in the final stages of planning for the Associated Yacht Clubs (AYC) annual Ball and Change of Watch. It is a great weekend of making friends and partying with other boaters and boat club people. Stan Ziemkiewicz (RVYC) will be sworn in as the AYC Commodore for 2020. With Lady Cindy, they will be working with and attending functions at the AYC clubs this year. The weekend party is a party like no other and is in honor of the 2019 AYC Commodore Tom Kovach and Lady Patty. More importantly the AYC celebrates the union and partnership with 33 boat clubs along the western Lake Erie shoreline. To understand the benefits of the association of these clubs, one only has to look at the incoming bus trips or the groups of 15 to 20 people from another club that show up for burgers. Even the whole funky idea of stealing burgees is just a means to increase the trips to other club in the association. For every \$90 we spend on a burgee, we get multiple trips to MBC from other clubs, and they receive us in return to "steal" theirs and reclaim ours. It is kind of an honor for MBC to have so many other clubs come in after our burgees. If you notice, most of the time we cannot even keep a burgee on the flagpole. The Poker Runs that next year will bring a huge number of boats and crowds to our regatta is another one of the many benefits provided through the AYC membership.

Celeste and I are attending the Commodore's Balls for other AYC Clubs. We have attended the Balls for Point Place Boat Club and West River Yacht & Cruising Club. We continue to make friends and enjoy the comradery of other boaters, much like we have done in our past through my yeas as Commander of the Power Squadron. We spend our time talking with other Commodores about things we can do together to have fun in next months.

Power Fleet Captain Ryan will be busy this month as he is in charge of the AYC room. Vice Commodore Dan has just finished up his first 2 big parties and now gets to start work on the Regatta. The Dock Master has been busy monitoring the ice around the docks and getting ready for the new boating season that kicks off with the dock trades the first weekend in March. PLEASE submit the required paperwork when paying for you docks. If you plan to send in expired



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

Hello Monroe Boat Club Members. In January the big item that was on the Vice Commodore's plate was the Muskrat Dinner. The responsibility of the Muskrat Dinner is bestowed upon the position of VC. Having no experience with the famous Muskrat and its arrival on the dinner plate I was happy to have Dave Rafcko and a team of many come together as they did. Fair to say I performed the "Gofer Work". The dinner was successful but feel we were short about 25 to 30 attendees despite some marketing efforts. For the 2021 Muskrat Dinner there might be some needed changes. MBC also needs some more people joining the cleaning/cooking crew as a few people want to retire from Muskrat Dinner work.

insurance form or not send the forms, you might as well not send the check. These forms are critical to our operation and compliance with our insurance underwriter. The Sail Fleet Captain is away in sunny Mexico, but the fleet will begin in earnest to plan the races and get all their activities together upon his return in April.

Speaking of races, for all us cruisers, the Sail Fleet has added a new cruising only race on certain Fridays throughout the summer. It's a new twist on the Rum Series typically done in the fall. It is a great way for the racing sailors to help with the cruisers, and for the non-sailors to come out and have some fun sailing on Friday night. With our old tank, Celeste and I are looking forward to a crew going out to race with us on these evenings.

So, think about what your officers are doing to increase things to do outside and inside. If you have an idea, bring it up to one of the officers or fleet captains. We are each members of a great club. We need to each continue to consider what we can do as individuals and groups to keep our club invigorated and make it inviting to other boaters and potential members.

"Learn from the past, set vivid, detailed goals for the future, and live in the only moment of time over which you have any control: now."
Denis Waitley.

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As we go through February there might be some holes in the February Burger Night kitchen help sign-up sheet. Please be kind and sign up for work hours. No experience needed! There will also be opportunities available to chair and work future burger nights. I will be looking specifically for help in October. Bottom line is please look on the kitchen door from time to time and sign up to help.

The repairs and maintenance the projects include but not limited to automatic flushers in the men's bathroom and a new thermostat in the hallway with associated ductwork repairs. Russ Moore has pledged to take on the thermostat and ductwork. We will need some plumbing help for the men's bathroom project. When I purchase the parts I will put out an email looking for help.

Carpet has been thoroughly discussed and upon approval 2020 will see new carpet in the banquet room. Much help will be needed if we go as far as painting the banquet room and consider removing the existing floor covering ourselves to save cost. With proper help the banquet room will look nice for years to come.

There have also been many discussions and plans to build a bathroom in the "west" property. Fair to say P.C. Dan Thomas is a

Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer



I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to P/C Mike Powers for all his help and support as we have worked through this transition. I would also like to thank all the other members for the tremendous amount of support and appreciation they have shown Lori and me. Lori and I really appreciate it, we are looking forward to a Great Year!

With a new Rear Commodore will come some changes. Members should rest assured that the changes we are making will usually involve returning to past practices or adding something positive to the mix. I am committed to making our Lounge a relaxing fun place we can go and unwind, without negativity or drama.

I would like to remind everyone of MBC Bar expectations. I would ask and expect our members to respect each other and our bar staff. Our Bar Staff should also be treating our members with that same respect. This is a guideline that will be followed this year. We are a Family club; we need to conduct ourselves always in a manner that shows off our great club.

Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessey



We have had a lot going on over the month of January. Starting off I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped us out during burger nights. I especially want to say thank you to Wendy Campbell. Without her my wife and I would not have been able to pull it off. On Jan. 16th we welcomed

West River Yacht and Cruising Club in for burger night. We had a large group and want to say thank you to them. We have been raising funds to put together the AYC party room. The theme is Beauty and the Beast. We have had two planning meetings and sign-up sheets have been posted for help before, during, and after the party. Any help is greatly appreciated. There will be one last planning meeting that will be set for early Feb. to help figure out logistics.

Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis



The winter doldrums have set in, not much sailing activity is happening. Thanks to our members Dave and Troy for attending the AYC scheduling meeting. Our regatta dates are as follows: Sisters Race July

point person and is doing a great job bringing information the House Committee.

As an MBC member you are encouraged to participate in House Committee meetings to give your thoughts regarding the MBC property.

Regatta -Regatta - Regatta! This year is MBC's 75th anniversary and the regatta should be memorable. It is all of the members reasonability to make sure the 75th anniversary is special, and the regatta is a successful event. Soon an email will go out and a Facebook post will announce the Regatta Planning Meeting. Get involved! Come to the meeting when the date is posted.

As members if you see something around the club needing repair consider texting me so I can find a way to address the issues. Text to 734-751-8600. I am also putting a dry erase board (white board) in The Commodore's Room above the small bookcase for members to write down repairs and maintenance issues. If you want to help to maintain the property and can spare some time send me a text as I can always use your assistance.

We have been busy putting together some great lunch specials. I encourage you to watch our Facebook page and whiteboard in the bar area for our upcoming lunch specials. I will also try to keep you informed by email as much as possible. Thank you to Lori & Amy for their fantastic French Dip lunch, Lori for her Sirloin Tip Lunch, Chris & Cindy's Pasta lunch, Carol Smith's awesome Taco Tuesdays, and a huge thanks to Scott and Kim Fuller for their help every week keeping us moving along.

We had a visit from the Monroe County Health Dept. Food Service Inspection representative. I am happy to report that we had no violations and no areas of concern!! Inspector Jason was very pleased with our operation and food safety policies! Keep up the great work MBC members!!

We have lots of fun planned for the year!! Keep an eye on MBC's Facebook page for immediate information. We are also doing what we can to keep the club calendar up to date and emails sent to the membership. Please contact me with any concerns or suggestions for future events 734-777-6093 or brian@moyerwelding.com. We look forward to seeing you at the Club!!

On Sunday Jan. 12th, RVYC hosted the AYC fleet captain meeting to talk about any proposed rule changes as well as pass out the rules and dates for the poker runs. The five poker runs this year are Point Place Boat Club, Nugent's Canal Yacht Club, Ford Yacht Club, Detroit Beach Boat Club, and Riverview Yacht Club. More details will follow in the coming months.

On January 25th we welcomed two clubs on incoming bus trips. Maumee River Yacht Club and Riverview Yacht Club brought many of their members and had a great time. I plan on setting up some outgoing bus trips soon. I am thinking one during the month of March and one in April. The planning for those will be after the AYC party is over.

18, Ladies Race Aug 9, Solo Challenge Aug 15. Let's get our participation up this summer. There are many activities at the club to keep your spirits up, be sure to check the calendar.



Dock Master – Brian Manor

I hope everyone is surviving this winter. It hasn't been as bad as predicted so far. The de-icers are working great. I'm sure we won't see much ice damage this year. I ran them in early December, shut them off for about three weeks when the temperatures were mild, and turned them back on in mid-January. Hopefully

this keeps the electric bill down.

At the January general membership meeting, there was a lot of discussion about the dock fee increase for the 2020 season. The change was approved during a September dock committee meeting. All dock committee members were present but one. I was not able to present these changes to the board of directors until December because of more pressing problems that had to be handled. I apologize to for the short notice.



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

Welcome to new Auxiliary members Deborah Laura, Jean Kull, Kim Davis & Robin Heil. Also welcome to Holly Ziemke who rejoined and was reinstated. We are really glad to have all of you. You will be an asset to our Auxiliary.

Welcome to Annette Johnson in joining our by-law committee. Kathy Powers resigned from by-law committee due to other commitments and our by-law committee now consists of Mollie Wood (chairperson), Celeste Hoitash and Annette Johnson. Welcome Annette.

A big thank you goes to Auxiliary member Amelia Beverley and her helpers in chairing the New Years Eve party in the absence of Vice Commodore Dan Martin. A good time was had by all. You did a splendid job. Thanks again.

For the last 2 years, \$35,000 has been set aside from dock fees for a needed dock wall replacement along the parking lot. The estimate 3 years ago for this project was \$150,000. The dock committee, with the boards approval, set aside \$35000 in October of 2017 and 2018. I was not able to do that this past October because it was decided to buy de-icers to protect our docks from high water ice damage this year. I plan on setting the \$35000 aside after the dock fees come in this year.

There has been a lot of money spent on these docks in the last several years. There is a lot to go yet to keep them in good shape. This year I have no big projects planned. There are many areas that need boards replaced, docks tied down, etc. We have about 130 docks. I need your help to keep track of all of them. Please let me or a dock committee member know if there is a problem that needs to be addressed. Think Spring!

As mentioned last month, the Auxiliary created a private group-only Facebook page at the request of our Auxiliary members for better communication. Some of our younger members rely on this form of communication to keep up with scheduled meetings, events, the need for volunteers, donations for appetizers and such. We had requests from MBC members to joint our private page. It was decided to keep the Auxiliary page private. We are not doing this to hide or conceal anything from the club, but to keep our members apprised of Auxiliary functions. The only posts that we want to see on there is from our Auxiliary members with comments and/or questions. Any questions that a MBC member may have of the Auxiliary may be forwarded to any of our Board members or myself.

Note to our new members, feel free to sign-up to help out with burger nights or any other functions happening at the club. It is a great way to earn your work hours with making new friendships along the way.

That is all for now and all I can say is "THINK SPRING"!

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

MBC CCEC NEWS - Nothing to report this month.

MBC-A (501c3) Update

 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

Boat US

The BoatUS Cooperating Group Program is a special partnership program for Monroe Boat Club and other boating and fishing organizations where BoatUS offers \$15 BoatUS Membership dues and 10% off any Unlimited Water Towing Service to club members at no cost. Please continue to promote BoatUS at your club events and in your club communications.

All Monroe Boat Club members can join BoatUS or renew their Membership when MBC's source code **GA81739B** is used.



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MBC Club and Member Photos

Here are some pictures from the Riverview YC visit to MBC



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2020</p> <p>Commodore.....Fred Hoytash 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 Shaughnessey ryan.shaughnessey@ymail.com (517) 745-8145</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....John Davis jadavis1@bex.net (419) 304-1211</p> <p>Financial Secretary.....Lance 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 Hoytash</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 Hoytash - 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 – Dan Martin</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> <hr/> <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

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Dock Payments Due	11	12	13	14 AYC Ball Weekend Valentines Day	15 AYC Ball Weekend
16 AYC Ball Weekend	17 Presidents Day Open Docks Posted for Sign-Up	18	19	20	21 6:30pm Friends of Mills Dinner @ TYC	22
23	24	25	26	27 12:00pm Dock Sign- Up Sheet Comes Down	28	29

Future Events

- Mar 1 - Dock Assignment Day, 2:00pm
- Mar 9 - Blue Gavel Meeting, 7:00pm
- Mar 17 - St Patrick's Day

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Weekday Banquet Room Rental only \$150.00
- Euchre every Sunday beginning on November 10th through at least March 8th
- Lunch Specials Every Day

CLASSIFIED

Summer Storage Season
May 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Nov 1 - May 1
Contact Yard Master
Dave Ryan
(419)-260-9578 - dryan@bex.net