



Commodore – Fred Hoitash

The AYC Ball is over, and so begins the year of the 2020 Class. Many of the other 2020 Commodores have been moving through their offices together since Power Fleet. Celeste and I began running with them back in the winter of 2018-19 as I became MBC's Vice Commodore. I've been through this run before with the US Power Squadrons. You make a lot of friends and there are the handful that become close friends. We are fortunate to get to know so many people in our class and at the other clubs as officers. Yes, there is the BS of the meetings and other situations that you deal with. The few friends you meet along the way are far important and bring more joy than is offset by the responsibilities of office. We are having a fun year and hope to have a great summer at the docks with all of you.

The Board continues to look at improvements to our infrastructure. The Vice Commodore has been holding House Committee meetings every month to flush out ideas and take some to implementation. V/C Dan Martin has all this good information in his article.

The Key card project is complete for now. All members have their key cards, and to date there is only one that did not get programmed correctly. If you have any issues with the cards, please call me directly to get the issue resolved as quickly as possible. This spring as the weather breaks, two long range card readers will be installed on pedestals for the storage lot gates. Hopefully this will give MBC a little better control over the storage area.

A couple weeks ago I went to another winter Ice Festival as I do most winters. I always travel with a burgee that was flown on FantaC labelled with our name, boat name and year it was flown. So, I stopped into the local yacht club and I was hoping to trade burgees, but the Commodore was not there, nor were any of the other officers. When we were in the club house, I noticed a FYC burgee on display. So now I start in about the burgee trade and that Green Bay already has one of MBC's burgees. They called the Commodore to come in and exchange burgees with me. We had a great time at the Fond du Lac Yacht Club, and I was able to present our rear Commodore with another club's burgee.

MBC continues to welcome new members and Auxiliary members. Steve Hudkins, our current membership chair, continues to work with applicants that you all bring in. The MBC membership is an active group and I appreciate the outreach that everyone does in the community to promote our club to new people. Each member that you bring to MBC helps to sustain this organization. Speaking of outreach, the MBC Association has reached out to the Michigan Fishing Tour that is coming to Bolles Harbor this spring. There will be more to come on this next month. These opportunities provide huge benefits for the grade school fishing club members and for MBC as part of the greater Monroe community.

We have had several incoming bus trips and there are more in the works. Power Fleet Captain Ryan will keep the membership up to date on all of these activities. Keep an eye on the club calendar so

you don't miss anything. Once again, the reason we have so many incoming bus trips is because of our membership and their friendships with the other clubs' members. Our members make MBC what it is and make it a welcoming club for other clubs.

A reminder to all members that Monroe Boat Club is a non-profit corporation, managed by the Board of Directors as specified in the by-laws. We are all members, here to promote boating and boating activities. Please respect your fellow members. We have a great clubhouse, full docks with great water levels, a super banquet room, soon to be more super, and grounds that are open and usable by all members. These things, however, are all just that – THINGS. Without members they are nothing and so it goes that without members, there is no Monroe Boat Club. You, and I mean YOU and how you act as a member, make all the difference in the success of this club. So, let us all look to the future of a thriving Monroe Boat Club.

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At the February Member meeting, Craig Lamb was inducted as the Honorary 2020 Commodore. I am thrilled that our members thought of this idea and even more thrilled to share this year with Commodore Lamb. Another way we are making the 75th Anniversary one to remember. Please congratulate Craig on his position when you see him. I'm looking forward to Commodore Craig starting off a couple



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

Greetings from the Vice. After many years of discussion Monroe Boat Club's banquet room will get remodeled. Approvals have been secured for new floorcovering and paint. As we are a "working club" MBC will be doing the demolition and disposal of the existing carpet and tile. This means work hours will be granted in return for help removing the existing floorcovering and properly painting the banquet room. Signup sheets will be posted soon.

Tuesday March 10th at 6:30PM will be the first MBC Regatta 75th anniversary planning meeting. Please join us in the Commodore Room and be part of the team. This is open to members and guest.

If you look hard enough you will see some repairs, maintenance and improvements have been done to the club. Some examples are the automatic flushers in the men's restroom, adjusting the door closers, repairing leaking faucets and rehangng fire extinguishers. As for kitchen drawers please do not overload them as the drawer tracks can only hold so much weight. A ductwork project has been underway and will soon be completed. This is to address inconsistent temperatures in bathrooms and the Commodore room. We are about to hang a repair and maintenance "Whiteboard" in the Commodore room. When any member finds a repair or maintenance issue take ownership in your club and write the issue on the whiteboard. Keeping in mind the club is managed by unpaid servant's so repair and maintenance issues will be noted, reviewed and addressed to the satisfaction of most people.

I try to keep the club calendar up to date with banquet room bookings. The room is a great value price wise and the club would like to get as many rentals as possible. The banquet room is on a first come, first available based on the reservation form completion and return. Return forms to the club's mailbox located in the Commodore room. The forms are online through the MBC website and in the hallway across from the bathrooms. It is also expected the



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to help in the bar in February. Your help is greatly appreciated!! My first month in office has had a few challenges but all in all we are on a good path. I will be looking to get entertainment on some weekends going forward. If there is something you would like us to consider please let me know. I am also seeking help for our lunch specials. Our membership appreciates a good lunch and we want to keep providing that. If you would like to host a lunch, please see me and we can review available dates and put something together.

I would like to remind everyone, per our house rules, members are expected to clean up after themselves when they leave for the day. This includes bussing your table, returning any items to their



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessey

Now that the 2020 AYC Commodore's Ball is over, we are pleased to announce that we successfully pulled off our Beauty and the Beast room. We spent approximately \$2400 for the room, food, decorations, and drinks. Our Belle's Provincial Punch seemed to be quite a popular feature drink! We have so many people to thank for helping make this happen. Thank you to the

of meetings for us. It might be worthwhile to attend the April Member meeting and see how he does.

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."
Lyndon B Johnson.

room and kitchen are both cleaned up to the condition you found it or better after your event. Leftover items are subject to disposal and if your donating something from your event please note your donation before your event for approval. In kind donations are appreciated but at some point, only so much can be retained and stored. As with many aspects of the MBC club the banquet room is managed by a volunteer, me.... so be kind and understanding. I make efforts to do a good job of balancing work, family, personal and club duties.

February, I chaired the Thursday Burger Nights. No way I could have done it without the help of the great kitchen crews that volunteered and Carol Smith. Carol you are awesome! Historically February is slow and not as profitable, but we paid the bills and had fun. To close out burger nights I booked a friend Tony to play acoustic guitar and entertain our guest. Fair to say Tony was great and he is booked to play the MBC bar for St Patty's Day. Mark your calendars for the St Patty's day fun. Gina and I will be on the AYC trip so there will be two extra bar seats available.

On the fun side Lady Gina and I had much fun at the AYC Commodore party and ball. Great job was done by P.F.C. Ryan and his wife Nicole heading up the MBC hospitality room. We also attended a dinner at FYC and a planning meeting for 2021 future Commodore's hosted by P.C. Mike Brown from SBC. March is exciting for Lady Gina and me too because we are off to the AYC Punta Cana trip in the D.R. There is about 50 of our friends from AYC clubs flying out for a week or so of fun in the sun. Alcohol will be involved.

Although it feels we just started year 2020 at some point 2021 will be here and our great club will need officers and board members. It is time to "shadow" 2020 leadership and consider running for a position in 2021. You may be surprised how rewarding a leadership position in the club can be. Feel free to call or text me with questions.

Looking forward to your support!

respective locations (chairs and tables included). You're also expected to wipe down your table if needed. I can say that members have been great about the adherence to bar rules and Liquor Control rules in general. To repeat from last month, guests are not allowed to receive a drink across the bar from a bar employee (myself included). A member must serve any alcoholic beverage to their guest, No Exceptions. Bar Chips are considered cash so they may NOT be handed to a guest so that the guest can purchase alcohol.

On March 14, we will have our St. Patrick's Day Party. We have entertainment in the bar and will be serving a traditional Jigs Dinner, Corned Beef with Cabbage and Potatoes. Hope you can make it out for a great time!! I look forward to a great season serving as your Rear Commodore.

Auxiliary and Satin Gavel for donations towards the room. Thank you to Dan Martin for the use of his truck, Dan Thomas for getting the liquor at CGX for us as well as set up and tear down, Rick and Wendy Campbell for guidance, food prep, set up and take down, Trish Soto for helping prep food, Tom Barnett for help in planning meetings and set up, Commodore Fred and Lady Celeste for help in planning, set up, take down, and some bartending, Bill and Lori Levalle for help

with set up, Dave Powell for allowing us to set up music, and Shawna for bringing it up to us, all of our amazing bartenders and gracious donations of food. For being our first visit to the AYC ball, we had fun and learned a lot about how it all comes together. If we were ever to do this again, we have a much better idea on how to create a



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

It's still winter, so there are no sailing activities. I'll let the other board members report on the club activities. Where we are, it's the height of the boating season. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, our winter home for the last nineteen years, is built around one of the largest and deepest natural bays in the world. Our condo is in the

Marina Vallarta, the largest of the marinas on the bay. The mouth of the marina has a basin that can accommodate up to three cruise ships at a time. They come and go on a daily basis Monday thru Friday. As you proceed up the cut, there is a service facility that has an eighty-ton Travelift. The cut is about the same length as ours from Erie to our club, with two differences, it's much wider and there is no 'wake zone'. Boats go probably 10 mph, but they don't produce a



Dock Master – Brian Manor

March is here. Hopefully it goes out like a lamb. I don't have much to report this month. The mild winter is helping to keep the electric cost for the de-icers down. I plan on the dock committee and myself doing an inspection of the docks for repairs before the end of the month. In fact, I would like to put together a work



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

The Children's Easter Party will be held on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00pm and will be chaired by Shawna Powell, Megan May and Olga Collino. There will be no sign-up sheet to attend. It is sure to be a fun time!!

The Ladies of Detroit Beach Boat Club will be visiting our Club on Saturday, March 21st around 3:30pm-4:00pm as part of their Booze Cruise Bus Trip. Please come out and support this event seeing old friends and making some new friends. If any of our members would be interested in donating an appetizer

successful room. We have a few fundraisers still to come this year, including pizza sales at regatta and vinyl MBC burgee decals for your boat or car that will be for sale starting in April. We are exciting about our incoming bus trips in March and are looking forward to scheduling an outgoing bus trip or two.

wake since saltwater is more dense. The boat basin has 350 slips ranging from 30 to 200 ft. The ratio from sail to power is about the same as our club, 30% sail. Some of the sailboats do day charters and the powerboats take people fishing or whale watching, as it is whaling season here. A good portion of the power boats (yachts) are in the 80-90 ft range with a few around 150. It's fun to watch them maneuver in tight quarters. We find it interesting in watching the activity that when boats leave their docks, they always take their dock lines, even though they will be coming back in a few hours. The only boats missing from the mixture are the "go fast" types. Jeff and Dave, you two need to come down here and liven things up. See you on the water.

party by the end of the month, weather permitting of course. I'll send out a Facebook and Mailchimp notice when plans are formalized. Thanks to everyone who helps keep our docks maintained.

for this event, there will be a sign-up sheet forthcoming, or contact me at (734) 735-6031.

Just an FYI. If any of our members are approaching Life Membership (who has attained the age of 62 and has been a member in good standing for fifteen (15) consecutive years), please let the Auxiliary Treasurer know. The Auxiliary doesn't keep track of those approaching Life Membership, so it would be up to you (and also helpful to the Auxiliary) to request your Life Membership status.

That is all for now, so think spring as it is just around the corner...

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- March 4, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- March 4 and 18, 4:00-5:30, 5th-6th Grade Fishing Club, Knabusch Math/Science

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club Judy Peterson reports, "MBC Book Club had another great meeting in February. We decided that since the selection for the month (The Goldfinch) was so lengthy, we would continue reading this until the March meeting. We encourage anyone interested in reading current fiction and enjoying some social time to come and join us!! Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4 at MBC.



S.O.A.P. stands for "Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution" Ron Soto brought this to my attention, and I thought it was of interest for us as parents and grandparents. Human trafficking is the trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. Human

trafficking affects individuals right here in Michigan and Ohio. It is commonly regarded as the 2nd largest criminal enterprise after drugs. Average age of victims is 13 years old. More than 1,000 Ohio children are estimated to be trafficked every year. Toledo is the 4th

largest recruitment site for minor sex trafficking in the country. Ohio is the 2nd highest state for sex trafficking, and Michigan has the 11th highest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. You may think it is only found in the poorest districts, but it is found in all genders, all socioeconomic levels, and both rural and suburban/city.

The SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) is an outreach to fight sex trafficking at large events and in communities. It was founded by Theresa Flores. She was white, Catholic, middle class teenager in this area. On her worst night, after being auctioned off to nearly two dozen men in a dingy, dirty, inner city Detroit motel, Theresa recalled the only item that would have reached out to her was a bar of soap. With that in mind, she later, after years of healing, created The SOAP Project to help other victims. There are a number of ways individuals and groups may help the project—see <http://soaproject.org>. It takes bars of soap, places the Hotline on each bar, and distributes them to motels and hotels. Individuals and groups may help the project by stamping the soap and distributing it to various sites. The National Human Trafficking Hotline number is 1-888-3737-7888. There is additional information on a number of sites on the internet.

MBC-A (501c3) Update



GET HOOKED! The theme of the Monroe School District fishing club that was started in the Fall of 2019 by your club's 501c3 arm the *MBC Association* is "**Get Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs**".

Principals of the Monroe public schools saw the value of Charlotte Neuhauser's proposal, and now there are students from Custer and Waterloo schools that meet two Wednesdays a month and follow a national scholastic curriculum that teaches them about environmental stewardship, safety, biology and good life skills all in the context of fishing. They are being introduced to casting, lures, knot tying, bait and everything else you need to know about fishing. MBC's Nicole Shaugnessy is the Monroe Intermediate School District Coordinator of the Knabush Math/Science Center and liaison for the fishing club.

I bet there is a good chance you have childhood memories with your parents, an uncle or grandparents fishing with you. And look where are you now.... reading the Harbor Light as member of Monroe Boat Club! That's not a coincidence. Learning to fish as a youngster leads to so many benefits throughout life.

In our Fishing Club each week there is a dedicated topic. There are the basics of learning to cast and tying knots, and more advanced subjects including the specifics of equipment, the anatomy of a fish, regulations, nature and habitats. As this project is getting started, the kids are meeting at the Knabush Math and Science Center across the creek from MBC and are really excited to see the equipment that is going into their tackle boxes and are getting the itch to catch some fish in the spring. Some of the kids have never caught a fish before!

Would you like to be a part of the excitement of helping a kid catch their first fish? We really need one or two people to help on two afternoons each month, especially as the MBC-A is now expanding this program to the entire Monroe County school district!

You will be making a terrific impact for the rest of a child's life. Give me a call and I'll set you up: Dave Ryan dryan@bex.net or 419-260-9578.

When Spring arrives, our goal is to have the kids fish in LaPlaisance Creek from the MBC West Property a couple afternoons a month. As this is an educational endeavor, funds from our 501c3 "MBC-A" can be used to upgrade the facility for that purpose, and you can make a tax-deductible contribution directly to MBC-A to support these projects, as well as utilize the MBC-A AmazonSmile program.



The MBC Association has received the Silver Seal of Transparency from GuideStar, the national nonprofit reporting group that lists all nonprofit organizations.



Attn: DTE Retirees and Employees:

The DTE Foundation will assist our club's 501c3 arm when at least five (5) employees or retirees participate in an educational or charitable function. DTE will support up to 3 Grants per year for our programs including School Fishing Club, Environmental Career Day, Maritime Career Day, Kids Fishing Derby during Regatta, and more.

DTE Retiree's must "Opt-In" to be recognized. Please contact John Kauffman at JohnRKauffmanJr@gmail.com or 734-847-6509 to become eligible.

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North Cape Yacht Club Sail Camp

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2020 at:

www.monroboatclub.org

Applications due March 31, 2020.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth to learn sailing and boating skills, and / or Jr racing via scholarships to the North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer. From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy, Laser, or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 16 that can swim!

Must be 13 or older for the Jr Racing Program.

This opportunity is being extended to children, step children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (734) 773-6539

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 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 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 – 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> <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

March

2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2:00pm Dock Assignments	2	3	4 Noon MBC Book Club	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time (clocks ahead 1 hour)	9 7:00pm Blue Gavel Mtg	10 6:30pm MBC Regatta Planning Mtg	11 6:30pm Aux Board Mtg 7:00pm Aux Membership Mtg 7:00pm MBC Board Mtg	12	13	14
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day!	18	19	20	21 3:30pm DBBC Booze Cruise Bus Trip
22	23	24	25 7:00pm MBC Membership Mtg	26	27	28
29 1:00 pm Children's Easter Party	30	31				

Future Events

- Apr 3rd-5th – I-LYA Spring Meeting
- Apr 9th-21st – Banquet Room Closed for Remodeling
- Apr 24, 25, 26 Catawba In-Water Boat Show

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
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