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Commodore – Fred Hoitash

This is my last article as Commodore, and actually my last article for the Harbor Light. It has been an honor to serve MBC and all of you, the members, as Vice Commodore and Commodore over the last couple of years. Looking back, there have been some really good accomplishments around here. My career has kept me focused on client relationships and infrastructure management. Some of that focus has been transferred to MBC though my time on the Board. I feel that I have truly had the support of the Board and membership, and have too many people to thank to list them all. Thank you for a tremendous year through difficult times. A special thanks goes out to the MBC Association for stepping up to help with the recently passed renovation project, and to Rear Commodore Brian Moyer, for stepping up to a very important position in our club. His leadership has been pivotal this year in managing the staff and operations of the Bar through the hundreds of Executive Orders, CDC guidance and local health department recommendations for operating. I would like to recognize and thank Honorary Commodore Craig Lamb for his help in running the meetings. It has been my pleasure to bond a little with this great man.

I have just completed three months of Burger Night, fundraising for the 2020 Commodore’s Ball that has been cancelled. Again, I thank you all for the tremendous support as we rolled out the food again in July. We’ve had great crews and initiated a few members into the kitchen side of the event. R/C Brian Moyer was instrumental in planning the re-start of the burger nights. Groups from other clubs, AYC and the Power Squadron helped make all three months successful. For those that have ventured out to dine with us on Thursdays, you know that we have done what we can do to provide this service as safely as possible. Over the last 3 weeks we have begun to fine tune and even relax the process. Most recently we brought back the grilled onions (my favorite condiment). Again, I thank everyone for their tremendous support.



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

Needless to say, in the 75-year history of Monroe Boat Club the 2020 year this year was a challenge that no one saw coming. The coronavirus affected the health of many of our fellow Americans and the world. It also affected the “normal” flow of life as we discover a new normal.

During the last two years it has been rewarding to see so many projects completed as well as future projects approaching their start dates. The docks have had a multi-year stabilization/repair project completed under the direction of Dock Master Brian Manor. A big thank you, Brian, for that big project, the ice prevention turbines, continuing to add to the seawall rebuild fund, and for the many, many small projects that you and the work teams completed to keep MBC’s docks in great shape. All the work to fence, grade and clean up the storage yard is paying back MBC in a big way. It is our second largest source of non-Dues revenue. The banquet room and club house have had numerous projects completed, some during the time we were closed due to the coronavirus. We have just approved a partial renovation project to make the west house more of a usable asset. Some maintenance work will be done at the same time as the renovation. That said, as we begin a new year with some new Board members, we need to keep looking at both preserving our assets and upgrading them to enhance membership value.

Celeste and I have recently represented Monroe Boat Club at Commodore’s receptions for Toledo Sail Club, Detroit Beach Boat Club, Great Lakes Steel Boat Club and Elba Mar Boat Club. We continue to visit other boat clubs and class commodores on an informal basis. We feel that we have become close with many of the Commodore’s in our class. Maybe even more so due to the pandemic.

I’ll close with a final reminder to please vote on the proposed By-law changes before the 14 October meeting if at all possible. There are 7 proposed changes and we need to hear the voice of our members on each of the proposals.

“Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for.” *Zig Zigler.*

The 40 work hour appreciation dinner diner was a success. It might be a hard way to earn a steak or chicken dinner, but you will find the recipients of the dinners likely volunteer their time to serve the club and its members first and foremost. The dinner is just a bonus. My thanks to all the 50+ volunteers achieving 40 plus hours of year of service this year. As always Carol Smith said she would help me with

the dinner. Really Carol arranged the dinner and I helped. Thanks again Carol you know the kitchen is not my forte.

I was asked in 2019 to serve as Power Fleet Capt. and felt I could get through the year with a balance of family, work and the club. In my eyes and to my standards I don't feel I did the best at the position, but I served, and most things were accomplished. Knowing I could not run a bar operation, at least at this time in my life, I was asked to perform the duties of Vice Commodore.

I started out the V/C year a little more ambitious but was still determined to balance out family, work and the club. When the coronavirus became a fact of life I had to focus on my company and work much more. March, April and May many people from the club caught on the idea of working with me to manufacture plexiglass barriers, etc. and it was my honor to work with them. Together we help slow the virus spread and get Americans people back to work safer. Since then several people now work full time for my company and have continued to make a difference to thousands across the country.



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from your Rear Commodore,

Well as we wind down the MBC year, I once again say Thank You for your support this year. We have had to make many changes as we navigated the storm of 2020. These changes weren't always easy but with

the tremendous support from the membership we were able to thrive in a very challenging environment. Hopefully as we look to the next year these challenging situations will improve or be solved.

For the next month we will be continuing the lunch specials that we have been having. With our Hot Dog Roller, Hot Dog and sausage dog sales have been very strong. We still do have a Coney Dog Special on Monday which is 2 Loaded Chili Dogs with Chips for \$3.50. On Tuesday we will continue to have Taco Tuesdays and of course French Dip Fridays which many of you have been enjoying regularly, myself included. I will be looking to schedule live entertainment every couple of weeks for the month and see how the support is. We will likely be limited to "one-man bands" due to cost and seating availability.



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessy

This year has been different than past years and hasn't been easy on anyone. Luckily, we have had some great weather to still be able to enjoy some time on the water. Now we are coming into my least favorite time of the year where we start making preparations to put the boats away for the winter.

Along with the winter prep starting it will soon be time for next year's power fleet captain to take over. I want to congratulate Tony Schippa on taking the reins and continuing the duties of the power fleet captain. He will do an amazing job.

With that being said, there has been a big change with the AYC poker runs. With all poker runs being cancelled for this year, there was a vote at the fleet captain and commodore meeting to move all poker



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

The racing season has come to an end. Our annual awards banquet was held on the club lawn Sept. 12. The weather cooperated and it was a big success. The championship winners for the season are: JAM: 3rd One Leg UP, Charlie Simons, 2nd Second Wind,

My ambitions and efforts regarding MBC in 2020 were defiantly not up to the standards I set for myself. There were projects that did get done and the club benefited in ways that were not expected. The carpet, painting, and TV's in the banquet room had a big impact. We were forced for many months to utilize the banquet room to increase capacity allowing members to enjoy the clubhouse. At some point we will move back into the bar area and the banquet room improvements should last for years. Many maintenance and improvements were also done the thanks to members. Their ability to see the projects, manage the projects and complete the projects was commendable and I thank you all.

September nominations led me to the Commodore position and several members in new positions will guide the club in 2021. There is an amazing pool of talented people with history regarding policies, procedures and protocol. Your assistance will be welcome and please have my thanks in advance.

At this year's Change of Watch Ceremony we are not having the usual "Open Bar" but participants will receive 2 drink tickets to be redeemed that day. This is due to this year's lost revenue from cancellations and shutdown. Instead of the usual buffet food we will be scaling that back to light appetizers (chips, popcorn, etc.) Like everything this year these plans are tentative and may change if conditions change.

In closing, Again I thank you for your support. I have had a great time this year in spite of the challenges. As you may know I have accepted the nomination to perform the position of Rear Commodore for 2021. I made this decision primarily because I took the position thinking I could improve the operation and make the position more self-sustaining. I am very happy to say that part has progressed nicely, but I feel I have unfinished work to do and since I really was only able to do the job for 7 of 12 months I think I can continue to find areas to improve before I turn in the keys to my successor.

runs back one year. Along with the poker runs moving back one year, there will be a sixth run added at Seaway Boat Club as the AYC commodore has to have one.

In other news from AYC there was an addition to the poker run rotation. Toledo Yacht Club is now going to be part of the rotation starting in 2022. That means six poker runs for the next two years. There was also a vote to make it mandatory to attend all six poker runs in order to earn a flag for perfect attendance. If there are any questions on the new poker run schedule, please feel free to reach out to me.

It's been a strange year, but I appreciate all the support from the members and the club.

Garry Griffith, 1st Footloose, John Davis. PHRF: 3rd Wildcat, Russ Atkinson, 2nd Pink Panther, Al Michaud, 1st Yuk Fu II, Walt Norris. Sailing in the crisp fall weather can be the best. See you on the water for another month.



Dock Master – Brian Manor

Here we are at the end of the boating season. What a strange one this has been! I hope everyone got a chance to enjoy their boat this year.

First, I want to thank all the members who showed up for our August 31 dock work party. The left end of the Main T should be secured in place now.

I have a few fall reminders for our dock holders. First, the water system will be shut down and drained sometime between October 15 and 31. The safety equipment will stay in until October 31st. Your



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

The Auxiliary annual dinner meeting is being held on Friday, October 16th at 6:00pm. The dinner choices for that evening are stuffed pork chop or maple glazed salmon. You should have received the dues billing along with the dinner/meeting invite as of this writing. Please plan to attend if you are able. We will be installing new Officers and Board members.

The General Membership annual dinner meeting is being held on Friday, October 23rd. The dinner selections for that dinner are slow cooked roast beef or chicken marsala. If you would like to help out, I am in need of a clean-up crew. Please contact me at 734-735-6031

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- September 10, 7:00 pm. "Behind the Scenes of Professional Wrestling"

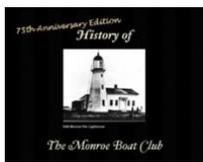
NEWS



MBC Book Club. From Judy Peterson: "No meetings until January 2021."



Our appreciation to Terrance Gerin, our own MBC member and a professional wrestler, who provided an interesting and informative evening on Thursday, September 10. He shared stories and answered questions about his experiences. Thank you so much, Terrance (Rhino), for a very enjoyable evening.



There is one copy available of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the History of The Monroe Boat Club book. If you would like to purchase it, please bring a check or cash for \$45, to the Change of Watch ceremony on November 1.

The DNR has announced they have full amenity cottages available at Sterling State Park, safari tents at Highland Recreation Area, and geodesic domes at Port Crescent State Park. Reservations will open soon for 2021.

MBC-A (501c3) Update

The MBC-Association is the Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 arm. It funds, organizes and administers educational programs that have non-member, local schools and community involvement.

For the past two years, MBC-A has been an affiliate of the Amazon Smile program. When you buy from Amazon, at no extra cost to you, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to MBC-Association when you buy through Smile.Amazon.com

For the period April 1-June 30, 2020, Amazon has donated \$100.26 to the MBC-Association which is the largest quarterly donation yet.

dock poles need to be removed by Midnight Friday November 13. If you re rented a dock, you are responsible for removing the dock poles. If you offered your dock for re rent and don't know whether it was re rented, please call me. If the dock was not re rented, the dock holder is responsible for pulling the dock poles. There is a \$50.00 per pole charge if the dock master has to pull your poles. Please secure your poles to the dock using plumbers strapping or any other appropriate material.

Please enjoy our beautiful Michigan fall.

or at mllachcik@aol.com if you can help out. This is a good way to get your work hours in early.

The Auxiliary five work hour requirement that was suspended due to the COVID-19, is reinstated beginning September 1st. If you are a new auxiliary member and did not work your mandatory five work hours by 08/31/20, you must work them this season sometime between 09/01/20 and 08/31/21. You are not able to pay for work hours during your first year as an Auxiliary member. Please ask me or a Board member if you have any questions.

Thanks for the opportunity to again serve you as your Auxiliary President this year as we welcome new Officers and Board members for the upcoming season.

The color in northern lower Michigan should be in peak color around Sept. 28 through Oct. 5, mid-Michigan Oct 5-Oct. 12, and southern lower Michigan Oct. 12-Oct. 19. If you don't have a boat or it's been put away for the season, take a color tour.

If your interest lies more in helping remove buckthorn, a woody invasive shrub, join a group on November 7, 1:00-3:00 pm. The event is co-sponsored by River Raisin Institute, Wayne County Parks, and the Western Lake Erie Collaborative Conservation Community of the Stewardship Network and will be held at Crosswinds Marsh in New Boston. For more information, call Brittany Leick at 734.240-9837.

amazon smile **MBC-A...** MBC-A received a nice check from AmazonSmile this past month. 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 indicating MBC Association as your charity. All products and prices are exactly the same as Amazon.com. The donation to charities comes from the profit that Amazon.com earns. Thank you to all of you who are purchasing your products through AmazonSmile.

We give a big **Thank You!** to all Boat Club members who have used Amazon Smile, and those that are about to!

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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**Nominees for 2021 MBC Offices**

Commodore:	Dan Martin
Vice Commodore:	Dustin Diehl
Rear Commodore:	Brian Moyer
Power Fleet Captain:	Tony Schippa
Sail Fleet Captain:	John Davis
Secretary:	Todd Strauch
Treasurer:	Fabrizio Biundo
Financial Secretary:	Lance Piedmonte
Dock Master:	Dave Volker
Director (4 yrs):	Fred Hoitash
Finance Comm (3 yr):	Lance Piedmonte

West House Renovation Vote Results

MBC Members attending the September 23 Membership meeting were able to vote in person, and many more voted via Absentee Ballot for a proposal to renovate the West Property Waterside House that will include providing two (2) bathrooms.

There were 175 total votes cast. 146 voted "Yes" to proceed with the project and 29 voted "no". That is an overwhelming 83% of the voting membership supporting the improvement of the club's asset.

There will be MBC members doing the demo, plumbing, electric and carpentry work to keep the costs to the club at a minimum. The Power Fleet with the approval of the membership at the meeting has donated funds, the club's 501c3 will be advancing facility rental fees, and a member has donated \$500.00 to the project.

The facility is projected to be complete and ready for use at the opening of the docks next spring.

Vote on 7 Bylaw Change Proposals on October 14th !

This year there are Seven (!) proposals from the membership to change and/or update the club bylaws. They fall into three categories: A) New Membership Process, B) Allow E-Mail for certain club communications, and C) Life Membership.

Proposals 1-4 address the continuing challenge to attract new members. The Membership Chairman currently has about a dozen applications from people who have walked away due to the time lag and other complications.

#1 Proposes to reduce the current posting and approval process by requiring a minimum of 14 days of the application being posted before being inducted as a new member.

#2 Proposes extending the work hour deadline one month until October 1.

#3 Pro-rates new members' dues so there would not be a cost advantage regardless when a new member joins. Currently new members pay full dues up to June 1 and half after that, leading many people delay joining and the club losing revenue. Under the new proposal, Work Hours would also be pro-rated by 1 hour per month from June to October.

#4 Requires new members to perform their work hour obligations, but allow a first-year member to pay for un-completed hours. This is a return to the method used before 2002.

#5 Would allow E-Mail to be used to deliver Membership Dues and E-Mail notification of club-wide voting meetings. This would allow the club to save postage, paper and envelope expenses for most of the membership while still using the post office for members without E-Mail.

#6 Proposes to limit Life Members to 35% of regular dues-paying members. As the club has a maximum of 335 Dues Paying Members, Life Members would not exceed 117. There will be no changes for individuals who are existing Life Members.

#7 Proposes that any Commodore receiving Life Membership would have a minimum of 10 continuous years of club membership with 3 years of service on the Board.

The Club needs your input by a simple "Yes" or "No" vote on these proposals. You can vote in-person at the October 14th meeting at 7pm, or by returning an Absentee Ballot. The Absentee Ballot and a full description of the proposal is available here: [2020 Bylaw Proposal Ballot](#) Just place your cursor on the link and click.

MBC Club and Member Photos



Professional wrestling star and MBC member Terry Gerin (Rhino) presents a behind-the-scenes look at pro wrestling at the Club on Sept 10, and autographs a poster for Ezra Powell



Commodore Hoitash and Lady Celeste host members at the BBQ Pavilion on Labor Day September 7.



Pics of the Sail Fleet Annual Dinner on September 12.



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2020</p> <p>Commodore.....Fred Hoytash mbc.commodore.20xx@gmail.com (734) 649-1335</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Dan Martin danmartin@magnumtools.com (734) 751-8600</p> <p>Rear Commodore.....Brian Moyer mbc.rear.com@gmail.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.....Rodger 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.....Sharon Bagley</p> <p>Secretary.....Kim Fuller</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 style="text-align: center;">AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer Larry Inguagiato – Ryan Shaughnessy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell P/C Dan Thomas – P/C Rodger Dutton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 6:30pm Satin Gavel Mtg	13 7:00pm MBC-A Quarterly Mtg	14 7:00pm Special Bylaw Vote Mtg MBC Board Mtg	15 Dock Water Shuts Down Through End of October	16 6:00pm Auxiliary Annual Dinner Mtg & Election of Officers	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 6:00pm Membership Annual Dinner Mtg	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Dock Safety Equipment Winterized

Future Events

- Nov 1 – 1:00pm Change of Watch
- Nov 3 – Go Vote! Election Day
- Nov 13 – Dock Poles must be removed by 11:59pm
- Nov 26 – Thanksgiving
- Dec 4-6 – I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake OH

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Lunch Specials Every Day
- Tuesday Evening Sail Races - 7:00pm (ends Sept 22)
- Call Sharon Bagley or Judy Peterson for a Ships Store appointment

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