

HARBOR



LIGHT



Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Since our boats are on the dry (or in the south for the snowbirds), and it's a little too cold for those much anticipated spring projects, we might as well have some parties. We had a great time at the I-LYA meetings and Ball at the beginning of December.

Commodore Steve Hyder from DBBC was installed as the 2020 Commodore for I-LYA. Our Power Fleet Captain is getting ready to start the process for getting the AYC room going. I won't steal his thunder so read his article. The dates of the AYC ball are 14-16 February. Looks like MBC has a good contingency of people going.

Monroe Boat Club is an active boating club. The vast majority of the members are involved with cruises, club racing, going to other AYC and club functions. We have so many members involved in many activities outside of the clubhouse. I think that this activity is what makes MBC strong as a club and gives us such a great reputation around the lake. We get very positive feedback from members that are coming in to MBC. They are choosing MBC because we are a friendly club, active with so many other clubs.

The new perimeter door locks are going to be installed the morning of 31 January. I am in the process of programming all of the existing members and Auxiliary cards. After that, Financial Secretary Lance Piedmonte will be trained on the system and the new member cards will be generated. All of the cards will be put into envelopes and can be picked up from the bartenders as you utilize the bar. Many of our members are gone for the winter, or do not come to the bar often. If you read this article or a soon to be issued email, please make it a point to come to the club and get your key card. We will mail the unclaimed cards the last week in January.



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

Hope all enjoyed the holidays. I want to give thanks to all the people who support the Vice Commodore by giving me advice and taking on projects. There are many names to drop and give praise, but I am limited to the amount of words to publish so I apologize as I am only calling out a few by name but thanks goes

out to the many others. On another note there are a few "go to people" that will get called out multiple times.

To get ready for the holidays thanks goes out to Amelia Beverley, Wendy Campbell, Craig Sauer, Jamie Steffes along with the Auxiliary for doing such a nice job decorating the club.

To keep the clubhouse up to date the House Committee desires to go forward with automatic flushers in the men's bathroom, explore and properly fix the HVAC ductwork, relocate and install a new thermostat in the hall, new carpet / dance floor in the banquet room and if help is available from Auxiliary painting the banquet room. To take care of club's carpet I purchased a commercial carpet cleaner and am in the middle of doing some refurbishing as it is used but when done should last for many years of service. The House

Kudos to our Dock Master Brian Manor for purchasing and installing the impeller systems to prevent damaging amounts of ice to form around the docks. These de-icers will save our club tens of thousands of dollars over the years. Maybe, just maybe, we can start thinking about dock improvements instead of just trying to keep them from falling into the drink. Read Brian's updates or come to the Member meetings to hear his reports. Let's get excited about what we can do in our near future.

Recently, we formed an Information Technology (IT) committee, currently headed up by Steve Hohman. They are going to be working on our IT infrastructure, software to enhance the POS system in the bar, remote meeting capabilities and other IT issues. There is a wealth of knowledge among the committee and they may be adding one or two more members. They are still looking for people with good IT knowledge in many areas. Contact Steve if you want to contribute.

The winter solstice has passed and the days are getting longer. Once we make it through the January and February deep freeze, our minds will once again begin to drift to the boats, cars and other fun things we do in the summer.

"There is no value in life except what you choose to place upon it and no happiness in any place except what you bring to it yourself."
Henry David Thoreau.

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Committee meetings are in the Commodore Room, listed on the club calendar and open to all members. Just show up and to see what's going on. If you feel you can provide assistance with a project, please find me. It's easy just call or text 743-751 8600. So many people have talents that I am not aware of and some projects just need simple labor.

The world-famous MBC Muskrat dinner planning, cleaning and serving is going on at the time of HL publication. There are many people to thank and names to drop regarding the Muskrat Dinner effort. This year I will call out Dave Rafko and Greg Loop along with the crew of The Rat Pack for cleaning 200 plus rats. They spent 11 or so hours in the kitchen and when done did an amazing job cleaning the kitchen. Yet to happen at publication time is the serving of the dinner on Monday January 6th. Hopefully we sold out of dinner tickets and had enough people to serve the dinner. Thanks to those who stepped up.

By time of publication the MBC New Years Eve party has passed. To make the party successful Amelia and Jamie again stepped up to hostess the event. Al Michaud provided live music with his Hi Jinx

Rear Commodore – TBD

We have a lot of important information to pass on to the membership at this time. First of all, Mike Powers has stepped down from the Rear Commodore position for personal reasons. When Mike stepped into the position, he had not had a break from being on the MBC and I-LYA Boards. In case you are not

aware, past I-LYA Commodore and past MBC Commodore Mike Powers has just finished his obligations with I-LYA after several years on that Board. He is the first I-LYA Commodore from Monroe Boat Club. He graciously stepped into the position of Rear Commodore for 2020 after the nominee decided that he could not fulfill his obligations. This is neither good nor bad, just life in full motion.

At a special Board meeting Mike Anteau was appointed as the interim R/C during the Board's quest to replace P/C Powers. We are grateful for the effort that Mr Anteau is putting into keeping the bar going. P/C Brian Moyer has agreed to be the R/C for the remainder of the 2020 term. P/C Mike, P/C Brian and I have been meeting regularly to assure a smooth transition. The plan is to appoint P/C Moyer to the office of Rear Commodore at the Board meeting on 08 January.

The Bar hours are changing for the winter months. Beginning this Sunday, 05 January, through at least the end of March, The Monroe Boat Club Bar will begin using reduced weekday hours. Sunday through Wednesday, the Bar will be open from noon to 10:00PM. The change is that during these days the 10:00PM closing time is a



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessey

There will be a meeting to start the planning for MBC's AYC Hospitality Room on Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm. The MBC hospitality room theme for the AYC weekend is "Disney's Beauty and the Beast". We need our members to help plan the room decorations

Band. Rick and Sue Booze assembled the Flying Saucer of Cheer for the event. The MBC general fund purchased some food for the free event and members were asked to bring a dish to pass.

Soon a date for the Regatta committee meeting will be decided on and an email will go out asking for your assistance. Please attend to help MBC celebrate our 75th year.

February Burger Nights will need some volunteers and I am asking our "working club" to sign up. The signup sheet will be on the kitchen door and it would be nice to see a rotation of new people to assist. If you are not familiar with helping in the kitchen do not be concerned as your fellow MBC members will be happy to work with you to make the time enjoyable. You will receive some work hours and a few cocktails too.

Call, text or email with questions, rental of banquet room and offers to assist with projects. My contact info is: danbmartin@magnumtools.com or 734-751-8600.

Hoping for a happy and safe new year!

firm time, irrespective of the number of bar patrons. The Bar WILL NOT be open later than this, Sunday through Wednesday. The only exceptions will be if there is a scheduled MBC event such as a home pool league series. The hours of operation for Thursday through Saturday will remain as posted on the web site.

We also need to inform our members of a very serious situation. Recently, a patron of the bar filed a complaint with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) to report MBC for NOT following the laws that bind our liquor license. Part of the complaint was that the Club was serving minors and non-members. Under no circumstances can a minor be served alcohol. Guests of members are NOT allowed to hand money to the member and accept drinks at the bar station; *the member must purchase and receive the drink*. Guests are NOT allowed to use chips to purchase their own drinks. Only members and Auxiliary members of Monroe Boat Club, and potentially members of reciprocating boat clubs can purchase drinks from the MBC bar.

We need everyone's support to keep our operation within the laws of the State. If the bar tender asks to see your membership card, be honored to show it and be part of the solution. P/C Moyer and I will have a follow up discussion with the MLCC around the end of January, so expect some updates in the near future.

Thank you, all, for your cooperation

Commodore Fred Hoytash



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Happy New Year. The gray winter doldrums have officially arrived. During December we attended the MBC Children's Christmas Party, which was a huge success. We also had our initial Sail Fleet organizational meeting. Chairmen for all of our

and coordinate activities for the AYC weekend. Come out and help make this year's AYC event a great one.

sailing events and regattas were chosen. The dates for the AYC Poker Runs will be set at the January AYC meeting.



Dock Master – Brian Manor

I hope everyone survived the holidays. To the dock holder, if you haven't received your dock renewal billing, you should very shortly. Please remember to include a current proof of insurance and registration along with your check. Dock fees were increased this year to \$450 for B docks, \$550 for C docks and \$950

for D docks. Please remember your dock fees need to be received at the club by February 10th.

I will be posting the available docks on February 17th. The list will come down at noon on February 27th. Our dock assignment meeting is on Sunday March 1 this year at 2:00pm.

Stay warm and enjoy your winter!



Auxiliary – Michelle Lachcik

Christmas has come and gone and now we are into the New Year. I hope everyone had a great Christmas.

A warm welcome to our newest Auxiliary Member Elaine Adkins who was inducted into the Auxiliary on December 11th. It is great to have her join. She will

be a great addition to the Auxiliary.

The Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 8th, and we had a great turn out!!! We had 67 adults and 39 children in attendance. Wow, what a great crowd!! Everyone seemed to have a really good time, especially the children with an appearance from Santa. Thank you to Carolyn Dutton & Nancy School in helping me to plan and put together this party. Also, thank you to the crew that worked the event, Carolyn Dutton, Nancy School, Cindy Trendle, Debbie Pryba, Linda Lamb, Mary Jo Griewahn, Cathy Thomas, Jerry Majeske & my husband Jim. Also, special thanks to Martie Reed for

helping to entertain the kids with her story telling and Christmas Carols. A great time was had by all.

Auxiliary members Carolyn Dutton and Nancy School collaborated & created a Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary Group private Facebook page to keep our members involved in what is going on with the Auxiliary, i.e. meetings, functions, donations, etc. We are in the process of getting all Auxiliary members invited to join this page. If you do not have permission to request access, please contact Carolyn Dutton, cdutton43@gmail.com or (734) 731-2635 or Nancy School, konopkanancy1@aol.com or (419) 349-6979.

An impromptu Ship Store Christmas Shopping sale was held by Carolyn Dutton, Linda Lamb and Shawna Powell with free gift wrapping provided on Sunday, December 15th. It was a great turn out with many items sold. Thanks to Carolyn, Linda and Shawna for hosting this sale.

Have a healthy and happy & prosperous New Year!

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- January 8, 12:00pm, MBC Book Club

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club... Judy Peterson reports, "The MBC Book Club met on December 4. We had a great discussion about our book selection, *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelidis. We highly recommend this book--especially to those who like psychological thrillers!

We had our annual Christmas gift exchange and then enjoyed delicious desserts made by Wilma Alban, Mollie Wood, and MaryJo Griewahn. It was a wonderful way to start off the holiday season.

The book selection for January 8 (2nd Wednesday) is *The Guardian* by John Grisham. Please come and join us for an enjoyable time.

News from Washington...The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding has been restored to \$320 million for next year. President Trump reduced the funding for this program for the past 3 years in

his annual budget, but Congress restored these funds each year. Now for the first time in nine years, the federal budget was passed that increased funding for this program – a 7% increase – so that new and emerging threats to the Great Lakes and waterways may be addressed.

Since this program was created in 2010, more than \$2.5 billion have gone toward protecting and cleaning up the Great Lakes. This funding has helped stop the spread of Asian carp, restore coastlines, clean up contamination and improve habitats for fish and wildlife. Also, a significant funding increase for the Soo Locks modernization project has been included in this increase, as well as increased funding to combat Asian Carp and other invasive species.

DNR reports ...If you have children or grandchildren who might be interested, more than 1,200 seasonal park workers are hired each summer/fall to work in Michigan's 103 state parks, state forest campgrounds, boating access sites and harbors. These employees will answer visitor questions, register campers, clean park buildings, maintain trails, mow grass and help visitors create some lifelong memories. Visit Michigan.gov/DNRJobs.

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

Memorial Paver Bricks

The Blue Gavel of Monroe Boat Club are continuing to sale the Memorial Bricks that can be placed near or around the flag pole in front of the club. These bricks may be engraved with names and sayings as desired by the purchaser of the brick.

The cost of a single brick is \$40.00 and has 3 lines with 11 spaces

The cost of a double brick is \$80.00 and has 5 lines with 19 spaces.

The forms for ordering the bricks are located on the counter just after entering the club. The forms contain the needed information for ordering and inscribing the paver.

The bricks that are ordered at the present time will be inscribed and installed prior to the Memorial Day Service, 2020.



MBC Club and Member Photos

Our club bartenders holiday party.



Sunday fun at MBC.



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.....TBD <i>TBD</i> (xxx) xxx-xxxx</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Ryan Shaughnessey ryan.shaughnessey@gmail.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>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.....Michelle 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: Garry Griffith</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

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4
5	6 MBC Annual Muskrat Dinner	7 7:00pm AYC Hospitality Room Mtg	8 12:00pm Book Club 6:30pm Aux Board 7:00pm Aux Mem Mtg 7:00pm Board Mtg	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22 7:00pm General Membership Mtg	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Door Locks Installed	

Future Events

- Feb 14-16 – AYC Ball Weekend

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

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