

# HARBOR LIGHT



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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

December 2015



**Club Commodore,  
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,  
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,  
Scott Fuller**

The holiday season is upon us again! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with their families.

Our Membership Chair, Nick Pinotti, produced MBC's first marketing program with an excellent promotional postcard campaign. Due to his forward thinking and engaging the members in many new ways, he successfully recruited 49 new members. As a result of his efforts, he was awarded the Gunner's Award. Congratulations Nick! The club is fortunate to have you continue in this role for 2016. At the November Board Meeting, we inducted six new members. As in past, we'll post their pictures in the bar – please take the time to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome at our club.

During the Christmas season, we reflect on how fortunate we are to be associated with each other and MBC. Club members have always remembered those in need during this special time of year. This year the Auxiliary's charitable donations are going to Pastor Heather Boone who sponsors the Oaks of Righteousness Homeless Shelter. R/C Scott Fuller, his able assistant Kim, and DJ Wally are helping the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program of Monroe County on Sat. Dec. 12th (8 pm 'til closing). Any member and their guest who donates a toy (or monetary contribution) will receive a drink at happy hour prices (for each toy you donate). Please come out and help us bring a little Christmas joy to the needy children of Monroe County.

December is shaping up to be another busy month! The Sunday Euchre series continues with games starting at 1 pm. On Sun. Dec. 6th, the Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party will start at 1:00pm in the banquet room. And, the V/C's New Year's Eve Party will be held Dec. 31st with DJ Wally!

On Dec. 9th, the Board Meeting will begin at 6:15pm and the General Membership Meeting will begin at 7 pm (date moved due to Christmas) I hope we see a great turnout at the meetings!

December also means preparations for the Annual Muskrat Dinner. The event itself will be held on Mon. Jan. 4th with tickets on sale Dec. 10th.

The Club will once again be decorated in lights and wreaths, so make a point to visit the club this month! Although the boats are in storage, inside the lights are blazing and events are happening all winter long.

Mike & I wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you around the club.

Hello Monroe Boat Club, members and friends! I would like to start by thanking some people that just stepped up in our time of need at the Club. Mark, took over housekeeping for the first couple of times and has repaired the soap dispensers, before escaping to Arizona. I need to find a temporary cleaning service or another member to help with the housekeeping, as our regular janitor recovers from medical procedures. Call me, please! Our best to Sheila and she hopes to back tat MBC in early January. Don has offered to repair or replace our club Burgee facing the parking lot and I see it has been removed to be worked on. Finally, Gil and Bob, walked around the grounds of our new property and they have helped me understand what we could do with the electric service to put it underground, and shared some thoughts of structural values of the building.

Plan to attend the New Year's Eve party! There are sign-up sheets posted for appetizers to share, volunteer workers and music you would like to hear (your requests will be forwarded to Wally). We are also decorating the club for the Holidays on Sunday, 11/29 starting at 11am - please join us.

I am planning for the Muskrat dinner and I've counted upwards of 40 volunteers for last years' dinner. I don't see how this dinner can be possible without your support. Dave Rafko, has been helping me all along the way and reminds me that this is the first big deal of the New Year that our club hosts. It must be as good as always, if not better. Finally, we need newspapers for muskrat cleaning day which is December 26. I have a box in the back room for newspaper donations.

I would like to accomplish some renovations to our buildings and approach these in a business-like fashion. I am having a House Committee meeting on Burger Night Dec 10th, starting at 5:30 pm. Please look over our club house, building and property. Come and attend the meeting and share your ideas and suggestions to benefit the club. I will try coordinating these projects "in-house," with mostly volunteers. Really, it is up to us to share our talents and our riches wisely, together.

I also want to thank Bill, Russ and Ron for helping assemble the smoke hut outside the back door.

I have posted lists in various places around the club to benefit us. These are aimed at keeping our club safe and well maintained. Maintaining our club properly is very important. So, I created two, lists one is entitled "Advice to the Vice" and the other is "I want

Greetings from your R/C. What a month! Talk about a learning curve. Many thanks to the past R/C's that have offered so much needed help. It's been a good first month!

Veteran's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage went very well. Monday specials will be changing for the future. Coney Dogs will not go away completely; perhaps we will have them once a month. Watch the board to see what's going on. November will end with a Spaghetti & Meat Sauce on Monday, Sliders & chips on Tuesday, and Meat Loaf & mashed potatoes on Wednesday. Coming soon: Baked Chicken & mashed potatoes, Pork Loin & mashed potatoes, and Ham & scalloped potatoes. Any ideas? Let's hear from you.

Kim & I have just completed and passed the Food Safety Course at Monroe Community College. We now have three Certified Food Safety Handlers at MBC: Kim, P/C Wendy Campbell, and me. After the first of the year, we will be sending our bar staff to the course. It is important that we keep MBC a safe place where food is handled correctly. By the way, do not ask Kim her score as compared to mine!

We have installed a new security system with 6 cameras. Our goal is the safety of our Bar Staff when exiting at night or taking out the trash. Please welcome our newest Bar Staff, Jamie, to our club. Jamie is a very personable, friendly, and hardworking young lady that will be a very good fit for MBC.

December 12th will be our Toys for Tots fundraiser. Wally Gator will DJ starting at 7pm. Anyone who brings in a new toy (or monetary donation) that night receives a ticket for a Happy Hour price. Let's have a good turn out and give to a very worthy cause.

On Christmas Eve, the bar will be open 12pm to 8pm (or at the bartender's discretion). We will be closed on Christmas. Merry Christmas!

On a serious note, I have been approached by several members with concerns about the lack of civility and respect where language in the bar is concerned. I am committing to all of you that I will change the level of respect that all of you are entitled to while visiting the club. Vulgar and disrespectful language is not going to be tolerated. I realize that certain vernacular is a common part of some subcultures, but MBC is NOT a subculture. Unless some people are willing to come up to a respectable level, they will be refused service and asked to leave. IN OTHER WORDS: PLEASE WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!!

See you around the club!



**Club/Community  
Events Committee,  
Charlotte Neuhauser**

Stay tuned for upcoming  
CCEC Events !



**Auxiliary,  
Michele Lachcik**

The Change of Watch on Sunday Nov 1st was very nice and well attended. A big thank you goes out to Ruth and Duke Finch and all of their helpers that organized and prepared the back room. Not to mention, the wonderful appetizers that were donated by many and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who worked or donated to this function.

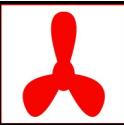
We now have a new co-chair to assist the Ship's Store Chairperson, Paige O'Loughlin. Welcome Mary Jo Griewahn! She will be an asset to the ship store and a great help to Paige. We now have a procedure for purchasing merchandise from the Ship store. Beginning 12/01/15, one of our Auxiliary Board Members will assist you with purchasing merchandise. In the future, we hope to have a new system in place that will make it easier for one to purchase and access merchandise. Come and check out their high quality apparel and merchandise that is continuously being restocked. Great job ladies!

The Children's Christmas Party and luncheon is being held on Sun. Dec 6 from 1-4 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the bar area. Please write your name, number of children, and email address where we can send photos. Please RSVP by 11/29/15 for planning purposes. Come and meet Santa!

We would also like to see more Auxiliary Members attend the Auxiliary General Membership meetings held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. This is a good way to voice your opinion, make suggestions on many different things or to just stay informed on what projects the Auxiliary is working on. Your participation is what makes the Auxiliary successful.

The holidays are a very busy time of year. Before we know it, we will be into a new year. How time flies. Please take the time to come out and enjoy burger night, or just come and socialize with some of your friends this winter season.

Happy Holidays & see you around the club...



**Power Fleet Capt.  
Kristen Whittico**

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain!

The AYC Commodore's Ball will be held on February 19-21, 2015 at the Holiday Inn - Perrysburg French Quarter. The overall theme of the ball is "Key West" and our room will represent The Green Parrot Bar. To get an idea on what we will need to accomplish you can check out their website by visiting <http://www.greenparrot.com/>

The initial plans include recreating the inside of the Green Parrot Bar and with all there is to do, there are plenty of opportunities to contribute and earn those work hours. We need folks for everything from coming up with ideas and the preparing of decorations, transporting those materials to the hotel, setting the room up the Friday before, tearing it down, and staffing the room during the event. The initial organizational meeting is being held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7 pm, followed by a second meeting on Sunday December 13th at 2 pm – please come and contribute your ideas and talents, the more folks that participate, the better the outcome.

The Power Fleet will be running the Thursday Night Burger Nights for December and January. Proceeds from these nights go towards the expenses of the AYC hospitality room. Sign-up sheets to work Burger Nights are on the kitchen doors – please sign-up to help out, there are plenty of slots available and we could use your support.

Also I'd like to solicit your ideas for Power Fleet activities this coming year. Some possibilities include a Shakedown Cruise, other boating-season cruises, bus trips and other activities we can think of and organize. Please send your ideas to my e-mail address [kbrazi-er@med.umich.edu](mailto:kbrazi-er@med.umich.edu) or you catch me around the clubhouse...especially on burger nights.

Please don't forget the AYC Hospitality Room planning meetings on December 2, at 7:00 pm and on December 13 at 2:00pm.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday and I'll see you around the club!

Thank you to Andrea "AB" Buggele of Sandusky Sail Club for design of our 70th anniversary logo!



**Sail Fleet Captain,  
Troy Willett**

Hello and greetings from the tiller!

I hope everyone is ready for the oncoming winter and hectic holiday season. There will be a flurry of activity surrounding our Power Fleet Captain, Kristen Whittico, as she plans for this year's AYC party at the Holiday Inn French Quarter. Come on out and support her in designing, building, implementing, staffing and hosting the room and wish her the best of luck. Last year's room hosted by Bill LeVally was a smashing success and we hope Kristen can do as well or even better! There will be tons of work hours available and besides, it's a wonderful event, lots of food, good friends, great drinks as well as all the various clubs and their hilariously themed rooms.

If you've never been you should buy a ticket or two from Brian Moyer and come check it out! It can't be stressed enough; the tickets and the rooms go fast, so contact Brian and get your tickets and rooms reserved now!

Things are kind of slow for the Sail Fleet during these cold winter months; maybe we should find some local Ice Boaters to offer us rides when the ice is sufficiently thick. I hear that Ice Boating is very fun and can be highly addicting. If anyone has interest in trying it out, get in touch with me and I'll see what I can do to organize some club event revolving around Ice Boating. Who knows, maybe Monroe Boat Club can sponsor a race on the ice this year!

There's plenty to do with the upcoming bus trips, holiday parties, Euchre on Sundays, burger nights on Thursdays, etc. Come on out, get the most out of your membership and enjoy the club!



Come One,  
Come All!



Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm

Game time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

\*Bring an appetizer to pass\*

Questions? Contact:  
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## Vice Commodore cont'd

to volunteer." (**continued on page 3.....**) I also need a kitchen cleaning party. Our kitchen is as nice as any I've seen in clubs around AYC. It needs care and cleaning. I need people to help wash dishes, silverware, and inventory the silverware, dishes, coffee cups, etc. then stack them back in clean cabinets. The cabinets need to be washed completely. We use and depend on that kitchen. Join myself and others, Saturday Jan 16th starting at 10 am or whenever you can. Sign-up sheet in the rear hall.

The calendar of events is quickly filling. I have scheduled several meetings listed above. My position and our club are dependent on you and your time as a volunteer. I remember my Grandmother saying to me, "if wishes were horses, beggars would ride!" I'm hoping that you get involved.



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## Dock Master

**Grant Kozlowski**

Greetings to the membership! I write to you today with a heavy heart, at the sight of all of the empty docks, knowing that winter, in all its fury, is just around the corner! (ha-ha).

First and foremost, I would like to announce the 2 new (and returning) members of the Dock Committee. Fred Lemerand has graciously agreed to serve another term, and Brian Moyer has accepted my invitation to bring his past experience and knowledge to the committee as well. Thank you gentlemen, I look forward to working with you!

The Dock Committee held their first meeting, and discussions are underway regarding necessary repairs, and projects we would like to tackle. Again, anyone that has any concerns regarding their dock, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you to everyone that came out to the work party to finish to ready the docks for winter...I appreciate everyone's efforts! Thank you also to Tom Snarey for providing me with an updated schematic of the docks.

I would also like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season!! Think warm thoughts, Spring will be here before we know it!

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

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**20th of each month**

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## ALL WELCOME – free of charge!

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### Berlin Twp. Library Dec 10 @ 630pm

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- How do you know if your Doctor really IS as good as you're told?

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*Seminar given by Susan Dirkens , RN, MS, CCRN and Surgical  
ICU Nurse at the UM Hospital*



## Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 2015  
Time: 1:00pm - 4:00 pm

Children's Activities  
Lunch for Children

Santa Arrives at 2:30pm

Bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift with your  
child's/grandchild's name on it for Santa to give them.

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# December 2015

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## MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

# December

- 2 - Book Club 12n
- 2 - AYC Room Meeting 7pm
- 6 - Euchre Returns 12n
- 6 - Kids Xmas Party 1pm
- 6 - Bus Visit/RVYC
- 9 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 9 - Board Meeting 6:15pm
  - Gen Membership Mtg. 7pm
- 10 - House Cmte Mtg. 5:30pm
- 12 - Toys for Tots Fundraiser
- 13 - AYC Room Meeting 2pm

### 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- Club Closed

26 - Muskrat Cleaning Party

31 - NY's Eve Party/DJ Wally

**Ongoing Events:**  
Thursdays - Burgers & Soup  
Sundays - Euchre noon

**Bar Hours:**  
**Christmas Eve 12 noon - 8pm**  
**CLOSED CHRISTMAS!**

**BURGER NIGHT**  
**Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm**  
**With Delicious Homemade  
Soup!**



# January

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- 4 - Muskrat Dinner 6pm
- 13 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 16 - Kitchen Cleaning Party 10am
- 18 - Martin Luther King Day
- 27 - Board Meeting 6:15 pm**
  - Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm