

HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

May 2018



Club Commodore
Dan Thomas



Vice Commodore
P/C Jeff Morrow



Rear Commodore
Mike Anteau

Recently we experienced a flooding condition along the lakeshore from the NE winds coupled with the high lake level conditions. This is not unusual for the western end of Lake Erie. In 1973, 1985 and in 1998 we saw similar flooding conditions. Each successive flood resulted in a lesser degree of overall damage due to better break-walls and improved storm sewer pumping capabilities. Still, unfortunately some of our members were subjected to Mother Nature's wrath. Swan Boat Club, Bay View Yacht Club and some of the other affiliated AYC clubs suffered damage. Here at Monroe Boat Club we are fortunate to have incurred little to no damage. Deposited debris and dock poles' being redistributed on our docks is about the extent of our problem. The usual flooding of Harbor Drive in front of the club did not take place. Through working with the Road Commission, we have mitigated that concern. However, the catch basins in front of Harbor Marine are still partially plugged with stone and therefore are not capable of keeping up with the water inflow. Thus, the road readily floods there. That being said, if you are coming to the club and that section of road is flooded reroute yourself and go around the outside of the storage lot (i.e., take Lake Street to Center Drive then back on Harbor Drive to the club). This will probably result in staying out of the deeper flooded conditions. As I said in my article last month Lake Erie is well above the average water level and approximately 7" higher than last year. It is very possible for it to flood again this year.

If it isn't the flooding, then it is the algae problem in the Lake. Recently there has been an increase in long-term hope in reducing the algae blooms. Finally, Ohio joined Michigan in declaring the open waters of western Lake Erie "impaired" under the Clean Water Act. This should result in reducing the phosphorus and nitrogen entering into the lake. The phosphorus increases the algae blooms and the nitrogen causes an increase in the toxicity of the algae. This designation of being "impaired" and the ensuing government directed required follow up did result in reducing the algae blooms in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Hopefully in the future we will have the same positive

Hello fellow members, Spring has Sprung with a nor'easter and fortunately with only minor damage to our docks. Some of our members suffered much worse and I feel their pain as I lived on Lake Erie in some high-water times. Some small projects have gotten done recently in the Club. The trip hazard sidewalks were poured and repaired the week of April 23rd, and the smokers hut was taken down for the season. The Commodores Room has been cleaned up, this room was designed for meetings among our entities and committees not for storage! I would hate to see us haunted by any past commodores. Anything that does not belong in there will be removed. The attic is the place to store. Contact Vice for use of room. Regatta Committee members please don't forget our May 8th meeting at 6:00. All is moving at a good pace to be set for the regatta. We will have Dan Breiding along with Rick Campbell doing our cooking this year with a Friday Fish Fry, and Saturday half a chicken dinner with many other goodies by Dan and Rick. Auxiliary will have chicken wings both nights. Nice job Ron Soto on repair and replace dock party on April 21st. Let's keep our Hall and Kitchen clean after all uses. It reflects on our club. Bus trip to Elba Mar, Seaway, and Great Lakes Steel was great. Bus was full. Barbara and I attended Harborview's Ball. Great hospitality. As always striving to be friendliest Club on the Lake! We have given out a Hot Potato Trophy called the second friendliest Club to Elba Mar. That leaves us as the friendliest club if it keeps moving to other AYC Clubs.

Jeff Morrow
2018 Vice Commodore

We have a new Rear Commodore. The Commodore has temporary appointed Mike Anteau to the position of Rear Commodore. Mike is a long time member and has previously served as Vice Commodore at MBC. Mike has assembled a transition team to assist him with the bar operation. We would like to thank Mike for accepting this position and those MBC members assisting him. Please support Mike and his team. At this time we do not see any major changes being implemented in the day to day operation of the bar. We are looking forward to seeing all our members, guests and associated clubs in utilizing this benefit of our friendly bar.

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results here in Lake Erie.

With boating season fast approaching please use caution when working on your boat. Insure good footing for that ladder you use. Eye protection when using cleaners, sanding and painting is a good safe practice. Electrical cords, tools and lights usually result in someone getting shocked when they come in contact with water. We all know and unfortunately use the short cuts; but work the safe way and do not start the boating season with an injury. Be Safe!

The Commodore of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association is our own Past Commodore Mike Powers. The support MBC has shown Mike with our members helping with the I-LYA hospitality room, supporting the meetings here at the club and his fundraisers has been great. This is the positive image we put out to the boating community of a club that supports. Thank you to those individuals. I, and Lady Mary, continue to hear good feedback from other Club's Officers concerning the camaraderie of MBC. Your continued support of the club is appreciated. Presently we are having the spring cleanup of the club grounds, buildings and dock repairs. Work hours are readily available for projects and supporting events. See the Vice Commodore, Dock Master, other Board members or postings on the bulletin board for opportunities to earn work hours.

Dan Thomas
2018 Commodore

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CCEC
Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- May 2, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- June 5-6, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders
- July 27-28, Regatta Used Book & Video Sale; Kids Fishing Derby & Clinic, and 600 Kayak Race



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "The group had a great meeting. We discussed the book, Look for Me, by Lisa Gardner. Everyone liked the story and found it an enjoyable read. We recommend it to anyone who likes mystery and an easy to read novel.

We discussed the possibility of getting electronic books from the library. Several members said they would check into this. We discussed our next book choice. We decided to read The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah for our May meeting. And we also decided to read The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn for June.

Each member brought a contribution for our salad bar luncheon. We have decided to have a picnic lunch for the May meeting. Anyone who was not at the April meeting but would like to come to the May meeting could bring a small dessert contribution for the picnic. We are having a delightful day together, and welcome anyone who would like to join our group. We will meet next on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.



SPEAKING OF BOOKS. The Used Book and Kids Video Game Sale will be held once again during Regatta on Friday and Saturday, July 27-28. We're looking for books, videos, and video games for kids. Bring them to the Commodore's Room during the week prior to Regatta, marked for Used Book Sale.



ALSO PART OF REGATTA...

The Kids Fishing Derby and Clinic will be held 9:30-11:30 on Saturday, July 28, at Hoffman Access Park. Bring your children and

grandchildren, ages 5-12. The derby is free; the fishing is free; the bait is free. Prizes will be awarded for the first fish caught, the longest fish, and the first and second of the various kinds of fish caught. Children must wear life jackets.



ONE MORE REGATTA ACTIVITY...

The 600 Kayak Race for kids and adults will be held from 12:30-2:30 on the canal. FYI: The "600" stands for the yards the racers will

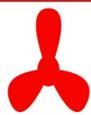
paddle. So get your kayaks, canoes, or any other non-motorized vehicle you would like to use and race for prizes.



June 5-6 MBC will have a total of 129 7th graders from Monroe Middle School on campus for the 8th **Annual Environmental Career Day.** Many of you have volunteered in the past to share your time and knowledge with the kids by taking them out on your boat, interacting with them, and collecting water for quality

analysis. Others have helped with serving pizza for lunch. We hope you'll be able to help again this year. Of all the activities the students experience at MBC and Monroe County Community College during the two days, the boating experience seems to be the highlight. It isn't just a fun time, but for those who have never seen Lake Erie, experienced a boat ride, or learned the importance of the sustainability of Lake Erie, it is something they will remember for a long time. You will hear from us as the dates get closer.

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Power Fleet Capt.
Craig Sauer

Here we go! The start of the boating season for 2018. This is when it is going to get busy with the Regattas and the Poker runs and we hope that dockside fuel prices don't get too high.

I am planning to attend the 5 poker runs that are scheduled for the summer and I am hoping we can get some good boat and member attendance at those AYC poker runs. I have put together an incentive to attend the 5 poker runs by boat and it goes along these lines:

*Each boat that attends a poker run for at least one overnight will receive one chance at a 100.00 voucher for merchandise and bar credit at our club.

* There will be a drawing on Sunday morning of each of the five poker run destinations to determine the winner.

*If 2 boats qualify, then one of them gets the \$100.00 voucher.

*My boat is ineligible, so the winner will be picked by me.

Complete rules are still being approved by the MBC board and will be available before the first run.

Poker Run Regattas are as follows:

- June 15-16 Cooley Canal
- June 22-23 Harbor View
- July 13-14 Ottawa River
- July 20-21 River View
- August 24-25 Seaway

If you are a multiple club member, you need to declare the club you are running for at the start of the year. We do have a few of them and they have told me they would represent Monroe!

We have one incoming boat club visiting us from DBBC on Saturday May 19.

We would like to plan a day trip shakedown cruise to another club on Sunday May 20th. Somewhere like Swan Boat Club or maybe south to Maumee or Ottawa river, so let me know of any ideas you may have, and we can arrange something with another club.

I think that is it, so hope to see you soon at the club.

Your Power Fleet Captain.
Craig Sauer

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Auxiliary
Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: This past month Auxiliary ladies Celeste Hoytash, Nancy School, Carolyn Dutton and Michele Lachcik hosted the I-LYA hospitality room Friday and Saturday nights at the French Quarter for I-LYA Commodore Mike Powers. They did an excellent job. I'm also proud to announce that at the I-LYA Spring Banquet I-LYA Commodore Mike Powers presented MBC an award for all the support we have given him. The award is on display in the bar. MBC is a great club and the support is awesome. The Auxiliary is chairing the AYC dinner on May 21st at 6:00 p.m., if anyone would like to help as a server or a cleanup person contact Auxiliary president Jody. Your help is appreciated.

Friendly reminder Auxiliary has the month of May burger nights. This is a great way to earn your hours. The signup sheet is posted on the kitchen door of the club. May is also the last month of Auxiliary meetings until September, but there are still many activities going on throughout the summer. July 27th starts off our Regatta we have a great line up for entertainment and plenty of mouthwatering foods on the menu. The work sheets for ship store and Auxiliary Wing Station (yes, a wing station) will be posted on the board in the hallway soon. The work hours will be short, so everyone has a chance to enjoy. Come out and volunteer and enjoy your Regatta this is a big event for your club. I believe that old man winter has finally left us, and the boats will soon be in the water. See you at the club.

Auxiliary President
Jody Thatcher

MBC Association Update

The next NBC Association meeting is in May. For me, it is exciting to be planning some events to bring the Monroe and surrounding community to MBC. We are planning an event for the July Regatta. The possibility of an MBC-A sponsored fishing club is getting closer. It is gratifying that there are questions from club committees coming to me about co-sponsoring events due to our tax-exempt status. While I'm glad to field these questions, most are challenging since there are issues revolving around shared revenue, site licenses and all that "Ugh" stuff that has to be dealt with. I've been involved with another 501(c)3 for almost 30 years and never faced some of these questions.

Our event license for the 8-10 June charity poker event is finalized. I believe most of the volunteers are in place and we are ready to go for round 1. Whatever is planned with and by the MBC Association, like any of the other organizations within the club, will ultimately benefit Monroe Boat Club.

On a different subject, the Sail and Power Fleet captains have scheduled a couple of Club cruises for the summer. These events are a lot of fun and let boaters be boaters. I would encourage you to participate in the first cruise to Middle Bass Island State Park. Come check it out. That means "sign up and enjoy the weekend with us" for all the skeptics. There's information in the Fleet Captains' articles and at the club. Remember it's really all about being a community of boaters having some fun together.

Fred Hoytash
MBC-A President



Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Greetings from your Dock Master! Members, I cannot express the feelings that I have for you after my last dock work party! Such a warm feeling after I believe was a record turnout of over 30 members that showed up! OMG! I haven't seen a turnout like that in my over 20 years as a member (24 years to be exact!). Everything that we set out to do was accomplished and then some. The water system has been flushed and activated, electrical is all on and no issues. All life rings are in place (and will be replaced by fresh new ones and real dock line rope attached), guest dock poles were installed on both the main T and the Banana dock area, brush was cleaned up all over including the docks, members came out to install dock posts early in an effort to clear the docks for the next phase of power washing, the 5 docks that were scheduled for replacement decking is 2/3 done! That means all new stringers installed after pulling off all of the old stringers and decking. I can go on and on, but oh what a feeling! I appreciate all of the dock holders and the regular membership that came out to help! The feeling of camaraderie was there! We even repaired an 8-foot section of missing dock with new stringers and repurposed dock boards along with the repair of dock 98 that split at the end of the dock and is now good to go! Gil Palm, Simon Johnson and Bruce Kitchen whew! Donovan Tarry and his family, the Campbell household including Trent Miller and Garrett Powell, Al Michaud and the Tarry family household, The Commodore and Rear Commodore were even here along with P/C and current I-LYA Commodore Mike Powers!

President of the auxiliary Jody Thatcher, Amy Brooks Christine Rowland, John and Judy Peterson, Duke and Ruth Finch, Sharon Bagley and many others came together

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Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery

We're all waiting impatiently for spring weather to arrive, but Mother Nature does not seem to be cooperating. I was able to attend the I-LYA Spring Meeting in Perysburg Ohio in early April. The I-LYA will be celebrating their 125th Regatta Anniversary this summer. On display at the meeting were some of the early I-LYA sail racing trophies that had been carefully restored. Also, this year will be the 50th Anniversary of our MBC Race for the Sisters that was first held in 1968. We are hoping to generate an increase in participation for the race this year.

The racing season is quickly approaching. Join us on Tuesday nights to run your boat around the buoys. For those planning on racing, get your insurance information and your updated PHRF certificate along with payment to John Davis, who has graciously volunteered to act as race chairman again this year. There will be a sail race registration held at the club from 5:00 to 6:00 on Tuesday May 8 with the first official Tuesday Night Race on Tuesday May 22. Note that this year, PHRF-LE is giving a reduced price of \$35 for those renewing or applying for a new certificate prior to May 15th, after that date the fee is \$50. Details are on the PHRF-LE web site. For those who would like to try racing and do not have a rating certificate for their boat, contact either John or me, as we have made provisions to assign a temporary handicap rating for your boat, so you can try out the experience without having to go through the process of getting your boat officially measured. There would be a per-race fee. I think you will find you enjoy meeting new acquaintances as well as getting the chance to hone some of your sail-

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er and provided a wonderful lunch for all of the dock crew workers! THANK YOU! I uh.... well brought Monica's donuts and Rick Campbell had the coffee going early. So, all in all I wish I could put everyone's name in here, but you are all recognized for your efforts. Goes to show what can be done with team work! Please watch for a chimp mail which will be going out shortly but probably ahead of you receiving this newsletter for a power washing dock work party!

Michigan Waterways is currently staged to begin phase 2 of the main T project. 10 new pilings will be installed along with 5 brackets, 4 brackets will be installed on the main T walkway to the docks off land and a new piling is to be installed on dock 130-D along the seawall.

Best regards!
P/C Ron Soto, Dock Master

Sail Fleet continued...

ing skills. Also, anyone interested in riding along on a boat as crew to participate in a race contact me, there are always openings available. No prior experience is really necessary. We are all people who just plain enjoy sailing and boating.

Our September Sail and Power Fleet cruising destination was originally chosen to be Maumee Bay State Park Marina, but it was learned that the marina will be closed for the entire 2018 boating season. We will be looking at other possibilities for a cruising destination, and details will be announced as soon as they are determined.

Our next Sail Fleet Meeting will be held on Tuesday May 8 at 5:30PM (same night as Registration). We will be polishing up the details for the upcoming sailing season. As always, come early and support Burger Night at the club!

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MBC Blue Gavel Steak Roast

Saturday May 19th, 2018

6pm-8pm (Entertainment to Follow)



Steak Dinner \$15.00

Chicken Dinner \$12.00

Meatless Dinner \$8.00

Baked Potato, Mushrooms, Vegetable,
Salad, Roll & Homemade Desert

Please Sign-Up on the Cork Board
in the Bar by **May 12th** to guarantee
Dinner

May 2018

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The Harbor Light

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- Water & Electricity Available
- Kayak Storage Available! See Sherri

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

May

- 5 - Cinco de Mayo at MBC!
- 8 - Sail Race Registration @5-6pm
- 8 - Sail Fleet Meeting @5:30p
- 9 - MBC Board Meeting @6:30pm
- 9 - Aux. General Membership Meeting @7:30pm
- 12 - Band in the Bar @8pm-?
- 16 - MBC General Membership Meeting @7pm
- 18 - Dock Posts must be installed
- 19 - Incoming Boats from DBBC
- 19 - Steak & Chicken Roast @6pm
- 20 - Shakedown Boat Run for MBC
- 22 - Tuesday Night Sailing Begins
- 26 - Opening of the Port @1pm @ Toledo Yacht Club
- 28 - Happy Memorial Day!
- 28 - MBC Memorial Day Ceremony @9:30am

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tuesday Night Sailing Begins May 15



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



June

- 1-3 - Club Cruise to Middle Bass Island
- 5-6 - Environmental Career Days @ MBC
- 8-10 - Opening of the Islands and Blessing of the fleet (See brochure on Bulletin Board)
- 8-10 - Mills Trophy Race
- 13 - MBC Board Meeting @6:30pm
- 15-16 - Poker Run Regatta @ Cooley Canal
- 17 - Happy Fathers Day!
- 22-23 - Poker Run Regatta @ Harbor View
- 27 - MBC General Membership Meeting @6:30pm

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: www.monroeboatclub.org