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Commodore – Fred Hoytash

The Mayflies are a hatchin’ and the harbor is filling up. This is a sure sign of the transition from Spring to Summer at MBC. We were able to sail in the second of the Cruising Rum Series races on 19 June. This is a new series designed to get the cruisers out with the racers, and maybe engage a few stink boaters for crew. The wind died down on the last leg, so, alas, we converted from rag baggers to stink boater. At least we know everything works like it is supposed to. Normally this is the time the Commodore’s message changes from discussing the various Commodore’s Ball’s to announcing the regattas and Commodore’s receptions. We’re keeping things COVID simple, so there is nothing to report on this subject at this time. The good news is that almost all the Balls have been rescheduled for after the boating season.

A note here for anyone interested in I-LYA Senior Sail Regatta (30 July-02 August) or Senior Power Regatta (05-09 August). The sign-up forms for these regattas are posted on the I-LYA website. Please sign up early if you are considering either of these regattas. The committees are working closely with Put-in-Bay to be able to accommodate the boaters and provide entertainment. The sooner you sign up, the easier it will be for everyone this year.

The bar is OPEN! A big THANK YOU to Rear Commodore Brian Moyer and the team he put together to plan and oversee the re-opening process. The team and several members were instrumental in getting the building ready to open and be compliant with the current guidelines. The bar will remain open in the banquet room until capacity guidelines are relaxed. The members have been great about not moving tables and cleaning up as they are leaving. Rear Commodore Moyer is working toward adding more food items as the MBC and Michigan slowly proceed toward normalcy. I’m sure Brian has a lot to say in his article.

Speaking of articles, please be sure to read all the articles as there are ever changing announcements. The Power Fleet Captain will fill you in on the 3 poker runs. The Sail Fleet Captain should have all the skivvy on the summer sailing races. The others all have good information to transfer to our members.

Members are required to put in 10 hours per year. There are many projects that can be done as individuals or small groups to get your

hours completed. Sign-up sheets for Burger Nights will be posted this week. That’s correct Burger Nights return on 09 July, so either sign up or come in to enjoy the food. We need volunteers for the Steak Roast and Commodore’s Reception in July. There are a hundred different projects that need to be completed around the club this summer. A partial list will soon be sent via Mailchimp. If you are interested getting going on the hours now, please contact P/C Wendy Campbell. She knows most of the projects and will be glad to get you involved. Vice Commodore Dan Martin has a list of projects as well, so he is another contact for work hour projects. Look for the mail chimp, pick a project and complete your work hours. There are several members who typically put in more than 40 or 50 hours each year. I’m only saying this to illustrate how easy it is to get in 10 hours. Once you get engaged with the program and understand how your work hours contribute to the betterment of MBC, you will truly see how easy it is to put in your required hours every year.

MBC’s Regatta, scheduled for 24-26 July has been cancelled. In its place, Lady Celeste and I are hosting a Steak/Chicken Roast Fund raiser on 25 July from 5:30 to 8:00. We should have some entertainment for you that evening. Yes, we need a few volunteers, but more importantly we’d love to see the membership come together at this event and have a great time, both inside and outside the clubhouse. To assure that you get a meal, you can reserve ahead. There are flyers at the club, on the MBC Facebook page and in this newsletter with reservation information. We will be hosting a smaller version of the Commodore’s Reception that same day at 1:20. Here is another opportunity for members to get work hours. We are also selling reverse raffle tickets at the bar and through a few members. Grand prize is \$1000 and the drawdown will start after the Steak Roast.

Enjoy the Summer. Enjoy all your membership afford you at MBC. Let’s all enjoy and respect each other. It going to be a great year after all!

“The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.” *Benjamin Franklin*



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

By now you probably know the MBC 2020 Regatta will not happen due to the COVID-19 issue. Although sad, we want to do our part to keep our members and guests healthy. Good news is we are not on the hook for deposits that are not refundable. Some clubs were not so fortunate.

As for the banquet room it is now being used for bar operations since it is a larger space allowing social distancing for more people. I hope you all approve of the renovations to the room. Thanks goes out to the volunteers who physically helped in the renovations. New paint, carpet, dance floor and TV's. This was also all done under budget. It should be nice for years to come.



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from the MBC Bar!

I again want to thank you for your patience and understanding using the "Back Room" as our bar currently. Please understand that this inconvenience is based on the guidelines that have been mandated by the State of Michigan, OSHA, CDC, and MLCC. We had some visiting clubs, Ottawa River and Harborview both seemed to have a great time and had large lunch orders. We do have food and lunch is available. I expect to continuously expand our choices as best that I can. (Look for Subs soon) I do recognize that some other establishments are ignoring most if not all the Covid mandates. This hasn't made my position easier. I have not been your Rear Commodore very long and I feel a huge responsibility to keep us on the "better" side of compliance. I am very aware of risks associated with Covid-19. I feel that I owe it to the membership to try to protect us as best as we can. I want to make our time at MBC to be as pleasant and safe as possible and I am constantly looking for options to improve our experience. That being said, I will follow the MBC Board of Directors and membership in their guidance.



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessy

Hi Members. It looks like July is finally the month we will start to see some activity happen with the poker runs. The weather is finally turning and hopefully we will see everyone on the water more. There has been a big change to the poker run schedule. Nugent's Canal had to cancel their regatta and the poker run associated with it. Toledo Yacht Club has asked to step in to host their regatta and poker run on July 24-25 on a trial basis with the

Gina and I had a chance to visit several clubs and it was nice to see our AYC friends. All the clubs we visited had good social distance programs. I encourage you to support our club and bar operations along with the other AYC clubs. Ford Yacht Club stood out with their dinner program this year. As the summer progresses, we hope to hit most of the clubs.

Work hours are needed and there will be a series of emails requesting your help. I can solicit work hours or you are welcome to advise me if you need work hours and there is a project or skill you have. Call or better text me anytime. 734-751-8600.

Saturday, we had a very successful Reopening Yard Party sponsored by the Bar that included live entertainment by (Hi-Jinx Band) They Rocked it!! I would like to offer a huge thank you to my team on Saturday Rick Boose, Sue Boose, Ben Kern, Rose Kern, Carl Laura and his family, and last but not least Dennis Lamb. We had some "Hot Chicks" to sell 50/50, Thanks so much to my Lady Lori and Amy Brooks!! These folks all braved the heat and pulled off a huge success of a party. I would also like to thank Rick and Wendy Campbell!! They have helped the bar in many ways these last few months, they kept the deliveries delivered (and paid) along with their previous efforts in cleaning and rehab of bar equipment. I really needed the help and they got it done.

As always call me if there is something you are not happy with but tell everyone about the good stuff.

This isn't always easy, but we want to make it look like it is!!

Thank you for your overwhelming support!!! And... See You at the Club!!!!

hope of getting involved again. As more information becomes available, I will pass it on.

I hope to see everyone on the water soon. I apologize I haven't been around as much due to work and dealing with constant issues with my old boat and the process of getting the new one.

Thank you.



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

Our summer racing season has finally started. We have scheduled two six race series every Tuesday night beginning June 16. Turnout is not as high as we would like due to the virus concerns, but we're excited to be on the water enjoying the friendly competition. Any non-sailor who would like to experience sailing, there is always room for you on any race night. The MBC sponsored

Sisters Race is July 18. It will be an all-day event with a new race course and a steak roast to follow. Unfortunately, the North Cape sail camp has been canceled for this summer. Hopefully our winners will apply again next summer.



Dock Master – Brian Manor

Nothing to report.



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

Well, it has been awhile since being inside of Monroe Boat Club but nice to be welcomed back in this past week, even though the banquet room bar is being utilized to conform with social distancing guidelines. I know it is not the same as being in the bar, but heck, it just feels good having a cocktail while visiting some

old friends.

For the time being, it was determined in the Auxiliary meeting that the Auxiliary will not be hosting any monthly burger nights until the social distancing and food service has been relaxed. As it stands now, all the condiments would have to be ordered and placed into your basket without the current buffet for lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, etc. This also includes mustard, ketchup and mayo having to be doled out individually. Should another entity within the club host burger nights, please feel free to help if you are so inclined.

The Auxiliary is also suspending the five (5) hour work requirement this season through August 31st. Due to the Club Closure due to

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- No activities scheduled.

MBC CCEC NEWS



MBC Book Club From Judy Peterson: “No meeting until the club reopens.”



Just a few tidbits of information you may have missed but might be interested in...The 127th Annual I-LYA (Inter-lake Yachting Association) Regatta is being held at Put-in-Bay. Unfortunately, Junior Bay Week has been canceled but the adult

MBC-A (501c3) Update

The MBC Association is the Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization who's goal is to provide educational activities related to our marine and environmental community. The Boat Club does not provide any funds for any of the programs provided by MBC-A, and in fact the club gains income through payments made for facility and meeting space rentals. The Club also benefits from receiving equipment necessary for the programs, such as wireless microphones and audio/visual technology.

Several important events had to be cancelled due to the health restrictions, but the MBC Association has continued planning the next significant program for the Monroe area.

MBC-A Introduces the Atmospheric Weather Program: We are pleased to announce the rollout of the Atmospheric Weather Program for 10th-grade young women in the Monroe Intermediate School District, in the Fall of 2021.

MBC-A is partnering with the American Meteorology Society, MBC Sail Fleet, and the Monroe Intermediate School District to provide a STEM program and an environmentally related introduction to possible careers in atmospheric sciences and weather forecasting. The young women will have a 2-day hands-on workshop that will include geography, technology of weather forecasting and GPS systems, compare expected results to actual weather conditions and

Coronavirus, there are not enough events taking place to be able to earn work hours. You will not be charged for work hours through August 31st. New Auxiliary Members that were inducted this season are also exempt from the mandatory work hours through August 31st this year. They will be required to work their five (5) hours next season and will not be allowed to pay for hours not worked. If new members have fulfilled their work hour requirement this year (5 hours), they will be able to work, or pay for hours not worked next season. If there are any questions, please contact any Auxiliary Board Member or myself.

The Ship Store merchandise can be purchased by appointment only at this time. Trying on clothes during this time is forbidden. Please contact Sharon Bagley or Judy Peterson if there is merchandise that you wish to see or purchase. Hopefully, this will be lightened up soon also, and we can get back to normal.

Well, that is all I have for now. See you around the Club

regattas are going on as planned with social distancing as much as possible. The Put-in-Bay Yacht Club is again the host club for events. The Senior Sail Regatta will be July 30-August 2.



It looks like this is another good year for walleye fishing. In 2019 walleye harvest rates set records for the second straight year, and numerous large hatches point to an increasingly good season this year. An estimated 116 million walleye two years old and older are found in Lake Erie. Many of these 2-year walleye will reach the 15-inch minimum size length necessary to be included in the daily bag limit during this season.

interact with professionals in the field. An interactive application of the classroom teaching will occur onboard boats with the students experiencing weather conditions first-hand.

This program will be introduced to the school system in the Fall of 2021, under the guidance of Nicole Schaugnessy, Director of the Monroe Intermediate School District's Knabush Math and Science Center along with Charlotte Neuhauser, professor at Madonna University.

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Commodore's Steak Roast

MONROE BOAT CLUB
Commodore's Ball Fundraiser
STEAK ROAST



25 JULY 2020



5:30 - 8:00 P.M

STEAK \$18.00

CHICKEN \$13.00

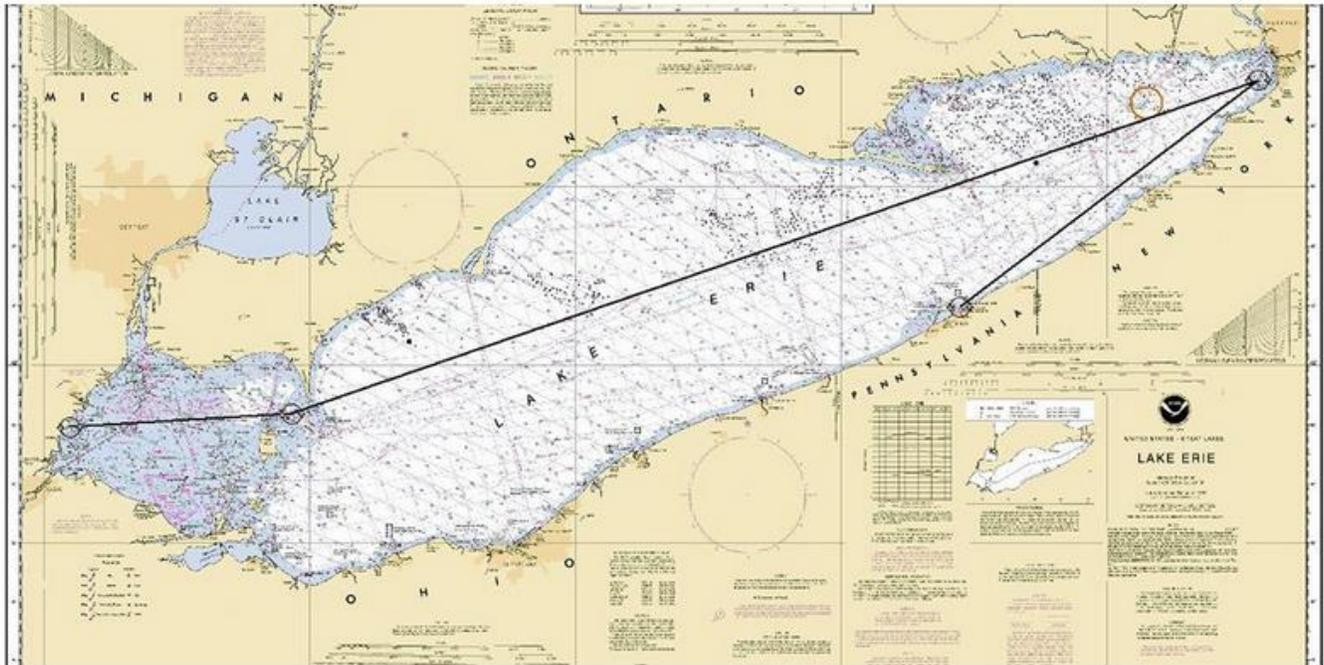


**Reserve your meal - cfdist@comcast.net or call
Fred Hoitash @ 734-649-1335/Celeste Hoitash @ 734-646-4694**

Reverse Raffle drawings begin at 8:30 PM
12 prizes, Grand Prize \$1000.00.
Tickets \$30.00 each.

MBC Club and Member Photos

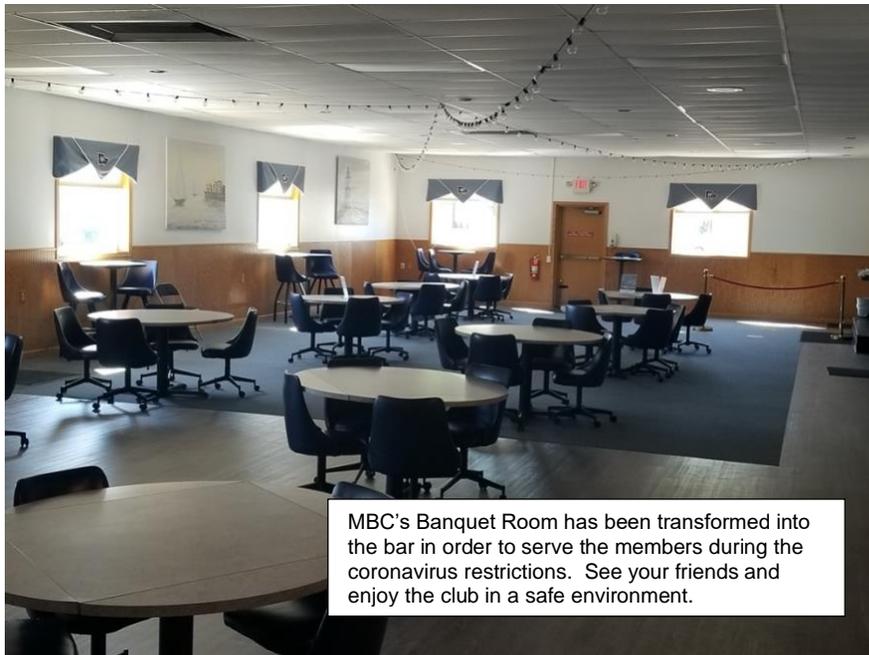
Erie Solo Challenge



MBC is proud to host the Great Lakes Single Handed Society's President's Trophy, awarded to the division winner of the Lake Erie Solo Challenge. The non-stop race begins off the Monroe shoreline, has one turning mark in Buffalo NY and finishes in Erie PA for a total distance of 271 nautical miles. MBC's Steve Snare won his division in 2019, and MBC's Walt Norris won the inaugural award in 2007. Monroe Boat Club is the only club to have two winners of the Lake Erie Solo Challenge. See this and other beautiful trophy's in the new trophy case inside the clubhouse.



High water over the docks at MBC



MBC's Banquet Room has been transformed into the bar in order to serve the members during the coronavirus restrictions. See your friends and enjoy the club in a safe environment.



Dan Martin with new member Dustin Diehl



Saturday the Hi-Jinx Band kicks off the outdoor re-opening with social distancing while still enjoying the Monroe Boat Club.



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Calendar of Events

July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Storage Grace Period Ends	2	3	4 Independence Day!
5 12:00pm Holiday Sail and Potluck	6	7	8	9 Burger Night Returns	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Race for the Sisters
19	20 6:30pm MBC Board Mtg 7:30pm MBC Member Mtg	21	22	23	24	25 5:30pm MBC Commodore's Steak and Chicken Roast
26	27	28	29	30 I-LYA Sail Regatta	31 I-LYA Sail Regatta	

Future Events

- Aug 1-2 - I-LYA Sail Regatta Continues
- Aug 5-9 - I-LYA Power Regatta
- Aug 9 - MBC Ladies Race
- Aug 15 - MBC Solo Challenge

Ongoing Events

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

MBC Classified Ads

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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