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Commodore – Fred Hoitash

As I collect my thoughts for this article, I realize my year as Commodore is almost over. The Board and Membership meetings on 17 August will be my last meeting in which regular business of MBC will be the focus. A couple of months later I will be turning over the helm to a new Commodore and kicking back as a “has been”. I will say that accepting the role as Commodore last November and the challenges we have faced from external forces were far more exciting and challenging than stepping aside and becoming a cast off. The upside of becoming a newly elected Director will be that I can actually plan some cruises and enjoy more boating than we were able to do this summer.

Primarily due to the political pandemic and all of the restrictions placed on our lives since March, the boating season this year was anemic. MBC planned zero outbound club rendezvous. Normally there are four to five. To date, ALL of the AYC clubs have cancelled their regattas and poker runs. By the time this article is printed there will be a final decision from AYC and DBBC about their regatta and poker run in September. Our 2020 class has a rendezvous scheduled for 07-09 August. We will be going, but the turnout will continue to be far less than a normal year. Our boat was away from the dock more when I had transmission problems a few years ago than it has been this year. So, contemplating the opportunities for boating next year, we are already planning more time on the water.

Another odd circumstance to this year as MBC's Commodore is that since FYC's Commodore's Ball on 07 March, every Commodore's Ball has been postponed or cancelled. MBC's ball is currently scheduled for 06 November, the week after I am no longer Commodore. The few of the 2020 class that have not cancelled their Balls have them scheduled for November and December. It is unknown that these rescheduled Balls will even take place. What a year it has been!

Members are still required to put in 10 work hours per year. First year members must work their hours and do not have an option to purchase them. There are many projects that can be done as individuals or small groups to get your hours completed. Sign-up sheets for Burger Nights in August are almost full, however there are still many projects that need to be completed around the club this

summer. A partial list was sent via Mailchimp. Please contact P/C Wendy Campbell or V/C Dan Martin to find out how you can help MBC and get your work hours completed.

Recently the Finance Committee met and approved infrastructure improvements to the house on the West property. These improvements protect our assets, provide improved amenities for the dock holders, allow for rented use by MBC Association for the 5-6 grade fishing club, and follow the proposed usage plans of the membership. This action will be presented to the Board for approval to have the Membership vote on this project at the 17 August meeting.

Lastly, Celeste and I want to thank the Auxiliary for making the Commodore's reception such a great event. The Commodore's reception is usually held on the Saturday of MBC's regatta. Without a regatta we were faced with a decision about hosting the reception. Celeste and I chose the traditional approach, inviting all of MBC's Board and Past Commodore's, along with the Commodore's and officers of the other AYC clubs. The Auxiliary, given our theme of “Many members – One Boat Club”, went to town and planned an awesome event. We followed the reception with a steak/chicken roast that was very well attended and ended the evening with the reverse raffle draw down. One of our members won the grand prize. Again, we thank all of our members and guests for making the day a total success.

We need members to step up for officers' positions! The nomination meeting is in September. Please consider how you can help lead MBC through the next years and contact Don Blouin, P/C David Ryan or P/C David Fetterly to discuss any of the positions. We have a lot on the plate and there are some really super opportunities that may be open to us in the near future. It will be fun to be a part of the future of MBC.

“We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.” *Charles R Swindoll*



Vice Commodore – Dan Martin

The Commodore reception and following steak roast were wonderful events. The Auxiliary did the usual impressive job with food and decorations.

With the COVID-19 issue still altering our lives we are still using the banquet room for bar operations. This



Rear Commodore – Brian Moyer

Greetings from your Rear Commodore

I would like to congratulate all of those involved in our 2020 Commodores Reception and Steak Roast held Saturday July 25. Your hard work paid off and the club held a super successful event. There are too many to list here that were involved but Carolyn and Rodger Dutton led a crew that put together an amazing reception and the kitchen crew led by Commodore Fred and Lady Celeste (including my Lady Lori) put on a fantastic steak roast! Thank you to all that helped and participated!

Our Bar business is showing a decent recovery lately. We are trying very hard to provide a fun and safe place for members to relax. Speaking of safety, our members do not come to Monroe Boat Club's Bar to involve themselves in "Teen Club" antics. Our members young and old are ALWAYS required to behave themselves in a respectful manner. Respectful means respectful to each other, our staff, our house rules, and our officers. I would not think I should have to say this, but if you are not able to follow these simple guidelines you will no longer be welcome in our bar. Too many people sacrifice their time and energy to provide a great club to the membership to put up with childish nonsense. The fact that some of our members are uncomfortable coming to the club after certain times in the evening is unacceptable. We are all there for fun, let us make sure that is the end result.



Power Fleet Capt. – Ryan Shaughnessy

Hello members. It's been a strange year so far with the pandemic hitting all of us. It's caused many cancellations and caused all of us to change our plans for the most part. From the power fleet side, all poker runs have been cancelled for the year. The only one that wasn't cancelled up until this point was DBBC.

They hadn't made a decision yet due to the date. At the AYC meeting at Toledo Sailing Club, DBBC was informed that the poker run is cancelled. That does not stop them from having their regatta so as information becomes available, I will pass it on. The biggest news from the last AYC meeting is that the schedule for poker runs in 2021



Sail Fleet Capt. – John Davis

The racing season is half over. In the Spring Series *YukFu II* (Walt Norris) won PHRF A, *Wildcat* (Russ Adkins) PHRF B, *Footloose* (John Davis) JAM A and *One Leg Up* (Charlie Simons) JAM B. Our Summer Series started July 28. During August we are hosting The Ladies Race the 9th and the Solo Challenge the



Dock Master – Brian Manor

It's August at MBC. Out of the flies and into the green slime. By the time this is posted I should have some of our deicers deployed around the docks to break up the green. This is going to be a learning curve for us. With the water so high, I hope we just don't move the green from one place to another. We'll see?

was done so we can space tables a part and as of this publication the banquet room is unavailable for rental use. I have contacted people and requested refunds for the affected 2020 rentals.

There are still jobs that can be found if you need work hours. Please text me if I can be of assistance. Cell: 734-751-8600.

Food has been a big seller and I am in talks with some members to expand our offerings. I will put out an email soon with updated items. In the meantime, I hope you have been able to try hot dogs or kielbasa from our new Hot Dog Cooker. We get our Hot Dogs from Dearborn Sausage Company and our Chili comes from the World-Famous National Coney Island (featured on the Food Networks) in Detroit.

After careful review we will be opening at 12 noon every day, the 11am weekend start does not seem to be popular enough to keep it going.

For August we have two dinner events planned. On Saturday August 8 Lori and I are planning a Pork Carnitas dinner. Pork Carnitas are slow roasted pork roast in a unique mild Mexican seasoning with a crispy finish served with tortillas and all the normal fixings. I expect to have some rice and beans to go along with it. We will have live entertainment for this event. On Saturday August 22 member Jeff McKeever has volunteered to do a Pig roast like last year. I will get some entertainment lined up for this one too. If you have any time available to help out either of these days please let me or one of the bartenders know. The more help we can pull together the better the event!

As always Thank You for your overwhelming support. I will see you at the Club!!

will be voted on at the Commodore and Fleet Captain meeting in September. The vote will be to determine whether the entire poker run schedule will get pushed back on year or to continue with the normal rotations. My feeling is that all poker runs will get pushed back one year.

I hope everyone that was able to attend the reception as well as the steak roast had as much fun as my wife Nicole and I did. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see so many people at the club with smiles on their faces. Thank you.

15th. The Sisters Race was a huge success thanks to Troy Willett, the race chairman and to all the sailors that participated.

I have a dock rules reminder. We are into August. I have noticed that we have a lot of docks with no boat in them. Section II, dock rule 8 says your boat needs to be at your dock for 30 days during the season. If you want to avoid the July 1 deadline next year, please get your boat in.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy.



Auxiliary – Michele Lachcik

Welcome new Auxiliary members Mary Louise Allen, Mary Thomas and Cathy Johnson. We know you will all be an asset to the Auxiliary.

Thank you to Rudi Amer for the flower planting in the flowerpots outside the club. It sure spruces up the outdoor club appearance.

Thank you to Cathy Thomas and husband Gerry Majeske for all the clean-up and beautification that was done to the West End property. If you have not seen the exterior work including the power washing of all the decking, please go and check it out. It looks awesome. Fantastic job guys!!!

Also, a big thank you to chairs Nancy School and Carolyn Dutton for chairing Commodore Fred Hoitash's reception being held on July 25th. By the time you read this, it will have already taken place. I am

positive it will be a really nice event with an exceptional turn out. Also, I am sure the food will be awesome with Nancy and Carolyn in charge. It will have to be done a little different this year (no buffet's allowed) but will be good none the less.

Commodore Hoitash is chairing burger nights for July, August and September. Please see sign-up sheet at the club to lend a hand if you feel comfortable, or just to come down and enjoy a burger.

Please plan to attend the Auxiliary meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00pm. We will be taking nominations for board positions for the upcoming year.

Become involved in the planning of different functions around the club. It can be rewarding and gratifying.

These are unusual times with the COVID-19 and social distancing, but hopefully we will be returning to normal in the very near future.

CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- No activities scheduled.

NEWS

This year's MBC Roster is formatted as a special 75th Anniversary photo directory. Pick up your complimentary copy at the clubhouse!

In addition, a commemorative 75th Anniversary "MBC History" book has been published. This hardbound book details each year of the club's history and progress with photos and stories. Learn how the original clubhouse was built with old barn siding and the various construction, dredging and expansion projects that got the club to where it is today. There is a sample in the Trophy Case. Add your name to the ordering list to reserve your own keepsake copy!

MBC-A (501c3) Update

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

The MBC-A earns most of its funding by managing 3 to 4 "Charitable Gaming" events annually. In order to do this, MBC-A has obtained licenses from the State of Michigan and set up accounting practices that comply with the strict regulations of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

During the current health crisis, all of the charitable gaming events have been cancelled, which in turn slashes our income to zero.

The federal CARES Act, designed to spur economic activity, has 5 important implications for charitable giving:

1. New Charitable Deduction for Non-Itemizers: Taxpayers who take the standard deduction can nevertheless claim a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations in 2020.
2. Higher Deduction Limits: Individuals will be able to deduct cash gifts in 2020 to the extent of their entire adjusted gross income rather than a cap at 60%.
3. Increased Deduction Limits for Corporations: The contribution limit for corporations has been raised to 25% for cash contributions this year.

4. Required Minimum Distributions Waived: For the year 2020, there will be no mandatory distributions from retirement accounts, thus allowing those accounts to recover. Once they do recover, retirement funds are a tax-wise giving strategy.
5. Waiver of Penalties When Retirement Funds Are Used for Coronavirus Purposes: If you are under the age of 59½ and withdraw money from your retirement plan to cover expenses incurred by you or a family member related to treatment of the coronavirus, the 10% tax penalty will not apply. In the future you may consider a retirement fund gift.

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MBC 2020-2021 Officer and Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee would like to invite each member to consider the possibility of running for an office and serving your fellow members. Yes, it does take a little time and indeed we are all busy. However don't let those things become excuses. MBC is run entirely by volunteers and we need your help.

The rewards from serving as a Club Officer cannot be measured in financial gain or imagined status; yet you will find serving your club is most gratifying. Being elected to office or serving on an active committee affords the opportunity to learn how our organization functions and participate in its progress.

Please take the time to consider these opportunities. Each member of MBC is eligible to run for and hold any office. Any Board member or Past Commodore would be happy to talk with you to learn more about this rewarding experience.

2020-2021 Officer and Board Nominations:

At the September General Membership Meeting, nominations for the slate of officers will be selected. We invite all members to become involved in managing our club and consider serving as an elected Officer. MBC maintains the publication "*Roles and Responsibilities*" describing the duties of each position to assist you in understanding the functions and obligations associated with each elected office.

Don't be bashful or think you can't do this, because YOU CAN! New members and long-time members will both find serving your club to be gratifying and rewarding. Those who have served in the past have no regrets about the time spent as Officers and/or Board members for MBC.

Please contemplate sharing your talents and time to contribute in an essential way to Monroe Boat Club as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

Contact any of the Nominating Committee members below about adding YOUR name to the ballot.

What a great thing it is to be part of MBC!

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MBC Club and Member Photos



Here are some pics from Commodore Reception and Meet the Candidates night.



More pics from Commodore Reception and Meet the Candidates night.



Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Calendar of Events

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 I-LYA Sail Regatta Continues
2 I-LYA Sail Regatta Continues	3	4	5	6	7	8 5:00pm Pork Carnitas Dinner
9 MBC Ladies Race	10	11	12 Auxiliary Mtg	13	14	15 MBC Solo Challenge
16	17 6:30pm Brd Mtg 7:30pm Gen Mem Mtg to vote on West Property	18	19 House Committee Mtg	20	21	22 McKeever's Famous Pig Roast
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 12:00pm Dearborn Power & Sail Squadron Steak Roast
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Future Events

- Sep 9 – Auxiliary Meetings
- Oct 10 – Sail Fleet Banquet & Awards
- Oct 12 – 6:30pm Satin Gavel Meeting
- Oct 23 – MBC Annual Mtg & Election of Officers

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

For Sale:
History of the Monroe Boat Club: 1868-2020
(Sample in trophy case)
\$45
Make check payable to Monroe Boat Club and place in
CCEC box of Officer's Mailboxes or order on Burger
Thursdays

