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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

February 2017



**Club Commodore,
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,
Kristen Whittico**

Hello Members,
We started this year off with good friends and good times, rocking in the New Year listening to Bubba Wilson and the Powerhouse. Great job V/C Dan and crew.

We had the opportunity to attend the L.E.O.P.A. Christmas party and as we all know they know how to celebrate. Frank and Connie put out a fabulous buffet. Mandy was a blur hustling behind the bar. And even though Nicole and I didn't win anything they gave away many nice prizes, Thank you David & Shawna and crew. Congratulations Gerry Buie 2017 is going to be a great year.

The Muskrat dinner turned out great. As usual this crew has their stuff together. Once again, they did all the cleaning and prep work then served the meal, very well organized and seemingly easy, Thank you Dan, Wendy, Dave and crew. This is an important event for MBC and its long history and repeated sell out speaks to the value of this crew.

We had a wonderful time at ORYC ball honoring Commodore Ron Murphy and Lady Jean.

We had fun at PPBC Ball Congratulations Commodore Sandi Kosinski.

Although this was written prior to the January breakfast I'm sure all went well thanks to all who supported it. The next Commodores Breakfast will be February 26.

Recently Member Ron Miller presented us with an opportunity to procure many items for the clubhouse. V/C Dan and crew have collected and stored the items in the west property buildings (see V/C Article for more details) so please take a minute to thank them if you have the opportunity.

Stay warm my friends...

Commodore
David Fetterly



We have had some exceptional social functions here at the club this past month. Those of you who were there can attest to some good comradely.

I would like to begin by thanking all those who participated in making our New Year's Eve party a success. Adding to that success was the Muskrat Dinner accomplished by P/C Wendy Campbell and her volunteer crew. I also held my first House Committee meeting this month. Proposals for an expansion of the parking lot at its western end and the refurbishment of the women's bathroom projects were presented. Although the agenda was altered there were many identified projects for improving the club also recognized.

In all the above club functions, we see the true essence of Monroe Boat Club as a member club supported by members at will volunteering of their time. We recently procured some reusable materials to support future improvement projects for the club. This was made possible through the efforts of Ron Miller, Chris Wallich, Jim Padot and Al Michaud. We hope to acquire more materials and build on this thus, probably resulting in some definite improvements becoming more affordable and hopefully coming to pass. As above, this can only be accomplished with members volunteering.

There is always the opportunity for getting in your work hours in supporting the needs of the club. Please feel free to contact myself, or the Commodore, and we will assist you in getting your work hours by applying your skills on improvements for the club.

Planning for the 2017 Regatta is commencing. I am planning to hold a Regatta planning meeting January 31 at 7:30. This Regatta is a Poker Run Regatta so customarily this will command a larger turnout. Long before we post the signup sheets, extensive preparation is required. Please plan on attending. Forming a good core group that works together will ensure a successful Regatta.



Greetings from your Rear Commodore
Before I get talking about all the fun things planned for the bar this month, I would like to address a rule that we have at the bar. Lately club members have been venturing behind the bar at-will, and this is strictly prohibited. Only the Rear Commodore, Dewey and the bartenders are permitted behind the bar at any time. If there is a reason to go behind the bar, it must be cleared by me or the bartender on duty only. Permission for one time does not mean anytime. Also remember, if the bartender on duty is not comfortable with the request, they have the right to say no and there will be no argument as the bartender is in charge.

The definition of behind the bar is past the drink well to the entrance of the bar by the kitchen. Standing in the isle way is ok as long as we are not busy and not past the drink well. Please note that when busy, I ask that no one stand in the entrance to the bar as it slows down the bartenders when they are trying to work. Stools, chairs or any other items are not to be in the entrance way to the bar at any time.

Most Importantly, The VHF radio past the drink well behind the bar, is not a toy and is not to be used other than for its intended purpose.

Now onto the fun stuff!

A Beach Party is headed our way hosted by the Satin Gavel on **January 28th**; Rusty Nail will be the entertainment and is sure to be a great time. They will have raffles, baskets and 50/50 with a cash bar.

One of the biggest Events for 2017 will be the Super Bowl Sunday **February 5th** and we will be watching at the bar with beer bucket specials. The bar will provide a 6 ft. Sub, please feel free to bring a tailgating dish to share.

February 25th at 7:00 pm we will be featuring Jordan Barnett for live entertainment in the bar, He is well liked around town and I think you will like him if you have not already heard him.

Also on the same day on we will be holding a chili cook off, so I challenge you to bring in your best, and I will supply the toppers. There are excellent prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Cost is \$5.00 and tasting starts at 5pm. If you plan to participate, please have your chili at the club no later than 4:45 pm. If you're not into making chili, feel free to bring in an appetizer dish to share. We will have a 50/50 as well.

February 11th, Soul Kitchen will be our entertainment in honor of Valentine's Day for our listening

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Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Hello from your Power Fleet Captain. Well it's been a busy month with hosting Burger Nights, planning of the A.Y.C. room, and managing to get out and retrieve our burgees. The A.Y.C. room plans are coming along fine. We have decided on the wall coverings, food, and our specialty drink. We will be doing Jager Bombs for our drink, German sausage and sauerkraut for the food with pretzels, sticking with the German Octoberfest theme. I have the sign-up sheets up on the hall way board. As you all know, it takes the whole club to run this event so if you will be attending please earn work hours and sign up for greeting, bar tending, and set up & tear down. If you will not be attending, we always need a hand loading and unloading the truck. I will be putting a food donation sheet on the fridge as the time gets closer. Remember, its two easy work hours for each donation as we will have a need for items such as chips, dips, finger foods, sweets etc. Every donation is welcome.

I would like to thank the membership for coming out for Burger Nights and supporting the club. Throughout the year, we have many other members from other clubs stop in for a burger. I think it goes without saying that the word of burgers and friendliness has spread around the town, so great job members. As I finish up my two months hosting Burger Nights, I would like to thank all of you who sign up and give your time to keep our Thursday nights a great night of food and fun. Thank you.

P/C Wendy Campbell... what can I say you're like a magic little elf. I don't know how you keep showing up without be seen and Voilà, the work is done. I can't thank you enough for your hard work and time. Thank you thank you.

P/F Captain
Bill LeVally



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- February 1, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- March 2, 7:00 (tentative), Snowmobiling in Canada Presentation
- March 23, 7:00, Presentation on Lion Sustainability in Africa
- May 4, 7:00, Clean Water Harbor Presentation
- June 6-7, 8-2, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders
- June 15, 7:00, Kayaking Tips and Know-How



MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "We had a good meeting yesterday with a lively discussion about our book for the month, Girl on a Train. Then we had quite a long discussion about future books to read. The group decided on the following novels: February 1: Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult and March 1: Chaos by Patricia Cornwell. The Book Club Calendar is posted on the bulletin board at MBC. We welcome anyone who would like to join us!" Any questions, please email Judy Peterson at jpeterston4647@aol.com.



Clean Water Harbor...On November 10, 2016, Michigan designated its portion of Lake Erie as "impaired" under provisions of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). According to the Lake Erie Foundation quarterly newsletter, this is the trigger that identifies sources and amounts of money to create a successful remediation plan. The CWA requires states to report the water quality of their lakes and rivers. In the November report to the US Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio failed to assess the open waters of Lake Erie; however, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) analyzed algal blooms in the Lake Erie open waters and concluded it does not meet water quality standards. The MDEQ Director C. Heidi Grether said, "Michigan's portion of Lake Erie is small, but in making this determination, we signal the importance of our actions to date and our commitment moving forward to limit the incidences of severe algal blooms that impact aquatic life and wildlife in our waters."

One of the ways members of MBC and other marinas along our channel can assist is to learn about the Clean Water Harbor certification process. MBC-A will host a special presentation on May 4 by Brian Kelley, the representative from the Clean Water Certification (co-sponsored by the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Boat Manufacturing Association, and others). Toledo Beach Marina recently received its certification.



Upcoming Events on the 2017 Drawing Board. Watch for announcements of some of the 2017 events: Presentations on... kids fishing derby, a marine garage sale, a rowing race, and the used book sale.



Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

Hello Everyone!!! Well, it is February. The time for St. Valentine's Day (February 14th), which means love and romance – so make sure to put that date in your calendar. Also, it means the AYC Commodore Ball (February 17th – 19th), which is a great time had for all. But most importantly, the Super Bowl on February 5th – GO PACKERS!!! (Hopefully they will be there, but remember, I am writing this article on the morning of January 20th...)

With that said, now let's look forward to March 20th for the first day of Spring and June 21st for the first day of Summer. I guess we cannot complain too bad this year, as we have had some awesome weather the last couple of weeks, but nowhere nearly enough sun. So, for all of you snow birds that go on 10 day cruises or are living in Arizona and/or Florida at this time – please make sure to send and/or bring us some sunshine up here please!!

In January, Auxiliary inducted a new member, Amelia Beverly. Amelia is the wife of general member, Mark Beverly. Welcome Amelia!!

Thank you to the following individuals who helped Ken and I take down the Christmas decorations: Jim, Michele, Dennis and Craig. I am sure Wendy was just as thankful for you guys that day, as you all helped her set up the tables for the muskrat dinner, which I heard again was a huge hit.

The Kids' Easter Party will be held on Sunday, April 2nd from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., with the Easter Bunny scheduled to arrive @ 2:30. It should be a hopping good time!! So, when you see the sign-up sheet, please hop over there and sign-up! (When signing up, I would ask that you please make sure to include all of the names of the children and all of the names of the adults that will be attending the party).

Lastly, I know I am thinking WAY ahead of myself, but I would like to try and do a trunk-or-treat for the kids in October this year. Please let me know what you think of this idea.

I have nothing further....so as usual, "please be kind to one another!"

Rear Commodore continued...

pleasure; we will have drink specials and will feature a special martini or two or three....

February 17th-19th – Is the AYC Commodores ball, the power fleet Captain, will be hosting the AYC room and the theme will be Octoberfest. This is in a new location this year and should be a lot of fun. I plan on being there both days myself.

Still working on the dates and a band for this spring, but we have a plan for an 80's night in the works, could be as early as March or in April but now looking possibly in May as well, details for this and more info on the will be forthcoming.

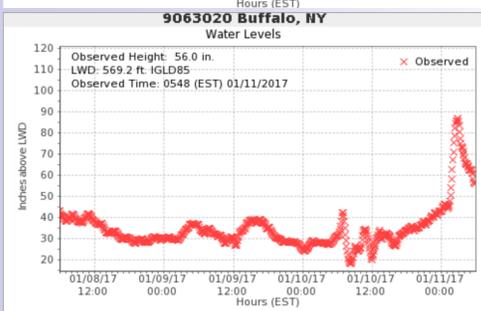
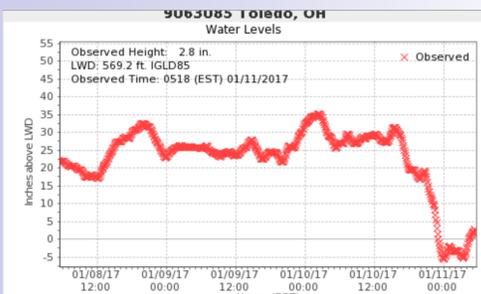
Sincerely,
Kristen Whittico



FYI...

Here are 2 interesting water level graphs from last week when it was windy. Negative 6 at the Toledo buoy and Plus 89 in Buffalo.

8 feet different!





Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Happy February everyone! Well on a happy note there are 11 or 12 Fridays till launch depending on how aggressive you are! I am happy to report that we have received as of this writing 1/4 of the Dock Holder's Agreements and also a 98% percent return on the newly requested proof of insurance and copies of registrations. It is very much appreciated as it is prudent to do so. So, if you indeed receive the Harbor Light by February 1st, you will have 10 days remaining to get all of your necessary paperwork in to me for processing of your dock assignments. As a reminder, whether or not you decide to keep your dock for the upcoming season, you will still need to fill out the Dock Holder's Agreement with your intents signed. A copy of your proof of insurance and a copy of your registration will need to accompany your agreement.

With that being said, you have until the 10th of February to get your work in. On the 17th of February, after processing all of the assignments, any of the available docks will be posted. On the 27th of February, the list will be taken down. On the 5th of March at 2:00 in the back room of the club we will then have our dock assignment meeting. At this time, there appears to be numerous B docks available. You must have your proof of insurance and registration in order to bid on a dock, so please do not forget to bring your paperwork to the meeting as there are no exceptions to this. In addition, anyone who has not

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Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH/James Kozlowski -MI

Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

Greetings and wishes for a great 2017 to all. While it is still cold, the Sail Fleet Captains of the Western Lake Erie Boat Clubs met earlier this month to coordinate club racing schedules and develop one master racing schedule for all the 2017 sailboat races in western Lake Erie. The full schedule will be posted at the club on the Sail Fleet Bulletin board to allow plenty of time for summer planning.

We are reviewing the new 2017 racing rules and are updating our racing instructions to include all new requirements. The information for this year's Eric Peterson Junior Sailor scholarships are now available at the club. If you have a junior sailor interested in the program, or have any questions, please contact Roger Dutton.

Sail Fleet is still looking for ideas for cruising destinations this year and I am still looking for someone to fill the cruising coordinator role. If interested, please contact me. This can be a power or sail boat owner as we coordinate the cruising activities for both fleets. Please contact me if you have interest.

While we still have a while until we can think about putting boats in the water, now is the time to think about the boat projects that need to be completed, and getting the necessary materials and tools to complete them. Why not spend some time with others, enjoy the boat club comradery, and enjoy the club? There are still many events planned for the enjoyment of our members.

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Dock Master continued...

occupied their dock in the previous season, must occupy their dock by July 1st of this season. Refer to Section II, item #8 of your roster book for further information on this.

If you are a current dock holder and have not received your Dock Holders Agreement, by all means contact me as soon as possible so that we can correct any issues! My phone number is in the roster book.

On another note, in addition to the priority work that will be taken care of on the main Tee, there will be repairs done along the seawall by the sidewalk to the main Tee. The tie backs have given way and will be repaired. We will also be driving new pilings on the finger docks along the seawall in front of the lounge area of the club. This will encompass docks 43 C through 52 C. I will be looking for laborers for the re-decking of those fingers in March.

If you are able and interested in getting work hours, please notify me as soon as possible so as to get a crew together. If anyone has any immediate issues with your dock, please let me know so that we can have it taken care of. Again, call or email me with your concerns.

P/C Ron Soto
2017 Dock Master

Sail Fleet Captain continued...

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2 @ 7:00 PM.
See you at the club!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2017 at:
www.monroeboatclub.org
Applications due March 31, 2017.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth to learn sailing and boating skills, and / or Jr racing via **scholarships to the North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.**

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer. From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy, Laser, or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"

OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 16 that can swim!
Must be 13 or older for the Jr Racing Program.

This opportunity is being extended to children, step children, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: P/C Rodger Dutton (313) 805-6418

MBC Working for You

We live, work and play in the very special area of SE Michigan. Side by side exist unique land-based habitats and the shores of the most biologically diverse body among the Great Lakes, Lake Erie

In 2014, MBC became aware of an organization called the "Western Lake Erie Cluster" (WLEC), a public/private entity formed the previous year that helps to network various groups with the algae problem in the lake as well as issues ashore.

Understanding that water quality directly affects our ability to enjoy boating on Lake Erie, and by extension the success of Monroe Boat Club, in 2015 Monroe Boat Club became a "Partner Organization" with the WLEC. The Partners include some of the most influential groups in the area: DTE Energy, Ducks Unlimited, Monroe Conservation District, River Raisin Institute, Nature Conservancy, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Monroe, and Monroe Boat Club.

For years, our Past Commodore Judge Paul Braunlich served as MBC's liaison with many government agencies from the local road commission to our Representatives and Senators, and it is important to continue to have MBC represented at various levels of government. The US Army Corps of Engineers names Monroe Boat Club as the only marina or business being a "Major Stakeholder" in Bolles Harbor. Fred Hoitash has picked up our contacts with the US Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers with respect to the maintenance, overgrowth, and federal dredging of the Bolles Harbor channel into Lake Erie. Through Bob Adkins and Charlotte Neuhouser, the Club's affiliation with WLEC will continue our place at the table with regards to environmental issues affecting our region and Club, and does not cost the club any money.

<https://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/clusters/western-lake-erie-cluster>

This spring, the MBC-Association will host a Clean Marina seminar through the Michigan Sea Grant to educate and inform area marina operators, the first of its kind in Western Lake Erie. The Michigan Clean Marina program is administered by the State Dept of Environmental Quality and the Univ of Michigan, yet there are no boat/yacht clubs and only one Michigan certified marina in Lake Erie. Through this effort, MBC will become Western Lake Erie's leader in maintaining and improving our waterways and your boating enjoyment.

February 2017

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

February

- 1 - Book Club @ noon
- 5 - Super Bowl in the Bar
- 8 - Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 10 - Dock Fees Due
- 11 - Soul Kitchen Band in the Bar
@ 8pm
- 14 - Valentines Day
- 17-27 - Available Docks Posting
- 17-19 - 2016 AYC Commodore's
Ball
- 22 - General Membership Meeting
@ 7pm
- 25 - Jordon Barnett in the Bar
@ 8pm
- 26 - Breakfast at MBC 9am-Noon

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



March

- 2 - Presentation on Snowmobiling
@ 7pm
- 5 - Dock Assignment Meeting
@ 2pm
- 23 - Presentation on African Lions
@ 7pm