

# HARBOR LIGHT



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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

December 2014



**Club Commodore,  
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,  
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,  
Wendy Campbell**

The holiday season is upon us again! I hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your loved ones, or at the club with your MBC family. We appreciate R/C Wendy Campbell opening the clubhouse for those of us in town, and our bartenders being with us Thanksgiving night.

During the annual membership renewal season, as life and situations change, there were a number of membership resignations and the club values the years of dedication they have given to the club. Membership Chair Nick Pinotti has been busy working with last year's chairman Jim Alban to schedule two new member induction events in November. Ten new members were inducted Nov. 12 and a special induction ceremony with a new member social hour for 7 additional members was held on Sunday Nov. 23. The club functions best with the enthusiasm and excitement of a full membership, and each of us can ask a friend or associate to take a look at joining MBC. A "first-year" MBC Membership would make a great Christmas gift! .

During the Christmas season we reflect on how fortunate we are to be associated with each other and MBC. Annually the club collects a mountain of presents for the annual Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. Last year we collected more toys than we have members! We are hoping to collect even more this year as our community is fortunate to have such generous and giving people at MBC!

The Club once again will be decorated in lights and wreaths, so make a point to visit the club during December. Although the boats are in storage, indoors the lights are blazing and events are happening all winter long, so stop in and warm up with your friends at the club.

Beginning in January, the Harbor Light will feature a "For Sale" section available *free of charge* to members. You can submit a short ad for virtually anything...a boat, car, rental home, or treasures from your garage. The space is limited so you can include a link to additional information and pictures. Ads can run for 2 consecutive months, and be sure to let the Editor know when things sell so the ad can be removed.

This November, Billy Amatucci awarded the 2014 MBC Member of the Year Award to Larry Inguagiato. Larry earned 372 work hours, spent so much time in the Regatta Accounting Room that he slept on the chairs, and rebuilt the club website that you should visit for up-to-date club information. Congratulations Larry (and Mary Kay)!

I'll see you at the Club!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

There are a number of events planned in the upcoming weeks please look for the flyers in the building.

There will be a suggestion form available in about a week. Please give us your feedback that will help us to develop new projects for the club and allow everyone to participate in the continuation of making this boat club the best on the lake!

Also, if you have a boat or a trailer in storage across the street I strongly urge you to step forward and register it with the club. There are applications behind the bar or ask me directly. I would appreciate every one's help on this.

November 29th (Saturday) at 9 am we will be decorating the club for Christmas. Starting in the backroom and then the outside weather permitting. This is a joint effort with Celeste Hoitash and the Auxiliary. It is a great opportunity to earn some early work hours.

On December 26th (Friday) 9am we will be cleaning and preparing muskrats for the annual Muskrat Dinner which will be held Monday January 5th. Tickets go on sale December 1st...look for the blue flyers in the club.

The New Years Eve party this year will feature "Hoosier Daddy" as the entertainment from 8pm-1am. Many of you are familiar with them. They are an excellent band that plays a wide variety of music. The party will begin at 7:30pm and I will post a sign-up sheet for appetizers and munchies. I am having Mary Sacco Pizza's delivered between 10-11pm with a champagne toast at midnight. Family and friends are welcome! We will be setting up in the back room for this event!

Have a Safe and Wonderful Holiday Season!

## CHANGE of DECEMBER

### MEETING DATE

**Combined Board & General Membership Mtg: Wed Dec 10 -Board Meeting at 6:30; General Membership Mtg. at 7pm due to Christmas.**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Yes it is definitely winter here in Monroe! All the boats are tucked away until spring and everyone is getting ready for the holidays. MBC will be open daily at noon (weather permitting) except Christmas Day (closed) and 6-11pm Thanksgiving Day. We are offering a variety of food specials and homemade soups daily.

I usually avoid naming people for fear of missing someone, but I would like give a Big Thank You to Dewey Edwards for stepping back in and helping me with the financials of the bar area. MBC is again accepting tips on credit card transactions, thanks to Zach Nykodym and Greg Loop for working with the cash register system and addressing some issues that were brought to my attention. Greg has also been a big help for our bar staff by stocking, cleaning glasses, and getting ice...to name a few things. Billy Amatucci has also assisted with some shopping. The helpful bar staff will attend a TAM (Techniques of Alcohol Management) class in January.

On Saturday Dec. 13th we're hosting a Chili Cook-off for \$5 per person (no charge for entrants). We encourage any variety of Chili! Contestants are asked to set-up at noon; tasting and judging will begin at 1pm with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! A sign-up sheet is located on the cork board in the Bar Area. This event was suggested by Mandy Taylor, and will be overseen by Nicole Kacher.

On December 20th there will be an Ugly Sweater Party held in the bar area. DJ Adam Hollister from "Mariner Entertainment" will be spinning up a good time for all from 8pm-midnight. Make sure to wear that "special" Ugly Sweater and be ready for a great time.

On December 31st our V/C Mike Anteau is planning a wonderful New Years Eve Party. Be sure to check out his article and plan to rock the evening into the New Year.

Burger Night Thursdays will continue as our Power Fleet Captain Bill LeVally steps up to chair the months of December and January along with the help of his wife Lori. Euchre will continue on Sunday afternoons with registration at noon and play at 1pm. Monday Night Bunco will also be returning on January 19th.

On January 24th we are planning on having "Name that Tune." And of course on February 1st there will be a Super Bowl Party...our new Sports Director Harold Sauer is sure to make the day a Party at MBC!



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

**Activities** Dec 3, 12:00, MBC Book Club



December 3, 2014 Mr. Miracle by Debbie Macomber...Judy Peterson hopes to see all of the group at the next meeting. Anyone who is interested in reading and having fun at the casual MBC lunch, please join them!! At that time, Judy will distribute the calendar for 2015 and they will make a decision regarding the book of choice for March 4, 2015. Judy reports the club is going very well and they have a wonderful group that looks forward to their day together each month!



to the MBC members who were recognized for their 30 years of

membership at the Change of Watch ceremony on November 2. They included:

- **Ronald Barron**
- **Gregory Conner**
- **David Grassley**
- **Charles Harrington**
- **Roger Herrett**
- **Gary Russeau**
- **Thomas Konopka**

(posthumously accepted by PC Konopka's daughter-in-law)

John Rudy presented an engraved pen and certificate of appreciation to each attendee. Each year at the Change of Watch members achieving 30 years of membership are recognized and asked to sign the 30-Year Club Plaque located on the wall in the Commodore's Room. Check it out and see all the signatures of our long-term members.



The Environmental Career Day for 120 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will be offered for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in June, 2015, by a collaboration of the Monroe County

Intermediate School District, Monroe Public Schools, River Raisin Institute, and the Monroe Boat Club. The project has been awarded a grant totaling \$4,900 by the Monroe County Environmental Fund and the Community Foundation of Monroe County. Our appreciation goes to these two agencies for their support of this exciting and fun learning day. One of the highlights of the two-day event for the students is a ride on a boat owned by one of the members of MBC.



**Sail Fleet Captain,  
Troy Willett**

Hello again and greetings from the tiller, a frozen tiller! Pretty soon we should see the ice boats out and zooming around the lake. I look forward to a hearty winter filled with fun activities such as cross country skiing, ice fishing, sledding with the kids and enjoying Michigan for its coldest season. At least there aren't any bugs!

For those of you that aren't a fan of the wind burn and choose to stay indoors, there will be plenty of club activities to keep us busy. We have other clubs visiting, AYC and ILYA events, Euchre, Burger Thursdays and a host of other reasons to stop in, socialize and keep warm.

Due to extenuating circumstances we had to postpone our Italian Dinner. It will be rescheduled and I will keep everyone posted as to when we will hold that in the future. I know we are all looking forward to Martie's world famous cooking!

In a few weeks, on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm we will be having our last Sail Fleet meeting of the year. I hope to see as many people there so we can discuss the upcoming sailing season. Conveniently it is being held on Burger Night, so come on out, get some good food, great company and enjoy the club.

I had a chance to visit and review the AYC room with Bill LeValley and company. It was my first experience seeing how these events are started and coordinated. I was impressed by the level of preparation that has been put into the event and I was blown away by all those in attendance from the other clubs. This is a really big deal and I am excited to see how well our room turns out. I recommend that everyone book their calendars for the event to at least stop in, say hi and see all the hard work that goes into representing Monroe Boat Club.

I hope everyone stays warm and enjoys the winter season for all it has to offer. See you around the club!

**ADDENDUM to  
Ugly Sweater Party**

**Dec 20th**

*We ask that everyone bring a food donation, or clothes or toys for a girl age 3 size 3; boy age 5 size 5; girls 6 and 7, sizes 7-8 and 8-10.*

*Gift certificates are also appreciated. We are trying to create an amazing Christmas for a family in true need.*

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*



**Auxiliary,  
Celeste Hoitash**

Thanksgiving, according to Wikipedia, is defined as a "holiday celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in November. It became a Federal holiday in 1863, during the Civil War when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise.'

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, let us reflect and celebrate the many blessings we have been given throughout our lives. Let us always be thankful for our military, past and present, for keeping us free.

And...thank you, Monroe Boat Club, for being the Club you are.

On behalf of the MBC Auxiliary, a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**Notice to all Auxiliary Members:**

*Please help us update our/your Roster by forwarding your email address and any changes in your address or phone number to:*

*Michele Lachcik, Vice-President  
MBC Auxiliary*

[mllachcik@aol.com](mailto:mllachcik@aol.com)

*Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.*

*Celeste Hoitash, President*

The Great Lakes Cruising Club School has posted a news release concerning the online courses it offers boaters at

<http://www.glcclub.com/glcclubschool-2014-15-school-year-news-release>.

The School's website is at

<http://www.glcclubschool.com/home>







## Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

**H**ello fellow boaters! It has been a busy month trying to learn all about my new position as your Power Fleet Captain. I want to thank all those who have been helping steer me in the right direction.

Well its that time of year and we are getting the ball rolling on the AYC Hospitality Room. I would like to invite anyone interested in lending a hand to please jump in. We will be having a meeting December 2nd at 7pm, please fell free to attend.

The AYC Ball will be held this year at the French Quarters in Perrysburg on February the 20-21. A great way to gain those work hours! Please contact Brian Moyer for your ticket. It would be really great to see a lot of you there from MBC to show our support, power and sail.

It also would be awesome to see you for the Bus Trips we have stopping by. PPBC arrived Nov.22 at noon and on Dec.6 we have RVYC at 4pm, and Seaway coming Dec 13 at 3pm. This is a great way to meet fellow boaters from other clubs and show our MBC pride.



Come One,  
Come All!



**COME JOIN US  
FOR THE FUN!**

### Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm

Game time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

\*Bring an appetizer to pass\*

### Questions? Contact:

Richard Boose

[rboose@live.com](mailto:rboose@live.com)

(419) 349-6079



## Dock Master, Tom Henry

**I**would like to start by thanking Rick Campbell, Kyle Harris, Bill Huntley, Ron Parent, Mike McCormick, Fritz Peterson, and Dave Collino for coming out on such a cold day for fall clean up and winterization on the water system for the docks. A BIG thank you goes to Kyle Harris for bringing his compressor out for the job on such short notice.

The BAD news is that winterization was not completed due to the early freeze we had. We were able to blow out the supply line up to the check valve. We found the check valve frozen solid, along with all main supply lines to the docks. The check valve was removed and stored to thaw out.

I believe the damage is done because of the several days of below-freezing temperatures. It will be a wait-and-see situation until the spring, when temperatures stabilize, and we can get the water back on to access the damage to the pipes.

If there are any suggestions from the pipe fitters or plumbers at the club, your input would be greatly appreciated!

### FLAG OFFICERS for 2015

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**Rear Commodore**.....Wendy Campbell

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**Power Fleet Captain**.....Blill LeVally

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**Sail Fleet Captain**.....Troy Willett

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**Financial Secretary**.....Larry Inguagiato

**Treasurer**.....Gloria Schneider

**Secretary**.....Fred Hoitash

**Dock Master**.....Tom Henry

**Historian**.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley

**Membership Chair**.....Nick Pinotti

**Obituaries**.....(MI) Paul Braunlich

.....(OH) Jim Brzuchalski

**ILYA Delegate**.....P/C Mike Powers

.....Alt. Troy Willett

**Parliamentarian**.....Lance Piedmonte

**Chaplain**.....Fr. Darin Robert

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

P/C Mike Powers - P/C Brian Moyer -

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**President**.....P/C Ron Soto

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P/C Jim Kozlowski

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**Vice-President**.....Sheri Amatucci

**Secretary**.....Celeste Hoitash

**Treasurer**.....Sue Van Thomme

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cmdr. Dave Ryan - P/C Mike Powers - P/C Brian Moyer -

Gloria Schneider - Tom Snarey -

Fred Lemerand - P/C Ron Stokes

**AYC DELEGATES:** P/C Brian Moyer -

Larry Inguagiato - Bill LeVally

**AYC ALTERNATES:** P/C Mike Powers - P/C Ron Soto

P/C Rick Campbell - At Large - P/C Ron Stokes

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### DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION

20th of each month

**Monroe Boat Club Web Site:** [www.monroeboatclub.org](http://www.monroeboatclub.org)

**Webmaster**.....Larry Inguagiato

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**View the Harbor Light and other club events online!**

**WELCOME 2015 MBC BRIDGE AND BOARD!**



Your Sweater Might be Frightful  
but a Holiday Party is Most Delightful



## Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Join us on December 20 @ 7:00 pm for MBC 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!

- D.J. Adam Hollister will be providing our entertainment from 8 pm - Midnight and prizes will be given to the Male and Female with the Ugliest Christmas Sweater!!
- Please bring a dish to pass! There is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board in the bar

Wear your ugliest sweater, there will be a contest



## RC Farewell and Halloween Party



**CHILI**  
COOK OFF

**First Annual**

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm - ????

**\$5.00 PER PERSON**  
(no charge if you enter your chili in the competition)

Every Variety of Chili is Welcome:  
Beef, Pork, Chicken, Vegetarian

12:00pm CHILI COOK OFF CONTESTANTS SET-UP  
1:00pm CHILI TASTING AND JUDGING

After the tasting, enjoy **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-CHILI**  
with all the toppings, cheese, sour cream, Fritos,  
onions, and more!

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE  
CHILI COOK OFF WINNING CONTESTANTS!

**TO ENTER YOUR CHILI**  
or to  
**BE A JUDGE**  
please see sign-up sheet located  
on main corkboard in bar area!



## Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14, 2014

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.  
Bring camera to take pictures.

Sign-up sheet in MBC Bar





# Membership Report Nick Pinotti



**J.C. Gerweck**

J.C. Gerweck is from Monroe, MI manages Gerweck Nissan. He and his wife Rebecca have two children. J.C. enjoys boating.

John Gerweck is a lifetime resident and businessman in Monroe. John and his wife Jo Ann enjoy spending time with family. John is a golfer and belongs to Monroe Golf and Country Club.

Bob Dazel is also from Monroe. He and his wife Julie have two daughters. Bob is an architect, and enjoys golfing. He is a member of Monroe Golf and Country Club.



**Joanna Sabo**

Marybeth Norris lives in Sylvania, OH. She and her husband Walt enjoy both power boating and sailing. Her hobbies include knitting, golf, and glass blowing.

Joanna Sabo is from Grosse Ile, MI. She is a professor at Monroe County Community College. She and her husband James enjoy powerboating. Her other hobbies include hiking, climbing, and kayaking.

Kevin Pifer lives in La Salle, MI. Kevin works for Ford Motor Company. He enjoys boating, fishing, hunting, and bowling.

Keith Duarard recently moved to La Salle, MI. Keith and his wife Alecia have 3 children. Keith is the owner of Ding Dent Removal. He enjoys boating and collecting cars.



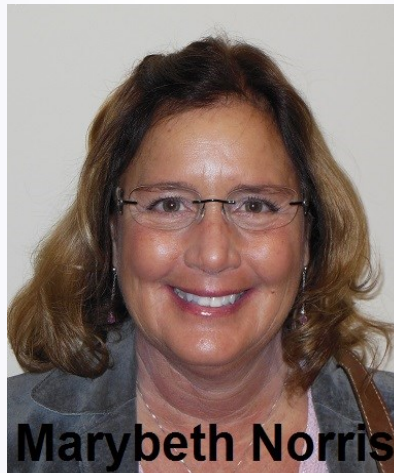
**Kevin Pifer**



**John Gerweck**



**Bob Dazel**



**Marybeth Norris**



**Keith Duarard**



# Membership Report Nick Pinotti



**Nicole Kachar**

Chris Raymo lives in La Salle, MI. She decided to join MBC after attending a couple functions with friends. Chris enjoys boating, baking, crocheting, and golf (photo not available).

Nicole Kachar is from Monroe. She enjoys spending time with friends, boating, and fishing.

Craig Sauer lives in Monroe; you may recognize his last name. Yes, he is the son of Harold "H" Sauer, one of our famed members. Craig not only has a passion for boating but year after year is a top salesman at Stanford-Allen Chevrolet Cadillac.

Jarrett Manor also lives in Monroe. Jarrett became familiar with MBC through his father Brian. When he's not working on the railroad he enjoys power boating, hunting and fishing.

Nick Burson lives in the Monroe area and enjoys sailing, bicycling, and bowling. Recently retired, he is looking forward to sailing with his wife Laurie.

Jake Geiger lives in Monroe, and works for DTE Energy. In his free time he enjoys his 19' Rinker Captiva, wakeboarding, and softball.

Jessica Moore lives in Bolles Harbor. She decided to join MBC after visiting friends at the club. She works in the aviation industry but enjoys the lake on her days off.

Michael O'Connor lives in Lafayette, MI. Retired and once active in The United States Navy. He and his wife Michelle enjoy sailing on their 18' Marshall Catboat. Michael's hobbies include shooting, woodworking, reading, and boating.

Emmett Duval lives in Monroe. At one time Emmett was an active member and served as one of our Vice Commodores. He has decided to rejoin the club to spend time with friends. He enjoys power boating and woodworking.

Rob Adkins and his wife Elaine live in Temperance, MI. A former member that recently retired from the transportation industry. Now that Rob has spare time he is looking forward to sailing.



**Jessica Moore**



**Craig Sauer**



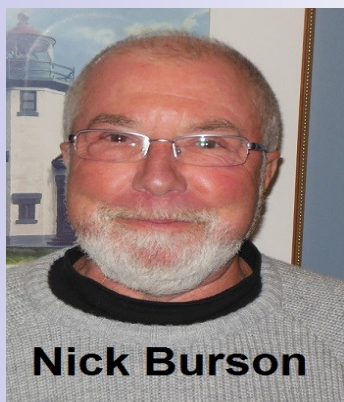
**Michael O'Connor**



**Jarrett Manor**



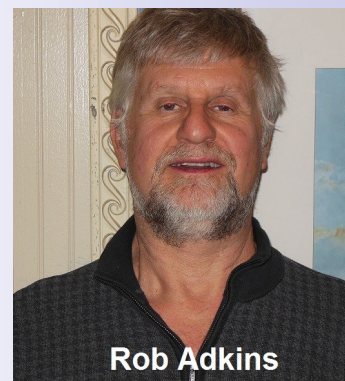
**Emmett Duval**



**Nick Burson**



**Jake Geiger**



**Rob Adkins**

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notify Ed when sold.**

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

### December

- 2 - AYC Room meeting 7pm
- 3 - Book Club 12n
- 6 - Bus Visit -RVYC 4pm
- 10 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 10 - Board & Gen Membership  
Combined Meeting 7pm**
- 11 - Sail Fleet Meeting 8pm
- 13 - Chili Cook-off 1pm
- SBC visiting bus 5pm
- 14 - Kids Christmas Party 1pm
- 20 - Ugly Sweater Party 8pm
- 25 - *Merry Christmas!*
- CLUB CLOSED
- 31 - *New Year's Eve Party  
w/ Hoozier Daddy 730pm*



**HAPPY HOUR Mon-Fri 12-6pm**

### BURGER NIGHT

**Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm**

**Offering Delicious  
Homemade  
Soup!**



### January

- 1 - *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
- Book Club 12n
- 14 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 14 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 19 - *Martin Luther King Day*
- 24 - "Name That Tune" 7pm
- 25 - AYC Power Fleet Mtg. 1pm
- 28 - Gen. Membership Mtg 7p**

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: [www.monroeboatclub.org](http://www.monroeboatclub.org)