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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

2016 began with a great New Year's Eve party hosted by our V/C Robert Schneider with help from the R/C Scott Fuller. Attendees enjoyed a festive night of socializing and dancing to the tunes of DJ Wally and enjoyed wonderful food all night. We rang in the New Year with the traditional champagne toast!

The Muskrat Dinner was an incredible success. Thank you to V/C Robert Schneider and David Rafko and their crew for planning and coordinating the dinner. This dinner takes the efforts of many members to prepare, cook, and serve muskrat. Thank you to one and all who graciously give of their time, talent, and labor to make the Muskrat Dinner a great success each year.

The Wi-Fi Committee has met several times and expects to present a proposal to the Board for a system with improved system performance in the near future. They also attempted to use some borrowed equipment to provide service for the winter, but radio interference issues prevented that. The final solution will need to address those interference issues as well as upgrading our Wi-Fi service.

The Fence Committee will enclose the storage lot with a 6-foot cyclone fence along the current property line. The eight properties comprising the storage lot were consolidated into one single property which allows for one fence permit instead of eight (a savings of \$350). A new Quick Claim Deed (for the single property) was approved by BOD during the January 13th Special BOD Meeting.

Mark your calendars for the MBC Commodore's Ball on March 26th, to be held at the Holiday Inn Southgate. The Ball Committee has been working for months on a great celebration of our club and members. All members are welcome to participate. I am also raffling off a free room at the Holiday Inn Southgate. You have 1 year to use the free room. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 per chance and 5 chances for \$20.00. See me or the Bartender on duty.

It is with regret I report the passing of the following MBC members: Nick Pinotti's stepfather, Robert C. Wimberly on January 12th; P/C Clyde Morgan's son, Jeffery Morgan, on January 13th; MBC member LuAnne Main on January 14th; and MBC member Dan Marion's wife Mary on January 16th. Please keep all our members' well-being in your thoughts and prayers, and hope they find comfort in being a part of the MBC family.

Hello Monroe Boat Club Members! I want to thank DJ Wally for the superb music and energy he brought to the New Year's Eve party. He had a grand selection of blues, rock-n-roll and a great variety of tunes that kept the dance floor hopping late into the night. Thank you also to the many volunteers that gave time to make the event a success. Thanks, lastly but not at all least, to everyone that attended the party with all the goodies and snacks that you brought to share.

Next, muskrat D-day. The preparation and par-boiling went very well. I was out of town and wish I had not missed it. The cooking, serving and clean up went well also. The volunteers made the evening a great success. We have a crack crew and I enjoyed watching it come together. There were many comments about how good the food was this year. Thanks again everyone.

The kitchen clean up and inventory will be Saturday, January 30th starting at 10am. I will have sign-up sheets posted in the back hall way. I would like to have as many people there to help as we can that day.

I have an inventory of the kitchen, counted and cleaned from 2012. I would like to remove all the cookware, dishes and silverware to wash and count them. The cupboards and drawers should be washed out thoroughly at that time. Along with the immediate kitchen area, the pantry and back room under the stairs need attention.

Please plan to attend and lend a hand. Just think about it, a beautiful clean kitchen to kick off Super Bowl Sunday!

Here again is a list of tasks and ideas for either a group activity or an individual:

- Replace all the burned out lights throughout the building and grounds.
- The exhaust hood motor needs to be inspected for bearing or belt service or replacement (the bearing is on order)
- Our main double door refrigerator is in need of service (the door gasket is on order)
- The exhaust hood filters in the kitchen need to be removed and washed monthly.
- Wash, repair and paint or replace the all the bathroom and cleaning closet doors in the rear hallway. The men's door was completed thanks to Al Michaud and looks great.
- Repair the partition door in the back hallway, so anyone can operate it easily

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Greetings from your Rear Commodore! Welcome Greg and Kim to the Bartender's Staff!

Thanks for all the positive comments on the Daily Specials! We still have a Bar Menu if you would care for something else; menus are located by the Bar cash register - ask your server.

For the month of February we will have a special on Boones Farm Fuzzy Navel, Snow Creek and Strawberry Daiquiri for \$3.00 a bottle. Remember the days when you brown bagged it and drank straight from the bottle? You can relive those days by just buying one or two!

We will be hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 7th. The Bar will be furnishing Sloppy Joes, Please bring a dish to pass. There will be munchies on the tables and Domestic Beer and Wine Specials. Come cheer on your favorite AFC or NFC team.

We will be having a Valentine's Party 7 pm to Midnight. Tim Cartwright will be the entertainment for the night! Come out to hear and dance to some great music.

I am looking forward to Spring and the boats going back in the water. We are going to have an April Fool's Day Party, and "Soul Kitchen" will provide entertainment for the night. I have been approached by Auxiliary President, Michele Lachcik about having a "Name That Tune" night possibly tied together with a steak roast that will be sponsored by the Auxiliary, in late April. I will have more details next month.

See you around the club!





Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- Feb 13-14 Free Fishing Weekend
- Mar 2 - MBC Book Club
- Mar 10 - Harmful Algal Blooms Forum
- Apr 7 - CCEC Special Presentation, "Skin Issues"
- Apr 23 - Earth Day
- May 7 - Joy of Eating and Drinking
- Jun 6-7 - Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders



Special Presentation, April 7, 6:30, banquet room, on "skin issues."

Dr. Darius Mehregan is a dermatologist in Monroe, a member of MBC, and affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including John D. Dingell Veterans Affairs Medical Center and

Mercy Memorial Hospital. He received his medical degree from University of Michigan Medical School and has been in practice for 27 years. He is a Fellow (FAAD) of the American Academy of Dermatology. He will be speaking on the skin problems we face as we age. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!



The Book Club... The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 2. The book chosen for the meeting is *See Me* by Nicholas Sparks. The group will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of each month from March on except for July and August.



The first of two Free Fishing Weekends, which will take place Feb **February 13-14 Free Fishing Weekend**... take advantage! There is a special event on Saturday, February 13, (10

a.m.-2:00 p.m.) at the Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road, Chelsea (Mill Lake boat launch off McClure Road). Details: Make your own ice fishing jig stick at the Discovery Center, then head to Mill Lake to try ice fishing. There will be ice fishing demonstrations, as well as an area cleared for skating. Learn to play and enter a Snow Snake contest. Warm up afterwards around a bonfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate. Park at the Mill Lake Boat Launch on McClure Road or hike/ski over from the Discovery Center. There must be 6 inches of ice on Mill Lake for this event to take place. For more information, contact: 248-634-7271.



International Migratory Bird Conservation.

The DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners are kicking off a year-long celebration of the Migratory Bird Treaty's 100th anniversary throughout 2016. The treaty is the cornerstone of efforts to conserve birds that migrate across international borders. Migratory birds connect people with nature and provide environmental and ecological benefits, including pollination, seed dispersal and rodent control. Migratory birds also play a key role in the economy by offering recreational opportunities that create jobs and generate billions of dollars in revenue.



April 23, Earth Day...Planning has begun

for the 2016 Monroe County Earth Day event at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Vendors and sponsors are needed for the event. If your local business provides products/services aimed at environmental or human health, use this event to advertise to the community. Vendor registration deadline is February 1. Sponsors are also needed to make donations or award/raffle prizes. For information, contact Dan Rock, dan.rock@monroemi.org with the Monroe County Health Department.



May 7, 5-7, The Joy of Eating and Drinking...

Mark your calendars for the second annual fun and interesting food and drink event. A beverage expert is on the program who will select and present "best in class" beers, wine, and spirits.



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

Another year has gone by and now we are into 2016. How time flies. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year.

This time of year things have generally slowed down so now is the time to come down and enjoy our Club and all the things that it has to offer. Euchre is being played on Sundays at 1:00pm with registration at 12:00pm and burger nights are enjoyed on Thursday from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Come out and volunteer to work burger night to gain some work hours and have fun at the same time. They can always use your help. Sign-up sheets are on the club kitchen door.

This also brings me to ask if anyone would be interested in volunteering to chair burger night for the month of June, or partial month. This is an Auxiliary sponsored event. I would need someone who would be able to order and do the prep work for that month, or the weeks that you are chairing. You do not need to be an Auxiliary member to chair this event. If you are interested, please contact me.

Bunco is beginning January 20th. Registration for Bunco begins at 6:00pm and the game begins at 6:30pm. The remaining dates for Bunco are February 17th, March 16th and April 20th. Half of the Bunco proceeds to go Mon-Arc of Monroe Michigan, a non-profit for the advocacy of people with Developmental Disabilities. Come out and enjoy the fun while supporting a good cause.

Also, please check out the Harbor Light for club projects that are being planned in and around the Club. This is a good source of information as to what is going on or being planned, and again, may be a source for volunteering and picking up some additional work hours. Currently there is a kitchen cleaning scheduled for January 30th at 10:00am. Please volunteer your time, if you are available, to help Rob Schneider complete this humongous project.

The AYC Commodore's Ball is just around the corner, February 19th and 20th. Check with Brian Moyer for tickets and plan to attend if there are still tickets available. Oh what fun it will be!!

The Auxiliary General Membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Please join us to find out what the Auxiliary is all about. We welcome suggestions and input from all of our members.

Think spring!



Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willett

Hello and greetings from the Tiller!

The New Year is well under way and our planning from the upcoming summer is in the works. We have scheduled the races for the year and are happy to announce the Sisters Race will be held on July 16th, the Ladies Race will be held on August 14th and the MBC Solo Challenge will be held on August 20th, so mark your calendars and get ready to race!

The Tuesday Night race series will begin May 17th and last until September 20th. If you are interested in sailing and haven't done it before let me know and I can get you on a boat for an enjoyable experience. If you have a sail boat and want to race, let's talk and I will point you in the right direction. It's an exhilarating experience to push you, your boat and your crew to perform regardless of the age of your boat, or crew, or you. Come on out and support our Tuesday Nights! Invite your friends and make the most of it.

We are still in the middle of scheduling the club cruises and will be update everyone as soon as we have some locations and dates in mind.

The Sail Fleet will be meeting on Thursday Feb. 11th at 6pm or so. Come on out, grab a burger, enjoy the club and let's have a discussion or two relating to this year's sailing events.

The AYC Party is right around the corner!! Are you going? It is an exciting time and a good party, come one, come all!

Once again, the MBC Sail Fleet will be offering to relatives of club members between the ages of 8 and 18 to North Cape Yacht Club for a week of Junior Sail Camp. This is a once a year event and there are several weeks to choose from during the summer break. Make sure to take advantage of this opportunity and send your relative to NCYC, at no charge, for much more than a sailing education!

As always, come on out, support the club, enjoy the food, beverages and company of the members. See you around the Club.





Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Greetings from your Power Fleet Captain!
The 2016 **AYC Commodores Ball** is almost here, the event is less than a month away and our planning is going very well. During the last meeting we made a mockup of the room and I have to say, the room is going to look fantastic! I am so impressed with the folks who have stepped up to help out. If you too want to be a part of this, the sign-up lists for working at the AYC Commodore's Ball are posted at the club and there's still room to volunteer and earn those work hours! The next AYC Hospitality Room planning meeting will be on Sunday January 31st at 2:00 p.m. and then a final meeting on February 7th at Noon.

January Burger Nights the Power Fleet will continue to run Burger Nights for the rest of January and so far we have had a great turnout. I want to give out a big "Thank You" to all that have helped; I could have not survived burger nights without the tremendous support I have received.

Power Fleet Activities The dates for this coming season's poker runs and cruises are close to being determined, a full and complete update is forthcoming and should be finalized in early February. I am so excited for the boating season to be here as I know you are too. I want to mention that I have spoken to a few folks around the club that have expressed an interest in sailing. If you too are interested please contact me or the Sail Fleet Captain Troy Willett, and we can hook you up with a ride.

Bus Trips. I have been approached by members asking that we forego the testicle fest and visit other AYC boat clubs instead. Reaching out and visiting other clubs, is a great way to get to know other AYC members and show other clubs our support. This is something that can be easily set up and if you have an idea on which clubs you would prefer to visit, please contact me at kwhittico@aol.com. I am hoping to set something up in March.

Please don't forget the AYC Hospitality Room planning meeting on Sunday January 31st at 2:00 p.m. and then a final meeting on February 7th at Noon.

Come One, Come All!

Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm

Game time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

Bring an appetizer to pass

Questions? Contact:
[Richard Boose](mailto:Richard.Boose@live.com)
rboose@live.com
(419) 349-6079



Dock Master Grant Kozlowski

Hello Boaters!!

I hope that this month's article finds everyone healthy and warm!! The dock bills have been mailed, and should have been received by now. If for some reason you did not receive your bill for your dock dues, please let me know ASAP! Please make sure that all of your boat information is included and correct (length, make, year etc.). I am requesting that all dock holders please include current copies of the registration and proof of insurance for the boat that will be in your dock for the 2016 season.

The repair work on the docks is moving right along. They are working hard to get as much done as possible before the weather conditions worsen. Several docks and center poles have been straightened, and several poles have been driven in. Michigan Waterways Co. is currently replacing 4 docks at the western end of the seawall.

Please direct any and all questions or concerns about the dock project to ME. Please do not bother the crew or the other board members. I am working closely with them overseeing the project.

In the near future, I will be planning a few work parties in order to clean up the old dock debris, and maybe a few jobs out on the ice. Anyone who would be interested in helping out, please let me know, and I will put you on the list, and will contact you about when the work parties will be. Thank you!

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WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications available online, March 2016 at:
www.monroeboatclub.org
Applications due March 31, 2016.



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, grandchildren, and nieces/nephews of Monroe Boat Club members.

Questions ??? Contact: Rodger Dutton (734) 457-2627

Vice Commodore Continued from page 1.....

- Replace and install exhaust fans in the two main public bathrooms (they have been cleaned but they should be replaced)
- Wash and paint rear exit door to the court yard. (weather permitting)
- Replace the counter tops and sinks in the two main bathrooms
- Update the existing electric service to our main building. The present system is inferior and needs to be upgraded. This is not an easy task, but I would like some members that are electricians to meet with me to form a plan to update and unify the power source coming into this building.

Please come to me with your thoughts and ideas to maintain and update our club. With all your help we will be working on this list throughout the New Year.

Thanks in advance for your assistance with completing these projects and helping to maintain the beauty of our facilities.



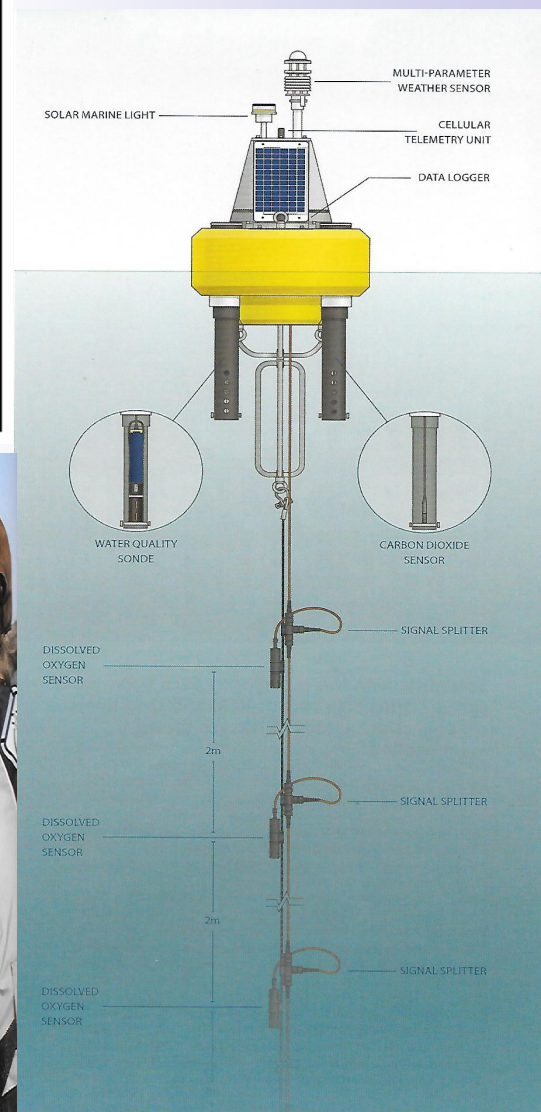
KNABUSH PROPERTY CMTE REPORT:

On Saturday Jan 16, the committee appointed last month by the Commodore met and began discussions on how to best obtain development ideas from members, and a way to fairly compare and evaluate the submissions.

During the winter, a survey will be structured to gain input from the club; it will likely have several categories with the ability for members to enter suggestions. As ideas begin to gel, there will probably be a written form to submit ideas, along with an outline of the important characteristics of what is proposed.

Further, the group produced a short term "to-do" list of items to stabilize and secure the structures that will need to be accomplished in the first half of 2016, mostly by club work parties.

The steering committee will next meet Feb 6 at 10:00am.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Kyle Jazwiecki



Bob Hawkins

MBC Regatta 2016 "Live Auction Event"

It's approximately 5 months until our next annual MBC Regatta and our "Live Auction" will again be a part of the festivities. I want to Thank everyone that donated items and those who assisted with the many needs in putting together last years event. I deeply appreciate your time and effort. In addition, I would like to Thank all those who attended and participated in the auction, we all appreciate you continued support.

The auction has steadily grown over the years and we need to create a **Regatta Live Auction Committee**. There will be a sign up sheet for this committee on the bulletin board (by the door to the outdoor grilling area) on Monday February 15th. Please consider serving on this new committee. Thank You! *Jim Alban*

February 2016

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1984 Sea Ray 340 Sun Dancer
\$18k. Twin gas 350s, camper
canvas w screens, custom alum
arch, interior refurbished, teak.
Located at Trout's.

Contact: Keith 734-487-5149 or
734-646-1293

1996 Bayliner 2452 Cierra Clas-
sic. One owner, fishing cruiser,
rod holders, newer canvas &
fridge, electronics include depth,
fish finder, compass, VHF radio
\$7995/OBO. Located at Trout's.
Contact 734-242-5256

Summer Storage Season

May 1 - Nov 1

Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Chuck Taylor

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stands for sides (1) 42" stand for
under bow \$300/offer
Call Bill 734-612-9842

The Harbor Light

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**Ads will run two months.
Sellers responsibility to
notify Editor when sold.**

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

February

7 - AYC Room Planning 12n
7 - Super Bowl Game 630pm
10 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
11 - SF Meeting 6pm
13 - Valentine's Party/DJ 7pm
13-21 Detroit Boat Show
14 - HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!
15 - HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!

19-21 AYC Commodore's Ball
24 - Board Meeting 615pm;
- Membership Mtg. 7pm

Ongoing Events:

Thursdays - Burgers & Soup
Sundays - Euchre noon

Bar Hours:

Regular hours:

Holiday hours:

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

**With Delicious Homemade
Soup!**



March

2 - Book Club
9 - Board Meeting 7pm
13 - Daylight Savings Time begins!
17 - HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY!
23 - Board Meeting 6:15pm
- Membership Meeting 7pm
26 - MBC Commodore's Ball
27 - HAPPY EASTER!