

# HARBOR LIGHT

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**Club Commodore,  
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,  
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,  
Doug Sharp**

**H**ello ladies and gentlemen!  
Well we defiantly got those May showers. But it was still a heck of a month.

V/C Dan has worked hard to stop the water from coming in the roof and get it running out the sewer lines. He has spent many hours finding the problems and getting estimates. thank you!

That lead us to the town hall meeting which had a great turn out, many questions were asked and all were answered to the best that could be expected. The biggest question was can any entities help with the cost of the plumbing repair? The response was overwhelming with the following groups offering assistance The Bar, Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, Dock Fund, Power Fleet, Sail Fleet, the Auxiliary expects to submit a proposal this week and we have had large contributions donated by members. With all this support, I'm confident we will have the issues resolved in a timely fashion. I also would like to thank Chris Johnson for stepping in as Sgt. at Arms. Great job keeping the flow.

Burger Nights March and May were Commodores Ball fund raisers. Carol smith and her Crew did a wonderful job running thank all of you very much,

The Opening of the Port was a great ceremony we had a nice boat ride after. Opening of the Islands is June 10 and sure to be fun also.

The BOD and General Member meetings will be June 19 @ 6:15 and 7 pm.

Commodores Breakfast will be June 25.

And don't forget the first Poker Run to Harbor View the 23rd and 24th.

**A**fter reviewing our sewer problem with numerous plumbers and looking into the existing drain lines with cameras, we have a quote on correcting the problem. I thought we would be completing the required rework by now. However, with the existing cost per this quote and obtaining additional quotes this project has incurred some delays. Presently we have the woman's bathroom closed although the one shower is operable as well as the sinks. Thank you for putting up with this inconvenience.

Replacement of the deteriorated steps to the docks along the wall out from the clubhouse have been completed. Repair and cleaning of the decking on the west property has also been completed. Many springtime cleanup tasks have also been completed which improve not only the appearance but also the functionality of our club. In all cases I would like to thank those members who contributed. There are still many small projects around the club that need to be worked. Please feel free to contact me to complete these tasks and get in some work hours if you are interested.

Monroe Boat Club Regatta "**Bourbon Street Bash**" is July 21st and 22nd with "*East River Drive*" and "*Distant Cousins*" bands. This will be here before we know it! The club needs a lot of help for this poker run regatta and Sign Up Sheets are now posted. This is an excellent chance to get your work hours in for this year. This is a poker run regatta, which means an even greater participation from our associate clubs. Our Regatta can only be a success with your help.

**W**ell boating season is here! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the club enjoying their boats. The team here at MBC bar is working hard to help make your boating season fun. We also have had the ice delivered if you happen to need some.

We'll be running lunch specials daily, and our menu is posted on the MBC Facebook page weekly. Also, we'll be helping Commodore Fetterly with his new Tuesday night steak roast, soon to come! Oops Dave I stole your thunder! Lol

Regatta is right around the corner and I'll need a few volunteers to help out with bar activities. But I promise if you volunteer your gonna have fun for sure!

I also want to let our members know that we've had some turn over with our bar staff. Kellie has decided to leave us, and we also lost Elise. Best wishes to both of them with their new endeavors. But I would also like the members to know that Samantha is coming back to be part of our team! Please stop in and welcome her back! Welcome aboard Sam, from the bar team!

We here at the bar are working hard to make your experience a good one at MBC. If you have any suggestions, or ideas please let me or one of the bar team know. Looking forward to seeing you all this month. Thank you!

Doug Sharp  
Rear Commodore



## Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- June 6-7, 8-2, Environmental Career Day for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders
- June 7, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- June 15, 7:00, Kayaking Tips and Know-How
- July 12, 12:00 MBC Book Club
- July 21-22, Regatta Used Book Sale
- July 22, Kids Fishing Derby



**MBC Book Club**...Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "Our May meeting went well. Everyone seems to like reading different books and reporting to the group. So we have decided to continue this through June, July, and August. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us on our scheduled meeting dates (June 7, July 12, August 7). We have very relaxed group discussions about our individual choices, and enjoy having an MBC lunch together." If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Peterson at [jpeterson4647@aol.com](mailto:jpeterson4647@aol.com).



**Did you know**...that kayaking has great health benefits: Improved cardiovascular fitness, increased muscle strength, particularly in the back, arms,

shoulders, and chest from moving the paddle, increased torso and leg strength as the strength to power a kayak comes mainly from rotating the torso and applying pressure with your legs? Kayaking can be a hobby, a competitive sport, or a fun activity which reduces risk of wear and tear on joints and tissues since paddling is a low impact activity.

Kayaking is now a collegiate sport; Penn State, Stanford, Georgia Tech Universities, and Albion College have taken championships during the last 10 years.

Come on **Thursday, June 15, 7:00 pm**, in the back room to hear **Gary Kaye**, one of our members, share his 30 years of experiences in kayaking with do's and don't's, kinds of kayaks, what to buy, where to kayak, and answering your questions.



**Environmental Career Day** on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, 8:00-2:00. These two days cannot be held without the assistance of MBC members. This year we have 140 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Monroe Middle School coming, 70 on Tuesday and 70 on Wednesday.

Usually we can count on at least 10 less because of illness or suspensions. **We will need 10 boats** this year, carrying 4-6 students (most closer to 6 if possible) each and a captain and co-captain. Boats and captains/co-captains will be needed between 11:20 and 1:00 on both days. We also need volunteers to help with serving lunch at 11:00. Please let Charlotte Neuhauser, 248.982.8199, [cneuhauser@gmail.com](mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com), know if you're available.



An informational meeting for the clean harbor certification was held on May 4 at MBC and attended by about 20



## Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Hello from the helm! Well, May was a busy month getting the boat ready to float, and I am happy to say it is finally in the slip. On the 20th we had our Shake-down Cruise to TYC and despite the east wind and rough seas I can say all the cars made it safe. Yes, I said cars! No one was brave enough to take on mother nature. It was still a very successful trip thanks to all who still drove over. We were greeted by flooded parking lots and sand bags in front of the lower doors but the hospitality inside was welcoming. As we looked out at the underwater docks we were welcomed with good food and tours of the historical building.

I want to thank Christina Rowland for taking over for me to greet DBBC who had their Shakedown Cruise come in on the 20th also. And yes, they came by car, they were not brave enough for the lake either.

For the Club Cruises, we have two secured at this time. First will be Sandusky Yacht Club on July 14-15, and then Middle Bass Island on Sept. 8-9. The signup sheets are up on the bar bulletin board.

I know I sound like an old record with this but I want to stress membership meetings. This is your club and the best way to stay informed and get your thoughts or concerns to the board and members is to bring them to a meeting. Your input could help improve our club.

Power Fleet Captain  
Bill LeVally

### CCEC continued...

people, representing DBBC, OPM, Trout's Yacht Basin, and MBC. Discussion centered on the possibility of a Bolles Harbor consortium of marinas becoming certified, funding sources, and the certification process. Further discussion and planning will continue.



### Upcoming Events on the 2017

**Drawing Board.** Watch for announcements of 2017 events: Used book sale and kids fishing derby at Regatta.

**FYI...** The Monroe Conservation District will be having a native plant sale (wildflowers, woodland plants, and grasses) on June 23rd. The order deadline is June 16th. 1137 South Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161 or 734.241.7755 ext 5. Cash or check only. Pickup location: MSU Extension, 963 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe. Order pickup and extra plant sale, 3:00-6:00. For information:

<https://www.stewardshipnetwork.org/sites/all/module/s/civicism/extern/url.php?u=2150&qid=881568>



## Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

**Memorial Day Brunch:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered either by helping Nancy School out with this event and/or providing a pastry for the brunch. Again, you all really stepped it up again.

**Burger Night:** The Auxiliary has June burger nights. The sign-up sheet is bare.

**Regatta:** Help is desperately needed in order to provide a successful Regatta. Please contact me if you are willing to help out in any way.

Just a reminder: When MBC has another club coming in by bus and/or by boat and we are providing food, please be courteous and wait until the visiting club has eaten and/or better yet, wait until they have left before you approach the food table to eat.

# MBC 2017 Regatta July 21-23!



**Blue Gavel President Rodger Dutton escorts club Chaplain Fr. Darrin in front of the MBC Board after blessing the fleet during the Memorial Day ceremonies.**





## Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Hello everyone! Well as of this writing (80 degree days) it looks like the weather has finally broke! Your Dock Master and his helpers have been plugging away at the docks this whole month and taking advantage of the comfortable weather. Most all of the ladders are down with 2 needing a little work and one that needs to be installed. All of the docks have been power washed and for the most part sealed (thank you Rick Campbell!). There are approximately 8 boards that will need to be replaced and I hope to get those done before you receive this notice. The Fire Hose station on the Main T has been repainted (thanks Troy Willett!) and it looks great along with the many pilings on the approach to the main T which makes it pop! There is still plenty of painting and adjustments that need to be made and I would welcome the help of the dock holders in getting this done. My whole plan was to try to get the harbor maintenance done, and to spruce everything up for OUR upcoming Poker Run Regatta. As many of you know, this is one of the biggest (if not the biggest) fund raiser of the year and we expect to have well over 100 visiting vessels from other clubs! So lets all try and chip in a little in making our club shine!

LEOPA will be visiting our club on the 10th of June and anticipate 30-40 boats! If you've never witnessed this experience before, you should come on down to the club and see! Yea, it gets loud! And the abbreviation is the Lake Erie Off Shore Perfor-

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

Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert



## Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

Greetings. I think our crazy weather has continued. Our harbor is starting to fill up, but there are still a lot of folks that are behind on their boat prep due to the weather we are having. After the recent rains and winds, one thing we won't hear anyone complain about is low water levels. Recently the water was even with the docs and boats had to be watched carefully so they stayed in their slips. Normally we don't have to worry about getting our feet wet on the docks or having to climb up into our boats.

We had our Tuesday Night Racing Series registration and shakedown on May 16 but several boats were not in the water yet. Our first race will be on Tuesday, May 23. We still don't know if we will have 1 or 2 JAM fleets, that will be determined once we have our final boat registration numbers. The PHRF fleet start will be at 7 PM and JAM (1 or 2 fleets) will follow. You must be registered and paid up to be scored for the races.

Interested in hearing about sailing around the world? North Cape Yacht Club will be hosting Eric Reickert, author of "Sail the World" on Thursday, June 1 at 7 PM. He will be talking about his real-life adventures circumnavigating the globe. Desserts will be provided.

As a reminder, MBC is a cooperating group with Boat US and we are eligible for discounts as members of MBC. The information is posted on the Sail Fleet Board at the club.

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### BOARD of DIRECTORS

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## Dock Master continued...

mance Association (TESTOSTERONE).

I am planning on having a Regatta dock meeting to help plan the arrival of all of the vessels for the Poker Run. I WILL NEED HELP! There are work hours to be had in a friendly environment. Primarily you would be assisting the incoming visitors in tying off their boats. Lots more information at the meeting which I am scheduling for Saturday morning the 24th at 9:00 am. It will be about an hour and this way you can still go out and enjoy the day.

For those of you that are new dock holders, I am scheduling dates for the Courtesy Marine Exam of your vessel in order to be compliant with the Monroe Boat Club Dock Rules in Section II, Item #27. Please be aware of this as I will be following up on it. If you are not able to be there for the scheduled date, which I will advertise through chimp mail, we will look at other dates as well.

Lastly, but certainly not forgotten, I really, really appreciate all of you who have taken the time and effort to come out and support me on the docks this spring! As my monthly letters are somewhat long, I need to keep it brief, but you are invaluable! You know who you are!

Bring on the summer!

P/C Ron Soto

2017 Dock Master

## Sail Fleet continued...

Lastly, with the weather finally warming up, take advantage of everything the club has to offer and come out and enjoy it! See you at the club!

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comm. Dave Fetterly - P/C Kathy Powers  
P/C David Ryan - Bob Tasker  
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20th of each month

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**Gary Kaye**

And his 30  
years of  
kayaking  
experiences



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It's fun for the entire family

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Asking \$4000

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

# June

6-7 - Environmental Career Day

9-11 - Mills Trophy Race

10 - LEOPA Spring Run at MBC

15 - Kayaking Tips and Know-How

18 - Father's Day!

19 - MBC Board Meeting @ 6:15p

19 - MBC General Membership

Meeting @ 7pm

23-24 - First Poker Run to

Harbor View

25 - Commodores Breakfast

### Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tues - Sail Races @ 7pm

# HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

### BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade  
Soup!



# July

4 - Independence Day!

14-16 - Club Cruise to Sandusky  
Yacht Club

15 - 50th Race for the Sisters

21-23 - MBC Regatta and  
Poker Run

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