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### **MONROE BOAT CLUB \***

**November 2020** 

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# Commodore – Dan Martin

It is quite an honor to represent Monroe Boat Club as your 2021 Commodore. My thanks extend to our now Past Commodore Fred Hoitash for his leadership in 2020 leaving the club in good shape for a successful new year. Fred has been a good mentor and his continued guidance in the board to ensure continuity

is welcomed. The last year has been difficult as many events were canceled. Part of my efforts as Commodore is to maintain traditions, procedures and protocol. The 2020 year saw events such as the Memorial Day service, Regatta and many other events canceled making a bit of a handicap learning the above-mentioned traditions, procedures, and protocol. Fortunately, with the club having a 75 year plus history, much infrastructure and an advisory board of experienced Past Commodores we should be able to meet another year of unusual challenges and maintain a form of continuity.

Our Vice Commodore Dustin Diehl is very new member but has been participating in club events and AYC events since 2018 from what I recall. P/C Dan Thomas, Craig Sauer, Steve Hohman several other members and I have worked together with Dustin on some non-club related projects and feel he is a very capable, detail orientated and talented person. Please welcome Dustin and volunteer your guidance and help around the club.

Again, we are fortunate to have Brian Moyer as Rear Commodore and he has done an excellent job during the 2020 year and we are lucky to have him back this year. I have great things to say about my friends on the board but will take the liberty to additionally call out Tony Schippa as Power Fleet Captain and Fabrizio (Fab) Biundo as Treasurer. Getting involved with the management of the club allows one to get to know members better. I never had a chance to know or

## Vice Commodore – Dustin Diehl

Greetings MBC Members! I want to start out by congratulating and thanking our outgoing Vice Commodore, and 2021 Commodore, Dan Martin, for the great job he did this past year! I would also like to thank everyone for their encouragement and support. I would like to send a special thank you to Fred

Hoitash, Dan Thomas, Dave Ryan and again, Dan Martin for their time spent helping and preparing me for this undertaking. I look forward to serving the club and our members throughout this next year.

work with Tony but over the last month that I have met with him he really projects a positive feeling and expressed a good willingness to do good for the club. The club needed a treasurer and I called Fabrizio after consulting with Lance Piedmonte and Kay Sisung as they said they would help Fab learn his new position. When the call came to Fab, he said "I knew it was time to step up and help run the club when you called ..... so what does the treasurer do?" In my eyes this was the perfect answer. Here we have another young member of the club that is going to work with the talents of Kay, Lance and the membership. He will likely continue to be a leader in the club for years to come.

Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Board, I look forward to working with all of you. There are many new people stepping up in Auxiliary as well. I would like to do my best to have a good synergy this year as we all apply our roles and responsibilities. Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Board and President Shawna Powell, and I look forward to working with all of you. Also looking forward to working with the Blue Gavel and Satin Gavel.

I would like to thank the membership for your support. My goal is not to be the best Commodore ever, but I would like to be a good one. With your continued help and understanding this year I hope we can continue to see good fellowship and ongoing betterment of the club.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Gina. As a family we balance kids and work. The boat club takes much time as Power Fleet Captain, Vice Commodore and now Commodore. It can be frustrating directing time away from family or work for the boat club, so I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Below is my contact information for any concerns, suggestions, or anyone interested in volunteering to help for upcoming events.

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Thank you again for allowing me to represent and serve you as Vice Commodore of MBC!



# Rear Commodore - Brian Moyer

Welcome to November, the start of our next year at Monroe Boat Club. I would like to thank everyone for helping at the Annual Change of Watch ceremony. As of the timing of me writing this the event hasn't happened yet. A special Thank You to Member of the

Year P/C's Rick and Wendy Campbell for the help they have offered the bar with some maintenance projects and to P/C Wendy Campbell for chairing the Change of Watch Ceremony for the Blue Gavel.

As of today's date, we don't appear to be free from the Coronavirus concerns. Please respect the rules regarding mask usage and have



# Power Fleet Capt. - Tony Schippa

Sadly, it's that time of the year again! All the boats are going into storage for the winter months!

I would like to thank past Power Fleet Captain Ryan Shaughnessy for his commitment to the club in this crazy year of 2020. I know he didn't get the chance to

do everything he wanted to, but he will be here to help out in 2021. Speaking of 2021 I'm confident this will be a great year! At the moment we are not sure if the AYC party will be taking place. With that being said, we are moving forward as if it is happening. Keep



# Sail Fleet Capt. - John Davis

Greetings from the deck of my sailboat sitting on a cradle in Trout's boatyard. I, along with my side kick Martie have signed up for another year as your Sail Fleet Captain. The docks are empty and most of us have taken our last sail of the season. The Change



# <u>Dock Master – Dave Volker</u>

Hi, would like to introduce myself Dave Volker (aka) Aquaman. If you would like to hear the back story, come on out to the club and I will explain. It's all good times. I am looking forward being your new Dock Master in 2021. Brian and I have had good conversations leading to a smooth transition. The

Dock Committee will be talking about dock improvements as we move forward. If you have any idea's or suggestions. Please feel free to contact myself or one of the committee members.

By the time you receive this letter the water system has been turned off. The system has been emptied, blown out and Minus 100 solution has been added to the main T dock pipes. Hopefully this relieves the freezing issues we have had the last 2 years. Thank you to the members that showed up that Saturday to help. The bubblers will be back in this year to relieve the ice forming around the docks. Last



# **Auxiliary - Shawna Powell**

Hello everyone! My name is Shawna Powell and I am honored and excited to be the 2020/2021 Auxiliary President. On October 16th, the general membership put on a fabulous Annual Auxiliary Dinner that was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Commodore Fred Hoitash, Lady Celeste and all the crew for such an

enjoyable evening. If there are any Auxiliary members that have not been able to attend one of these dinners, I highly suggest marking it down for next year; it's always a fantastic event. The election of this year's Auxiliary Officers and Board members was held at the annual dinner. I'd like to introduce the new board for the 2020/2021 year:

- President Shawna Powell
- Vice President Sharon Bagley
- Secretary Jenny Francisco
- Treasurer Olga Collino

lots of patience with our bar staff as we continue to find our way. Another COVID concern would be please consider staying home if you're sick or are exposed to someone who is sick for a few days to make sure it's the common cold that of course is running through everybody lately, and not something more serious. We want to continue to do our best to prevent any concerns at MBC like we have so far. All the lunch specials we have been having will continue. Coney Dog Monday, Taco Tuesday, Wing Day Wednesday, and French Dip Friday!! Thanks for all your support for these specials. See you at the Bar!!

an eye out - MBC's AYC Hospitality room sign-up list will be coming soon.

I have already starting to think about club events for 2021. If possible, I would like to see a few MBC bus trips to some of the other clubs. In May I will be looking at doing a shakedown cruise.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and words of encouragement as well as all the offers to help me as I take on this new role as your 2021 Power Fleet Captain.

of Watch will have taken place on Nov. 1 and we are all looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday.

year was a mild year and they worked great. We will see how this year goes moving forward.

Your dock poles need to be removed by Midnight Friday November 13. If you re-rented a dock, you are responsible for removing the dock poles. If you offered your dock for re-rent and don't know whether it was re-rented, please call me. If the dock was not re-rented, the dock holder is responsible for pulling the dock poles. If you did an interseason switch with somebody, the dock you switched to is your responsibility. There is a \$50.00 per pole charge if the dock master has to pull your poles. Please secure your poles to the dock using plumbers strapping or any other appropriate material.

Thank you for the opportunity of serving you as Dock Master. I have some ideas, and if you do too, don't hesitate to talk to me about them. Let's have some fun and a safe year.

Board Members Michele Lachcik, Linda Lamb, Megan May and Judy Peterson. I appreciate you volunteering your time and look forward to working with you this year.

This past year has been a strange one, but I am hoping in the upcoming year we will be able to get a little bit closer to normal and able to come together for events. As of right now, we do not have a Children's Christmas Party planned. We are looking into alternative ways to celebrate the Christmas spirit with all the little ones. I know my son always enjoys the Holiday Children's Parties that the Auxiliary puts on and we hope to provide the kids with some Christmas cheer this year as well.

It seems some of our Auxiliary members have been having trouble with receiving communications. We are working on this and hope to get it resolved as quickly as possible. Carolyn Dutton has graciously volunteered to update our roster. If anyone's information has changed or is currently incorrect, please contact her via email, text or phone at (734)731-2635 or cdutton43@gmail.com. Another great

form of communication is the Auxiliary Facebook Group. If any auxiliary members have a Facebook account and aren't yet a member of the group, please search for "Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary" and request to join the group. This is an easy way to quickly get information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and to ask questions.

# <u>CCEC Update – Charlotte Neuhauser</u> <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

- No MBC Book Club until January
- November 7, Buckhorn Removal
- November 14 Snake Day by Zoom

### NEWS





CCEC stands for Club Community Events Committee and it has been very active in the past offering different types of events, ranging from a First Mate Workshop to boating clinics to travelogues. Last month it sponsored the wrestling presentation by one of MBC's members. It staffs the book sale tent at Regatta

every summer. CCEC has recently been requested by MBC members to offer boating clinics again. We are snowbirds now and spend about 6 months in Florida so offering winter workshops and events is not feasible for me. I'm looking for someone to take over the leadership of CCEC. It's fun, doesn't take a lot of work, and members appreciate the events that are offered. Round up some friends and serve as co-leaders. And, you do earn workhours. Please email me at <a href="mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com">cneuhauser@gmail.com</a> if you're interested.



**November 7, 1-3 pm. Crosswinds Marsh**, New Boston. Volunteers will remove buckthorn, a woody invasive shrub. By clearing invasive species from our parks, we are creating healthier ecosystems for our native species.

Participants must follow COVID-19 safety protocols and capacity guidelines.

# MBC-A (501c3) Update

The Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization is called the MBC Association. By virtue of your club membership, all members and their significant others are Associates of the charitable organization. MBC-A funds, organizes and administers educational programs that have non-member, local schools and community involvement.

Due to the Covid health restrictions, all of the MBC-A programs for area school children were cancelled this year. However, the Trustees have continued planning and modifying the programs to suit the new conditions.

The springtime 2021 Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders has been awarded a \$3,000.00 grant from the Monroe County Environmental Fund. One of the highlights of the program is taking the students out on club members boats where the kids take water samples and later analyze them at our club. Due to the ongoing health concerns, this program might include some electronic teaching methods, but the on-the-water boat ride and water sample collections will continue to happen.

There has been continuing development on a new program designed for high school young women that will study Atmospherics and Weather. NOAA, the National Meteorology Society and area newscasters will be the primary instructors. We have partnered with the North Cape Sailing School to apply their knowledge thru practical experience on a sailboat. This program will be introduced in the Fall of 2021.

The next Auxiliary Meeting will be held on November 11 at 7:00 with the Board Meeting held just prior at 6:30. I hope to see lots of faces, new and seasoned, at the meeting. If you have been wanting to get more involved, these meetings are a great place to start.

If anyone has a question or needs to get in contact with me for whatever reason, please feel free to email me at sdonnelly060@gmail.com, text or call (734)755-8920.

- Keep your distance Practice proper (6-feet) social distancing with people outside your household.
- Wear a mask Face masks are required when in any indoor spaces (including restrooms) or when outdoors and social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Stay home if sick If you have a fever, respiratory symptoms, just not feeling well or have had a known COVID-19 exposure within the last 14 days, please stay home.

Contact Brittany Leick via email or 734-240-9682 for more details. This event is offered by River Raisin Institute in collaboration with Wayne County Parks and the Western Lake Erie Collaborative Conservation Community of the Stewardship Network.

Registration is required for each participant. All registration information will be kept confidential and only shared with the Monroe County Health Department for contact tracing if a COVID-19 exposure occurs. To register, click on <a href="http://rriearth.org/event/invasive-removal">http://rriearth.org/event/invasive-removal</a>.



November 14, 1:00-2:00. Picture: Student with Lake Erie Water Snake and Sue Bixler (on right) at Environmental Career Day in 2019. Sue Bixler, from the Ohio Sea Grant on Put-in-Bay, will give a Zoom presentation on snakes and a life Q&A about snakes on November 14. Email Brittany at Bleick@rriearth.org to

register and receive Zoom information. This will be an excellent program for families.

Also under consideration is a "Fishing for Life" program that is aimed at helping breast cancer survivors heal and strengthen muscles that were damaged during surgery, as well as emotional support of their peers.

The MBC-Association has such confidence in the future that we have contracted with Monroe Boat Club and have pre-paid \$5,000.00 to rent future meeting space for these programs. The check was presented to Commodore Hoitash at the club's Annual Meeting on Oct 23.

MBC-A is always looking for volunteers. If a project seems interesting to you, just send an email to Charlotte Neuhauser <a href="mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com">cneuhauser@gmail.com</a>.



MBC-A has been awarded the 2020 Silver Seal of Transparency from the GuideStar charitable organization reporting service. Its database has information on 2.5 million charitable organizations in the US. We will be working to achieve the Gold level during 2021.



For the past two years, MBC-A has been an affiliate of the Amazon Smile program. When you buy from Amazon, at no extra

cost to you, Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase price to MBC-Association when you buy through Smile.Amazon.com

For the second quarter of 2020, Amazon has donated \$100.26 to the MBC-Association which is the largest quarterly donation yet. We

give a big Thank You! to all Boat Club members who have used Amazon Smile, and those that are about to!

You can help the MBC Association of the Monroe Boat Club with its projects by taking advantage of Amazon Smile <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a> and indicate MBC Association as your charity, Amazon will give 0.5% of the purchase price for each item to MBC-A by depositing it directly into MBC-A's bank account. It does

not add to the cost of the item you're purchasing, but it is taken from the purchase price that Amazon receives. The Amazon items and purchase prices are the same as for those you don't purchase through Smile. When signing in to Amazon, simply use the following link <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">http://smile.amazon.com</a> to purchase your items. Make sure you are using our charity by clicking on MBC Association within the Amazon site.



# **Items of Interest**

# **Results of Bylaw Change Proposals**

There were 7 Bylaw Change Proposals voted on October 14<sup>th</sup>. 86 absentee ballots were submitted, and 13 members voted in person, for a total of 99 members voting and 692 total votes cast. A two-thirds majority (66.667%) of the members voting is required to amend a Bylaw.

**#1** Proposes to reduce the current posting and approval process by requiring a minimum of 14 days of the application being posted before being inducted as a new member.

75 FOR 24 Against PASSED with 75.75%

#2 Proposes extending the work hour deadline one month until October 1.

73 FOR 26 Against PASSED with 73.73%

**#3** Pro-rates new members' dues so there would not be a cost advantage regardless when a new member joins. Work Hours for new members would also be pro-rated by 1 hour per month from June to October.

85 FOR 14 Against PASSED with 85.85%

**#4** Requires new members to perform their work hour obligations but allow a first-year member to pay for un-completed hours.

56 FOR 43 Against FAILED with 56.56 %

**#5** Allow E-Mail to be used to deliver Membership Dues and E-Mail notification of club-wide voting meetings.

75 FOR 23 Against PASSED with 76.53%

**#6** Proposes to limit Life Members to 35% of regular dues-paying members. Life Members would not exceed 117. There will be no changes for individuals who are existing Life Members.

77 FOR 22 Against PASSED with 77.78%

**#7** Proposes that any Commodore receiving Life Membership would have a minimum of 10 continuous years of club membership with 3 years of service on the Board.

85 FOR 14 Against PASSED with 85.85%

# **A Word of Thanks**

I had the opportunity to chair the General Membership dinner held on Friday, October 23rd. I want to thank everyone that was involved including Carolyn Dutton and Martie Reed for working countless hours prepping and cooking for this dinner.

I would also like to thank Sharon Bagley, Ruth Finch, Diane & Larry Costello, Kim Fuller, Mollie Wood, Debbie Laura, Shawna Powell, Pam Manor, Megan May, Olga & Ava Collino, Nancy Sauer, Darlene Ley and Lori Moyer.

These ladies were all fabulous and worked tirelessly to decorate, check in, plate meals, serve, and clean-up from this event. I could not be more proud of the of how the evening went.

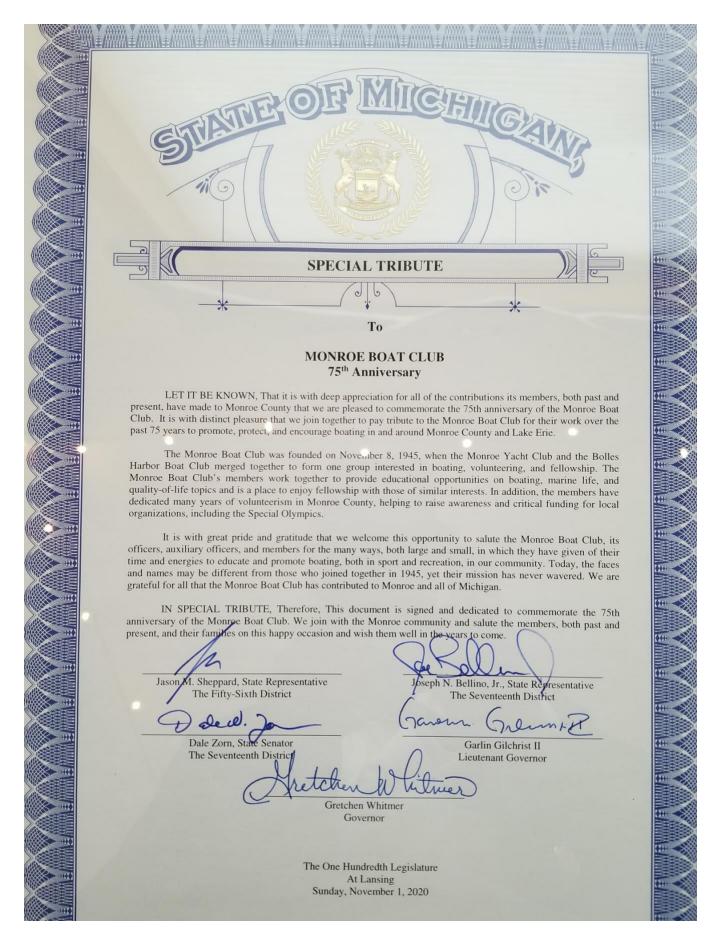
Congratulations to new President Shawna Powell and her Board for the upcoming year!!!

Thank you again,
Michele Lachcik
Your Past President &
Chair of this event

# **Donations Needed**



# **Special Tribute to MBC**



# MBC Club and Member Photos







Member Terry Gerin is a professional wrestler and owner of Big Daddy's Marina near the club. Pro Wrestling arrived in Bolles Harbor on Oct. 15 for the first ever "Bash at the Boatyard!" 2 hours of pro wrestling's biggest entertained over 100 fans.





Terry Gerin, "Rhino", won the championship belt in the tag-team title fight as Lance Piedmonte and Darren McCarty watched from the marina-view seats.





A "Battle Royale" was a highlight before the title fight. The Pride of Monroe, Big Daddy Dave Powell himself entered the ring to take on the visiting pros. The past commodore was up against the ropes at times but battled back, eventually dominating and throwing his opponents out of the ring one-by-one until he was the lone man standing. Detroit Red Wings great Darren McCarty took Dave on a celebratory lap of the ring upon his victory!









P/C Dave Powell and Terry "Rhino" Gerin host the pro wrestlers and greet young fans at MBC on Oct. 15.







Representative Joe Bellino presents a State of Michigan proclamation to Past Commodore Fred Hoitash and Commodore Dan Martin in honor of MBC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

# Directory of Officers, Board, etc. FLAG OFFICERS for 2020

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Treasurer	Fabrizio Biundo
Secretary	
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Dock Master	
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### **BOARD of DIRECTORS**

P/C Dave Fetterly -P/C Dan Thomas P/C Jeff Morrow - P/C Fred Hoitash

### **BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS**

President	P/C John Peterson
Vice President	P/C Mike Powers
Secretary	P/C Ron Soto
Treasurer	P/C Duke Finch
Chaplin	P/C John Peterson
Delegates	P/C Rick Murray
	P/C Jim Kozlowski

### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

President	Shawna Powell
Vice Pres	Sharon Bagley
Secretary	Jenny Francisco
Treasurer	Olga Collino

### **SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS**

President	Linda Lamb
Vice-President	Sharon Bagley
Secretary	Kim Fuller
Treasurer	Molly Wood

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Comm. Dan Martin - P/C Fred Hoitash P/C Jeff Morrow - Fabrizio Biundo Fred Lemerand - Tom Snarey - Lance Piedmonte

> AYC DELEGATES: P/C Brian Moyer Larry Inguagiato – Ryan Shaughnessy

AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Rick Campbell P/C Dan Thomas - P/C Rodger Dutton

ILYA DELEGATE: John Davis

Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com

### **NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"**

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# **DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION** 20th of each month

Monroe Boat Club website......monroeboatclub.org MBC-A (501c3) website ..... mbcassociation.org

Webmaster.....Ken Naszradi knaszradi@yahoo.com



# **Calendar of Events**

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 I:00pm Change of Watch	2	Go Vote! Election Day	4 6:30pm MBC Board Orientation Mtg	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day 6:30pm Aux Brd Mtg 7:00pm Aux Gen Mtg	12	Dock Poles must be removed by 11:59pm	14 Ohio Sea Grant Zoom Presentation I I:00am Blue Gavel Annual Mtg
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29	30					

# **Future Events**

- Dec 4-6 I-LYA Fall Meeting, Westlake OH
- Dec 9 Auxiliary Meeting
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

# **Ongoing Events**

- Thursdays 5:30 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!
- Lunch Specials Every Day
  - Taco Tuesday
  - Wing Wednesday
- Call Sharon Bagley or Judy Peterson for a Ships Store appointment

# **MBC Classified Ads**

# **CLASSIFIED**

Summer Storage Season
Jun 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Oct 1 - Jun 1
Contact Yard Master
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