HARBOR LIGHT

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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore, Dave Fetterly

Wow what a Regatta that was. The accomplishments of our membership are truly amazing. We got the first visiting boat on Friday the week before, and they didn't stop coming in until late Saturday night of Regatta. The preplanning by our Dock Master P/C Ron Soto and the Dock Crew paid off huge with 127 visiting AYC boats.

Our V/C Dan Thomas and his crew set up one of the most organized Regattas I can remember, with plenty of room for the crowd and some great bands.

Then we have R/C Doug Sharp who went above and beyond on everything. Doug hit every detail spot on, he tried many new ideas this year and his staff kept the lines to a minimum keeping all the customers happy. With all the positive feedback and the financial report, he knocked this one out of the park.

As far as the Commodore's Reception, Nicole and I could feel the love that went into putting it all together, no detail got overlooked this group turned our back room into Bourbon St. with class.

We have received many complements from visiting dignitary's Saying "it was one of the best they have ever seen" Thank you to all that attended, that is the most people I have ever seen in that room. Thank you to president Christine Rowland and the rest of the Auxiliary for funding the event. And to the crew who put it all together Mary Jo Griewahn, Nicole Kachar, Linda Palm, Patty Snarey, Barb Nykodym, Gail & Mike McCormick, Amellia Cooley, Bruce & Kristen Kitcher, Olga Collino, Shawna Powell, Al Fabian, Mary Jane Tasker, Paula Rosenberger, Margaret Manger, and all of the significant others I will never forget the day Nicole looked at me and said " honey these people love you!" with a tear in her eye. And of course a special thank you to Janice Monroe, loved seeing you there but next time mingle more!

To top the day off I looked across the bar to see my father David SR. sitting there, thank you Fay Fetterly for that memory.

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Vice Commodore, Dan Thomas

t was a great Regatta. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a success. Yes, we had an electrical fire and I will be presenting the evaluation of that event at the next board meeting. Thru the remarkable efforts of a couple of our members within 18 hours service was restored; and for the interim they were able to establish generator support. We owe a debt of gratitude to Tom Kozlowski, Bennett Stein, Trish Soto and Doug Petee for making this happen. Also, Consumers Power did the club a big favor by responding with a meter box and power line installation in a very timely mater.

Setup, operation and tear down were accomplished brilliantly thru the volunteer efforts of fellow club members. The end result was a successful Regatta for Monroe Boat Club.

Presently we have some positions in need of volunteers for Burger Nights. This is still an opportunity to get in some work hours and network with fellow club members. See the signup sheet on the kitchen door. There are some maintenance tasks to be completed around the club for anyone looking for work hours. Please see me in person or feel free to contact me via Email kajul@att.net or via my cell 734-735-1856 if you are interested. I would also like to hear any improvements or concerns you may have for advancement of the club.

It's summer, get out and enjoy boating. Enjoy both the facilities and more importantly the comradely of your fellow members here at Monroe Boat Club-your club.

Commodore continued...

And for the power outage thank you to all involved with the restoration. No other place could have not only kept the party going but to have full restoration in less than 20 hours, that is how MBC rolls because of our members!

With everything thrown at us I am still receiving complements via phone, e-mail and Facebook about every aspect of our Regatta thanks to all of you.

Your very proud Commodore David Fetterly



Rear Commodore, Doug Sharp

ello fellow MBC members, I'd like to thank everyone that help set up, worked, tore down, or cleaned up for Regatta.

We had a great Regatta, even with the power outage on Friday night. I'd like to thank Bennett Stein, and Nicole for responding to our need for an emergency generator Friday to get band, dj, and main tent going. Also, Trish Soto for redirecting power cords so that it all worked. I also want to thank John Smith of Smith Marina for the generator they dropped off Saturday morning to keep Bar and Restaurant outside going Saturday, til power was restored.

Regatta was a great success, that was a team effort by all. Ron Soto's dock team, Dan Thomas's grounds team, and set up team, and every member that helped make it a success. The Commodores Ball looked wonderful btw what a beautiful event, thank you ladies. If I've forgotten someone, Thank you from the Rear Commodore and our Bar team.

Well with August here I'm looking forward to doing some boating, and I'm hoping that you guys are too! If you do, we have ice at the bar for sale, and if your hungry we have some great menu items. We'll continue our daily lunch specials, they'll be posted on our Facebook page.

In closing I wanna thank my bar team for our Regatta success. THANK YOU, Mandy Taylor, Renae Kelly, Kim Gonzales, Miranda Chlebos, Amy Jo Tasker, Morgan Guild Yingling, Crystal Cordel, Chasity Mears, and last but certainly not least, Sammy Needham and her awesome bar set up outside. Thank you ladies from the Rear Commodore Doug Sharp....

Thank you from Mary Jo Griewahn:

I want to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to all the helping hands that made the 2017 MBC Commodore's Reception a success. What we accomplished in a short span of time was amazing and couldn't have happened without the hard working team we put together. The team consisted of: Chair Mary Jo Griewahn, Nicole Kachar, Linda Palm, Barb Nykodym, Pat Snarey, Gail McCormick, Mike McCormick, Cooley, Bruce Kitcher, Krist Kitcher, Olga Collinmo,. Shawna Powell, Mary Jane Tasker, Paula Rosenberg, and Al Fabian (Kristen Rowland Brother).

I want to thank all the MBC members and Auxiliary for their food donations, Jody Thatcher's basket of Margarita cheer, 50/50 and Lotto Hall donations.

Included and not to forget Shan Lynch (Big Shinn) and Amy Walters (Little Shinn) who worked the Ship Store Friday night and all day Saturday so I could chair this event.



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- August 2, ,12:00, MBC Book Club
- August 27, 2:30 MBC 600 Race



MBC Book Club...No report this month. If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Peterson at jpeterson4647@aol.com.

Thank Yould to all those who

helped make the 2017 Fishing Derby and Used Book Sale successes. The fishing derby began in the rain but gradually evolved into a partially cloudy morning. Ben, an 8-year old from Ida, won the first prize for the most caught and the first caught. His brother, Alex, an 11-year old, won for the longest fish caught, a 7-inch bass, and finally, Bill, a 9-year old and visitor to Regatta from another club, won a prize for a 5 ½ inch blue gill.

Our appreciation goes to David Tomanicek who shared tips on safety while fishing as part of a short clinic by Kelli from the Department of Natural Resources, and Don Blouin, and Ron Parent who assisted with setup, cleanup, and general assistance with the children. Our special thanks go to the Department of Natural Resources as a co-sponsor, Anglers Fish Camp for providing free bait and bottled water, Mike McCormick and the Michigan State University Alumni for providing the three fishing poles as first place awards, Nike Giarmo of Le Chasseur Sport Fishing Charters for contributing two \$20 Cabela gift certificates, and the <u>Monroe Evening News</u> for publishing information about the derby.

Now, the Used Book Sale at Regatta...thank you to all of you who contributed books. Without you, we could not hold the sale. 121 books were sold, just about the same as last year. We had more CDs, videos, children's books this year than in the past. Many people stopped by and commented that their Kindle is their reading source now. We will be investigating how technology can be incorporated into the sales. We had no expenses so all of the revenues went into the CCEC account. This is how the 30+ year member celebration at the Change of Watch is sponsored.



MBC 600 Race...On August 27 at 2:30 the first round of the race will begin. You may have wondered why it's called the "600" race? The course

is 600 yards, from one end of the MBC property to the other end and return. Even though this race is focused on kayaks as the means, any human-powered vehicle is welcome. Those of you who attended the presentation on kayaking in May by Gary Kaye bring your kayaks or borrow a kayak and join the fun. Try out the sport! And besides, it's good for your health!

National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands
Senior Pass will increase for the first time since
1994. This is a lifetime pass, which will increase in
price from \$10 to \$80. Here is a link to the National
Parks Service announcement that details the change,



Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Wow, what a party and no rain. Give all who jumped in to help a big thank you, It is a big task to pull off a poker run regatta, and Monroe Boat Club did it. I heard a lot of people talking how impressed they were at the way members jumped in to help with the small electric problem. Thank you all.

At the start of the week your dock master Ron Soto and his crew worked their butts off all the way till Sunday getting 127 that's right 127 boats in and out like a well-oiled machine. I don't think after all the poker runs I have attended I have ever seen such a great job by any dock crew, I tip my hat to all of you and Ron for be so well prepared, Dennis Lamb was rite on cue with the advice when it was needed, maybe a future dock master showed his face.

The rear commodore Doug and his crew did a great job keeping cups full and the beer cold, good job to all. To the crew that put together the reception wow what can be said great food and the way you transformed the back room to go with the Commodore's theme was very impressive.

How cool was it to see all planning by vice commodore Dan work out, and to my knowledge no problems with the toilets, great job. We all knew you would figure it out with enough time and just in time I might add. Yes, a little plug at you for calling me stink boater. You had a big weekend to plan and you and the crew was perfect.

So now that the big party is all over, Commodore Dave take a breath; you are almost a "Has-Been". It's downhill from here on for you. Your big day has come and gone. Good job being seen around the club and talking to all the guest, making sure everyone was having a good time. Man, I could go forever thanking everyone and giving pats on the back great job to all the members.

So, remember this is a club and we ALL need to pitch in to keep it the best club on Lake Erie. even if we don't agree with an idea or a board member or club member it is important to support each other, ideas are ideas instead of just disagreeing maybe help to make the idea better or present another idea. We are a club.... Please attend the meetings.

Power Fleet Captain Bill LeVally

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and how a pass can be purchased: https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/senior-pass-changes.htm

The pass is a tremendous value for anyone 62 years of age or older who plans to visit our national parks. Annual and lifetime Senior Passes provide access to more than 2,000 recreation sites managed by six federal agencies:

- National Park Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- US Forest Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers

The passes cover entrance and standard amenity (day-use) recreation fees and provide discounts on some expanded amenity recreation fees.



Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

Wow, how about that Regatta this year!! I cannot express enough on what an awesome job you guys did on everything from the bands, Sam's flashy portable bar and all of the raffles. Even with the electrical glitch, you guys came through and kept the party going. Ron Soto and everyone who helped him dock all those boats deserve a big hand also. How you guys got all those boats in there like that is beyond me. Unfortunately, I did not get to see much of the auction, but obviously my husband did, as he walked away with a set of skis.

I hope everyone had an opportunity to taste the food provided by Bricktown Coney Island & Diner. There was a little something for everyone. They provided everything from gyros, Philly cheesesteaks, hamburgers, chicken breasts, hot dogs and French fries and at very reasonable prices. There is definitely no way I could have put on a display of food like they did and keep up with that crowd. On Monday, I had a client from Ford Yacht Club tell me that that was the coolest thing he has seen at a Regatta so far this year and stated that the food was delicious. Seaway members on Wednesday night were asking me where I found him.

Further, I hope you got to peek into the backroom and see what an exceptional job Mary Jo and the ladies did for the Commodore's Reception. (I do not want to start naming each individual, as I would be embarrassed if I left someone out). That was by far the coolest Bourbon St. Bash Commodore's Reception ladies!!. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my brother, AI, for doing the vegetable table. Believe me, I know he worked long hours on cutting each and every one of those vegetables in order to make his display special for our Commodore. Thank you again to everyone for everything you did that day in making it a memorable day for the Commodore and Lady Nicole.

I will be chairing the September burger nights, so please look for the sign-up sheet to be going up here shortly and sign up to help me out. (Charlie???.... lol).

The Auxiliary will be accepting nominations at the Auxiliary's September General Membership meeting for open positions of President, Vice President and Board members. The next Auxiliary Board meeting is September 13th beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the Auxiliary General Membership meeting is at 7:00pm. or shortly thereafter. Please join us!

So, until next time, turn your frown upside down and smile!! Did you know there are only 91 more days until Halloween!!

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Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Whew! What a Regatta! First things first. A huge thank you goes out to the following members for their resourcefulness and assistance during the power outage that we experienced Friday night at the club on the docks. Had we not had power restored till Monday or later, we may have experienced a serious loss of revenue for the Regatta! Thank you Tom Kozlowski, Trish Soto and Bennett Stein and many others that were there to help! To my Dock crew! OMG! you guys rocked it! Dennis Lamb, Rick Boose, Larry Swantinowski, Al Brooks (my savior on Saturday after heat exhaustion), Troy Willett, Don Miller, John Cullen, Dennis Franks, Ed Frantzen, Ron Jacobs, Brad Nowitzke (new member), Lester Marks (new member), Tim Whittico, Dan Martin, Mitch Langton, Dan Navarre, Dave Collino, Craig Sauer, Fabrizio Biundo, Eric Dover, Ken Rowland, Steve Snare (new member), Steve Hohman, Ben Kern and Garret Fetterly. I would also like to thank Sail Fleet Captain John Kauffman for his assistance with the docks as well as for notifying the sail fleet to hoist there racing flags! Also a huge thank you to Rick and Wendy Campbell for the use of their golf cart during the event as it saved me many steps! Having had 127 visiting boats, this team was a success! Jim Lachik and Kurt Trendle thank you too for jumping



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

I can't believe Regatta is over and we are already half way through the summer. First off I want to thank and recognize the effort by Martie Reed and the Sail Fleet crew (Joe and Leann Snyder, Al Michaud, Troy Willet, Charlie Simons, Dan Williamson, Peggy Hillen, John Davis) for the effort for the regatta breakfasts. We served over 200 people and the food was fantastic. I think everyone had a good time.

On the Racing front, the Spring series is complete. We had 14 boats in the spring fleet in Divisions. Our results are:

PHRF:

Al Michaud – Pink Panther Rich Potcova – Short Bus Don Fillion – Shere Khan

JAM A

Rodger Dutton – Whitestar John Davis – Footloose Dan Montgomery - Heartbeat

JAM B

Dennis Kwapis – Mischief Gary Griffith – Second Wind Alan West - Anvhoo II

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This year's Sister's Race was held on Saturday, July 15. Thanks to Race Chair and committee Rich Potcova and Casey Fillion. The air was light

Dock Master continued...

in on Sunday to release boats! If there are others that helped throughout the event and I missed you, please accept my apologizes, but know that your help was invaluable. This Dock Master is now going to take a small break!

Best regards to all! P/C Ron Soto 2017 Dock Master

Sail Fleet Captain continued...

so the last boat finished a 10 hours and 40 minutes from the start. We had 17 boats total and MBC club members winning flags were:

First Place in PHRF: Fritz Peterson - Heartbreaker

Third Place in JAM B: Charlie Simons – One Leg Up

Next Tuesday will be the first race of the Fall Series as we continue to enjoy the summer. Come on out to the club and take advantage of everything the club has to offer.

Finally, I would like to thank the officers, bar staff, and all the volunteers that put in long hours and a lot of work to ensure the club was welcoming to our guests, and make the regatta successful.

See you at the club!

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2017 MBC Regatta Fishing Derby Winners!



The 3 boys in the photo are the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners of the 2017 MBC Regatta Fishing Derby, held 9:30am-noon Saturday 7/22.

MBC Sister's Race Flag Winners



Fritz Peterson



Charlie Simons

More Regatta Pics!



Thank you to Steven Hohman for the great Arial shot







MBC 600 – Rowing Regatta! 2:00pm Sunday August 27th



Open to members and guests of MBC, AYC, and ILYA with human powered water craft (kayaks, canoes, dinghys)



Event Details:

- Participants must: pre-register, sign a waver, wear life preservers, and launch at Angler's Landing (or State launch) by 2:00pm
- Pre-registration requested by Friday 8/25, using the sign-up roster on the MBC bulletin board
- Race will begin at 2:30pm, from east property line to west property line and back (600 yards)
- Award Ribbons for: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place will be presented on the lawn at 4:00pm
- Spectators can observe from boats or west property, and listen to VHF Channel 68
- Attire: Casual, unusual/flowered shirts, suits & ties, hats (Kentucky Derby style), uniforms optional
- Contact Don Blouin for further information: 734.796.0629

Rowing Excitement in Bolles Harbor

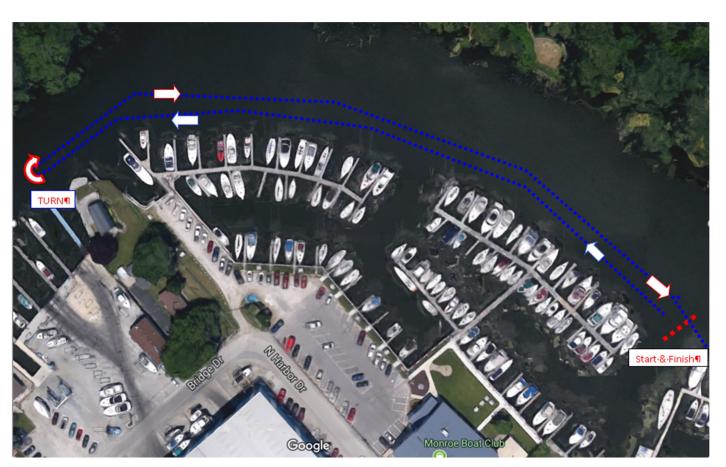
Come row or watch the "MBC 600 – Rowing Regatta" Scheduled for 2:00pm Sunday afternoon August 27th

6 Magic Minutes of Excitement! That's how long it took for the USA to win its first gold medal in Rowing in the Men's Eight Athens 2004 Olympics after 40 years! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upy01M11OHo)

...and it will take about 6 minutes per race in the MBC 600 Rowing Regatta, when rowing competition returns to Monroe Boat Club (MBC) after almost 140 years. In 1878, MBC rowers won 1st place in the world-famous Henley Royal Regatta in Henley-on-Thames, England.

The "MBC 600" rowing race is approximately 600 yards through Bolles Harbor along the MBC dock line from east to west (roundtrip), with spectators on shore and boats. Award ribbons will be presented for: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, with a celebration to follow.

The free rowing race is open to participants age 12 and older who are members and guests of MBC, AYC, and ILYA who bring kayaks, canoes, dinghys and other human powered watercraft, launched from nearby Angler's Landing (or State launch). Participants must: wear life preservers, pre-register and sign a waiver. Registration/sign-up will be available after August 1st on the MBC bulletin board (near the pool table).



A Good Ending to a Good Regatta.

Late Sunday morning, after serving 100+ regatta breakfasts in 2 hours, the breakfast crew was tearing down the buffet line and cleaning up the back hall. As usual, there were tables to clean, the floor to vacuum, lot's of dishes and cooking pans to wash; and left over food to save, wrap and/or toss out. Some of the entrées were still warm as they were placed in freezer zip bags. As the refrigerator began to fill, it became apparent that there were only a few folks who wanted to take <u>any</u> of the leftovers home. Including some leftovers from Saturdays Commodores Banquet. Everyone present was still full from breakfast and the last thing they could think of was taking more home to eat.

It was suggested that the food could be donated to The Oaks Church of Righteousness in Monroe. They are active in feeding and helping the homeless and less fortunate in the area. Al Michaud offered to take the food over to the church. When he got there, the entry door was locked. "I thought "oh no" I have to take all of this back to the club and unload; and a lot of it is still warm!" Luckily there were a few people hanging around by another entrance to the church and I asked if they could accept a pretty big food donation. Almost immediately there were 5-6 people helping to unload my SUV.

When we were finished, I went inside to let one of the staff know who was responsible for the donation. As I was writing down the information, someone brought out Sister Heather (the woman behind the entire Oaks project) to thank us personally. She had a big smile on her face and teary eyes as she said "You just answered our prayers. We are just now feeding 150 people and we are running out of food! Thank you so much!" What a great "feel good" moment!

If you are not familiar with "The Oaks" project, Google "The Oaks Church of Righteousness in Monroe" for more information. Sister Heather has done an amazing job of raising funds and awareness of her vision to help the homeless families and individuals in the area. It is an inspiring story.

If you are part of a club event where there are leftovers that don't have a home, take them to The Oaks. They accept all donations. They feed 150-200 people dinner 2 or 3 times a week; and lunches daily. If you need a delivery person, call Al.



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To place an ad, submit item(s), price, and contact information to Editor ****Ads will run two months. Sellers responsibility to notify Editor when sold.

For sale: Sailboat Morgan 27 1972, Good condition, Dacron main, Dacron 150 (good condition), Polyester/mylar 150 racing jib (4 yrs), Spin pole and spinnaker. Honda outboard 9.9 HP Asking \$4000

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

August

2 - MBC Book Club @ noon

4-6 - I-LYA Sr. Sail Regatta

9-13 - I-LYA Powerboat Regatta

13 - MBC Ladies Race

16 - Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30pm

18-19 - Poker Run to Ford Yacht Club

19 - MBC Solo Challenge

19 - MBC Kayak & Dinghy Races

27 - MBC 600 Race @ 2:30pm

30 - General Membership Meeting
@ 7pm

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tues - Sail Races @ 7pm



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade Soup!



September

13 - Aux. Board Mtg @ 6:30pm

13 - Aux. General Mtg @ 7pm