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**Club Commodore,
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,
Wendy Campbell**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all MBC Members!

On the afternoon of Dec 13, at least 50 Santa's helpers, all dressed for the season, arrived from Seaway Boat Club and enjoyed holiday festivities with MBC members in the lounge as the MBC Chili Cook-Off continued in the back room. Nick Pinotti and Paige O'Loughlin out-did 15 of MBC's best cooks to win the top Chili prize for the event!

The very next day it was Santa himself visiting the club and bringing presents to all the children attending. What a fun party it was, with the kids having a great time making stockings and cookies while enjoying the gifts and snacks prepared by Santa's Elves of the Auxiliary.

If the final shopping weekend before Christmas went by quickly, that is because Dec 21 was the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year and first day of winter. Days are now becoming longer as we work our way towards springtime! I did learn an interesting boating fact at a party this month: in freshwater, magnesium anodes are much more effective to reduce the damaging effects of stray electrical current. Indeed, aluminum anodes might work in freshwater but zinc is only effective in saltwater.

While most of us are in holiday and winter mode, there are many groups working to ensure your full enjoyment of next year's boating activities. The MBC Cruising Committee has put together 4 weekend cruises plus holiday Day Cruises for you. The I-LYA met in Cleveland to plan the Bay Week Regattas, and elected Mike Powers as Trustee and Larry Inguagiato Treasurer of the Power boat Committee.

The AYC has set up Poker Runs and in January will coordinate the sail races for Western Lake Erie, and Bill LeVally is busy working on the club hospitality room for the February 20-21 AYC Weekend in Perysburg.

The MBC Ball Committee and I invite every club member to the 70th Anniversary Monroe Boat Club Ball on March 28 at the Southgate Holiday Inn, which will be a very enjoyable club event for new and old members alike. I have a drawing for a Free Room (good through all of 2015), tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$20. The winner will be pulled on Valentines Day!

Our Vice and Rear Commodore's are busy planning a great start to 2015...the New Year's Eve Party (Dec 31st) and then Monday Jan 5 is the famous Muskrat Dinner. Start your new year at MBC and think what a great thing it is to be a part of Monroe Boat Club!

Hope everyone achieved their goals for 2014! Now that 2015 is upon us we should all reflect on what we can do to make this year better not only for ourselves but our families, our friends, and even a stranger or two.

I am expecting the New Year will bring in some fun events and positive changes for the club. We will be setting the tone with our New Year's Eve bash Wednesday night the 31st. We have "Hoosier Daddy" playing in the back room. You will be seeing the Event Poster (compliments of the talented Nicole Kachar) on all the doors along with a sign-up sheet for attendance and a sign-up sheet for those that want to bring appetizers (in exchange for work hours). The evening begins at 7:30 with band starting at 8:00.

I will be setting up for the New Year's Eve party Sunday the 28th and will be doing some decorating on Monday the 29th. Please check with Celeste Hoi-tash or me if you want to help setup/decorate or bring appetizers for work hours.

Please look for the suggestion forms and the suggestion box very shortly. I am hoping with some member input we will have some great projects or even some changes in the club for 2015.

The Upstairs clean-up project will be sometime in March or April depending on weather conditions.

I am still looking for people to come forward on the storage across the street with their application and payment.

First, I would like to congratulate the MBC Pool Team for taking 1st place for the first half of the AYC Pool League season. Kudos to Clyde Morgan, Kevin Angove, Dave Amer, Brian Amer, Fritz Peterson, Ed Frantzen, and Russ Kenyon. Great job representing MBC! Last year's trophy is displayed by the pool table and I'm looking forward to a repeat.

The Chili Cook-Off Dec. 13th was well-supported. Fifteen different kinds of chili were offered and 47 votes were cast. Congratulations to Paige O'Loughlin and Nick Pinotti for taking 1st place, 2nd to Billy Amattucci and 3rd to Jake Geiger. A special thanks goes to Nicole Kachar and Trish Soto for their involvement with this event.

MBC will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party in a cozy and decorated Banquet Room. V/C Mike Anteau has planned a full evening of fun starting at 7pm, with "Hoosier Daddy" playing from 8pm-1am.

On Fri. Jan. 2nd, the Bar Staff will be having their Christmas Party. In their places will be a "Special Guest Bartender." Remember to thank our staff for the wonderful job they do.

On Mon. Jan. 5th, the sold-out, annual Muskrat Dinner will be held. Hopefully there will be no snow emergencies. This event is enjoyed by many people throughout the community and a special liquor license has been purchased. Thank you P/C Mike Powers for taking care of the paper work for me.

On Mon. Jan. 19th the MBC bar staff will be joined by DBBC bar staff for a TAM's (Techniques of Alcohol Management) Class. The purpose is to teach, understand and manage things that can arise while serving. Bunco will also start that evening at 6pm. It was a big hit last year!

Because the Chili Cook-Off was enjoyed by so many, it was suggested to have another. This time it will be an Italian Cook-Off (cook's choice) on Saturday January 24th. A sign-up sheet is posted on the cork board in the bar. Participants are asked to supply a family-size serving of their favorite dish. Breads and salad will be available. The banquet room will be set-up for tasting (\$8/pp or 2/\$15) and judging will be 430-630 pm. The back bar will be open 4-7pm. pm. From 6:30-7pm votes will be tallied and participants can clean-up. Just before Steve Bryant starts "Name that Tune" at 7pm, winners will be announced and prizes awarded. Be sure to get your teams together for "Name that Tune" and plan on a good time. I am also looking for 4 people that are interested in helping with this event and earning (*cont'd on page 3.....*)





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

No report this month...Happy Holidays!



- (top) Ugly Sweater Contest Winners Nichole Karchar and Bennett Stein
- (below) Santa's Helpers
- (below, right) MBC Christmas Family



**Sail Fleet Captain,
Troy Willett**

Hello again and greetings from the tiller. I want to extend warm wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season!

For those of you that would like to receive Sail Fleet specific information such as upcoming race dates and events, meeting invites, occasional fliers, etc. please email me at biohazmat76@gmail.com and I can add you to the Sail Fleet email distribution list. If you have been receiving unwanted mailings let me know and I can have you removed from the list.

Please take a moment to look at our new section, the Sailor Spotlight where we will be interviewing members and asking questions relating to their love for all things sailing. If you like the section give me your feedback as I may want to interview you soon. I look at this as just one more way to get to know our members better, so I hope you enjoy and participate.

We have some excellent club cruises planned for this summer and have posted them on the website. There are a few new destinations as well as some repeats from previous years. We will be heading to Maumee Bay, Catawba Island, Middle Bass and Port Clinton. I can't wait!

The Sail Fleet will be hosting the University of Toledo's Sailing Club for a fundraising event if February 27th. The UT kids have a most impressive story to tell about their hard fought and surprising victory during a regatta that has given them the chance to compete in France! I will be forming a committee to help put the event together and will let everyone know when the first meeting will be planned. Let's turn this event into a membership drive and get as many people to come see how wonderful Monroe Boat Club is!

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be on Jan. 15th at 7pm in the back room. It's also a burger night so come on in, grab a bite to eat and let's talk sailing!

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season, see you around the club!



**Auxiliary,
Celeste Hoitash**

On behalf of the Monroe Boat Club Auxiliary, Merry Christmas and a most blessed, joyous and prosperous New Year, 2015!

A special thanks to all who participated in the Children's Christmas party, December 14, 2014, most importantly the children themselves and our special guest, Santa. Thank you, also, to the families and friends of the children and to all who worked to help make this a special day for all.

Just a reminder to all Auxiliary members that our meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesdays of each month, starting January 14, 2015, in the Commodore's room. The Board meeting is at 1830 and the Membership meeting at 1900. Hope to see you there!

Stay warm! Think Spring!

The Great Lakes Cruising Club School news release concerning online courses:
<http://www.glcclub.com/glcgschool-2014-15-school-year-news-release>.

School website:
<http://www.glcgschool.com/home>





Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Well the hustle and bustle of the holidays is starting to slow down.

I hope you're all staying warm thinking of calm seas and sunny days. Please don't stay in hibernation all winter, there is a whole lot of fun to be had at the club. Thursday burger night is a great way to stay in touch with everyone, so bring friends and family down.

Plans for the AYC room are coming together with a whole lot of ideas being presented by everyone. The next meeting is set for January 6th at 6:30, so please stop in and lend a helping hand.

I want to thank all the members who helped with the bus trips from RVCY and Seaway, it really shows what a great club we have when other clubs come for a visit and our members are there to welcome them. We owe all those who helped a round of applause for pulling off a tough task of having the chili cook off and an incoming bus the same day.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the AYC sign-up sheets to be posted shortly, there is plenty of help needed.

Rear Commodore, continued....

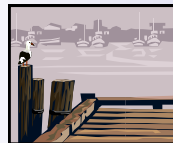
some work hours. If you're interested in helping, please let me know.

The Super Bowl is scheduled for February 1st. Come out to the Club and bring a dish to pass as you cheer on your favorite team.

Friday February 14th is Valentine's Day and we will have the "Soul Kitchen Band" playing. It is sure to be a good time so come on out and enjoy. Please feel free to bring an appetizer or some type of munchies to share.

As many of you may have already noticed we've been working to increase our wine selection. We are limited on space and will need to limit the varieties but we are trying to capture something that will be appealing to the majority.

Please remember that we are a private club and we all have rules to follow. If you're not familiar with these rules, please read them and follow them.



Dock Master, Tom Henry

No report



Come One,
Come All!



Weekly Games

Registration: 12pm

Game time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

Bring an appetizer to pass

COME JOIN US
FOR THE FUN!

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*** SAILOR'S SPOTLIGHT ***

Sailor Spotlight (SS:) interview with Jaci Grady (Jaci:)

SS: How long have you been a member?

Jaci: Since 1993, I was the first female member of Monroe Boat Club.

SS: What do you do for a living?

Jaci: Retired, sort of, I work a day a week or so.

SS: Have any family that will claim you and are they interested in sailing?

Jaci: Gary Kranz is my significant other and has sailed in St. Martin aboard the Stars & Stripes and he really enjoyed it!

SS: How long have you been sailing and what got you started?

Jaci: I started crewing in 1985 for Jim Vanisacker on a San Juan 24 (SJ 24).

SS: When was the last time you sailed?

Jaci: I went out with the Duttons for the opening of the ports back when Rodger was commodore.

SS: Do you prefer Cruising or Racing or Both?

Jaci: Racing because it forces you to maximize the capability of the boat.

SS: Do you own a sailboat and if so, how many, what are there names, etc.?

Jaci: I owned an SJ 24 named Holger Danski, named after a Nordic "God of the Winds", or so we were told. I also had a Catalina 30 but I preferred the San Juan.

SS: Any exciting stories to share about sailing?

Jaci: We took the SJ 24 out on Lake Erie in light air and decided to hoist the spinnaker with only 2 of us on board. My friend had little to no experience sailing so while trying to hoist the sail we ran it into the mud and got stuck. We were saved when Chet Bragg went by in "The Joy" and noticed we had full sails up but weren't going anywhere. We weren't the only boat that has been pulled out or towed by "The Joy".

SS: Where is your favorite place to sail?

Jaci: Lake Erie!

SS: If you could sail anywhere in the world on any boat, where and what would it be?

Jaci: I would like to sail all the Great Lakes in 1 trip on a nice big comfortable sail boat.

SS: Can we get you back out on an MBC club cruise perhaps this summer during the holidays?

Jaci: Yes! That sounds like fun.



Sailor Spotlight (SS:) interview with Joe Snyder (Joe:)

SS: How long have you been a member?

Joe: Since 2011

SS: What do you do for a living?

Joe: Materials Manager for a Plastic Blow Molding Company

SS: Have any family that will claim you and are they interested in sailing?

Joe: My wife Lee Ann and our Yellow Lab named 'Moose'. Lee Ann and I sail together regularly.

SS: How long have you been sailing and what got you started?

Joe: I grew up with a catamaran on Devils Lake as a kid and have been sailing on Lake Erie since 2006.

SS: Do you prefer Cruising or Racing or Both?

Joe: Both, we're not hardcore racers.

SS: Do you own a sailboat and if so, how many, what are there names, etc.?

Joe: We own an O'Day 25 named Pokey. All 3 boats we've owned have been named Pokey, we're trying to establish a legacy.

SS: Any exciting stories to share about sailing?

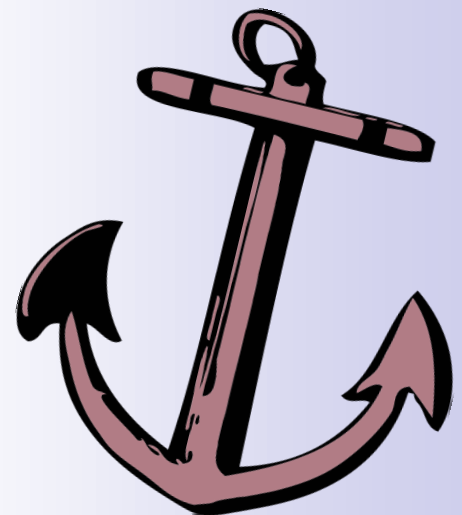
Joe: Grounding on the mud humps out past the shipping channel in Pokey was pretty memorable.

SS: Where is your favorite place to sail?

Joe: Lake Erie!

SS: If you could sail anywhere in the world on any boat, where and what would it be?

Joe: The Carribean, St. Lucia on any boat in the water!



Welcome New Members!

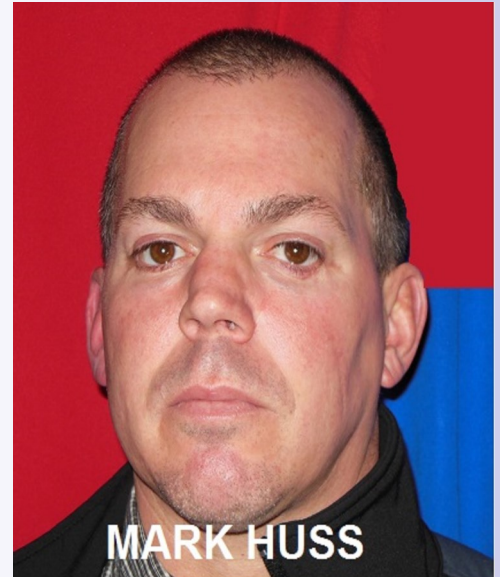
By Nick Pinotti

Mark Huss recently moved to La Salle, MI from Toledo.

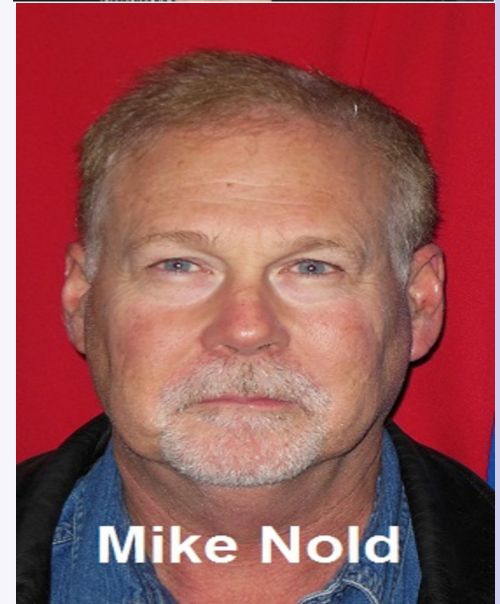
Mark is an active father with two daughters that enjoy sports and outdoor activities. In addition to his family, he looks forward to spending time as a volunteer by helping others in need. His business is in commercial roofing, and his hobbies include boating and surfing.

Mike Nold lives in La Salle, MI. He works in the skilled trades for Ford Motor Company. Mike is a member of LEOPA and enjoys the summers on his 42 ft. Fountain named "Cool Breeze." Additionally, he enjoys biking and water sports.

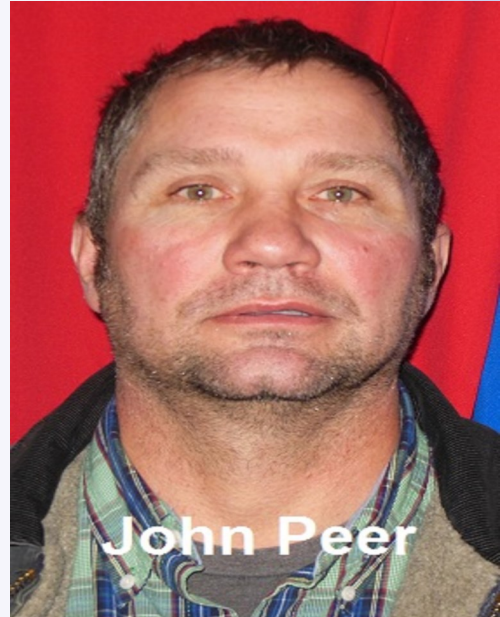
John Peer and his wife Nici live in Temperance, MI. They have two daughters. John travels a lot for his work as a commercial carpet and tile installer, but in his free time he enjoys fishing on his 17 ft. Lund or hunting up north.



MARK HUSS



Mike Nold



John Peer

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

January



February

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 - Bar Staff Christmas Party
- 5 - Muskrat Dinner 6pm
- 6 - AYC Room Meeting 630pm
- 7 - Book Club 12n
- 10 - LEOPA Christmas Party
- 14 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 14 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 15 - Sail Fleet Meeting 7pm
- 19 - Martin Luther King Day
- 19 - TAM class 9am
Bunco 6pm
- 24 - Italian Cook-off 430pm
"Name That Tune" 7pm
- 25 - AYC Power Fleet Mtg. 1pm
- 28 - Gen. Membership Mtg 7pm**

HAPPY HOUR Mon-Fri 12-6pm

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

**Offering Delicious
Homemade
Soup!**



- 1 - Super Bowl Party **4pm**
- 4 - Book Club 12n
- 11 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 11 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 13 - AYC Fish Fry @ MBC
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
Soul Kitchen Band **7pm**
- 16 - President's Day
- 20-22 - AYC Commodore's Ball
- 25 - Gen. Membership Mtg 7pm**
- 27 - U Toledo Sailing Team Fund
raiser 5pm

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