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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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Club Commodore
Dan Thomas



Vice Commodore
P/C Jeff Morrow



Rear Commodore
Doug Sharp

It is a privilege representing MBC and interesting to attend the numerous Commodore's Balls' along with other social functions concerning the boating community and see how others represent their club. Listening to others describe their club operational challenges allows me to see how praiseworthy MBC is. Mary and I, talk with enthusiasm about Monroe Boat Club that this great organization deserves. There are challenges within any organization but good camaraderie within the club far overshadows those few who may complain.

I would like to call out well-deserved appreciation to some MBC members. The annual dock assignment meeting was a success. Thank you to Dock Master P/C Ron Soto and his committee. Our Power Fleet Captain, Craig Sauer, with his volunteers both directly and indirectly with hors d'oeuvres positively supported other club bus trips to MBC. The children's Easter party was an exciting experience for the children and the observing adults. Thank you to the Auxiliary for this accomplishment. Lastly a big thanks to those who assisted and helped me to host the Thursday Burger Nights this past month.

I have been posting in the hallway the Army Corps Bulletin on the Great Lakes water levels. Again, this year it appears that our boating season will have above normal depth for Lake Erie. This looks good unless it gets too high. Having observed the debris accumulating on the shoreline here locally this spring, it appears less heavy debris (logs etc.) is being grounded. In general, we are looking at a boating season with deep water and relatively free of large obstructions. The only remaining nemeses are the weather and the algae. I guess there has to be some challenges. With that being said, the first

Hello fellow members, Spring has Sprung! Some small projects have gotten done recently in the Club with more to come. The heater in entrance to bar has been replaced and now keeps the floor dry. Bob Rosenberger did a nice trim job around the heater. I need help to take down smoker's hut in near future. I am looking for volunteers for MBC house committee. We will look at all projects presented which include parking lot sealing, west property, replace unsafe sidewalks, repair bottom of entrance doors and any other new projects. Meeting will be on April 3rd at 6:00 in Commodore's room. Also, the Regatta Committee members please don't forget our April 10th meeting at 6:00.

All is moving at a good pace to be set for regatta. We will have Dan Breiding along with Rick Campbell doing our cooking this year with a Friday Fish Fry, Saturday half a chicken meal and other goodies available. Of course, they will need help with club members needing their work hours. The Auxiliary will have a wing station for those that like wings. Congratulations to Commodore Dan and Lady Mary for a wonderful Commodore's Ball on March 24.

I am committed this year and moving forward thereafter to our goal of being the friendliest club on Lake Erie, we can do it!!

Jeff Morrow
2018 Vice Commodore

Commodore continued...

boat to docks at MBC was from RVYC on March 10th. Let the boating season begin.

Dan Thomas
2018 Commodore

Well spring is here! Woo Hoo! That means boating season is closer! March has been a great month, with Dan Thomas running Burger night with the help of Wendy & Rick Campbell.

We had a great time with ORYC bus trip had over 100 people here and let me tell you they had a blast! Bill Alford came up that day from RVYC on his boat! Oh ya that's right on his boat, first boat of the season! Bill even managed to kidnap our Power Fleet Capt. Craig Sauer. Thank you RVYC, and ORYC for coming up. Great times.

RVYC also came in and invaded our club again with about 54 members and spent 4 hrs. here. We've been named Riverview North now lol. I'll just say St. Party's day with you guys was great. I think I remember most of it. A little karaoke never hurt anyone right?

We have entertainment lined up all spring and summer long her at the bar:

- May 12th 8pm-12am
- June 30th 8pm-12am
- July 14th 8pm-12am
- July 28th 11am-3pm on the lawn during Regatta
- Aug. 11th & 25th 8pm-12am

We've got a lot planned for our membership this year, I've been here officially as your rear for 1 year now, and we're right on point to have the best summer ever.

We have the menu and monthly event monitors up now, which will give the club a more modern and classy look. I'd like to Thank past Commodore Fetterly, and his anonymous donor for the donation of the monitors.

Had fun watching our Auxiliary set up and work all weekend so the kids could have a wonderful Easter Party! Great job Jody Thatcher and her Auxiliary Team! Also keep in mind that the ship store is open every burger night for your shopping needs, from 5pm til 8pm.

The bar will also have 2018 Regatta shirts available this month for sale! That's right we already have them done! So, come out and get one and support our club.

Hope to see you all here at the bar, or at the club working on your boats. Remember we have lunch specials daily, and great homemade soup too. So, until next month and hopefully I will be writing this from my boat, have a wonderful April from the bar team.

Rear Commodore
Doug Sharp/and bar team
Thank You

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CCEC
Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

April 4, 12:00, MBC Book Club
MBC Book Club...Judy Peterson reports, "We discussed both the February and March selections because the February meeting was cancelled due to icy weather. The February book, The Rooster Bar by John Grisham, was a good book done in typical Grisham style. Although it had a rather slow start, the story was good enough to keep the reader interested until the end. The group recommends this selection.

The March book was Cherry, Cherry by Taryn Tilton (who is Kathy Power's niece). This is a story about a short time period of daily events in the life of a teen aged girl. We thought that it would probably be of more interest to teen aged girls, so we would recommend it for that age-group. Everyone brought a favorite finger food for our buffet lunch.

Our next meeting will be held April 4, 2018. The selection for April is Look for Me by Lisa Gardner. We decided to have a salad bar, so each person chose something to bring for the salad. Each person should bring their own salad dressing. Anyone who would like to come and was not at the March meeting is welcome to join our salad luncheon and may bring a desert to add to the table if you would like to contribute. The selection for May is The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.



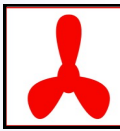
Fireworks Free Fourth of July...Looking for a quieter Fourth of July camping experience? The DNR and the **Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency** will offer Fireworks-Free Fourth of July at several Michigan state parks. Veterans, pet owners and other visitors will have the opportunity to camp farther away from traditional community firework displays July 2-6, 2018.

The DNR cannot guarantee that fireworks will not be set off near the state parks. Aerial fireworks such as Roman candles and bottle rockets are not allowed in Michigan state parks at any time. *Smaller novelty fireworks such as fountains, sparklers and ground spinners are still allowed.

Camping reservations can be made up to six months in advance. To make a reservation, visit midnrreservations.com or call 1-800-44PARKS (1-800-447-2757). The closest fire-

works-free park to Monroe is **Brighton Recreation Area-Bishop Lake Campground (Livingston County)**

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Power Fleet Capt.
Craig Sauer

Greetings MBC members and staff!
Our fellow clubs are continuing their visits to us by the bus loads and boat load!

First in was RVYC and they brought 54 guests.

Next was ORYC and they brought 100 guests and our first visiting boat of the year from RVYC arrived the same day. I jumped on that boat and rode with them over to the Digger for ORYC's last stop to join them.

Seaway Boat Club brought 34 to us the same day as our Commodore's ball, so Wendy and Rick Campbell took over the hospitality duties for me and they made that incredible tasting pulled pork again. But unlike before, there was none leftover for me.

March 31st Toledo Sail Club is bringing 60 guests. April 7th is Nugents Canal bus trip. Saturday April 14th we finally get to have our bus trip!

The bar will be opening special for us at 11am and we are leaving the club on a luxury liner bus and heading up to Great Lakes Steel Boat Club, then over to Seaway Boat club and finally Elba Mar Boat Club before we are back home. A signup sheet is posted in the bar and the cost is going to be \$25.00 per person. The bar staff has an envelope and a list for your name and will collect the money. We have a 50-person bus, so space is somewhat limited. Payment in full saves your seat!

I have spoken to several people who have visited Great Lakes Steel boat club the last 30 days and they have all raved about it.

We have set up a couple different club cruises scheduled for the summer with the sail fleet team.

First up is Middle Bass Island Yacht Club, June 1st and 2nd, second is Kelleys Island July 6-8. Third is Catawba Island Club Aug 24-26 and fourth is Maumee Bay State Park on Sept 14-16.

If you would like the info. I will forward an email to you that will spell it all out. My email is craig_sauer@stanfordallen.com or text 734-735-5641

That's all for now, don't delay if you want to go on the bus trip!

Thank you for your support!
Your Power Fleet Captain.
Craig Sauer



Auxiliary
Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary.

Thank you, Shawna Powell and crew, for chairing a fun filled Easter Party. The children had a great time. It's always good to have different people with new ideas to step up and chair our events. Great Job!

We made it, Spring is finally here, and boating season is just around the corner! We are looking forward to our snow birds coming home.

Early notice to all Auxiliary members: The Auxiliary is hosting burger nights for the month of May. If you need hours or just want to help out, please keep us in mind. Sign- up sheet will be posted in April.

With all the events throughout the year, just a friendly reminder to provide all your own paper products for your event. Also, please leave kitchen clean.

Thank you, Sharon Bagley and Judy Peterson, for helping with the Ships Store inventory. The Ships Store is in great shape and is still looking for a new manager.

See you at the club.
Auxiliary President
Jody Thatcher

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works-free park to Monroe is **Brighton Recreation Area-Bishop Lake Campground (Livingston County)**

Dark Sky Week...there are some incredible stargazing opportunities April 15-21. Here in Michigan, there are Dark Sky Preserves located in six state parks. These parks will stay open for self-guided views of the night sky during this stargazing week. Please call ahead for individual park hours. Learn more at <http://www.michigandnr.gov>.



SAVE THE DATES

Steak & Chicken Roast
Sat. May 19th 6pm to 8pm
Blue Gavel Event

Shotz on the Dock Revival
will be held on Saturday,
June 30th from 2pm to 5pm.
More information to follow.



Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Well folks, looks like the boating season is finally getting here. The dock assignment meeting went well and most everyone I believe was happy with the results. As usual, there were a few that were oh so close. I personally wish all of you a safe and enjoyable season. For the new dock holders, I encourage you to both participate in club events and to help out on the docks whenever possible. I will be announcing shortly a couple of dock work parties for this month through chimp mail. Our Power Fleet Captain will be looking for fellow boaters to attend several Poker Run regattas this season and it would be great to have some of the new dock holders to partake in those activities!

On another note, I have a couple of reminders on the dock rules as they pertain to all dock holders. Per the roster book **Page 35, Item #16**: It is the duty of each dock holder to maintain the dock such as replacing broken dock boards, etc., to Club specifications. The club will furnish the materials only.

Page 35, Item #17: It will be the duty of each dock holder to supply dock posts. Dock posts shall be white from the dock surface to the top of the dock posts. (this is abbreviated for the obvious intent)

Page 37, Item #27: All first-year dock holders will be required to obtain a CME. This is a Courtesy Marine Exam. The vessel must pass and have the decal properly displayed on the boat. All new dock holders will need to be compliant by July 30th.

I will make arrangements to have at least 2 dates available to those that will need there CME's as a courtesy to our new dock holders and to existing dock holders.

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Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery

Spring is officially here, but someone forgot to notify Mother Nature to make it warm up outside. Hopefully soon the weather will cooperate, and we will all begin prepping our boats again. The Sail Fleet has been busy working on plans for this season's racing and cruising activities. We have worked with members of the Power Fleet to coordinate 4 joint MBC cruise weekends (A thank-you goes to John Rudy for working on this). Dates and destinations are as follows:

- June 1 -- 3: Middle Bass Island Yacht Club
- July 6 -- 8: Kelly's Island (Seaway)
- August 24 -- 26: Catawba Island Club
- September 14 -- 16: Maumee Bay State Park

Signup sheets will be posted soon on the MBC bulletin board. We need to reserve slips as early as possible since they fill up fast. These cruises should be a lot of fun and will give everyone the opportunity to meet some new club members as well as visit some places you may not have had the chance to visit yet.

We have been notified that MBC has a Boat-US half-off membership discount arrangement that is available to all MBC members. Instead of \$30 you pay only \$15, just mention the Coop #GA81739B. MBC also has a "VIP" discount arrangement with US Sailing for discounted US Sailing membership. MBC gets \$10 for new members and \$5 for renewing members (for sail/race purchases from US Sailing) when they go through the MBC VIP portal on the following secure page: (<https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/mp/default.aspx>).

The Sail Fleet is looking for people to help in planning and working for the MBC Regatta Breakfast that we host again this year. Contact us and we will add you to the event team. The more people we have helping the less the load on

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Dock Master continued...

Page 33, Item #8: Basically, states that if you paid for your dock last year and did not occupy your space, you have until July 1st of this year to occupy your dock. Should you not do this, you forfeit your dock for the remainder of the season and the following season. This again is abbreviated.

Another word for dock holders on the Parallel docks and docks 89 to approximately 100 that there are at least 2 events happening this summer that may affect your ability to get out of your docks. If this is the case, please contact me so that I can assist in moving you temporarily if you need to get out. JUNE 9TH and Regatta weekend. This is your first notice.

Best regards!
P/C Ron Soto
Dock Master

Sail Fleet continued...

any individuals.

At last count, we had 11 MBC children registered for the Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship for attending the North Cape Yacht Club Summer Sail Camp, with the application deadline March 31. (Thank you, Rodger Dutton, for handling all of the details.) The Sail Fleet would like to get more people exposed to sailing this year, either through casual sailing or experiencing sailboat racing. If you are interested in just getting a sailboat ride some weekend afternoon or you are interested in getting exposed to racing as a crewperson, just email Sail Fleet captain Dan Montgomery (danmont@umich.edu). There are always sailboats looking for people to go along on races Tuesday evenings, and no prior experience is necessary.

Our next MBC Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30PM at the club. Come a little early grab a burger on Burger Night.

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Like new condition.

Asking three hundred dollars.

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(313) 690-6904

(Ad: Dec 2016)

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- Kayak Storage Available! See Sherri

(Ad: Aug 2017)

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

April

1 - Happy Easter!

3 - House Committee Mtg @6pm

7 - Incoming Bus Nugent's Canal

10 - Regatta Committee Mtg @6pm

11 - MBC Board Meeting @6:30pm

11 - Aux. General Membership
Meeting @7pm

14 - MBC Bus Trip @Noon

25 - MBC General Membership
Meeting @6:30pm

26 Sail Fleet Mtg @6:30pm

27-29 - Catawba in-water Boat
Show

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tuesday Night Sailing Begins May 15



BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



May

8 - Sail Race Registration @5pm

9 - MBC Board Meeting @6:30pm

9 - Aux. General Membership
Meeting @7pm

12 - Band in the Bar @8pm-?

15 - Tuesday Night Sailing
begins @7pm

18 - Dock Posts must be installed

19 - Steak & Chicken Roast @6pm

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: www.monroboatclub.org