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Club Commodore – Jeff Morrow

I am very happy with the way our Club is moving forward and Barb and I being able to represent our Club for 2019. Seeing all the members

enjoy our Club in large numbers for events has been very satisfying with more to come in 2019. This last year showed me that team work from members and the Board can accomplish about anything put in front of us. We come together and step up when needed. The building on west property has been demolished by a member donating all necessary equipment to demo and remove all material. Another member also is donating the black dirt to fill in and seed

vacated area from building. A big thank-you to both members, they have saved our club approximately \$5,000.00.

The forty-hour dinner was well attended, Thank you members for all your hard work.

The annual dinner was Oct 26th, and I saw a lot of our members there. I have goals for our Club they include keeping our general fund in the black and west property improvements to the existing building on creek. A toast to having a great 2019 for MBC the friendliest Club on Lake Erie.



Vice Commodore – Fred Hoitash

Greetings and thanks to all of you. This will possibly be the shortest article from me as your Vice Commodore. There are several projects in the works and other projects that will just pop

up to keep the element of surprise alive and well at MBC. It will take a lot of members to accomplish all that we need to do this coming year – no different than any other year.

I plan to work closely with the Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel and Auxiliary in creating plans for repairs and improvements to the buildings and grounds. I am open to and sincerely want to have regular meetings with the 35 plus year members of this boat club. Many of you were

involved with major projects that many of the newer members have not had to work through. I'd like to see your participation in the house meeting increase. I also plan to continue to work with the US Army Engineers to keep the range lights and the harbor entrance cleaned up. More on that topic in a future article.

It is not the Bridge that makes MBC what it is. We can only facilitate what the membership wants and needs. My cell number is 734-649-1335 and email is cfdist@comcast.net, and yes, it's in the directory. I will be coordinating the hand-off of responsibilities from Jeff Morrow over the next month. With your help we will have a great year ahead and I'm hoping to enjoy more time with many of you.



Rear Commodore – Barb Johnson

Hello Fellow Members!

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Barb Johnson, your 2019 MBC Rear Commodore. I want to begin by thanking Nicole Kachar, Mike Anteau and Dewey Edwards for streamlining the operation of the bar. It is because of their hard work that I am moving into a well-organized operation. With their continued involvement our intent is to maintain a positive experience and welcoming atmosphere for our members, guests and visiting clubs.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many members who have approached me with positive thoughts and well wishes! If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to share them with us, although we may not be able to implement them all, the more ideas the better!

MBC has earned the reputation as the "Friendliest Club on Lake Erie." With our current member's help and by involving all new members to make them feel welcome, we will continue that tradition. The bar staff, Nicole and I look forward to a fun and productive year!

Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, the bar will open at 4:00 p.m.

Cheers!

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CCEC / MBC-A – Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES

- November 7, 12:00, MBC Book Club

MBC CLUB EVENTS

Change of Watch

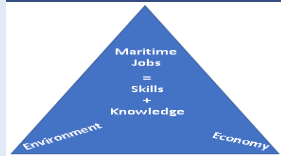
November 4, 1:00 pm... Attend and celebrate the MBC members who have entered the 30 Year Member Club: Jack Albano, John Fowler, Orville Hensley, Thomas Kozlowski, and Michael Szerony. John Rudy will recognize these members with a gift and their signature on the special plaque hanging in the Commodore's Room.



On October 11, twenty-one people enjoyed hearing Tim Homrich share his travels and impressions of Greenland and Iceland through pictures and stories. His pictures showed the waterfalls, the glaciers, the geysers, and city scenes of Iceland, and the roughness of Greenland. He has promised to share more of his travels in the future.

As you travel, please let me know. Sharing your pictures is one way that everyone can share the experiences of "seeing" the world. Since we have the multimedia projector and large screen, it is easy to share pictures. Getting the pictures into a power point is easy and an effective way of sharing. (cneuhauser@gmail.com)

MBC-A (501c3) Update



MARITIME TRADES CAREER DAY... was held at Monroe Boat Club. We hosted 29 10-12th grade students from Monroe High School on October 9. It was again co-sponsored by MBC-A in partnership with the Career/Technical

Education Center. The students toured and/or hear presentations from the U.S. Coast Guard, the Michigan Industrial Boater's Association, the Port of Monroe, Kustom Marine, Solomon Diving, Trout Yacht Basin, and Toledo Beach Marina. The focus of the day was three-pronged: Economy + Environment = Maritime Jobs. One hundred percent of the students evaluated the day as one from which they learned a lot and believed should be offered again in 2019. On the end-of-day assessment, we asked the question, how is preservation of the Great Lakes important to community? Their responses included, "Helps create jobs" "It creates good skilled jobs." "Keeps businesses going" "It is a strong economic field" "Opens up routes for a long career and a good life." "Stimulates local economy" "Helps people keep and get more jobs." "Keeps the lake clean and

Power Fleet Capt. – Dan Martin

Standing in the club one burger night Commodore Jeff Morrow suggested nominating me as Power Fleet Captain. He said it would be fun, you and your first mate Gina already go to all the clubs, poker runs, regattas and we will all work together to make it a great year. After some thought and promises of help and guidance I am here to serve and will do my best as time allows. I would like to thank all the people for the encouragement to take the position and the membership for allowing me to serve. Also want to thank PFC Craig Sauer and Jamie for their time and effort serving the club.

AYC Ball in February is a super fun event and I encourage you to go. It will be at Holiday Inn French Quarters in Perrysburg. Ask around if you are new to the club or unaware of the event. PFC has the task of managing the room for our club. MBC is a first-rate club and needs a hospitality room to reflect the quality of the club. The theme this year is Scary Movies and our room is "The Birds" by Alfred Hitchcock.



MBC Book Club. Judy Peterson reports, "Everyone enjoyed reading Lilac Girls and The Alice Network and recommend both books. Some of our members have read the following books and recommend them as well: Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah and 1022 Evergreen Place and 1105 Yakima Street, both by Debbie Macomber. For the November meeting we will read The Fallen by David Baldacci. Our luncheon will be soup by Patty and salad by Kim. Anyone interested in joining us, please come and meet us in the back room at noon on November 7!



Update on Care of the Great Lakes. The dinosaur-like Sturgeon were released in the Maumee River/Lake Erie in October by the Toledo Zoo. Sandy Bihn, Lake Erie Foundation Executive Director/ Lake Erie

Waterkeeper, worked to reintroduce sturgeon into the river. This was in response to the successful sturgeon reintroduction at Fighting Island in the Detroit River. The sturgeon are bottom eating and will not compete for food with walleye, perch, bass and other sport fish.

Before the sturgeon were reintroduced, there needed to be a trailer to have water to transition from the river, so the fish were 'born' in to the Maumee River. The Toledo Zoo agreed to have the trailer. There were studies to be sure the fish were native, to be sure they could survive once again in the Maumee. This was completed, and the release took place.

safe" "Brings lots of jobs and provides lots of experiences that I never knew existed" "Lots of industries use the lake"

According to the students, one of the best events of the day was the time each mentor met with a small group of five students around the lunch table. The mentors shared their experiences of their careers, what it's like to work on a job, the expectations of employers, and the students loved this. When asked on the assessment what they learned from the mentors, the typical responses were, "Money is not everything. Do something you enjoy." "I learned how much you have to go through to get a good job you want." "It was very fun learning from the mentors."

A huge thank you goes to those who helped make the day a success: Mentors were Rob Adkins, Nike Burson, John Kauffman, Jeff Morrow, Brian Moyer, Dan Thomas, and Kurt Trendle. In addition, thank you to Don Blouin and Wally Lynch for setup and cleanup, and Laura Burson and Barbara Valmassee for lunch duty. Additional appreciation to John Kauffman for his help in acquiring the \$500 grant from DTE Energy.

Your ideas and help are needed. Please contact me via text or email so we can form a team to help with decorating, food and working at the ball. It will be fun! danbmartin@magnumtools.com or 734-751-8600. Monday the 12th of November 7:00PM will be the first MBC committee meeting for our AYC hospitality room.

December will be the Power Fleet burger night month. Money generated will go towards the AYC room. There will be a sign-up sheet at the club and it's a good way to get work hours too.

Other Power Fleet Capt. duties include incoming and our outgoing bus trips. Feel free to contact me with ideas for up to two MBC bus trip dates and destination ideas.

As we enter into the winter I will say "boating is not an action – it's a state of mind".

Auxiliary – Jody Thatcher

Hello from the Auxiliary: The Auxiliary Annual Dinner and Meeting was held on October 19th, including the election of this year's Officers and Board members. A Special Thank You to Lady Mary and Commodore Dan Thomas and board you truly made a fantastic evening for the Auxiliary. We appreciated the evening and the food was delicious.

I would like to introduce the Auxiliary's new Officers and Board members: President Jody Thatcher, Vice-President Sharon Bagley, Secretary Diane Costello, Treasurer Sue VanThomme. Board members Ruth Finch, Judy Peterson, Kim Fuller and Mollie Wood. The Auxiliary is excited about the upcoming year working with the membership for a successful year.

Dock Master – Brian Manor

Hello everyone! Thank you for the opportunity to be your new Dock Master for the 2019 season. I'm looking forward to maintaining the integrity and maintenance of the docks with your help. As I begin my term, I will be looking for your guidance and volunteers to help me. I would also like to thank P/C Ron Soto/Dock Master for all of the help that he has provided the last 2 years! He has assured me that he will still be of assistance to me in this transition.

The water system has been shut down and drained out as of October 20th. Thank you all who were able to assist with this and the removal of all of the guest dock posts. On Friday November 9th is the last day to have all of your dock poles out of the water and securely fastened to the common walkways. We do NOT want dock posts secured to

Sail Fleet Capt. – Garry Griffith

Hello all, I am Garry Griffith the new Sail Fleet Captain. I joined MBC in 2009, and this is my first time serving on the MBC Board. My wife Dar and I have enjoyed the club and sailing our Catalina 28 (docked at B55).

The final Sail Fleet event for this MBC year was the Sail Fleet Award Banquet which was held on October 13th. The banquet was well attended by the Sail Fleet membership, with a very nice lasagna dinner provided by the MBC Auxiliary. In addition to awarding flags to the winners of MBC's two Tuesday night racing series (announced previously), 2018 Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery presented trophies to this year's Overall Trophy winners:

- 2018 PHRF Overall Champion: Al Michaud – Pink Panther
- 2018 JAM Overall Champion: Dan Montgomery – Heartbeat

Congratulations to both captains and their crews.

The 2018 Sail Fleet Appreciation Award was again presented to Martie Reed for her extraordinary effort in heading up the Italian

The Auxiliary held the Annual Trunk or Treat on October 21st chaired by Shawna Powell, music by DJ Dave Powell. This is always a special event for the children. Thank you, Shawna Powell, for a great job.

We have a couple of events coming up to get you in the holiday day spirit mark your calendars. First on November 25th at 10:00 A.M. we will be decorating the back room for the holidays, come on out and enjoy the fun. On December 9th is the Children's Annual Christmas Party along with a Santa. There will be additional information posted on the bulletin board in the bar on the 3rd week of November. I would like to invite you as Auxiliary Members to come out get involved and join in the fun at your club. See you at the club.

composite decking. Please be as courteous as possible so as not to impede passage on the docks by having your dock posts scattered about. This obviously creates a trip hazard that no one needs.

On Saturday November 10th, there will be a work party to remove any dock posts that have not been removed by the dock holder. The dock holder will be responsible to pay \$50.00 per post removed from their docks! So please be advised! We will also be pulling up ladders and storing all of the new safety rings. We will however use the used safety rings at the ends of the docks as a precaution during the winter.

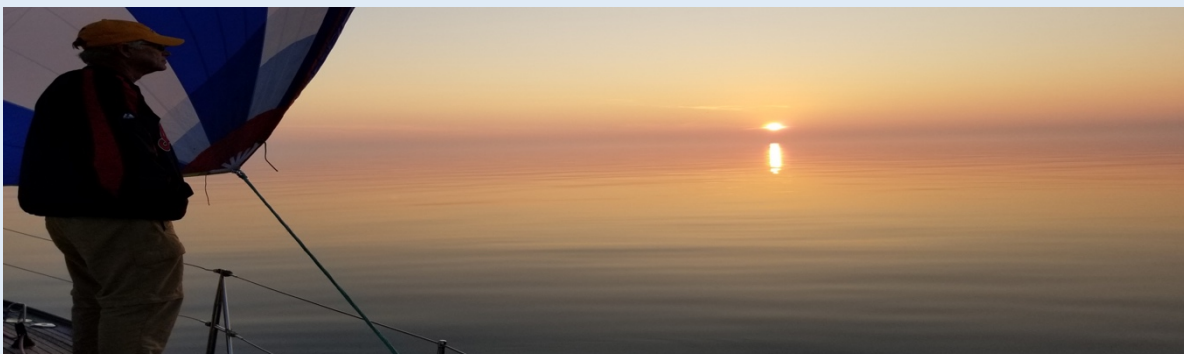
Thank you and wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving!

Dinner last fall, and the Regatta Boater's Breakfast. Both were outstanding events that were also excellent fund raisers. Thank you Martie, your efforts are very much appreciated!

Al Michaud was also acknowledged for a special lifetime sailing achievement of sailing in all 50 states. Al's seventeen-year 'bucket list' quest was completed in September of this year when he sailed in Connecticut and Rhode Island. A total of 36 different boats were needed for Al to complete this rather amazing nautical feat. Details of his adventure may be seen on <http://sailinganarchy.com/2018/09/25/bucket-list/>. Or just ask Al, I'm sure he would be glad to fill you in over a cold one or two.

I would also like to give a huge THANK YOU to outgoing Sail Fleet Captain Dan Montgomery. He stepped up last year and did an excellent job leading the Sail Fleet through another fun and productive year.

Sail Fleet members, I plan to start the 2019 Sail Fleet year off with an organizational meeting in December. Please keep a look out for email and/or next month's Harbor Light article for details.



Photos of our Club and Members



Al Michaud - 2018 PRHF Overall Trophy Winner



Dan Montgomery - 2018 JAM Overall Trophy Winner



Martie Reed - 2018 Sail Fleet Appreciation Award Winner



MBC past commodore and I-LYA commodore Mike Powers cleaning up after the Auxiliary Annual Dinner



Member Al Michaud on the drums, with his band performing at MBC on Oct 20



Al Michaud receiving commemorative honor for sailing in all 50 states

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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Treasurer.....Bob Tasker

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Dock Master.....Brian Manor

Yard Master.....Jeff McKeever

Membership Chair.....Steve Hudkins

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

Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

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Secretary.....Celeste Hoitash

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Calendar of Events

November 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 12:00 pm Change of Watch	5	6	7 6:30 pm New Board Orientation	8	9	10
11 11:00 am Blue Gavel Brunch @ HAI	12	13	14 6:30 pm MBC Gen. Mtg. 6:30 pm Aux. Board Mtg. 7:00 pm MBC Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Aux. Mem. Mtg.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23	24
25 10:00 am Aux. Holiday Decorating	26	27	28	29	30 5:00 pm thru Dec. 1 I-LYA Meeting, French Quarter Perrysburg, OH	

Next Month Events

- Dec 9 – Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 12 – 6:30 pm MBC Gen. Mtg.
- Dec 12 – 7:00 pm MBC Board Mtg.
- Dec 25 – Merry Christmas!
- Dec 31 – 7:00 pm New Year's Eve Party @ MBC

Ongoing Events

- Thursdays 5:30 – 8:00 pm Burger Night with Delicious Homemade Soup!

MBC Classified Ads

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Summer Storage Season

May 1- Nov 1

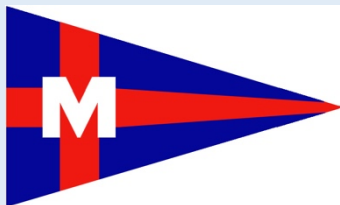
Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Jeff McKeever

(734)-755-8565



Monroe Boat Club



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\$20.00/month

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