

HARBOR LIGHT



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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

April 2015



**Club Commodore,
Dave Ryan**



**Vice Commodore,
Mike Anteau**



**Rear Commodore,
Wendy Campbell**

The Vernal Equinox, March 20, marked the official beginning of Spring as the sun climbed above the equator and the days are finally longer than the nights. Ice fishing is just a memory as the ice cleared out of the creek and the marina. Brian Moyer made good use of the ice last month welding some docks back to the proper levels, and Dock Master Tom Henry has a crew ready to repair the water system from the effects of the early freeze.

I want to thank everyone who has helped on Burger Nights in March and April...grill cooks, fry-guys, soup-makers, order-takers, prep and delivery. Trish Soto went above and beyond, shopping and oil cleaning, while our terrific Juniors Ben and Emmaline did a great job delivering dinners. Proceeds go toward next year's Commodore's Ball, and I appreciate everyone's pulling together for two great months!

Spring prep is around the corner, painting and waxing; taking care of our boats so they will take care of us this summer. During this ritual, be sure to clean up daily and dispose of materials used. Who will be the first launched? Will anyone challenge Bill Huntley for the annual honors?

Congratulations to the MBC team for winning 1st Place in the AYC Pool League for the 2nd year in a row! Our champions held off former winners in a playoff match. Games were traded back and forth until Team MBC's concentration forced the opponents into a meltdown and proceeded to win the final games to take the championship. What an exciting finish!

Did you receive a postcard from MBC recently? Our Membership Chairman Nick Pinotti analyzed the city of Monroe, carefully selected 5 zones based on demographics that suit our membership, and developed a mailing to every household in those select neighborhoods. These high-quality cards can be found in the lounge area of the club, so feel free to give them to folks who might enjoy being a member.

April begins the incredible Boaters Breakfasts (4th Sunday) hosted by the Auxiliary. MBC has supported the AYC, I-LYA and Monroe Fraternal Order of Police by placing ads in each of their publications to promote our events, Burger Nights, Regatta and Boaters Breakfasts to these targeted audiences. I know when a visitor comes to MBC they are greeted with genuine enthusiasm. Just this month, several people from other clubs have gone out of their way to tell me how much they enjoyed being at our club for the UT Sailing Team fundraiser, and also the bus trip visits from WRCC and TSC. What we do here stands out from other organizations.

I hope all the MBC families have a very happy Easter this year.

Spring is almost here and now starts the fun and games!

The project that will get everything started will be the upstairs cleanup, slated for Saturday April 18th beginning at 9:00 am. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the building very soon. It will be a great way to start earning your work hours. To entice you further, I will be furnishing donuts and coffee. Use of a commercial dumpster is being donated by the Homrich Co. so make sure you call them for your demolition needs. This is quite an undertaking and I am expecting to make a HUGE dent in the buried treasures upstairs.

The second project not yet announced will be the outside spring cleanup. For many of you, these two events could fulfill all of your work hours...if you dare!

Lastly, the new windows for the back room have been approved. I will be fine tuning some things before they are unveiled.

Bar Hours (weather permitting):

Open 7 days/week

Until 10 pm Sun-Thr

Until midnight Sat/Sun*

**can be extended if warranted*



First of all I would like to Thank Everyone that helped out in and around the Bar during the month of March. Starting out with Tim Cartwright for sharing his musical talent on March 1st. Then there was a Great group of members (Including John Metter, Craig Sauer, Mike & Gail McCormick, Mike LeBrun, Chris Raymo, Mike Spitulski, Steve Hande, Tom Williams, Kurt Trendle and Al Michaud) that helped out on March 14th with a Bar Cleaning project. On March 17th I put together a St. Patrick's Dinner which started at Noon and Brian Huss, John Peterson along with Scott and Kim Fuller jumped in to prepare the plates, the serving and the clean-up. Both Bob Rosenberger and Jim Hensley have been helpful with their enthusiasm to do miscellaneous projects for me. And of Course I can't go without mentioning how much I appreciate everything that Dewey Edwards does for me. Then there is my husband Rick which helps me out at home tremendously since I'm hardly ever there and puts up with me being aggravated at times. Thanks Everyone!!!

On Wednesday March 18th Brandie from Lauvers (cash register company) came in and meet with Jaci Grady, Gail McCormick, Dewey Edwards and myself. We reviewed several different items regarding the register and the reports that it generates. Jaci seems very excited to be getting involved with the system and is looking forward to helping out.

We have had several visiting buses come into MBC during the past month. Our bartenders have done a Great Job of taking care of things behind the bar during the rushes. Our P/F Captain Bill LeVally and his wife Lady Lori along with their Great helpers have done a wonderful job with putting out food for our guest. The members that have brought in food donation along with the members that have helped welcome these people have been appreciated. Also, Thank You to those members that during these incoming buses that have waited to fix yourselves something to eat by waiting until after the buses have left. It can be difficult to plan and prepare enough food to feed our visitors especially when we have two buses in the same day.

As I have mentioned previously Steve Hohman has been looking in a security camera system for our Club. He has sent me a semi-formal letter detailing his findings and an initial estimate. I plan to bring this up for discussion at the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday March 25th.

The front Bar will be Closed starting Thursday April 9th for approximately 1 week to allow time to do some needed work. (cont'd page 3.....)



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES:

April 1, 12 noon MBC Book Club

April 26, 4-6pm, The Joy of Eating & Drinking



The Book Club met March 4 and discussed the book The Land of Careful Shadows. Judy Peterson reports that no one liked the book, so they are not recommending it. Books to be read for

the remainder of the Spring are as follows:

April 1 - Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bojhalian

May 6 - Cell by Robin Cook

June 3 - The Island by Elia Hilderbrand



Come join us 4-6pm Sunday, April 26th, for "The Joy of Eating and Drinking"

- Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about our summer social lives! Planning an event and trying something different can be challenging!

Have you ever hosted a party and not felt sure about plans for cocktails and appetizers? What beers would be best and what snacks would go well? ...or What would be an interesting wine/wines to try and should we try cheese or something else?or What spirits and mixes could go well and with what foods? What would be best in the winter or summer?

Come, see, sample and hear about great combinations you may enjoy. There will be three mini sessions. Each of three speakers will share information about wines, beers, and spirits for about 20 minutes each, followed by 20 minutes of beverage and food samplings. All for a low, low fee...A \$5 admission fee includes 2 tickets. Each ticket can be used for 3 samples of beverage and 3 samples of appetizers. Extra tickets will be available for \$3 or \$5 for 2 tickets. Mark your calendars now for this event!

Reminder to All Past Commodores and Auxiliary Presidents... The History of Monroe Boat Club is in the production stage and will be ready for publication by May 30. Every past commodore and auxiliary president for whom e-mails or addresses are known have been contacted. The book will include historical information of the Monroe Yacht Club from 1868-1945 and then carry on with the merger in 1945 to form Monroe Boat Club. We have received information from some commodores and auxiliary presidents. If no information is received, then copies of the newsletter and meeting minutes will provide missing data. An absolute deadline is May 1.



Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willett

Hello again and greetings from the tiller. Spring is around the corner! People are starting to wear shorts and t-shirts again, until it snows today and is 14 degrees tonight, but that's Michigan for you!

I want to extend a big "Thank You!" to all that supported the UT Fundraiser, it was a smashing success. We raised around \$3,500 with over 100 people in attendance, and had great support from the club. If you missed the band "The Fling!" perhaps we can bring them back for future events as they were a big hit! Many thanks to Marry Sacco for saving us with almost 30 pizzas, they were delicious! Also a big shout out to the various organizations within the club, the Blue Gavel, Satin Gavel, the Auxiliary as well as Rear Commodore Wendy Campbell and the bar (Corinne) did a great job. Special thanks to both the Power and Sail Fleets for working the event! What a great event, many thanks to all, over and over!

Our next event will be the annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 3rd. We've had a great turnout for support already and are looking forward to another fantastic fish fry. This year we will be providing French Fries as well as potatoes, the fish will be Pollack or Cod (we're still waiting on pricing) I was thinking Silver Fin but no one else was interested. The choice of fish will be baked or fried and it's all you can eat. So come on out, bring the friends and family, grab some drinks at the back bar and listen to DJ Wally who will be providing quality music for your listening enjoyment.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be on April 16th at 6:30pm in the back room. It's also a burger night so come on in, grab a bite to eat, get a drink, support the bar and let's talk sailing!

See you around the club!



Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Well, they say April showers bring May flowers so let's hope its not more snow showers!

I want to say thank you to all of you who donated your time to help us through double incoming bus trips. All the donations were greatly appreciated. I'm sorry to say I had to cancel our own bus trip; hopefully we can put something together next fall.

I must say, that on my way to the club it gave me chills of joy to see open water in the creek. Oh boy do I have the itch to float the boat. Let's pray the price of fuel stays down.

Are you as excited as me to think it's not long until the Poker Runs and Club Cruises begin? It should be a great summer with great destinations planned and the Poker Runs being fairly nearby. It sure would be awesome to see new faces attending this summer.

Remember to check the boards and postings for upcoming events. So keeping it short, been a long month, so think spring and have a happy Easter!



Dock Master, Tom Henry

FINALLY, Spring is here, the ice is melting quickly, days are getting longer and boats will be docking soon. We have secured Monroe Plumbing and Heating to replace the current water system that was frozen and damaged. Work on the dock water supply system should be starting soon. We are hoping to have the job completed by mid May. The whole system will be replaced with galvanized steel piping. They will be installing drain and isolation valves that will make winterizing easier. During the first winterization of the system, MPH will provide direction in the proper winterization of the system.

MPH did a lot of research on the plastic piping and found it does not hold up well in direct sunlight. I plan on keeping the members informed on the progress of the work being done. If anyone has any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me and I will address them.

Please watch the boards at the club for scheduled dock work parties in the near future and postings for re-rents of docks. I would like to thank Commodore Dave Ryan, P/C Brian Moyer, my dock committee and advisory board for their guidance, input and advice on this decision.

EUCHRE Come One, Come All!



Join us for the fun every Sunday

Registration: 12pm

Game Time: 1pm

Cost: \$5/per player

Bring an appetizer to pass

Questions? Contact

Richard Boose

rboose@live.com

419-349-6079



Auxiliary, Celeste Hoitash

Not sure what suddenly happened to all the snow, but no complaints from this end!

Maybe Spring is actually here? The birds are beginning to sing and the rivers are beginning to flow. We do live in Michigan and we certainly know how things can change...just wait 5 minutes, right? But there is always hope - - hope that with at least the first signs of Spring, we can be sure that boating season and warmer weather is not too far behind!

Spring cleaning is something most people do this time of year, and at MBC it is no different. April 18, 2015 is Attic Cleaning Day. This is a team effort from ALL members and Auxiliary. Your help is needed to make this project successful!

The Auxiliary is very excited to bring back what has become known as one of the best breakfasts around and that is the Boater's Breakfast, starting April 26th. Bring your appetite and come out and support MBC. We are sure you won't be disappointed!

Rear Commodore, continued....

The back Bar will be Open the normal operating hours and the scheduled activities will take place as planned. Anyone that is interested in helping with projects in the Bar Please Sign-up on the Cork Board or e-mail me. Please specify what days and hours that you are interested in helping out and getting in some work hours. Some of the things that I would like to get accomplished are the removal of the ceiling tiles, painting of the grid, plumbing issues, refinish the front side of the Bar, work on the lighting, cleaning of the walls and the base board, getting the carpets cleaned, along with various other task. I would be interested in talking to those of you that have knowledge and ideas how to complete these projects properly and in a timely manner. We have many talented members that enjoy and take pride in their workmanship and this may be a good time to show off your expertise.

In my last news article I mentioned that I had some entertainment that I wanted to bring to MBC and was looking for an entity in the Club that was possible interested in doing a dinner. No one contacted me about it so I talked to Dan Breiding and he will be doing an Island Dinner for me from 5:30-7:30pm on April 11th. Dan will be preparing Jerk Chicken and Stuffed Pork Loin, Mango Chutney, Rice Pilaf, along with a Vegetable, Rolls and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the cork board to sign-up to help us plan how much food to prepare. Please sign-up, call the bar and ask the bartender to sign you up or e-mail me. The entertainment will be the "Steel Blue" band starting at 8pm. If your interested in checking them out you can watch a 4 minute video by going to

www.steelblue.us. This event will be held in the banquet room and should be lots of fun. Wear your tropical clothes and lets bring the Islands to MBC.

Many of you have asked about having "Name that Tune" again. Well, Mark your Calendars for May 9th because Steve Bryant will be back for the evening. The evening will start out with a Steak Roast from 5-7pm sponsored by the MBC Blue Gavel which has a sign-up sheet posted to help them plan how much food to purchase. Name that Tune will start shortly after dinner.

Member Directory Updates - Deadline for submitting any changes for the 2015 Directory is April 30, 2015

Please review your listing in the MBC Directory. If you would like to make any changes or additions for 2015 not previously reported, please click the following link to update your information. Please include your spouse/SO's phone number & Email address so this information can be included in the 2015 Directory.

http://www.vintagehatteras.co/vintagehatteras.co/MBC_Member_Information.html

If you don't have access to a computer, please mail any changes to me at the following address:

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DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION

20th of each month

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View the Harbor Light and other club events online!

Monroe Boat Club Blue Gavel



Steak Roast



Sat. May 9th 5:00pm-7:00pm

12 oz. New York Strip \$15 or Chicken Breast \$12, Baked Potato, Salad, Vegetable, With All the Fixings, Roll and Dessert
Please Sign-Up to Help with the Planning

Name That Tune



Starting at 7pm



***Teams of No more than Ten
*8 Rounds**

***50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 00's, Country
And 2 Bonus rounds**

***Jackpot rounds at the end of each round
*Cell phones NOT ALLOWED**



***Prizes awarded to the winner**



The Great Lakes Cruising Club
School news release concerning
online courses:

<http://www.glcclub.com/glcclub-school-2014-15-school-year-news-release>.

School website:

<http://www.glcclub.com/home>

WANTED: MONROE BOAT CLUB KIDS!!

Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship Applications
available online, March 2015 at:
www.monroeboatclub.org
Applications due March 31, 2015.



The Sailing Fleet is offering opportunities for youth in learning and/or developing sailing skills, **including scholarships to North Cape Yacht Club SAIL CAMP.**

Sail Camp consists of one week of daily certified instruction this summer, From Beginner to Advanced skill levels, aboard 1-person "Optimist" dinghy or 2-person "Club Flying Junior (CFJ)"
OPEN TO ALL KIDS AGE 8 through 18!
Must be able to swim

Joy of Eating and Drinking

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Have you ever hosted a party and not felt sure about plans for cocktails and appetizers? What beers would be best and what snacks would go well? ...or What would be an interesting wine/wines to try and should we try cheese or something else?or What spirits and mixes could go well and with what foods? What would be best in the winter or summer?

Come see, sample and hear about great combinations you may enjoy or offer. There will be 3 mini sessions. Each of 3 speakers will share information for about 20 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of beverage and food samplings. All for a low, low fee...A \$5 admission fee includes 2 tickets.

Hear from :

- Matt Bunkelman of the "129 Lounge" on Beer
- Dair Piedmont of US Wine Imports on Wine
- Barb Hemry of the Monroe Liquor Plaza on Spirits/Moonshine

Each ticket can be used for 3 samples of beverage and 3 samples of appetizers. Extra tickets will be available for \$3 or \$5 for 2 tickets.

Monroe Boat Club

Club and Community Events Committee

"The Joy of Eating and Drinking"

Sunday April 26th, 4:00-6:00pm

Enjoy beverage and food samplings, including:



Beer

Matt Bunkelman, 129 Lounge



Wine

Dair Piedmont, US Wine Imports



Spirits

Barb Hemry, Monroe Liquor Plaza



Appetizers

Chef John Rudy, MBC Cookbook

Come see, sample and hear about combinations you may enjoy.

\$5 admission for 2 tickets and 3 mini sessions,

each with 20 min of info and 20 min of sampling.

(1 ticket = 3 beverage samples, and appetizers)

\$5 for 2 extra tickets, or \$3 per ticket.

Members, Friends and Family are Welcomed!



The Sounds of Summer all Year Long

Let's Bring the Islands to

MBC on Sat. April 11th

Island Dinner \$8.00 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Jerked (1/2) Chicken or Stuffed Pork Tenderloin,
Mango Chutney, Rice Pilaf, Veg, Roll & Dessert

Please Sign-Up to Help with the Planning

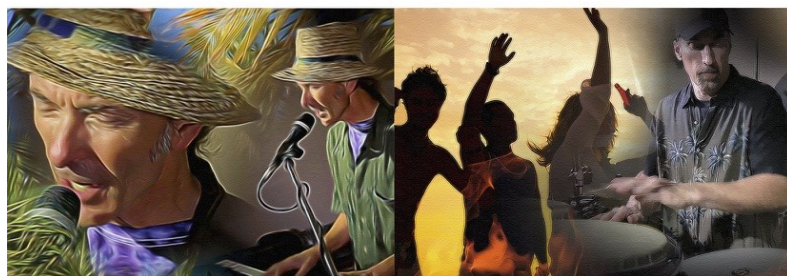
SteelBlue Band with Steel Drums, Conga's, Keyboards,
Guitars & Percussion

Starting at 8pm

Wear Your Tropical Clothes and Let's Have a Party!!!

Watch a 4 minute montage of ten of Steel Blue's most popular performances at www.steelblue.us

www.SteelBlue.us 734-968-7731





Thank you MBC members for your generosity at the UT Sailing Team Fund Raiser on Feb 27



Welcome New Members

Tom Allen and his wife Mary Louise live in Monroe, MI. He is an active member of Monroe's community along with being the owner of Stanford-Allen Chevrolet Cadillac. Tom and his family enjoy boating, traveling, and snow skiing.



Eric Waldhaus recently moved from Illinois to Toledo. He is a retired statistician with the USDA. Eric's hobbies include sailing and house restoration.



April 2015

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The Harbor Light

BOATING ITEMS FOR SALE:

2 trolling planner boards & 36 stainless releases \$175; 16' x 32' canvas tarp \$50; walleye landing net 28" x extendable 10' \$50; 15" Danforth anchor and 200' anchor rode \$60; Hayward dia. earth filter tank & filtration assembly \$350; 6 Perko stainless rod holders \$90; 50' shore power cord 30 amp (spare-like new) \$150; cement/ mortar mixer, new electric motor, 200' 12-gauge power cord \$350; top-side oil change pump/can \$15; stainless live well \$10; extendable 8' Gaf \$15; various Great Lakes navigation & Loran coordinates charts & chart tools \$10 ea.; US Power Squadron course book \$10; 200' anchor rode (spare not used) \$50; Blue Eye 200K 12-volt hand held spot light \$15; Apelco hand held ship-to-shore radio w/charger \$20; Red Devil electric hand vac \$25; First aid kit \$10; 11' stainless canopy arch & mount brackets \$50; Apelco fish finder \$30; Hand-held West Marine GPS \$50; various 3/4" and 1/2" dock lines and rope \$10 ea.; various sundry items.

Dean Bodine 734-390-8471

House for Sale: 711 Palmwood Ave, 3BR, 2ba, 1980 SF, nice bsmt, 2.5 det garage. Built 1991, perfect condition, dead-end quiet street only 4.5 miles from the club.

John Metter jmsm96b@comcast.net

1989 27 ft. Mirage Intimidator, twin-350 Magnums, 270 hp. No trailer. \$7750/OBO Ken Rowland 734-771-0153

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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 Ed when sold.

MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

April

- 1 - Book Club 12n
- 3 - Good Friday Fish Fry 5pm
 - DJ Wally Gator 8pm
- 4 - MRYC Bus Visit ~330pm
- 8 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 8 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 9 - Front bar closed until 4/16
- 11 - Island Dinner 530pm
 - Steel Blue band 8pm
- 18 - Attic Cleaning Work Party
- 20 - Bunco 6pm
- 22 - Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm**
- 26 - Boater's Breakfast 9am
- 26 - CCEC Seminar "the Joys of Eating and Drinking"
- 27-28 ILYA Spring Meeting

Ongoing Events:

Sundays - Euchre

3rd Mondays - Bunco

Thursdays - Burgers

4th Sundays - Boater's Breakfast

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

Offering Delicious

Homemade Soup!



May

- 6 - Book Club 12n
- 9 - Blue Gavel Steak Roast 5pm
 - Name That Tune 7pm
- 10 - **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**
- 13 - Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm
- 13 - Board Meeting 7pm**
- 18 - AYC Dinner/Mtg. (MBC)
- 27 - Gen. Membership Mtg. 7pm
- 24 - Boater's Breakfast 9am
- 25 - **HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**
 - Events begin 9am

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