

# HARBOR LIGHT

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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

April 2017



**Club Commodore,  
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,  
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,**

**H**ello all!  
Well April is here, time to polish those boats. Nicole and I have attended a couple more balls this month.

Ford Yacht Club, congratulations Commodore Steve Gravlin & Lady Wendy and Harbor View Yacht Club, congratulations Commodore Bob Stoldt & Lady Michele.

Then there was our ball! What a day that was. We started at 3pm with the Preglow and thanks to the Moyers didn't end till 5am. I can't thank the ball committee enough. They put an awesome event together. Thank you very much. Everybody gets two thumbs up!

I want to thank Scott and Kim Fuller for stepping back in to run the bar until a replacement Rear can be found.

On April 8, we will be holding an Open House, Membership Drive, Steak Roast and Opening of Ladies' Room with entertainment DJ and comedy show. Please try to attend and help welcome in some potential new members.

Rear Commodore Kristin Whittico has taken a job promotion and needed to step down from the Rear Commodore position. This month's R/C article was written with help from several individuals and we need our members cooperation in the clubhouse. We will leave challenging headwinds in the past and focus on fun and enjoyment in the months ahead.

Commodore  
David Fetterly

## Important Notice

As many are aware, our Rear Commodore has resigned her R/C position as of 3/17/2017 due to accepting a new position within her employment career field. We regret our loss of this Flag Officer.

Scott Fuller will be filling in temporary through the month of April. Monroe Boat Club is a volunteer run organization. Board members, organizations such as Auxiliary, Sail Fleet, Power Fleet, Satin Gavel, Blue Gavel, and the various committees require individual members with a common selfless goal of improving our club. Volunteering, and yes- getting in your work hours at the minimum, is appreciated which results in improving our club.

Correspondingly, we would like to take this occur-

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**I**s it spring yet? This yo yo season changing is about to end and getting the boat ready for summer is close to being next on the things to do list.

Here at the club we have been working toward spring. Especially completing those inside jobs. Roof leaks are being located and addressed. Hopefully I will be able to replace the ceiling tiles; and this time they will not get re-stained. The ladies' restroom is about complete. It is looking good.

Next up is that we have to address the outside jobs to support the upcoming boating season. I will be looking for volunteers to assist with those identified projects as well new ones needing to be addressed. Some of the seawall steps approaching various docks are in need of repair. The decking at the shoreline on the west property will need to be repaired to support the possibility of new docks there. General grounds cleanup around the club will also be needed. The recent high winds have resulted in disassembling the children's gym set located by the pavilion. Here again another project for the spring.

With all that being said spring is just around the corner and the best part of boating here on Lake Erie is clearly in sight. Smile summer is coming!

Vice Commodore  
Dan Thomas



## Important Notice Continued...

rence to appeal to the membership to consider volunteering for leadership positions at all levels within MBC. Our club can only improve with your positive effort in guidance being given. The interface with other members is enhanced and respect for the diversity within MBC is enriched. Talk to the Board members, both present and prior, to understand the rewards as well as the time commitment various positions entail.

For sure, whether you are a newer member or an "old salt", becoming more active in the club has many beneficial rewards.

**M**onroe Boat Club Members, our club was founded on the premise of socializing with others that have a love of boating. We like to call ourselves "the friendliest Boat Club on Lake Erie" and we want our members and guests to feel welcome when they enter the club. We want our club to live up to that statement and be a place for our members to get together and enjoy each other's company.

With that in mind, we ask everyone to be considerate of our other members, guests, and staff while visiting the club, and consider how our behavior affects others while at the club. We would like to remind our members of a couple of our "house rules."

*Rule 10 states: The bartender on duty shall receive respectful cooperation from all Club members and guests in maintaining reasonable decorum in the club house. Those members and/or guests who, in the judgment of the bartender or a member of the Board of Directors, are in violation of good order, discipline, and/or decorum, shall leave the premises of the Club House upon request to do so by the said bartender or a member of the Board of Directors.*

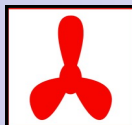
*Rule 11 states: There shall be no persistent use of profanity, acts of vulgarity, conduct or excessive noise, which results in disturbing the peaceful use of the Club House facility by others.*

*Rule 15 states: No reprimand or order shall be given to employees of the Club except by members of the Board of Directors.*

We have had some recent incidents where these rules have not been followed and we would like to remind everyone to please be respectful of the other people in the club. There have been some recent incidents of members shouting at other members, giving direction to staff, and acting in a manner that is not consistent with the values of MBC. Our club hours, and our activities are based on the ability to count on our members to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Monroe Boat Club.

Please help us continue to be "The friendliest club on Lake Erie."

**Stage your boat for Spring Prep  
at the MBC Yard for just \$3.00/day  
if you are not already a MBC  
Storage Customer.  
Please coordinate with  
Rick Campbell 734-915-6043.**



## Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Wow what a crazy month for weather one day getting the itch to pull the shrink wrap off and then shoveling snow the next, welcome to Michigan. I'm sure most of you have seen some changes going on in the club, this is a good reason to attend the monthly meetings so you as members can be well informed of all the happenings. This is your club.

Well on to April, it's going to be a busy month around the bar we have two bus trips stopping in beginning with O.R.Y.C. bringing in 100 people on the 1st, followed by Sunseekers with 50 people on the 22nd. As many of you know M.B.C. is known for the wonderful food we supply our guest bus trips with so I have to ask for your help with food donations as we could not have the great reputation as good host without the members help. Every donation earns you two hours.

Now on to our outgoing bus; we will be departing the club at noon and returning at 7:00. Our first stop will be Seaway Boat Club then off to Alba Mar Boat Club, our final stop will be at Detroit Beach. Beer and jello shots will be aboard, if you wish for something of a different flavor please bring it along. It's been a long time since we have put a bus trip on so if I make some mistakes please bear with me. I will note all advise to use for the round.

Thank you  
Power Fleet Captain  
Bill LeVally

### A Special Thanks...

The following was submitted by Monroe Boat Club 2014 Past Commodore and Inter-Lake Yachting Association 2017 Vice Commodore Mike Powers:

The February Burger Nights this year were a fundraiser for the I-LYA Vice Commodore - me! Thanks to the great support from Monroe Boat Club and its members, this turned out to be the best fundraiser I've had thus far!

For the very first Thursday, I threw out a Commodores Class Challenge that filled the back room! Then Rear Commodore Kristen Whittico opened the back bar and the extra folks the challenge brought in led to excellent bar profits for the evening!

I want to thank the membership for allowing me to hold fundraisers at Monroe Boat Club and especially those individuals who helped with the actual Burger Nights in February! Those working in the kitchen included: P/C Brian and Lori Moyer, Bill and Sheryl O'Conner, Lou Dallman and Jeri Steffy, Linda Lamb (twice), Kim Fuller, Sue VanThomme and her daughter Jennifer, P/C Rodger Dutton, Ed Swinkey (twice), Larry and Mary Kay Inguagiato, Bob Copp (twice), Mikki Stokes, Fred Hoitash (twice), Don Iott, Steve Maynard, Vicki Franzen, Don Tarry, Kay Sisung and Ken Nazradi, Mark Braunlich, P/C Wendy Campbell, and P/C Kathy Powers.

In addition to working in the kitchen during the Burger Nights, Kim and Scott Fuller and P/C Wendy Campbell made the delicious soups throughout the month.

Finally, Kim and Scott Fuller and Wendy Campbell did the ordering and purchasing throughout the month.

Again, thanks to everyone for helping to show that MBC is "the friendliest club on Lake Erie!"

Mike Powers



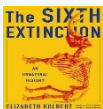
## Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- April 5, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- May 4, 7:00, Clean Water Harbor Presentation
- June 6-7, 8-2, Environmental Career Day for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders
- June 15, 7:00, Kayaking Tips and Know-How



**MBC Book Club...** Judy Peterson leads the group and writes, "We're trying something new- everyone is going to read a book of their choice and report to the club at our next meeting. Should be fun as we all seem to have stacks of books we already own and want to read. We encourage anyone who wants to enjoy a little lunch and conversation about books to join us at our next meeting, April 5, 2017. The Book Club Calendar is posted on the bulletin board at MBC. We welcome anyone who would like to join us!" Any questions, please email Judy Peterson at [jpeter-son4647@aol.com](mailto:jpeter-son4647@aol.com).



**The Sixth Extinction:** An Unnatural History is a 2014 non-fiction book written by Elizabeth Kolbert and published by Henry Holt & Company. The book demonstrates that the Earth is in the midst of a modern, man-made, sixth extinction. It's an excellent read. Two films that address the "two-worlds" that are driving us towards the next big extinction will be shown this month. The first brings awareness to the devastating effects of the international wildlife trade and the oil and gas industries. It will be shown on April 4 at 3:00 at the IHM Motherhouse on Elm Street, and on Monday, April 10, at the Ida Library. The second film revolves around the continued education about worldwide environmental issues and compassion for the things we risk losing every day. This will be shown on Tuesday, April 18, at IHM Motherhouse at 3:00, and on Monday April 24, at Ida Library at 6:30.



**Clean Water Harbor...** On November 10, 2016, Michigan designated its portion of Lake Erie as "impaired" under provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

One of the ways members of MBC and other marinas along our channel can assist is to learn about the Clean Water Harbor certification process. MBC will host at MBC a special presentation on May 4 by Brian Kelley, the representative from the Clean Water Certification (co-sponsored by the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Boat Manufacturing Association, and others). Toledo Beach Marina recently received its certification.

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## Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

First and foremost, my thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Nancy Baisch and Janet Kozlowski. Please keep both Bob Baisch and P/C Jim Kozlowski, along with Tom and Grant Kozlowski and their families, in your thoughts during this very difficult time. Thank you again to everyone that was able to help me out at Nancy Baisch's luncheon. I do not know how I would have done it without all of you, along with everyone who donated an item toward the luncheon. You are all awesome!! Unfortunately, my emails did not reach everyone and I apologize. I did recently receive a current roster with all of the Auxiliary members' email addresses, so I will be updating my computer with same so this does not happen again in the future. I would ask you to keep in mind that if at any time during the year your email changes please let me and/or Sue Van Thomme know.

The signup sheet for the Children's Easter Party will be taken down on March 26th, so if you have not signed up, please do so. The party is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Our next Auxiliary Board Meeting is currently scheduled for April 12, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. with the Auxiliary General Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

*The Following Was Written and Submitted by Michele Lachcik:*

I would like to thank the MBC Membership and Auxiliary for your support of the Ladies bathroom remodel. I appreciate everyone that helped with the planning, the tear out, installing ceiling tiles & painting, purchasing of items to support the project, or simply just supporting us. The bathroom was in dire need of updating and because of your support, this project has come to fruition. It should be completed soon, if it is not already completed at the time of this writing.

The Satin Gavel will be hosting a Membership drive on April 8th beginning at 3:00pm, along with a steak roast and band during evening. During this event, the Auxiliary will be hosting an "open house" of our newly remodeled bathroom. Please come check it out & have some champagne on us.

Again, thank you for supporting this project.

Michele Lachcik  
MBC Auxiliary Board & Past President

### CCEC continued...



**Make sure your boat registration is up to date.** All watercraft, unless exempt, must be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State.

Registrations expire March 31 in the third year of issuance. Boaters can register their watercraft online, by mail or in person. Learn more at [www.michigan.gov/boating](http://www.michigan.gov/boating).



**Upcoming Events on the 2017 Drawing Board.** Watch for announcements of 2017 events: kids fishing derby, a marine garage sale, a rowing race, and the used book sale.





## Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

Greetings everyone! Well the dock assignment meeting is now past us. All in all, I believe everything went well. I would like to thank my dock committee for an outstanding job! Without your help, it would be impossible to get the job done. I would also like to congratulate our new dock holders!

There are currently as of this writing 3 B docks that will be going up for re-rent. These docks are of the smaller variety of B docks and will be posted in early April for 10 days in accordance to the Dock Rules. There are no D or C docks at this time that are available for re-rent, however if this were to change, I will have a chimp mail notice sent out to those that are looking for this opportunity.

Work has begun on the repairs to the Main T dock and you can see the crane and barge in the harbor. I have had several people approach me to help with some of the repairs and maintenance that we have scheduled. I would like to thank them for stepping up! Aside from the repairs to be done by Michigan Waterways, we have re-decking plans, safety ladders to be re-secured to a couple of docks, and painting to be done, so if you would like to get some work hours in, feel free to contact me and I will begin to get the work parties set up for each project. We will also be looking to get some deck work done on the west property so as to free up an open dock that would be available as a re-rent.

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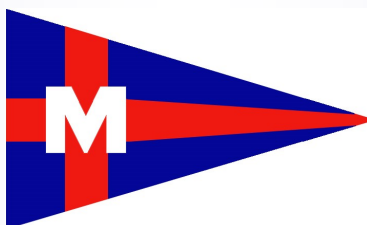


## Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

Greetings. I hope everyone has settled back into a more normal Michigan winter after the last couple of weeks. First, we have warm weather that made it feel like we were starting spring, then a wild day with tropical storm winds sustained over several hours, resulting in over 1 million people in Michigan without power. This was followed by temperatures dropping back into the teens and single digits while local and out of state linemen worked 16-hour days to restore power to everyone. Crazy weather, even for Michigan. I look forward to prepping boats for launch, and this year's boating season. For me, it can't come soon enough.

Our next Sail Fleet meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM. We will be ramping up our summer plans and developing the rest of our 2017 SF Schedule. Sail Fleet members please plan on attending.

See you at the club!



## Dock Master continued...

Lastly, as a reminder to all new dock holders: You are required by the Dock Rules to have a courtesy marine exam performed on your boat the first season that you occupy your dock. (known as a CME) As we get closer to the boating season, I will get dates set up for these CME's for your compliance. Of course, all current dock holders are encouraged to do the same.

Best wishes!  
P/C Ron Soto  
2107 Dock Master



P/C Dave Ryan presenting the MBC Burgee to Commodore Jose Escrich of the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba at the awards ceremony following the Miami to Havana sailing race. Dave was part of a Lake Erie crew on board the Hylas 48 "Island Sol" winning their division.

### FLAG OFFICERS for 2017

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Yard Master.....Chuck Taylor

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Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley

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

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**20th of each month**

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# **MONROE BOAT CLUB**

## **Satin Gavel STEAK ROAST**



**8 APRIL 2017  
5:30 - 8:00 P.M**

**STEAK \$15.00**

**CHICKEN \$12.00**

**SPLITS/SIDES \$5.00**

**MENU INCLUDES - POTATOES - SALAD  
DESSERT - & - COFFEE**

**SIGN UP SHEET IN BAR**



**Entertainment by DJ Al Michaud  
8:00pm – Midnight**

**Comedian Steve Smargon  
7:00pm-8:30pm**



**MONROE BOAT CLUB  
AUXILIARY**

**WOMEN'S BATHROOM OPEN HOUSE**



**APRIL 8, 2017**

**4:00PM – 6:00PM**



**WELCOME  
ALL MEMBERS and GUESTS  
TO CELEBRATE  
THE NEWLY RENOVATED WOMEN'S  
BATHROOM**





# April 2017

## CLASSIFIED

Exterior Boat Detailing  
call Brian Amer for a quote  
419-350-9945

For sale: Two six foot sections of  
Bakers Steel Scaffolds.

Like new condition.

Asking three hundred dollars.

Contact Cyndi Gent

(313) 690-6904

(Ad: Dec 2016)

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May 1 - Nov 1

### Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Chuck Taylor

313-570-8961

### BOAT WASHING & WAXING

Using top quality material

Call early spring for estimate  
and booking!

Steve Wright 734-634-2729

(son of Cyndi Gent)

JACKSTANDS for Sailboats  
Chains & pads included (4) 48"  
stands for sides (1) 42" stand for  
under bow \$300/offer  
Call Bill 734-612-9842

# The Harbor Light

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. Hon-  
da outboard 9.9 HP

Asking \$4000

email: keelbolt72@gmail.com

(Ad: Mar 2017)

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

## MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

# April

- 1 - ORYC Bus Trip to MBC
- 2 - Kids' Easter Party @ 1pm-4pm
- 5 - Book Club @ noon
- 8 - Open House, Membership  
Drive, Steak Roast, Opening of  
Ladies Room
- 12 - Board Meeting@ 7pm
- 12 - Auxiliary Meetings  
@ 6:30pm and 7pm
- 18 - MBC Association Meeting  
@ 7pm
- 22 - SSBC Bus Trip to MBC
- 23 - Breakfast & Bloody Mary Bar  
@ 9am-Noon
- 26 - General Membership Meeting  
@ 7pm

### Ongoing Events:

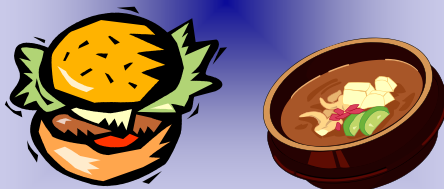
Thurs - Burgers & Soup



### BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade  
Soup!



# May

- 4 - Clean Water Harbor  
Presentation
- 28 - Commodore's Breakfast
- 29 - Blue Gavel Memorial Day  
Service @ 9am

Stay up to date with all of the club's events on the web site: [www.monroeboatclub.org](http://www.monroeboatclub.org)