

# HARBOR LIGHT

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\* MONROE BOAT CLUB \*

October 2017



**Club Commodore,  
Dave Fetterly**



**Vice Commodore,  
Dan Thomas**



**Rear Commodore,  
Doug Sharp**

**H**ello all  
We are at that time of the Year that we see our neighboring Dock holders hauling gear off their boats and vacating docks, but I assure you, life goes on at the club. The Polish Dinner is Oct 7, the annual Sail Fleet Banquet is Oct 14, P/C Mike Powers is having a Bowling Fund-raiser Oct 15, The Auxiliary Dinner is Oct 20, Membership Dinner and Elections are on the 27, Euchre will be starting at the end of Oct or early Nov. Our R/C Doug has lined up some entertainment in the Bar over the next couple months. Also take the opportunity the wish our Snowbirds "Safe Travels".

As my Commodore year winds down, we have finished the Reception season and Ball Season is upon us again, Lady Nicole and I are looking forward to celebrating with our fellow 17s at the last 5 Balls.

Commodore  
David Fetterly

## 2018 Officer Nominations:

- Commodore - Dan Thomas / Fred Hoitash
- Vice Commodore - P/C Jeff Morrow
- Rear Commodore - Doug Sharp
- Power Fleet Captain - Craig Sauer
- Sail Fleet Captain - Dan Montgomery
- Secretary - Barb Johnson
- Treasurer - Bob Tasker
- Financial Secretary - Larry Inguagiato
- Dock Master - P/C Ron Soto
- Director (4 year term) - David Fetterly
- Finance Committee (3 year term) - Lance Piedmonte

Since the Commodore position is contested, there will be an election ballot included with the dues billing. The vote will occur at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 27th. Per the By-Laws, any absentee ballots must be received by 10 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**F**all is here and unfortunately this results in seeing boats starting to leave their summer docks. The end of the season also signals the recognition of those members who have contributed over 40 volunteer work hours to the club over this past year. I, along with my wife Mary, was privileged recently to put on their recognition streak roast for these deserving members. I would like to thank Wendy Campbell for making this ceremonial dinner a success. Along with Wendy thank you to Rick Campbell, Don Blouin, Charlotte Neuhauser and Garrett in assisting us with the steak roast.

I was asked to clarify work hours. The Flag Officers, Dock Master, any member of the Board, as well as the Chairman of an event for that event can sign work hour slips. These slips are located on the windowsill between the hall way and the bar on the hall way side. Also, they can be found in the Kitchen in the drawer next to the sink across from the refrigerator. They are a triplicate slip with the yellow and white copies being placed in their respective box(s) when filled out and signed. The boxes are located under the above windowsill for documenting the work hours. The member for his or her own record/receipt keeps the pink copy. To find how many volunteer hours one has acquired go to the Monroe Boat Club website. Go to "members" then log in. Then go to "member work hours" where the latest tabulation by the Financial Secretary is located; and you will find a compiled list. Work hours are further explained in Article IV under Section 1C. of the Monroe Boat Club membership (Green 2017) ... "Membership Rooster, House Rules, By-Law book, Auxiliary By-Laws and Dock Laws" book.

At the recent Board Meeting expansion of the parking lot onto the west property to support increased parking for the docks was approved. This is a project we have been pursuing since last November. This construction project will be worked late this month or in October. We also are taking bids for replacing the roof top HVAC units supporting the Banquet room. The Rear Commodore has provided funding to support this project which benefits the back bar also. Another project being given some review is remodeling of the hallway by the bathrooms. Actually, this may result in multiple facets/projects.

This fall we will be looking at getting the Club ready for the upcoming winter months that will require help from the membership. Here is a chance to get in your work hours early in the accounting year. Please contact me if you want to help.

**H**i everyone, from the Rear Commodore and the bar team. October is here and it's that time of year. We'll all be pulling our boats, and winterizing. Working on our docks and getting ready for old man winter. With that being said we've had a great summer here at the club, and some great functions here too. I'd like to thank everyone that has helped out here at the club to make things successful. We've had some great guest cooks in the kitchen helping out this year, Billy & Sherri Amatucci, Barb Nykodym, Commodore Fetterly, Carol Smith, and Burger night chairmen for donation of soups, and the volunteers that all helped out. Thank you for helping the bar team be successful this year. And every member that supports the bar operation daily.

We just had the forty-hour steak roast and what a great function that was! I'd like to personally thank Vice Commodore Dan Thomas, Rick & Wendy Campbell, Don & Charlotte Blouin, and the rest of the volunteers that made the steak roast a success! Awesome job!

We here at the bar are working hard at making some improvements at the club. I've made up to a \$20,000.00 commitment to the club, to have both air handlers in the hall replaced or repaired. We here at the bar are working on having the poles removed in the bar room to increase seating, and improve the looks of our bar room. We also are planning on having carpet replaced in our bar room, and having some paint work completed very soon! I'd like to thank Scott and Kim Fuller for the monies they raised towards carpet and paint work. We also have a couple smaller projects planned, some shelving behind bar for glassware, and a trophy case where the window is near pool table, are in the works to be reviewed by finance committee, and then the board. All this is possible because of the daily support of our members at the bar, our special functions, and the record success we had at regatta this year. Thank you!

I plan on running this year again as your Rear Commodore. We have a lot more work to do here at the bar, and I'd like to get the projects I've planned completed. I'm looking forward to working hard for the club, and membership and to make this another successful year.

We also have a Polish Dinner planned Oct. 7th, and Temperance Tonic for entertainment. I have Angel Tipping planned to come back Oct. 14th, and the 28th 8pm-12pm. And let me tell you if you haven't seen these acts, it's worth the trip.

Thank you,  
Rear Commodore  
Doug Sharp



## Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

### ACTIVITIES

- October 4, 12:00, MBC Book Club
- October 28, 8:00-2:00 Maritime Trades Career Day



**MBC Book Club**...The MBC Book Club met September 13 and discussed the book Come Sundown by Nora Roberts. Judy Peterson reported, "We recommend this book--it's a very good story! Our October 4 meeting book choice is Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber. The meeting will be a soup and salad lunch with dessert, which will be provided by book club members. Please come and join us for some good discussion and lots of fun." If you have any questions, please e-mail Judy Peterson at [jpeterson4647@aol.com](mailto:jpeterson4647@aol.com).



**Maritime Trades Career Day**...Monroe Boat Club will be hosting 30 10-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from Monroe High

School in the back room on Tuesday, October 28. The idea for this project emerged from an article in the December, 2016, issue of Boat U.S. magazine which discussed the gap between supply and demand of maritime jobs, including ship and boat captains, diesel service technicians and mechanics, and small engine mechanics. We wondered if high school students enrolled in the trades courses had really considered maritime-related jobs? Consequently, discussions with the Monroe County Intermediate School District Director of Career and Technical Education and the Monroe High School Director of Career/Technical Education led to this project. The students will hear presentations from captains/commanding officers/owners of a charter fishing boat, a Great Lakes ship, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Michigan Industrial Boater's Association, the Monroe Port, and tours of a small engine repair facility, a large diesel engine repair facility, a dredging facility, and hopefully a U.S. Coast Guard boat. The focus of the day is three-pronged: Economy + Environment = Maritime Jobs. **Attention those who have trained and/or worked in the trades**...We need your help to make this an informative and fun day for the students. Three ways to help: (1) Easy Kitchen help to dispense pizza, fruit, cookies for lunch, (2) Join a table of kids for lunch and chat with them (share your work experiences, answer questions about jobs, regardless of whether they are maritime jobs, and (3) Walk with the students to Trout's Yacht Basin, talking with them, and walking back with them. Please let me know if you can help... 248.982.8199, [cneuhauser@gmail.com](mailto:cneuhauser@gmail.com), or stop me in the club on weekends.



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**tion**...Exciting new trends are being shown in the 2017 Special Report on Fishing, by RBFF and the Outdoor Foundation. In addition to 2.5 million new participants in fishing, youth participation is on the rise. Did you know bass fishing is a competitive sport at many colleges and universities? The Auburn University team was the 2016 national champion, and the University of North Alabama is the 2017 champion.



## Power Fleet Capt. Bill LeVally

Well here it is October, boats are starting to be pulled out and in the next few weeks the shrink wrap will be in full bloom. What a short summer, I hope you made the best of it and got all the boating you could handle in. I know myself and Lori had a great summer with the poker runs and club cruises. We even made to put in bay for the first time in five years, thank you Chuck and Heidi for dragging us along. We also made a trip to Sandusky Yacht Club for their regatta as a club cruise, what a beautiful club and marina, thanks all the members who made the trip with us. We made a couple trips to Middle Bass, but my best trip was the trip to Kelly's other than ruff sea's going over I once again proved my theory to never let Mike and Gail leave the dock ahead of me just kidding MGM I think I'm sure you don't call mother nature and demand east winds. It made my summer having Rick Campbell finally make a trip with us, it meant a lot to us having the people who taught me so much about boating being able to make a run for fun along despite all the boat issues Rick and Wendy fought this summer.

Ok now I would like to thank everyone who gave their time to help me the past year. Way too many to mention with all the food donated for bus trips, all the help with burger nights, big thanks to Wendy for the prep and shopping, the helping with the A.Y.C. room, all who joined in on the poker runs and club cruises thank you Gail and Lori for doing the planning and phone calls, and I can't forget Christine Rowland for bailing me out when O.R.Y.C. came by boat. Thanks to all the board members for support throughout the year.

So as your P.F.C. I have to say how much I enjoy leading the way for M.B.C. it is a great feeling knowing how much our club is respected around the lake. I hope to be back on board when time permits, so please welcome all the new board members and show them the same respect you gave to me. And thanks to all the outgoing board. I know you may not always agree with what the board says or does, but believe your board tries to put the best interest of the club first. I am hoping the next year will bring good things for our club, I would love to see member attendance at the meetings improve so you can all have your say, and some more people step up a little more, remember this is our club not just mine or yours and it takes all of us to keep the standard of M.B.C. that has been set for years by the founders of the club.

Good luck to the incoming board, I know you all will do a great job, but most of all have fun and work together to keep our club great.

Power Fleet Captain  
Bill LeVally



## Auxiliary, Christine Rowland

My last article. Wow, how about that!! There were a whole lot of special people in my life during my Presidency this year, but one in particular, my husband, Ken. Thank you so much for sticking with me throughout the whole year and putting up with everything that you did - Love you much.

Then there is the Commodore. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year and I am especially glad that I got to be a part of your 2017 Class. You and Lady Nicole really represented our club very well throughout the year. Sorry for all of the early morning and late-night phone calls, and blowing up your email. We were both in a defensive mode a few times at the beginning, but we worked it out by working together and not working against each other, and I thank you for that. Change needs a lot of effort because as we all know, it involves learning new things.

I hope you got to attend the 40-hour work dinner, because the Vice Commodore did a great job and everything was delicious, especially that cake!

Speaking of food, have you had any of the homemade meals from the bar? If not, you should. Rear Commodore Doug Sharp has really outdone himself and the variety is just amazing. Very impressive!

Thank you to our "Harbor Light" Editor, Randy Treece, for keeping us all on our toes with those monthly reminders and taking the time out to do such a great job on the newsletter.

Congratulations to P/C Mike Powers on becoming the 1st MBC member to become I-LYA Commodore.

Rick and Wendy Campbell thank you again for showing me how to chair the burger nights and thank you to everyone that signed up to help, collected 50/50 for me, and to Linda Palm, Barb Nykodym and Pat Snarey for saving me that Thursday in September. You guys are awesome! I especially want to thank everyone who attended those nights and for all of your kind words. All-in-all it was an awesome learning experience and I got to meet some new friends along the way.

With boating season pretty much coming to an end, there are still a lot of activities around the club, to wit:

- Oktoberfest - Polish Style - October 7th
- I-LYA Bowling Event - October 15th
- Annual Auxiliary Dinner Meeting - October 20th
- Annual General Membership Dinner Meeting - October 27th
- Children's Trunk-or-Treat / Trick or Treat - October 29th
- Change of Watch - November 5th

Lastly, I would like to wish safe travels to all of you snowbirds who will be leaving us for the winter. Hopefully no one received any severe damage from any of the hurricanes. (I will miss you Charlie!)

Thank you all again, and always please remember to take care of the bar staff, as they are also a big part of our club.

Christine Rowland  
2017 MBC Auxiliary President





## Dock Master P/C Ron Soto

One year already! Time is flying and I am not yet done with projects related to the docks! Hmmm? So, I have decided to run again for the Dock Master position at the club. I have to say that although not an easy position, I have had a lot of help and guidance along the way that was extremely helpful in accomplishing the tasks at hand. There are still many tasks ahead that I and the Dock Committee would like to get done. I would like to thank my Dock Committee members for their input and help throughout the year! They are: Brian Moyer, Mike McCormick, Joe Snyder, Bill LeVally, Bill Huntly, and Rob Adkins. I would also like to thank Fred Lemerand for his insights and guidance throughout the year.

As this term comes to an end, I will have two Dock Committee members departing their posts as they have arrived at the end of their three-year terms. So, I am in need of two members that will assist myself and the Dock Committee for the upcoming season/term. The position is a 3-year term. There are no predetermined monthly meetings to attend, just on an as needed basis. For more information on the position, feel free to contact me at my home phone in the roster book. As I didn't mention it earlier, it is a very gratifying position with a sense of accomplishments!



## Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

September is here and the "real" Tuesday night racing season is over. But, as I sit and write this month's article, we are still going strong with our Tuesday night Fun series, otherwise known as the Rum Series. One bottle of rum is gone, and there are two more to enjoy after a fun night on the water.

This year's second half Tuesday night Summer Series flag winners were:

### PHRF:

1. Rich Potcova – Short Bus
2. Al Michaud - Pink Panther
3. Don Fillion – Shere Khan

### JAM A

1. John Davis – Footloose
2. Steven Theiss – Turtle Stampede
3. Rodger Dutton - Whitestar

### JAM B

1. Dennis Kwapis - Mischief
2. Charlie Simons - One Leg Up
3. Alan West – Anyhoo II

We have two events coming up as the season winds down. First, this year's Sail Fleet Awards Banquet is being held on Saturday, October 14. Our second event, returning to MBC this year, is "The Italian Dinner" led by Sail Fleet's chef, Martie Reed. The dinner will be held on November 11 and will be limited to 130 guests.

## Dock Master continued...

I would like to thank the entire membership for their support and acknowledgements of the work that has been done so far. It really means a lot to me as the Docks are vital to the existence and future of the club. THANK YOU!

One last reminder again for the snow birds. Please don't forget to take a copy of your insurance and registration to where ever your hibernation spot may be. As we all know, Dock dues will be here before you know it as will new dock assignments.

So please be prepared as this information will be requested of you again for the upcoming season.

P/C Ron Soto  
2017 Dock Master

## Sail Fleet Captain continued...

Advance ticket sales will be available through the bar from October 15 until November 5 and we are looking forward to the event.

Hopefully the weather stays nice and we have a few more weeks of boating. Take the time to enjoy the last few weeks of boating at the club.

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Secretary.....Fred Hoitash

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Yard Master.....Chuck Taylor

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Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/William Huntley

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Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert

### BOARD of DIRECTORS

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# *The Italian Dinner*

*Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Martie's Homemade Meatballs and sauce*

*Fabulous Salad Bar*

*Italian Bread with Herb Butter and Dipping Oils*

*Decadent Dessert Table*

*\$16.00 PerPerson*

*Dinner served 5:30 – 8 PM*

*ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY on SALE AT THE BAR*

*10/15/17 through 11/5/17*

*ONLY 130 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD- GET YOURS NOW*

QUESTIONS: Contact Martie Reed 419-944-6210

Submitted by: Wilma Alban, Auxiliary Member of Monroe Boat Club

The Auxiliary and the Satin Gavel of MBC have made a commitment to be a sponsor of the “Fantasy of Trees” for Paula’s House this year. The event will be held at the La-Z-Boy Center on November 18th, 2017 at 6:00pm. A poster will be at the Club with other details of the event. All proceeds from the “Fantasy of Trees” event will go to the cost of operating Paula’s House. Three Hundred Thirty One women and over 80 children have been helped since Paula’s House opened in 2004. Recovery for these women is a life-long process. Women typically stay between 6 and 15 months before moving into their own affordable housing. Paula’s House provides a safe place for women and their children to live so they can work on their recovery and improving their lives. Many programs are offered at Paula’s House and the women living at Paula’s House pay 30% of their income toward their housing and are responsible for chore completion and performing community service.

I am chairing the silent auction for this event. Members and Board Members attending the Auxiliary meeting in September expressed a desire to make an International Basket of non-perishable items for the silent auction. I will have a large basket and a box at the Club on October 1st thru October 28th for your donation. I would like to thank the Auxiliary and the Satin Gavel for their kind donations.

# October 2017

## CLASSIFIED

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

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Like new condition.

Asking three hundred dollars.

Contact Cyndi Gent

(313) 690-6904

(Ad: Dec 2016)

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call Brian Amer for a quote  
419-350-9945

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main, Dacron 150 (good condition),  
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yrs), Spin pole and spinnaker. Hon-  
da outboard 9.9 HP

Asking \$4000

email: keelbolt72@gmail.com

(Ad: Mar 2017)

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(son of Cyndi Gent)

### Summer Storage Season

May 1 - Nov 1

### Winter Storage Season

Nov 1 - May 1

Contact Yard Master

Chuck Taylor

313-570-8961

### Angler's Fish Camp

(In Bolles Harbor)

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Monroe, MI 48161 734.3241.4757

- Bait shop and Fish Cleaning
- Fishing Charters Available
- Family Friendly Docs up to 40ft.
- Water & Electricity Available
- Kayak Storage Available! See Sherri

(Ad: Aug 2017)

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

# October

4 - MBC Book Club @ noon

7 - Polish Dinner

7 - Temperance Tonic Band @ 7pm

11 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm

14 - Angel Tipping in the Bar  
@ 8pm

14 - MBC Annual MBC Sail Fleet  
Banquet

15 - I-LYA Bowling Fundraiser  
@ 5pm

20 - Annual Auxiliary Dinner &  
Meeting

27 - Annual MBC General  
Membership Dinner & Meeting

28 - Angel Tipping in the Bar  
@ 8pm

29 - Auxiliary's Children's Trick  
or Treat

### Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup

Tues - Sail Races @ 7pm



### BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade  
Soup!



# November

1 - MBC Book Club @ noon

5 - MBC Change of Watch

8 - MBC Board Meeting @ 7pm

11 - Italian Dinner

22 - MBC Membership Meeting  
@ 7pm

23 - Happy Thanksgiving!

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