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* MONROE BOAT CLUB *

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**Club Commodore,
Kathleen Powers**



**Vice Commodore,
Rob Schneider**



**Rear Commodore,
Scott Fuller**

Greetings from your Commodore!
With the arrival of spring, the weather continues to confound us. Last year, Mike and I walked in the local March for Babies (March of Dimes for the older amongst us) in shorts and sunscreen. This year, it was long pants and sweatshirts! Many of the boaters I've spoken with have had their launches delayed while they await warmer weather more conducive to waxing fiberglass and all those other things needed to prepare the boat for the new season!

A very special thank you to the Vice Commodore, Rob Schneider, and his work party. They volunteered their labor to install new roofs on the two garages located on the Knabusch property. The club only paid for materials. Please take a moment to thank these gentlemen for the time and efforts. Also a big thank you to Dave Fetterly and his work party who cleaned up the children's play area and the area behind the play area.

The weekend of May 20-22, MBC hosted 8 visiting clubs (over 30 boats and 75 people) conducting their shake down cruises. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Power Fleet Captain Kristen Whittico, Dock Master Troy Willett, Sail Fleet Captain John Kauffman, Auxiliary President Michele Lachcik, Auxiliary members and general members who provided and/or assisted in dock handling, providing appetizers, the Italian dinner (Friday evening), breakfast on Saturday morning, the Steak Roast (Saturday evening), and to DJ Wally who provided entertainment for both evenings. Also thanks to the Boaters' Breakfast committee who provided a superb Sunday morning breakfast for all the additional visitors. All visitors had a wonderful time. MBC shined this weekend and truly confirmed that MBC is the "friendliest club on the lake."

P/C Mike Powers recently attended a presentation on Ohio's Clean Marina program. Simply put, this is a partnership between marinas and boaters to help keep our coastal and inland waterways clean. By taking simple and often inexpensive steps, we all can reduce the release of harmful substances into our waterways and phase out practices that can damage aquatic environments.

The Ohio yacht, boat, and sailing clubs listed below have complied with Clean Marina requirements, as well as those who have pledged to meet those requirements, are also members of the Associated Yacht Clubs and the Inter-Lake Yachting Association! After conducting some research, Mike only found one Michigan yacht or boating club that is currently certified as a Clean Marina – Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Those marinas or clubs wishing to become certified in Michigan must pay to support that

Hello Monroe Boat Club Members!
As a team, we have completed much of the cleanup at the Knabusch property including removal of debris from the houses and replacing the roofs on the two garages. Thank you to all who helped: Rob Adkins, Pat Kennedy, Charlie Simons, Mark Baumgardner, Bill Huntley, Dan Thomas, Al Michaud, Dave Ryan, Ed Frantzen and a little tractor named Kubota! Special thanks to Roger and Tim Homrich, Nicole Kashar and the Homrich Corporation for the very generous donation of the dumpster for this undertaking. Please let these members and others that volunteer their time, know you appreciate their tremendous effort and help around the club.

Also I would like to thank Dave and Nicole Fetterly for cleaning up and organizing the back lot by the kids playground. It was in desperate need of cleaning out and organizing all the things the club has stored there over the years.

The food was excellent again for our second boat-er's breakfast. Plan to attend the next one; you don't know what you are missing!

Our next major effort is the Regatta July 22-23. It takes many members to have a fantastic Regatta. Planning is moving along quickly, and I am proud to announce that our friends and members of LEOPA are joining us this year. They have offered to share the cost with us for the tent and entertainment. Blue Gavel will host a steak dinner on Friday evening. Michele Lachcik and crew have a delightful variety of food planned for Saturday. Emerging Soul is playing at MBC for the first time Friday evening and the Lazy River Band is playing on Saturday, back for the first time at Regatta since 2007. Welcome back boys!

Sign-up sheets are posted in the back area so please sign up soon for one or more of the activities. The Regatta is one of our major fund raisers each year and should also be lots of fun.

Working on different events and functions throughout the year, I have learned most of us have jobs or tasks that we like to do, to contribute. I have had a great time, seriously, a great time so far and I'm sure it will continue. I'm not running regatta, "we" are! The next Regatta planning meeting is Thursday afternoon, June 2nd at 5:30. Come on in and help us.

The next House Meeting, with the exception of emergencies, will be after Regatta. Reminder to all Jim Alban will be accepting donations for our Regatta auction after June 1. Please contact him for donations from which we can profit...thank you!

Greetings from your Rear Commodore!
What a month June is shaping up to be...we've scheduled the back bar for at least nine different functions!

You've heard me mention in a couple of articles that I would like to have someone come in on a monthly basis to do some light housekeeping. I'd like to thank Nicole Fetterly and Connie Dunsmore for stepping up and volunteering to do this work. We are now scheduled to have this work done on a regular basis for the balance of the year.

We've also entered into a monthly contract for window cleaning with a Temperance cleaning company. Thanks to V/C Rob Schneider for splitting the cost with the bar. We are getting all windows cleaned once a month (inside and out) for \$54.00.

You probably have noticed that we now have a charging station for many electronic devices. This is a free service and something that we really needed. Thanks to Jake Geiger for finding and arranging to get this to the club. Please just remember to take your device with you when you leave. Several phones have been left behind (yes, including ours when we went to the store). I try and look at this every morning and if something is left behind, I will put it in the back office for safe keeping. Just call us or call the phone itself (right, Mike?)

See you at MBC!

Commodore continued.....

certification; this is NOT the case in Ohio.

Ohio Clean Marina Yacht & Boating Clubs

Certified:

- Bay View Yacht Club

Pledged:

- Cooley Canal Yacht Club
- Harbor View Yacht Club
- Ottawa River Yacht Club
- Point Place Boat Club
- Riverview Yacht Club

I challenge the MBC to consider becoming one of the first Michigan boating or yachting clubs to comply with the Michigan Clean Marina Program.

I wish all of you a super start to safe and happy boating this season! I'll see you around the club!



Club/Community Events Committee, Charlotte Neuhauser

ACTIVITIES:

- June 1, MBC Book Club
- June 6-7, Environmental Career Day for 7th Graders

The Book Club June 1 (12 noon) We continue to have a great group each month, and we enjoy our discussions and lunch together. We encourage anyone who might be interested to join us at MBC at noon on the first Wednesday of each month." (Judy Peterson leads the group, and you are invited whether or not you've read the book.).



Harmful Algal Blooms Forum 2016. There is a YouTube copy of the forum that was presented in Monroe County during the winter at which speakers from NOAA, University of Toledo,

and the Monroe Conservation District shared their ideas about what algal blooms are and what we can do to monitor and control them. The site is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmMQkIBzxok>. You may wish to view it to learn more about these blooms.

DYK? Michiganders return more than 90 percent of bottles and cans. This is an outstanding number, but did you know that returnables only make up two percent of waste generated in Michigan?



We need you!!! Opportunity to Share Your Experiences.

June 6 and 7 are the days when we'll have approximately 60 7th graders each day on

site for the Environmental Career Days. Each day we offer a full schedule of learning about invasive species by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol and their dog and a presenter from the Ohio State University Marine Center at Put-In-Bay with her snakes. As a highlight of the day, MBC boaters take the students for a boat ride, and in the process, they collect Lake Erie water for quality analysis. We will be looking for 10 boaters who are willing to take 6 kids on their boats and share experiences with them as to their own careers and how they became boat owners. One of the objectives of the day is to share career information and encourage them to stay in school and work hard. Those of you who shared your time and boats in past years will be called again, but there may be others whom I don't know who might like to volunteer...Please email me at cneuhauser@gmail.com if you're interested. We also need additional volunteers to help serve lunch and assist with the water testing. The water testing is simple with a list of instructions for the students, but each of the

10 tables needs an adult to help. Think about whether this is a way you can share your time and earn work hours.

Preparing for July 22-23 Regatta. It's time to pull together those books, audio and video tapes, and CDs that you would like to donate to the CCEC Used Book Sale at regatta. The revenues go towards the CCEC account which ultimately is used for the annual gift CCEC gives to MBC and the expenses for the annual 30+ Year Member Recognition ceremony at Change of Watch. Some of the past gifts given to the club include AED, multi-media projector and screen, camera, Wii, MBC cookbook, the production of the MBC History Book, the compass rose and landscaping, the white board, and the Commodore's Room Library.

Place the items you wish to donate in the Commodore's Room, marked CCEC, no sooner than July 20.

MBC Club Cruises

Jun 10-12 Maumee Bay
State Park

Jul 8-10 Middle Bass Island
State Park

Jul 29-31 Catawba Island Club

Aug 26-28 Kelly's Island
Seaway Marina



Sail Fleet Captain, John Kauffman

I am happy to be back in the role of Sail Fleet Captain and look forward to a great summer on the water and at the club.

First off, a big shout out to the Sail Fleet participants that did the upgrades to the Pavilion. This work was initially planned over 4 years ago and it has finally been accomplished. Great job by Dan Williamson, the "foreman" of the project.

Tuesday night racing started counting on May 24th. There is still time to sign up and join in the fun. We had a good sign up of boats on May 17, and a couple went out on a cold, rainy night for a shakedown cruise.

By the time you read this, Sail Fleet will have hosted a Lasagna dinner and breakfast for all the visiting clubs on May 20 and 21. Thanks to our Dock Master, and former Sail Fleet Captain, Troy Willet for the planning and execution of these meals.

Please feel free to contact me if wish to get involved in Sail Fleet activities or have any concerns. See you at the club!



Auxiliary, Michele Lachcik

Spring has finally arrived and the boats are being launched. Heck, summer is just around the corner...my favorite time of year!

The wine glass painting party held on April 29th was a great success with 58 people in attendance. Thanks to Carolyn Dutton. I saw some very nice wine glass paintings. I hear there may be another one planned for the fall?? We will have to wait and see!

The Boater's Breakfasts are going strong. On Sunday, April 24th, there were 199 people in attendance...great turn out! Keep up the good work & thanks to our breakfast crew. The breakfasts will be held on the 4th Sunday of every month through September (except July is on the 3rd Sunday due to Regatta).

Our annual Memorial Day service takes place on Monday, May 30th at 9:30am. Please plan to attend. It is a very nice service with a delicious brunch immediately following.

The Book Club is currently reading *Terminated* by author Simon Wood. The next discussion is on June 1st at 12:00pm at the Club. This is open to all whether you have read the book, or not. The Book Club breaks for summer with the next discussion scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th, 2016.

The Auxiliary sponsored burger nights are beginning Thursday, June 3rd...please sign-up to help out. (sign-up sheet is on the kitchen door). If you can't help out, come out to enjoy a great burger and support your club.

Plans are in the works for "Shotz on the Dock" party scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 2-5 pm. Nick & Nino's food truck will make an appearance immediately following and Soul Kitchen will be there to entertain us that evening. That delicious "Boater's Breakfast" just happens to fall the next day, Sunday, June 26. To our newer members, this is a great way to meet fellow members, make new friends and have a great time all the while tasting some delicious appetizers and shots or drinks, all at no cost. DJ Wally will be entertaining us on the docks, so come out and enjoy the fun!

The Regatta sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please sign-up to earn some work hours. There are many spots to fill and all of our help is needed to maintain the success of our Regatta.

I just learned there is an envelope attached to the Auxiliary bulletin board in the corridor. This is for letting us Auxiliary members know if there is an Auxiliary member that is sick or just in need of some cheering up. This would help our "Sunshine Lady", Nancy Baisch, know when and to whom to send cards. This is just a little nice thing that the Auxiliary likes to do.

There will not be any further Auxiliary General Membership meetings until September due to summer break. The Auxiliary Board will have their final meeting on June 8th, resuming Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm with the General Membership meeting at 7:00pm on the same evening.

So long for now, and see you around the club or somewhere on the lake!



Power Fleet Capt. Kristen Whittico

Hello Monroe Boat Club!

I am happy to report that the shakedown cruise weekend was a success! First we started out with Sun Parlor arriving on Friday, Harborview Yacht club on Saturday, and then the big finale with Detroit Beach, Bayview and Swan on Sunday. The weather held out for the most part but made it difficult for some boats and clubs to reach us on Sunday with northerly winds. I can't tell you how many fine people I met this weekend and to think that this is only the beginning of the boating season.

Also I wanted to mention what a great Job the Sail Fleet did for dinner on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday. The Auxiliary's Steak Roast was fantastic and then to top it all off on Sunday morning...the Boaters Breakfast on Sunday was delicious as always.

We have our first poker Run On June 3rd and 4th at Point Place Boat Club. I am hoping to see a great turnout from the Monroe Boat Club members and wanted to mention that if you have not attended a Poker Run in a while, and if you have not been out this year, Point Place boat Club would be a great place to start off the boating season. I encourage the membership to attend the

Poker Runs this year, it is a cost effective and fun way to go boating and hang with likeminded people. I myself cannot wait and I am excited to see you there.

Below is the list of Poker Runs; please check these dates to see if you can attend and see you out on the lake!

POKER RUN DATE	POKER RUN CLUB
Jun 3-4	Point Place Boat Club
Jul 1-3	Swan Boat Club
Jul 22-24	Nugent's Canal Yacht Club
Aug 19-21	Ford Yacht Club
Sep 9-11	Detroit Beach Boat Club



Dock Master Troy Willett

Hello and greetings from the Dock!

It has been great to see all the work commence as people prepare their boats and docks for the summer!

We have a lot of activity in the form of shake down cruises and visiting clubs coming our way. As I write this we are looking at several different clubs coming for the first weekend of the season. I have no doubt that it will be a smashing success and that fun will be had by all.

We held a dock party to install deck boards on the newly repaired docks and install some of the ladders. I must say, the work party did an excellent job under the direction and support from Fred Lemerand and Brian Moyer, thanks to all that participated! We have a few more ladders to finish installing and I'd like to know if anyone is available to help out, if so just let me know!

If you have any dock related thoughts, ideas or concerns please contact me at your earliest convenience.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful start to the boating season!

I'll see you around the club.

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MBC 2016 Regatta – Live Auction Segment

The MBC Live Auction will be Saturday July 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Same location as in the past, under the big Regatta tent in the gated parking area. We will start accepting donations the first week of June, once again using the building closest to the MBC clubhouse on the acquired Knabusch property for item storage and staging. Check with Rob Schneider or Jim Alban (contact info below) for particulars regarding item/s drop off.

Thanks to the support of the MBC membership and all MBC elected/appointed officials of all boards, committees and supportive organized groups (both past and present) the Live Auction has steadily grown over the years. To accommodate the increasing needs of the auction a “Regatta Live Auction Committee” is being formed. Several members have expressed their desire to serve on this year’s RLAC. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact me via my email: jalban@mwbauctions.com (preferred) or my cell: 734-625-3009. We will have a meeting on Monday May 23, 2016 - 7:00 p.m. at MBC. Thank You! Jim Alban-Auction Coordinator

MONROE BOAT CLUB ERIK PETERSON JR SAIL SCHOLARSHIP

THANKS TO MBC FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!!!

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AUXILIARY, BLUE GAVEL, SATIN GAVEL, BAR FUND,
DOCK FUND

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All 13 applicants are able to go thanks to your generosity !!!

Congratulations to the following MBC kids attending NCYC
Sail Camp this summer.

2016 RECIPIENTS

Lauren Chytil
Ava Collino
Brandon Dutton
Erin Fletcher
Clain Johnson
Cori Kozlowski
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MONROE BOAT CLUB PRESENTS



“RACE for the SISTERS”

- ***Courses for PHRF & JAM***

AYC Championship Counter!

Enjoy the weekend at MBC:

Open Registration: Friday 7-8:30pm

********Bar Specials********

1st start - Saturday, July 16th 10am

Awards will be presented at

Boater's Breakfast - Sunday, July 17st 11am



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June 2016

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MONROE BOAT CLUB CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

June

Sailboat Racing Every Tuesday!

- 1 - Book Club 12n
- 2 - Regatta Planning Mtg. 530p
- 3 - 4 Poker Run/PPBC
- 6 - 7 Environmental Career Day
- 8 - Auxiliary Meeting 7pm
- 9 - 12 TYC Mills Race to PIB
- 19 - **HAPPY FATHERS DAY!**
- 22 - **Board Meeting 615 pm**
- **Membership Meeting 7pm**
- 25 - "Shotz on the Docks!"
- 26 - Boater's Breakfast 9am

Ongoing Events:

Thurs - Burgers & Soup
Coming Soon - Taco Tues

Boater's Breakfast:

June 26 - July
Every 4th Sunday *except Regatta

BURGER NIGHT

Thursdays 5:30-8:00 pm

With Delicious Homemade
Soup!



July

1-3 Poker Run/SBC
4 - **HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

16 - Race for the Sisters
(AYC Counter)
17 - Boater's Breakfast

22 - 24 Regatta!

Fri: Blue Gavel Steak Roast
Fri: Emerging Soul Band
Sat: Lazy River Band

27 - **Board Meeting 615 pm**
- **Membership Meeting 7 pm**