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Commodore - Tony Schippa

Dear Members,

I hope this article finds you well. As we transition into spring, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you who

took the time to vote on the recent bylaws changes. Your engagement and participation are what make our club truly special. If you have any suggestions for a bylaw change, we welcome your input. Please submit a completed bylaw, along with the proposed change, addressed to the Commodore, and place it in my mailbox. Your contributions to the ongoing improvement of our club are greatly valued, and your proactive engagement ensures that our bylaws reflect the evolving needs and aspirations of our community. Thank you for your dedication to our shared endeavors.

I'm excited to share some updates and upcoming events with you:

Commodores Ball Mark your calendars for April 27th! The Commodores Ball will be held at The Grecian Center, located at 16300 Dix Toledo Rd, Southgate, MI 48195. Tickets are \$70 per

person, and RSVPs can be sent to mbcball2024@gmail.com. It promises to be a night to remember.

If all goes as planned, **The Fire Plt Project** will resume in full swing this April. Your continued enthusiasm and dedication to this initiative are commendable.

Wine Rack Raffle we're thrilled to announce our wine rack raffle! Tickets are priced at \$10 each, and all proceeds will go towards the Firepit/Commodores Ball. It's a wonderful opportunity to support our club while potentially winning a fantastic prize.

A special thank you to R/C Carl Laura for hosting another delightful Martini Night on Friday March 29. It was a fantastic club event, filled with laughter and camaraderie. During that same eventful night, we were privileged to host the AYC Class of 2022's "Not So 50/50" fundraiser. It was an evening filled with camaraderie and generosity as we came together with friends to support this meaningful cause. Together, we raised funds for the charity of the winner's choice, contributing to the vibrant future of our club. Your unwavering support and active participation are essential to our continued success. Let's keep building memories and fortifying our community together.

Vice Commodore - Dave Volker

What a wonderful AYC cruise that my Lady Kelly and I took for a full 7 days of fun and relaxation! Now back to work here at MBC.

MBC spring cleanup on the grounds will be on Sunday April 7th starting at 9:00AM. Some attic cleaning may be added if time is available.

Our first Regatta meeting will be on April 3rd at 6:00PM, with the work sign up board ready to be filled. We will need all hands-on deck to fulfill another year of fun. Bands have been set, with Alexandria N Transit band for Friday night and Cruzin Jupiter on Saturday night. Our Commodores reception will be on Friday night at 7:00PM which is a little different this year due to the scheduling of other events. This will hopefully bring in more people for Friday night festivities.

Please give a hand of where you can. We are known for being the Friendliest club on the lake, let's show everybody that we are!

For the month of May every Sunday morning starting at 10:00AM we will have a Bloody Mary bar to start your Sunday Funday off with bang. Your very own Lori Moyer and Amelia Beverly will be hosting these events for your own V/C Dave Volker's Commodores Ball next year. Come and have some fun as the day goes on.

Please keep in mind if you see something that needs to be fixed or out of place, contact me for it may be already in motion of being done or it needs to get done. We all want our club to look its best and be safe. Thank you to all that have already brought things to my attention.

Let's keep "Havin More Fun" at our club!



Rear Commodore - Carl Laura

Well happy April everybody! Spring has arrived and it's time for the fun to begin!

First of all, I'd like to thank the Commodore for helping me kick off Martini Nights and inviting a AYC to attend!

Be sure to remember if you would like to enjoy the April 8 Eclipse, the area of totality will be in our region. It will begin at 1:56 PM maximum totality at 3:13 PM ending at 4:27 PM. This could be a once in a lifetime event for us bring your dark glasses, welding helmets whatever you might need. Have and enjoy a drink with us and watch the daylight go away for an hour or two.



Power Fleet Capt. - Russ Moore

Hello everyone.

It's getting closer and I can certainly feel it in the temperature or is that just Michigan weather teasing us.? Either way, we are not very much longer to seeing

all the boats in the docks. I know we are all very anxious!

I want to thank everyone who helped us at Burger night for the month of March. I appreciate all the support and it is always a fun time with you all even while we are in the kitchen.



Sail Fleet Capt. - Andrew Devenish

Spring is here and time for the boat prep to get started... assuming it warms up a little soon. Myself, I'm taking a short vacation well south of here to practice for the warmer weather but will be out at the boat as soon as I return.

Each season, all of the yacht clubs in the Western Lake Erie basin hold a scheduling meeting to coordinate dates to try to minimize conflicts. All of our MBC race dates were accommodated as proposed with no changes, and our Sisters race, which will count for AYC and NCYC series, is now formally fixed at June 29th. I attended NCYC March membership meeting to promote our club and the Sisters race, and was pleased by the positive interest received, with several boats indicating intent to join us.

There will be Tuesday night races as usual this summer, with registration available on line (at noticeofrace.net) as well as in person at the club on Tuesday, May 14, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The first race is scheduled the following Tuesday night, May 21st. The races start a short distance from the channel at the orange "N" racing buoy beginning at 7:00 PM. The boats race in one of two classes, a "JAM" class for boats which are only permitted to use a jib or genoa sail and a main sail, and a "PHRF" class that may utilize spinnakers as well. The JAM classes generally sail a 4.8-mile triangle, while the PHRF class sails an 8 mile triangle course, with the results of the race being



Dock Master - Aaron Goldsmith

MBC Members.

While spring is officially here, we still have some cold temperatures holding us back. Michigan Waterway is scheduled to be on the property April 18th to start the

Y dock project. The project is to be completed prior to May 1st.

On 19 April at 7:00PM Friday night, we will be having Mr. Vinyl DJ with a tropical theme. Come in the club and enjoy Margaritas and Piña Colada. Don't forget to wear your tropical shirts to set the atmosphere. I am also trying to plan open jukebox night/open pool table. Details to come. I hope everybody has a wonderful warm spring.

For a little fun this year I am announcing the Rear Commodore's Challenge! I will buy lunch and a drink to the first one who gets their boat at the dock this year. Thank you all for the help and the support you've given me.

We are putting together a little burgee stealing trip to Elba-Mar Boat Club, Ford Yacht Club and Seaway Boat Club on Saturday, April 13th. We have several cars going already so we will meet at MBC at noon and head out from there. This is strictly by car so if anyone would like to go, please contact me that way I can let the other clubs know how many members we will have. It will be a fun afternoon.

I am hoping to have a "Shake down" trip planned soon and will get that put together as well. Stay tuned and until then, stay safe and I will see you all at the club.

determined by employing a handicap system (PHRF-LE) which adjusts elapsed times for each boat according to their speed rating. As a result, all boats have a fair chance of winning the race. After each race, the sailors meet back at the clubhouse to enjoy a beverage or two. The races are a good way to sharpen sailing and navigation skills as well as a chance to meet sailors from MBC and other local clubs. If you are interested to join us and have any questions, please contact me.

The Sail Fleet would like to get more people exposed to sailing, either through casual sailing or experiencing sailboat racing and will be holding an adult sailing program later this year. If you are interested in just getting a sailboat ride some weekend afternoon or crewing on a race boat please let us know. There are always sailboats looking for people to go along on races Tuesday evenings, and no prior experience is necessary.

As a reminder, applications for the Erik Peterson Junior Scholarship for attending the North Cape Yacht Club Summer Sail Camp close on March 31. Please get any applications to Rodger Dutton as soon as possible for consideration.

The next Sail Fleet Meeting is planned for Thursday April 4th in the Commodore's room at 7pm, presenting the opportunity to come early and enjoy a burger with the fleet. The I-LYA Spring meeting is on April 5-6th in Westlake Ohio.

As a reminder the dock pole sign-up sheet is posted. Currently we have over 24 poles for members and the Dock Committee will be checking the poles the club owns. Please sign up before April 10th.

Re-rent available dock list is also posted if member is in need of a B dock.



Auxiliary - Tara Goldsmith

Happy Spring MBC! Time to look forward to our favorite time of year. Auxiliary just had our Children's Easter Party! Thank you, Shawna Powell and Leah Hohman, for chairing this year! The kids always have such a great time and a special thanks to our Easter

Bunny, Sally Ganallis. Coming up on April 13th, we have our Auxiliary Meet and Greet. This is an opportunity for past, present, and future Auxiliary members to gather together and get to know one another as well as see what the MBC Auxiliary is all about. I encourage all our Auxiliary members to join us for some snacks,

drinks and fellowship. We are still in need of a few people to chair the Memorial Day Brunch. Please contact me if you are interested. The board has to be outside for the service, so we are unable to chair this event. Satin Gavel is chairing burger nights for the month of April and the Auxiliary will be doing burger nights for the month of May. The sign-up sheets for April are in the kitchen and May will be posted shortly. This is a easy and fun way to earn work hours. We had an amazing turn out for our last meeting. It was wonderful to see so many faces. Our next meeting is April 8th, 6:30 Board and 7:00 General. Hope to see you all there!



MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The Monroe Boat Club's 501c3 organization is called the MBC Association. By virtue of your club membership, all members and their significant others are Associates of this charitable organization. MBC-A funds, organizes and administers educational programs that have member, non-member, local

schools and community involvement.

The Mission Statement of MBC-A is: To provide educational opportunities for fostering a sustainable boating and clean water harbor community, enhancing and protecting natural surroundings, and providing programs and projects that build environmental stewardship in youth and adults.

Winter Seminar Series at MBC!

Saturday March 16th was the third of 4 monthly *National Museum of the Great Lakes Winter Seminars* held at MBC.

Christopher Gillcrist, Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes described the development of the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve during WWII. The men and women of the Temporary Reserve were responsible for protecting shipping and factory production throughout the Great Lakes and rivers that were critical to the industrial output that was required to win the war in the Pacific and Europe. A great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

Be sure to attend April 20 at 3:30 for the final seminar this year:

The Archaeology of the Battle of Lake Erie and the War of 1812

Take a look at the history of the Battle and the work that National Museum of the Great Lakes is doing to attempt to identify the battlefield. We will also look at other War of 1812 naval archaeological sites around the Great Lakes.

Every seminar is totally free for MBC members, members of other clubs and the general public is also invited at no cost. Invite your friends and prospective new members for a fun afternoon!

Free Hot Chocolate, coffee and light snacks are provided; MBC Association is funding all costs associated with this program.

May is Environmnetal Career Day at MBC!

Environmental Career Days are coming up May 29-30. This program introduces Fifty-six 7th grade students to potential jobs relating to the outdoors.

The kids will be coming to MBC both days and we need your help!

We're looking for about 8-10 boats to once again take the kids out, collect a bucket of water, talk with them about your career and how important it is for them to stay in school, and get a good job if they wish to have a boat they can enjoy.

Because of the importance of the boat activity to the kids ability to get the water samples, are you willing to take 6-7 students on your boat on preferably both days from 11:00-1:15 those two days. The time of the ride should include embarking and disembarking, going as far as you wish, then stopping long enough for the students to collect a small bucket of water and test the quality of the water, and returning to dock. We provide kids life jackets.

If you are willing to help out on May 29-30, please either e-mail Charlotte Neuhauser at cneuhauser@gmail.com or text her at 248.982.8199. Let her know if you need a co-captain and the number of students you can take on your boat. Thank you so much for your consideration!

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We are now in our 4th year of the 5th & 6th Grade Fishing Club with the local school system, and as each kid finishes their second year they get to keep the rods and reels they have used during the program. For most of them, it is the first fishing pole they have ever had

Last month, 7 poles and 6 tackle boxes could not be located in their attic storage area. The kids were sad and disappointed with these being lost. If anyone knows if they were moved or re-located, please let any club officer know. The kids will be delighted to have their gear found!

MBC-A Wins Two Grants!!

The month of March was exciting for the MBC Association as we were awarded two separate grants for our programs.

First, DTE Energy awarded us \$500.00 due to the DTE employees that worked with the Monroe High School students during Maritime Trades Day last fall. Thank you Greg Braunlich, Nick Burson, Ken Nazradi, Dan Thomas, Bruce Cummings, William Good, and Allan Brooks; John Kauffman coordinated the effort, and of course thanks to DTE Energy and the Blackbaud Giving Fund!

Secondly, getting the students from their schools to MBC for the Environmental Career Days and Maritime Trades Day has been difficult with the current shortage of bus drivers. We have had to hire expensive commercial busses. Charlotte Neuhauser searched out the Michigan Tree Farm, an environmental conservation organization with a "Wheels to Woods" program that funds transportation costs for programs tied to Michigan's natural environment and they will cover \$1,000.00 of the transportation cost to and from this year's Environmental Career Days. Thank you Charlotte for searching out this group! You can learn about the Michigan Tree Farm System on Facebook.

Welcome New Members



MBC Bylaw Proposal Voting Results

March 26, 2024 Bylaw Proposal Voting Results:

#1) Deadline for Work Hours to be Sept 1st. PASSED.

Members must complete all required work hours by September 1 of each year.

#2) Allow First Year members to pay for un-worked hours. FAILED.

First year members continue to be required to work all required hours by Sept 1 or be expelled from the club.

#3) One Year of seniority is required to become a Club Officer. PASSED.

To hold an elected club office, a member shall have a minimum of one year seniority as of Election Day.

#4) Work Hour value to be 10% of Dues, per hour. FAILED.

Work hours remain valued at \$15.00/hr.

#5) Spousal Membership upon a Member's passing. PASSED.

If the surviving Spouse is a member of the Auxiliary, they have the option to become a dues-paying Club Member assuming all rights and privileges including the Member's seniority and dockage, excluding elected/appointed positions and excluding Life Membership.

Catawba Island Boat Show



APRIL 26-28, 2024

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Shrink Wrap Recycling



Lake Ice Coverage Comparison

Great Lakes ice coverage 10 years ago Valentine's Day 2014, approx 92%:



Great Lakes Ice Coverage this year Valentine's Day 2024: Overall, approx 3.1%. Lake Erie 0.1%. Historical average is 40%.



This spring, summer and fall we will see the effects on drinking water, the shipping industry and recreation. The most Great Lakes ice was 1979 with 94.7%. Before this year, the least was 2002 with 11.8%.

Solar Eclipse Boating Safety



SOLAR ECLIPSE BOATING?

COLD WATER IMMERSION IS A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL



1 MINUTE

An initial gasp and hyperventilation is unavoidable. You have about 1 minute to control your breathing. Your lifejacket is vital at this stage to help keep you afloat and breathing.



10 MINUTES



You have approximately 10 minutes for meaningful activity. Prioritize and perform the most important functions first:

- · Rescue yourself first, if possible
- · Initiate emergency signaling and communications
- · Locate other members of your party if possible
- · Keep your airway clear





1 HOUR

You have roughly one hour of useful consciousness. Focus on slowing your heat loss and calling for help.

Planning to boat in cold water?

View the QR code for more USCG boater safety information

CALL 9-1-1 IN AN EMERGENCY
Marine Band Emergency VHF Radio: Channel 16



Owner Name(s)			Member #_	
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☐ Winter Oct 1 to June 1 A Season is all or part of the term There is NO grace period at the en	Year_ and includes a 3	0-day grace period.		
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Enclosed Trailer	3-Axle	\$65.00/season \$125.00/season		
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NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.



MBC's Richard Potcova competed in the 2024 DN Iceboat North American Championship at Lake Waconia Minnesota on Feb 25-March 1.

85 ice sailors arrived from across America and Europe including California, Florida, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Germany and Sweden.

Rich Potcova, Sail #216, finished near the top of the standings in 11th Place.

Also onsite was North American DN Class Measurer, MBC's P/C David Ryan.









On March 16, the Director Emeritus of the National Museum of the Great Lakes Mr. Chris Gillcrist talked to the crowd at MBC about the Coast Guard Temporary Reserve and their work to protect the waterways, industry and infrastructure on the Great Lakes during WWII.





Past Honorary Commodore Craig Lamb with Kris and Brian after the children's Easter party.



Left to Right: Allison, PHC Craig, Shannon

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

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ParliamentarianLance Piedmonte

Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson

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	P/C Duke Finch
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	P/C .lim Kozlowski

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Dave Volker Tony Schippa

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P/C Rodger Dutton

I-LYA DELEGATE: Andrew Devenish

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Editor......Randy Treece

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MBC-A (501c3) website

https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home

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MBC Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED

Summer Storage Season
Jun 1- Nov 1
Winter Storage Season
Oct 1 - Jun 1
Contact Yard Master
Dave Ryan
(419)-260-9578 - dryan@bex.net

For Sale: Brand New Dry Suit & Trapeze Boots Neither were ever used. Dry Suit is size Large - \$400 Trapeze Boots are size 11-12 - \$50 If interested contact Hope McEvoy 586-381-3483 (talk or text) Hope0929@aol.com

For Sale: Aqua-cat Catamaran.
Red, White & Blue sail in great shape.
12 ft, 6 in.
\$600 OBO
Contact Jennifer 734-417-8332 (text only)

110 ft long Halyard/Mainsheet/Spin Guy.
Brand New Lanex "Ocean" line.
12mm (1/2") Double Braid Polyester Core/Cordura
cover. Eye Splice in One End 6,736 lbs strength.
Color: Flecked Bladk & White (looks great)
\$195
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net

For Sale: C&C 33-1 Sailboat.
Fully equipped. Dacron and Kevlar sails, Harken removable roller furling, GPS, safety equipment, fenders and cradle.
Winter storage and spring launch included.
\$15,000
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net

For Sale: 1997 SeaRay 21ft 5 in 1997 Mercruiser 221 HP V8 Winterized every year, No mechanical issues Bottom freshly painted, Includes trailer, boat cover, batteries, anchor. Taken great care of. \$9,500 OBO Call: 734-241-9309 or 734-735-5590 (leave message)

> Mercury Inflatable, Trailer & Motor \$3,500.00 270 Sport - 8' 4" length; 5' 1" beam 4-person capacity/992 weight capacity Genesis Trailer Mercury 5HP 4 stroke motor Purchased new in 2020 Ken - 734-771-0153