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<https://www.monroeboatclub.org/events>

Commodore – Tony Schippa



As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promising horizon of 2024, Lady Denise and I extend our warmest wishes to each and every member of our Monroe Boat Club family.

Exciting Plans for 2024:

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce a lineup of exciting activities planned for the coming year. One notable addition to our calendar will be the Friday/Saturday night dinners at the club. These delectable gatherings will feature a variety of different meals once or twice a month. We invite you to share your dinner suggestions as we aim to make these occasions memorable for everyone.

Upcoming Events:

LEOPA Christmas Party: We are honored to host the LEOPA annual Christmas Party on Jan 6th. Lady Denise and I eagerly anticipate joining you for a festive evening filled with joy and celebration.

Annual Muskrat Dinner: Save the date for Jan 12th, as we indulge in the much-anticipated annual muskrat dinner. This event is known to sell out quickly, so be sure to secure your spot for an evening of delicious traditions along with family stories.

Sail Fleet Burger Nights: Sail Fleet Captain Andrew Devenish will be hosting burger nights throughout January. Let's come together to support our sail fleet and enjoy some tasty treats.

Boating Safety and Education:

Back by popular demand, we will be offering boating safety classes during the winter months. The Suddenly In Command and Safe Boating Class (ABC) will be open to the public as a public service and a way to showcase the excellence of MBC. Stay tuned for more details, and we are also exploring the possibility of adding a Navigation course to our educational offerings.

Financial Strength and Festive Celebrations:

Our recent finance meeting revealed that the 2024 budget has been set, and the club stands financially strong. Kudos to everyone for contributing to the success of Monroe Boat Club.

A special thank you to the Lady's Auxiliary for hosting a spectacular Christmas party for the MBC kids. Santa's visit brought joy to all, creating lasting memories for our young boaters.

Your Voice Matters:

Members, your input is invaluable. Please review the proposed by-law changes you will receive shortly and attend the meeting to share your thoughts. If you have additional by-law suggestions or any ideas for improving the club, feel free to submit them to the committee. Any member that has a suggestion for the club please email me or drop a letter in the mailbox located in the commodore’s room.

As we embark on this new year, let's continue to make Monroe Boat Club a beacon of community, fun, and shared love for the open water. Here's to a fantastic 2024 filled with memorable moments and smooth boating!

Vice Commodore – Dave Volker



Hello members, I hope everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is a glorious time of year.

As we move forward into 2024, please keep respecting our volunteer/contracted workers and MBC employees

here at MBC. Any questions or concerns you may have on projects, events, or our building and grounds, please direct them to me.

Ongoing projects are being completed, partially, or in the planning stage of being done. Scrap clean up from grounds, Garages cleaned & organized, Smoke/CO2 replaced in commodore’s & banquet room, Commodore’s exterior door, Commodore’s room and office clean & organization, attic clean and organization, closet on west side has

been cleaned & organized, west property, fire pit, concrete maintenance, Camera's, Parking lot bumpers, MBC sign, Building exterior repair and painting/siding, Exposed electrical lines by front seawall, AED & classes.

As you see there is a lot going on here at MBC and a lot of opportunities to come down and join in not only for your hours, but for the fun meeting new & old people of the club and the fun of being a part of your club organizing it.

Muskrat dinner is on for January 12th, 2024, doors open at 4PM dinner at 5PM. Presale of tickets only. No tickets will be available at the door. Tickets available at MBC or contact Brad Fichtner (734)790-7175 A BIG thank you to Brad during his busy time, he still took this dinner on and has done a wonderful job.

Name That Tune is back, Saturday January 27th along with a Spaghetti dinner prior to a great night of fun. More information and



Rear Commodore – Carl Laura

Hello everybody! Well with the holidays behind us we can get back to normal winter things that we love to do. Hanging out at the club is a great pastime. We have Euchre Sundays Open Pool Table Sunday nights. And let's not forget hamburger nights on

Thursday. And camaraderie with great friends. Fred Hoitash Will be making his famous Philly cheesesteak sandwiches on Friday January 5th. You won't want to miss it! The Muskrat Dinner on the



Power Fleet Capt. – Russ Moore

Well, here we are again it's that time of year! First, I would like to say that I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord with Family and Friends. Burger night for the month of December went very well and I would like to thank everyone who

volunteered in the kitchen, from making delicious soups and cooking awesome burgers and fries. Our next month to host burger night will be in March and I'm hoping for another great month cooking up



Sail Fleet Capt. – Andrew Devenish

I hope as you read this month's Sail Fleet article, that you are enjoying Christmas and the holiday season with family and friends. It is an unusual year for weather, with Christmas day forecast at 52 degrees – maybe I should have left the boat in a little longer this

year !

The I-LYA fall meeting was held December 2 in Westlake Ohio. PC Dave Ryan and myself were in attendance for the meetings and Dave was kind enough to introduce me to many of the key people of the sailing community. There were a number of interesting presentations at the meetings, including one by Sarah Orlando of the Ohio Sea Grant regarding the treatment of the wastewater from boat bottom washing. The topic was Ohio based but indicated a move to require that such wastewater be either treated at source or collected and sent for treatment. As the process and equipment would be expensive, Sarah predicted a possible shutdown of typical marina services, and a shift to special "bottom cleaning" facilities to be visited prior to haul out. The rules are still in early phase, but the advice given for Ohio was to start planning for the changes. This could of course have quite an impact on our fleet and marinas if/when similar measures were adopted for Michigan. At the meeting I had the pleasure to collect on behalf of our own Erin Jeruzal, the award for best photograph from the Bayweek Regatta. Well done Erin !

flyer will be coming out. Bring your thinking caps and a quick buzzer for your music knowledge.

Hard copies of the Harbor Light are available on the pool table for you to read there at the club.

Still looking for your ideas for a 5–10-year plan in writing for projects at your MBC Club. All ideas will be going out to the members to prioritize of what our members want. Any idea is welcome and encouraged. Let's make our club inviting and a pleasure of being a member of.

2024 is exciting to me to work for you as your vice commodore. Still looking for managers for Regatta, 40-hour dinner, & Entertainment. Let's keep "Havin Fun" throughout this year!

12th is sure to be a great time and is a great tradition of the boat club. Tickets are available at the bar in advance. And a great tradition at the boat club. We are arranging Name That Tune for the end of January. Information will be out soon. I hope the best for everybody for the New Year! And remember the days are getting longer now few minutes at a time. I want to thank everybody who is helping me behind the scenes of the daily operations of the bar they make it all possible!

burgers for everyone again. Now on to the AYC Ball in February.... Carl Butler and I are working on the room and and getting ideas for the 80's theme. We still have tickets at the bar for sale or you can see me for them. We do have a few members signed up already so LETS GET YOUR TICKETS and make this a super fun weekend. We are definitely looking forward to it. Last but not least Lori and I would like to wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year and happy boating season 2024.

Erin has kindly provided the framed copy of the winning picture for display at the clubhouse.

A sail fleet meeting was held on December 6th . Thank you for the support of those that attended and contributed to the discussions. It was great to have such a positive and engaged group to help set out our plans for the 2024 season. Two key actions for 2024 are the creation of an adult sailing school – lead by Jim Grant, and a refresh on Race for the Sisters, hopefully to include a route around West Sister and a new date in Late June to provide more favorable winds (and less black flies !) – lead by Dan Montgomery and PC Dave Ryan.

Information on the 2024 Eric Peterson Junior Sailor scholarships should be available in January, with completed applications due in March. If you have a junior sailor interested in the program, please make sure Roger Dutton or I know – this is a great program and a fantastic benefit for MBC members.

Burger nights in January are to be hosted by the Sail Fleet. Most required positions are now filled, but there are some openings, and we can always use a little extra help. I personally joined the kitchen at the 12-21 burger night hosted by Russ and the Power Fleet and can advise that it's a great way to meet people, have fun, and earn some work hours at the same time. Please let me know if you would like to join us if there is no open slot for you to sign up.



Dock Master – Aaron Goldsmith

Hello MBC Members,

I hope everyone had a happy holiday and safe New Years.

For any member that missed the email regarding the dock fee increase I have included it in my article.

The Dock Committee met and had a productive meeting. I am blessed to have such great members with unbelievable and endless knowledge. The Dock Committee recommended an increase to the 2024 dock fees. Unfortunately, electric and water rates continue to increase therefore requiring an increase. The Dock Committee and the Board both agree on the increase that will be applied to the 2024 dock fees. B docks will increase by \$10.00 making them \$460.00, C

docks will increase by \$25.00 making them \$575.00 and D docks will increase by \$50.00 making them \$1000.00. These increases were carefully thought out, we realize no one wants to pay more however it's a necessary evil to keep our beautiful club financially healthy.

The Dock Committee and Board also approved the Y dock project, which I expect to begin in early spring. I have already received a few dock fee payments from members who will be out of town. I have turned those deposits over to the Treasure. The Dock Committee will be meeting Jan 7th to stuff envelopes with 2024 dock fee forms. If you happen to be around and would like to save a stamp, please stop by and grab your envelope. I will be mailing out the rest on Jan 10th so keep an eye out for them.

Stay warm, stay safe.



Auxiliary – Tara Goldsmith

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. December was a busy month around the club. The Auxiliary is aiming to bring the kid's appreciation plaques back. We did locate them and plan to hang

them in the hallway above the toy area. It will be nice to see them displayed again with some future names added. Anyone that has children interested in helping out at any time, please let me know. We love to get hopeful future members involved. A party will be

planned as a reward for their helping hands. I'm happy to say the Auxiliary once again decided on a wonderful charity to donate to for the 23/24 holiday season. This year's charity was Gabby's Ladder Grief Center, in the amount of \$300. If you are unfamiliar with this charity, I encourage you to look them up. They provide compassion, support and guidance to people of all ages who have lost a loved one through counseling, support groups, workshops and community memorial events at no cost. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be January 8th, 6:30 Board and 7:00 General. Hope to see you there to contribute your voice and earn a work hour.



MBC-A (501c3) Update – David Ryan

The MBC-Association is the club's 501(c)3 arm, and as a charitable non-profit organization the MBC-A is able to provide programs and resources that are not funded through the club's General Fund.

Happy New Year! to you and your family. The New Year provides an opportunity to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and look to the future with anticipation.

Gradeschool Fishing Club

This third year of the Grade School Fishing Club begins the second half of this year's "season" on Monday Jan 8 at 4pm. The group has 5th and 6th graders participating two Monday afternoons a month at MBC.

Head Coach Jamie O'Brien contacted the North Pole and arranged for Santa Claus to visit on December 11 bringing holiday excitement to the kids and their families.

MBC-A Receives Monroe County Grant

MBC-A tries to raise funds primarily from non-boat club sources. During December, MBC-A received the first of two installments of \$1,500.00 from the County of Monroe MI for funding of the 2024 Environmental Career Days. This is a two-day program for area 7th graders, introducing many of them to Lake Erie for the first time, taking water samples and determining the chemical makeup of the water.

This spring, we will need 12 boat owners to each take approx 4 kids on their boat for about two hours, so they can see the lake and take the water sample. I can guarantee you will enjoy sharing your time with these young people. Please say "Yes".

MBC Auxiliary Collaborates with MBC-A

Last summer, Auxiliary President Linda Lamb came across the concept of Fishing Line Recycling Bins. MBC-A is providing funding and worked with Partners for Clean Streams in Maumee OH and the Berkley Fishing Gear Company on the design of the recycling bins.

2024 Auxiliary President Tara Goldsmith is organizing a fun-filled Kids Night to assemble 15 recycling bins this winter, complete with graphics identifying MBC's role in providing the equipment. The Michigan Dept of Natural Resources will deploy these throughout Sterling State Park, Bolles Harbor Boat Launch Ramp and the Hoffman Fishing Site. MBC will also have them near the docks and storage yard to make it easy to dispose of any waste fishing line.

Berkley Fishing Gear has already sent us several postage-paid boxes so there is no cost to send the line back to be recycled into new fishing line.

MBC-A is always looking for volunteers. If a project seems interesting to you, just send an email to Charlotte Neuhauser cneuhauser@gmail.com.

MBC-A Programs for 2024

2024 MBC-Association Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Participants: # & Description	Partners/ Sponsors	Volunteers Needed Types & Number
Fishing Club	2nd & 4th Mondays, Sept-May, 4:00-6:00	Monroe County 5th-6th graders, 15-20	MBC-A	Coach & Parents - 3-4
Fundraising	May 2-3 Th-F 10am-6pm May 4-5 S-S 6pm-2am	Poker Nights Vision Bowling Lanes	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A Volunteers
Environmental Career Day	May 29-30, 2024, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: June 28, 7:00pm	60) 7th graders Monroe MiddleSchool each day	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. Health Fund, Monroe Middle School	8-10 MBC boats, captains & co-captains, 3-4 in backroom
Atmosphere, Weather and Applied Sciences	June 5, 8 am- 7 pm, Setup, June 4, 7 pm	20) 9th-10th graders Monroe MiddleCollege	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe Co. ISD	5-6 MBC sailboats, Plus 2-3 adults in classroom
Fishing Derby	July 20, 9am- 1 pm, Hoffman Park	25-50) 5-12year old children	MBC-A, Michigan DNR	3-4 MBC members
Maritime Trades Career Day	Sept. 26, 8 am-2:30 pm	30) 11th-12th graders Monroe High	MBC-A, DTE, Monroe Public	5 DTE volunteers, 2 MBC members
Fundraising	Oct 17-18 Th-F 10am-6pm Oct 19-20 S-S 6pm-2am	Poker Nights Vision Bowling Lanes	MBC-A	12-15 MBC-A Volunteers
Programs In Development:				
Fishing for Veterans	2nd & 4th Tuesdays, May-October, 9a-1p	10-15 veterans with PTSD West House	MBC-A, Monroe County Mental Health, Monroe Co. Veterans Affairs	1 from Veterans Affairs, 1 from MBC
Nuclear Energy Day	Oct. 9, 8 am-3 pm, Setup: Oct 8, 7 pm	8th graders from Monroe Middle School	MBC-A, River Raisin Institute, Monroe PublicSchools	2-3 MBC members



Monroe Boat Club

Outside Boat and Trailer Storage Agreement

--MBC Member--



Owner Name(s) _____ Member # _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Summer June 1 to Oct 1 Year _____

Winter Oct 1 to June 1 Year _____

A Season is all or part of the term and includes a 30-day grace period.

There is NO grace period at the *end* of the Summer Season.

Check One: Power Sail Empty Trailer or Cradle Enclosed Trailer RV

Seasonal Rates:

Empty Cradle or Trailer 1-Axle	\$45.00/season
2-Axle	\$55.00/season
3-Axle	\$65.00/season
Enclosed Trailer	\$125.00/season
Boats/RV's: Under 30'	\$6.00/ft
30-39'	\$8.00/ft
40-49'	\$10.00/ft
50' and over	\$12.00/ft
Summer Storage-Boats Only:	\$6.00/ft any length

Registered Length: _____ Beam _____ Total Fee: \$ _____

Registration/Lic No: _____ State _____

Hull/Trailer ID or Serial No: _____

Boat Name _____ Manufacturer: _____ Year _____

Title State: Michigan Ohio Other _____

Year of Title and Owner Name _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy No: _____

Proof of Insurance must be attached.

Check No and Date: _____

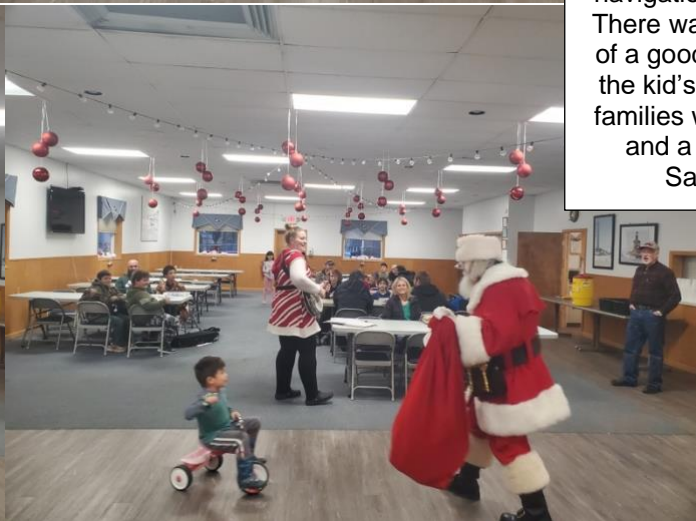
NOTE: Owner must read Conditions of Storage on Page 2 and sign acceptance.

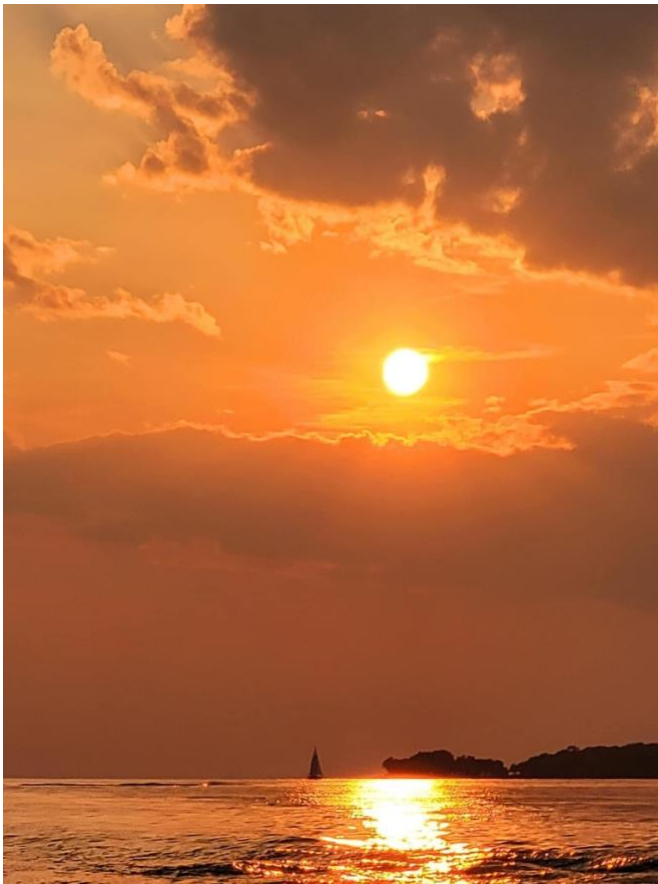


Members Enjoying the Club



Santa visits the Dec 11 Gradeschool Fishing Club! The Gradeschool Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs program combined the significance of green and red lights of the Christmas season to boating and safe fishing on our Great Lake Erie. We'll find out how much they learned January 8th when they are tested on navigational lights. There was a 'hook' of a good party for the kid's and their families with treats and a visit by Santa.





Erin Jeruzal won the award for best photograph from the Bayweek Regatta! Winning photo on the left and award presented to the I-LYA membership by Bill Pribe of the I-LYA Sail Committee



Christmas at MBC!





More Christmas pics at
MBC!

Directory of Officers, Board, etc.

<p style="text-align: center;">FLAG OFFICERS for 2024</p> <p>Commodore.....Tony Schippa tonyschippasellshomes@gmail.com (734) 637-8221</p> <p>Vice Commodore.....Dave Volker volkerdave@yahoo.com (734) 735-7831</p> <p>Rear Commodore.....Carl Laura c-mauto@hotmail.com (231) 313-3816</p> <p>Power Fleet Captain.....Russ Moore loriratz@charter.net (734) 770-9105</p> <p>Sail Fleet Captain.....Andrew Devenish gt6racer@msn.com (734) 598-0614</p> <p>Financial Secretary.....Trish Soto Treasurer.....Lance Piedmonte Secretary.....P/C Fred Hoitash Dock Master.....Aaron Goldsmith Yard Master.....P/C Dave Ryan By-law Chair.....P/C Rodger Dutton Membership Chair.....Nick Pinotti Historian.....Charlotte Neuhauser/Rob Adkins Obituaries.....Jim Brzuchalski-OH / P/C James Kozlowski -MI Parliamentarian.....Lance Piedmonte Chaplain.....Fr. Darin Robert / John Peterson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD of DIRECTORS P/C Carl Butler - P/C John Peterson P/C Dave Ryan – Dustin Diehl</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BLUE GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....P/C Mike Powers Vice President.....P/C Dan Thomas Secretary.....P/C Fred Hoitash Treasurer.....P/C Duke Finch Chaplin.....P/C John Peterson Delegates.....P/C Ric Murray P/C Jim Kozlowski</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AUXILIARY OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Tara Goldsmith Vice Pres.....Sharon Bagley Secretary.....Jenny Francisco Treasurer.....Olga Collino</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SATIN GAVEL OFFICERS</p> <p>President.....Linda Lamb Vice-President.....Sharon Bagley Secretary.....Kim Fuller Treasurer.....Molly Wood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIND MBC ON FACEBOOK!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FINANCE COMMITTEE Comm. Tony Schippa - P/C Carl Butler P/C Ron Soto - Fabrizio Biundo Tom Snarey - P/C Dan Thomas - Fred Lemerand</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYC DELEGATES: Russ Moore Dave Volker Tony Schippa</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AYC ALTERNATES: P/C Dan Thomas P/C Rodger Dutton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I-LYA DELEGATE: Andrew Devenish</p> <p>Roster & E-mail address changes.....Lance Piedmonte lance@piedmonte.com</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NEWSLETTER "HARBOR LIGHT"</p> <p>Editor.....Randy Treece randy.treece@icloud.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEADLINE FOR CONTENT SUBMISSION <i>20th of each month</i></p> <hr/> <p>Monroe Boat Club website.....monroeboatclub.org MBC-A (501c3) website https://www.monroeboatclub.org/MBC-A-Home Webmaster.....Ken Naszradi knaszradi@yahoo.com</p>
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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: 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: 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: 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)

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)

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

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 Black & White (looks great)
\$195
Contact David Ryan 419-260-9578 dryan@bex.net