

Muskegon Yacht Club **Portwatch**



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Commodore's Corner

By Chuck VanVleit

As I write this I am saddened by the realization that last year Muskegon Yacht Club lost another of our iconic past commodores. Tony Gretzky passed away Tuesday November 18, 2010, on his 81st birthday. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Patti, Jason and their children. Tony touched the lives of each of us over the years. We all have fond memories of our dealings with Tony during his tenure as a flag officer and his infamous term as our revered "DOCK NAZI". Tony was an individual of deep convictions and he never compromised on what he felt was in the best interest on the club. I've been a member of the club for over 20 years and I can't remember a time when Tony wasn't a fixture at the club. Tony, you went away and left a big hole at your club. God Speed, and bless you for all you did for your club. We will all miss you. On another front, in November I chaired my first board meeting as Commodore. I was patting myself on the back over how smoothly everything went when a heckler in the audience pointed out that if I continued to run future meetings as I did that one, I would set a new record for the longest board meeting in MYC history. We have a lot of pressing items on our agenda right now.

1. **New docks** – we are totally committed to new docks for next season. I was out to the club recently and it right now it looks like spring will never get here. Behind the scenes the frames for the new docks are all assembled and ready for placement. Contracts for electrical, fire suppression and plumbing have been inked. There will be updates at this month's board meeting and in the February **Port Watch**.
2. **Club Manager** – We have redefined the role of the club manager and updated the job description. The position has been posted and several extremely qualified candidates have submitted resumes. The interview process will begin shortly and we hope to have a new manager in place by the first of March.
3. **Current club operations** – It has been amazing how our staff has stepped up and assumed added responsibilities to keep the club running smoothly.
4. **New slip assignments** – Tari Smith and Bruce Spencer, Sr. did a fantastic job chairing December's slip assignment meeting.

Everyone who wanted a slip was accommodated. While we didn't reach our goal of 100% occupancy we are currently over 90% and cash flow from the slip rentals should cover the mortgage and other expenses associated with the docks.

5. **Iceboat Racing** – Welcome to iceboating in Michigan. Acres of clear ice buried under 24 inches of snow. Peter Blacklock and Andy Bos were impressed that we took our docks out so iceboaters could sail up to the seawall. If conditions improve ride out to the club and enjoy an afternoon of watching an exciting sport – you might even be able to catch a ride. Dress warm.
6. **You and MYC** - Come spend some time at the club this winter. Volunteer for the boat show, join a committee, find a project that needs doing and make new friends.

FROM THE EDITOR:

My sincerest apologies to the MYC membership for not getting the last couple of month's Portwatch issues out in a timely manner. There are several reasons for the delays, but ultimately it is still my responsibility and I accept that fully. This is a long issue, meant to primarily catch everyone up on the Board Meetings from November through January. Look for a February issue in the next few days. Then we should be back on track. Stay warm.

Patti

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Reflections and Thank You

Past Commodore Don Crandall

“How time flies”. It seems like such a short time ago that I took on the role of Commodore of Muskegon Yacht Club. The new dock project was stalemated in a prolonged legal challenge, the chair of the new dock committee resigned, the leading vendor for the new docks went out of business, and we were trying to keep the project moving forward. November storms wiped out a major section of our docks, forcing us to make a decision on a replacement strategy. A spring storm took another section of the old docks letting us know there was not much life left in them. We spent the major portion of the spring and early summer obtaining appraisals, environmental surveys, engineering review of new dock designs, and fulfilling all the requirements for the bank before closing on our construction loan. The good news is we are well on our way to replacing the old dock system as evidenced by the removal of the old docks this fall. The bad news is the year is over and there were so many other things that I had hoped to accomplish as your Commodore.

While Nancy and I were attending the Junior Yacht Club awards ceremony this fall, I was once again reminded of the true strength of MYC. We saw a dedicated staff, volunteers and parents working side by side to make this a successful program. That same theme has been repeated again and again throughout the year by numerous committees and volunteers working for the betterment of MYC. The Board has dedicated members working hard in the interest of the club. The Board and Audit/Budget Committee have improved on the budget process that was put in place two or three years ago improving the financial position of the club. The House and Social Committees have worked to improve the services offered by and financial performance of the club. The New Dock Committee, Dock & Yard and Projects Committee have had a very active year dealing with the uncertain progress of the new docks and the many improvements needed around the club while trying to keep expenditures low to improve our cash position for the bank. Work days, haulout and launch are major efforts on the part of many members. The Membership Committee has worked to maintain our membership in a difficult economic time. The Pool Committee has done a great job in repairing, upgrading and maintaining the pool and its programs. We had another great and successful racing season managed by the Race Committee and their numerous volunteers, once again establishing MYC as the premier racing venue on Lake Michigan. The Regatta Committee hosted several great regattas and are already working toward next year's Queens Cup. The Port Watch Editor and Web Site manager have kept the membership informed in a timely and effective way. There are many other groups and committees, i.e.: past commodores, life members, Yacht Women, etc., that play a vital role in the well being of the club. We have members that have stepped forward to enhance the programs for families and the youth of our club. I could go on and on, but you get the point.

As I look back on my year as commodore, I realize how much takes place at our club that has nothing to do with the “flag officers” but is dependent on the dedication of our members. The people are really the strength of MYC. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve this past year as your Commodore and thank you for making my job so easy because of your hard work and dedication.

West Michigan Ice Yacht Club

November 17, 2010

Commodore Chuck VanVliet and Members of Muskegon Yacht Club

West Michigan Ice Yacht Club members have enjoyed the hospitality and facilities of MYC for many seasons. While many of the ice boaters are members of both organizations many new people have been introduced to the sport by the hospitality of MYC. It is a well-known fact that when there is usable ice on Muskegon Lake there is no better venue for sailing or viewing sailing in the state than Muskegon Yacht Club.

The Board of Directors for West Michigan Yacht Club has decided to donate, as a token of our appreciation, a state of the art **Weather Station** and will also provide for its installation. This station will also be able to be accessed on the internet. We appreciate the assistance of WMIYC and MYC member Bob Harvey for his assistance in selecting and installing this Weather Station.

We thank you again for your hospitality and look forward to many enjoyable events at the Muskegon Yacht Club

Peter Blacklock

Commodore West Michigan Yacht Club



Andy Price



Josh Wallace

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MYC Social Calendar 2011

Feb. 12th: Dessert Competition (Special kid's division. Please have desserts to the club at 1:30PM, tasting starts at 2PM. Donations to taste)

Feb. 27th: "I Hate Winter Party" (Grilling! Bon Fire! Ice Golf!) Event begins at 1PM. Look for fliers at the club.

Mar 26th: Chili Cook-Off (Please have chili to club at 3:30PM, tasting starts at 4pm. Donations to taste)

Crew Party – 6pm (Pizza special. Relay games.)

May 7th: Kentucky Derby Party /Shrimp Boil

May 21st: Trish's Martini Tasting

May 28th: Dancing in the Octagon! (Dance Lessons and Dancing. No experience necessary!)

Jun. 4th: Lobster & Steak Dinner




Jun. 11th: Dancing in the Octagon

Jun. 25th: Dancing in the Octagon /Queen's Cup Party

Sept. 3rd: Island Party (More details to follow- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!)

*Special notes: the above social dates and events are tentative and subject to change at any time. There are more events waiting to be scheduled- stay tuned! Please contact Carly Reagan if you are interested in volunteering. **

Knitting and "friendly" poker are scheduled every other Sunday until April 24th, 2011. Knitting and poker will start around noon. All levels welcome!

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2010 MYC Race Committee Annual General Meeting Report

The MYC race committee ran a full slate of races. These races included the spring and fall series, Tuesday night JY 15 and Laser races, Wednesday night races as well as several major regattas. These regattas included the Spring Melges regatta, the Harbour Hospice Chronicle Cup regatta, West Michigan Youth Sailing regatta, the Governor's Cup and starts for the Single/Double and the Clipper Cup. The race committee also participated in the Winter Wednesday night events, the Red Cross CPR course and the Summer Celebration air show at which the race committee set and maintained all of the Safety buoys.

The ability of the race committee to provide fair, fun races has been aided significantly by the operation of the MYC signal boat "Gordon Torresen". As mentioned in earlier reports, substantial work was performed over last winter and we have a few items to work on this winter, but this should be able to be handled by the race committee or additional volunteers.

The race committee has received many contributions and we would like to thank Ann and Jim Ball, Torresen Marine, West Marine, The West Michigan Ice Yacht Club and MacKenzie Price.

The race committee for the JY 15/Laser fleets is Bill Richardson, Ty Engleheart and Rick Smith. Wednesday night races were handled by Mhairi Blacklock, Jim McColl, Ann and Jim Ball, with scoring for all events done by Bob Harvey. We received assistance from Steve Schiller, Nick Coffin, Scott Miller, John Schumacher Keke Wickland, and Steve Bawks. We also had great assistance from the Regatta committee of Nancy Crandall, Ann Ball and Anita Harvey.

The race committee plans for 2011 will include an organizational meeting in December where we will be planning for the 2011 season. We hope to work with the social committee for assistance for the social side of the major events which this year will have the finish of the Queens Cup as well. We want to work with the WMYSA regatta to provide manpower and equipment to this growing event. The Winter Wednesday night event will be discussed. Planning will take place to schedule the planning and upgrades for the Signal Boat and maintenance on the MYC permanent race marks.

The race committee would like to thank the Handicap Race Division, The Melges 24 Fleet and the Board of Directors and Management of the Muskegon Yacht Club for their continued support.

Peter Blacklock
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Muskegon Yacht Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Annual Meeting Official Minutes

October 8, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. Muskegon Yacht Club

Call Meeting to Order: Commodore Crandall called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Present Commodore Don Crandall, Vice Commodore Chuck Van Vliet, Rear Commodore Dave Ellens, Past Commodore Bruce Spencer Jr., Directors Tari Smith, Mike Stewart and Al Vander Wilp, Secretary Diane Szewczyk-Smith, and Treasurer Michelle Langford. Quorum present.

Absent: Directors Eric Landman and Andy Price.

Review of Previous Minutes: Motion to approve last year's annual meeting minutes seconded by Spencer Jr. to approve the Oct 16, 2009 MYC Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes. **Passed.**

Correspondence: D. Smith reported no correspondence received. Crandall indicated there had been a number of inquiries re: interested in the vacancy in the position, currently vacant with a prior title of Club Manager.

Unfinished Business:

New Dock Committee-Phil Lundwall highlighted the MYC New Dock Committee progress, thanked committee members: Roger Anderson, Don Crandall, Mort Kantor, Phil Lundwall, Bruce Spencer Sr., Tari Smith, Mike Stewart, Chuck Van Vliet, Al VanderWilp, Jay Wallace, Jr., Brian Torresen-Contractor and Consultants: Gordon Torresen, Bruce Spencer Sr. Chuck Van Vliet, and Brian Torresen-Contractor for their service. Phil shared the following key points: B. Torresen has adjusted the work plan and has been very flexible. New docks in place by June 2011 with replacement of all existing docks with new construction techniques, design and built with synthetic decking.

Subcontractors have been refined, slip fees updated, Phase I and II environmental survey for loan and DEQ permit completed, City of Muskegon site plan approval for parking changes, construction loan from Community Shores Bank signed on 8-25-10, Bluffton Dock LLC contract was signed. Contractor has ordered and stockpiled steel floats, busy welding structural steel components, and 17-78 finger piers welded. We are all excited about progress and having new docks for spring 2011.

Question from floor on appraisal value of MYC? Crandall answer: enough to borrow whole amount for the loan.

Question from floor on environmental survey results? Crandall answer: Survey was clean, former concern over Octagon building because it was a former machine shop revealed the building and all our grounds are clean.

Question from floor on slip 71 and 72 will those be improved? Crandall answer: Not sure, ask Dock and Yard Committee.

Treasurers Report: Michelle Langford, *Treasurer*, do not have new financial reports since the Sept. report reviewed at the last board mtg. Bills being mailed for slip fees. Finances are doing well. Crandall shared that over the last 2 years each committee has done an improved job of projecting expenses. House operations have had a more consistent positive cash flow. MYC just signed a construction loan for \$1.4 million dollars it is imperative that we tighten finances as we go forward.

Reports from Committees:

Rear Commodore: Dave Ellens

Junior Yacht Club – Ken Griswold, *Chairperson*. Griswold reported 2009 45 kids participates hoped to increase to 60 kids this year, had 80 sailors in 4 classes, held 3 clinics, 4 regattas, and 4 club races. A couple regattas remain for the season, the Jr. Olympics tomorrow, and in Dec. we'll be represented in the Orange Bowl along with 700 kids from 21 countries. Highlights from 2010 include our incredible coaching staff, parents volunteering with fundraisers, Saturday morning pre race breakfast and post race lunches. We are in our 3rd year as members of WMYSA, which has 9 clubs and over 100 racers in regattas. We have had 80 boats in regattas we have hosted.

House Committee - Kathleen Torresen, *Chairperson*. Ellens reported Kathleen has retired after 5 years. Thank you Kathleen. Shannon Matthews is serving as interim chair. S. Matthews reported that House committee is looking into new Point of Sale (POS) because our current system is noncompliant. We will be suspending credit card use as of Mon. 10/11/10 because we can't afford the liability exposure with the current system. The committee hopes this inconvenience is of short duration. House Committee is looking for new committee members, contact S. Matthews.

Social Committee - Carly Riegler, *Chairperson*. Riegler reported continuing to work on the 2010-11 calendar and planning a New Years Eve party with an 80's prom night theme.

By-Laws Committee - Bill Newman and Ben Broughton, *Co-Chairpersons*. No Report. Crandall reported that even though there is no report from the committee, he has had conversions with them throughout the year on issues and values their expertise.

Vice Commodore: Chuck Van Vliet

Dock and Yard - Tari-Smith, *Chairperson*. T. Smith reported that on Monday dock removal will begin which was followed by a round of applause, and a suggestion that a portion of the old docks be burnt in a ceremonial bonfire. Slip assignment meeting Sat. Dec 4. Slip fees, seniority list, and slip waiting list will be posted prior to the meeting. Existing slip holders' slips will be assigned by seniority from the time the slip holder received their 1st slip. Existing slip holders followed by members on the slip waiting list. Tari thanked all those members who helped with projects this last year. Special thanks to Gordon Torresen and Bob Harvey who were instrumental with the removal of the dinghy racks. Focus during summer 2011 will be on club house roof. Haul out

tomorrow, your job is the same as it was last year, new members see Bill Richardson for an assignment. Crandall commented that T. Smith and his committee have developed a 2-3 yr. project plan to anticipate and budget funds that are needed.

Projects Committee – Tari Smith, *Chairperson*. Fall project list includes patching, painting, and new lock set.

Pool Committee - Andy Bos and Carly Riegler, *Co-Chairpersons*. Both co-chairs present, Riegler reported for the team a successful year with pool open from Memorial Day to Labor Day with clean water. Hired 3 lifeguards, released 1, and held swimming instruction which went well. Hired Pool Doctors to assist with closing for the season.

Membership Committee- Diane Szewczyk-Smith, Ken Visser – *Co Chairpersons*. Both present, Diane S. Smith presented the following;

- 1 Regular membership application to present this month. Kristine Bogner of N. Muskegon is in the process of buying a boat, sponsored by Andy Bos. Motion seconded by Crandall to approve the above Regular membership application for Christine Bogner. **Passed**. Welcome Kristine,
- The following information was not stated at the meeting but is included in these minutes, October 2010 Membership: 167 Regular, 125 Associate, 3 Youth, 76 Life, and 1 Honorary = 372 Members, **this is a decrease of 1 members from Oct 2009. So far 21 Regular and 24 Associate Members have resigned for 2010 for a total of 45 members have resigned to date in 2010.**
- Smith received the list of current and potential members interested in slips.
- Visser reviewed membership numbers indicating a membership of 361 as the low number over the last 5 years, and Membership Committee has used incentives the last 2 years in order to attract members. Membership committee is looking for new members. Suggested by member D. Alger we look at Associate member list and see who is interested in serving on membership

Commodore: Don Crandall:

Race Committee- Peter Blacklock and Jim McColl, *Co-Chairpersons*.

Blacklock sent in a written report but shared he anticipated a larger season in 2011 especially with the Queen's Cup ending at MYC. Blacklock thanked Commodore Don Crandall for being a supporter of the race committee and generating funds as well. He also thanked folks who donated time or materials to the race committee which is the best race committee on Lake Michigan. Crandall commented that Peter is a Regional Area K Race Officer (representing an area that goes from Lansing to S. Dakota). Peter encourages anyone interested in becoming a race officer or any club members who would like exposure to get involved and/or contact him.

Yacht Women-Carly Riegler and Courtney Coffin, *Co-Chairpersons*. No report.

Club Manager-Vacant. MYC is without a manager right now. Ellens and Chuck had a great meeting with staff identified key operations to make sure

things keep going smoothly. Committee is reviewing job description, clarifying the responsibilities, and where we want that position to go from here. Bartenders Angie and Keith are helping out. Troy will be deployed to Afghanistan soon. We will be looking at food service for winter. Ad Hoc Personnel Committee is: Jan Smith, Phil Lundwall, Shannon Matthews, **Question from floor:** why changes were made in personnel. D Ellens responded mutual resignation.

Port Watch Editor- Patti Spencer, *Editor*. No Report.

Regatta Committee: Nancy Crandall and Anita Harvey, *Co-Chairpersons*. Governors Cup in place. Next will be working with South Shore Yacht Club on Queen's Cup.

Past Commodore: Bruce Spencer Jr.

Auditing/Budget Committee:

Comment from floor Need a sound system for annual meetings so people in back of the room can hear.

Spencer Jr. shared 3rd year we used our improved system and have come a long way thanks to Bob Harvey's leadership. We have moved from a 20,000 loss to last year we had a decent gain and currently we are \$3,000 to the good.

Compared to last year we were up \$23,000 but we have spent funds on new docks. We are watching the budget and informing committees when they have spent their budgeted funds. Crandall hats off to committee for the good job, our finances are much better off as a result.

Question from floor D. Algers asked when will we put money in the dock sinking fund? Algers asked what year the sinking fund was established and if the original motion could be reviewed? If a dedicated percentage of money was put aside every year for docks we would not find ourselves in this position of having to borrow money 20 years from now.

New Business:

- *MYC Board Elections*

Spencer Jr. reviewed the positions which do not require a vote

Directors in second term not being voted on:

Eric Landman, Andy Price, Tari Smith (4th term)

Past Commodore: Dr. Don Crandall (not voted on)

Spencer Jr. presented the following Positions to be voted on:

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| Directors: | Mike Stewart |
| | Al VanderWilp |
| Secretary: | Diane Szewczyk-Smith |
| Treasurer: | Michelle Langford |
| Fleet Captain of Sail: | Greg Young |
| Fleet Captain of Power: | Paul Wickland |
| Fleet Surgeon: | Dr. Don Wingard |
| Commodore: | Chuck Van Vliet |
| Vice Commodore: | Dave Ellens |
| Rear Commodore: | Phil Lundwall |

Motion seconded by C. Kerkstra to unanimously approve the above slate of officers. **Passed.**

Member Comments:

Trevor Smith: Approached about redesigning website for club, has been met with a lack of enthusiasm. Regardless he is willing to put up a test site, and test functionality. Bob Harvey volunteered and Crandall suggested 1 representative from each committee volunteer and review improvements for their area.

Contact Trevor at 773-710-7896 racing@albionracing.com

Lisa Bakran: Congratulated everyone who participated in regattas this summer MYC had racers finish in the top of numerous races.

Don Crandall: Shared that he attended JR. awards program and volunteers are key to the club and wanted to personally thank members for the strength of the club.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Van Vliet. **Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm

Diane Szewczyk-Smith
Secretary MYC

Attention MYC Associate Members

Are you a boat owner? Is your Membership Classification correct? Please review Article III, Section 1.C. of the Muskegon Yacht Club By-Laws, reprinted below:

"Associate Membership. *Associate Membership shall be available to non-boat owners over 18 years of age. The privileges of membership shall be the same as available to a Regular Member, except that an Associate Member may not hold office in the organization nor accrue seniority toward Life Membership.*

Associate Members, as a group, have one vote. The Associate Members shall designate one person to exercise the vote at meetings specified in Article VI by a writing delivered to the Secretary at least five days prior to each meeting.

For the purposes of this section, Non-Boat Owner is defined as one who does not have any ownership interest in any vessel propelled by paddles, oars, machinery or sails, which is maintained primarily for use in the navigable waters of the United States."

Hello Everyone:

After some discussions I have decided to announce that we are pulling the plug on the 2011 Melges24 Spring Regatta. With the MYC dock expansion in process, it has been determined that the marina and property will not be in any shape to have boats, guests, etc. racing during the month of May. I am working with Peter to schedule a temporary replacement regatta in the late summer, maybe the weekend of Harbor Springs or the Anchorage cup. Your thoughts are always welcome as I can always hit the delete key. More to come soon.

Love,
John Schumacher

The Muskegon Junior Sailing Association is looking for auction items for their **3rd Annual Fundraiser Auction** to be held March 19th at Dockers in Muskegon. All donations are tax deductible! To make donation or purchase tickets to the event, please contact Cathy Young @ (616)836-1994 or Todd Bakran @ (616)745-1112.

Dock & Yards Committee:
Needs a regular member to take minutes for D&Y meetings. Please contact Tari Smith to offer your services.



Muskegon Yacht Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Official Minutes-DRAFT

November 18, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. Muskegon Yacht Club

Call Meeting to Order: Commodore Van Vliet called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Present Commodore Van Vliet, Vice Commodore Dave Ellens, Rear Commodore Phil Lundwall, Past Commodore Don Crandall, Directors Tari Smith, Al Vander Wilp, Secretary Diane Szewczyk-Smith, and Treasurer Michelle Langford. Quorum present. **Absent:** Directors Mike Stewart. Eric Landman joined the meeting after it started. Quorum present.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of September 16, 2010, MYC Board of Directors minutes seconded by T. Smith.

Passed. Annual Meeting minutes of 10-8-10 for review, no action taken.

Correspondence:

Correspondence received from Peter Blacklock, Commodore West Michigan Ice Yacht Club who was also present to donate a state of the art weather station and provide for its installation to MYC as a token of their appreciation for MYC's hospitality. This station will also be able to be accessed on the internet. Appreciate Bob Harvey for his expertise in the selection and future installation. Bob has unit, transponder and with acceptance and permission of MYC will determine a suitable location for the unit in a locked case. D. Crandall thanked them for keeping the world championship here.

Correspondence received from Michigan Boating Industries Association inviting us to participate in a one day conference. Information passed onto T. Price

Correspondence received from Lake Michigan Sail Racing Federation contacted us regarding a nomination for their Sailing Hall of Fame. D. Crandall suggested Harvey Nedeau, grandfather of Sam. Bob Harvey is our area 4 representative. John Nedeau suggested in the future. Motion seconded by Lundwall to nominate Harvey Nedeau to the Lake Michigan Sailing Hall of Fame. Passed. D. Smith handed paperwork to B. Harvey who will complete and enter our nomination.

Correspondence from Tom and Pam Palmer requesting extension of finger pier by 10' to accommodate their 64' boat. The request sounds easy enough, but with DEQ and neighbors scrutinizing our actions the MYC Board regrets we can't take care of all our members. Unfortunately since we do not have all approvals stamped we don't have the ability to modify the current plan for a larger slip. This is something to address once the docks are in, and Dock and

Yard can begin to address it first. Tari Smith will give the Palmers a phone call to explain.

Unfinished Business:

New Dock Committee – DEQ Permit. Administrative Law Judge hearing took place; we had a full contingency of members and supporters present. It is the hands of the Administrative Law Judge to write his final brief. Final testimony to take place and law judge to write his final report which is expected by Dec 15. Crandall asked B. Torresen to forward the documents to DEQ from the Asst. Attorney General, our attorney, and the Administrative Law Judge to make it part of our file.

Procedure for Paying Bills and Resolution Confirming. Resolution has been tabled Van Vliet asked D. Szewczyk-Smith to update the Board. D. Smith stated she had received email from Business Manager Sue re: the lien payment and wanted to make sure that the procedure was being followed according to the requirements of the mortgage documents. D. Crandall verbally confirmed the procedure had been incorporated into the contract with Bluffton Bay and he was following all the requirements of the documents and the board requirements, which D. Smith stated satisfied her and she would not pursue her resolution.

Improved dock management and customer Service in 2011- Vander Wilp proposal. Tabled until spring 2011.

Building insurance and MYC insurance- moved to later in agenda

Members Comments: None

Treasurers Report: Michelle Langford, *Treasurer*, Net income \$639.96 for the month of October. Scholten Fant attorney bill in the amount of \$1628.26 needs approval, pay out of cash flow, tie expense to dock project, add it to draw and get reimbursed, and finance keep track of bills.

Reports from Committees:

Rear Commodore: Phil Lundwall

Junior Yacht Club: Ken Griswold, *Chairperson*. Event this weekend spaghetti dinners fundraiser for Jr.'s Sat. at Harbortowne Yacht Club.

House Committee: Shannon Matthews, *Interim Chairperson*

●**Manager Position Progress Report:** Committee – no progress

●**Food Services Update:** Dave Ellens reported.

Hired Scott Muellerleile. Hired Angie Fisher as 2nd bartender. Troy will be deployed to Afghanistan and he will be stepping back, Troy has done a great job, thank you Troy. In-service completed with staff, reviewed employee manual, meeting with staff once a month. Ellens stated we have a phenomenal staff at the club. Ellens recommended we consider hiring Scott Mayhew for Food Service Manager since he has done an excellent job with food service, menu planning execution, costs, and financially good with products we offer. Thank you Scott. All staff has stepped up to the plate performing well and members have noticed. Staff shows they are proud to work at MYC and are doing an amazing job.

Discussion re: **MYC still needs a general manager.** Currently we have an interim solution but board needs to redefine position and board need to make

sure that items are getting done on time, especially dinners and banquets. A committee of the board or the board needs to define the role of the manager, and review responsibilities. It is the board responsibilities to interview and select the candidate. T. Smith seconded the motion to appoint this responsibility to a subcommittee of the board **Passed**. Member J. Allen offered his wife Linda to serve on such a committee and Linda also has a list of appropriate interview questions. J. VanderWilp services offered as well. Ad Hoc Committee to include D. Ellens, J. Vander Wilp. S. Matthews and P. Lundwall. House committee requested manager position is filled by March 1, 2011. S. Matthews reported Computers and Credit Cards will be resolved by Monday. Also working on replacing cooler floors.

●**Reciprocity rights for members of other clubs:** Currently reciprocity extends to pool and club usage, but does not extend to sales of alcohol. A visiting member from another club may only have alcohol if they are over 21 and one of our current members in good standing purchases alcohol for them. Liquor laws as they were explained to us and requires membership in an organization as the qualifier. Many yacht clubs are active in US Sailing and therefore their active members can be allowed reciprocity at our club for the use of facilities and purchasing liquor. Our staff will ask “Are you a members here or active members of another club active in US Sailing? As long as visiting member is a member of a club who is a member of US Sailing, they should be covered by reciprocity and the liquor license requirements. If you don’t have their card, fill out guest application. An active list of participating clubs will be kept behind the bar, which Shannon has already downloaded. Motion seconded by T. Smith to authorize staff to accept members with reciprocity who are members of US Sailing or whose Yacht Club is a member of US Sailing for cash or credit card purchases. **Passed**.

House Committee has moved their meeting to 2nd weekend of the month to correspond with other committees, next mtg. Dec 11th. Blacklock requested permission of House to display portion of trophies in club. Requested to develop a plan for trophies, so items do not get lost. Lundwall and VanderWilp will work on trophy plan/display and present to board.

Social Committee: Carly Riegler, *Chairperson*. Riegler booked a band for New Year’s Eve. Jimmy Buffet Party Financial report – will be forthcoming in Dec. according to Sue.

By-Laws Committee: Bill Newman and Ben Broughton, *Co-Chairpersons*. No report.

Vice Commodore: Dave Ellens

Dock and Yard: Tari-Smith, *Chairperson* reported Dec 4th slip assignment meeting, layout, prices, seniority list, on bulletin board. We have 28, 30, 34, 38.40,46 foot slips. Current slip holders will be assigned first. 28’ will be selected 1st by seniority, others bumped to 30’. Bruce Spencer Sr. will be assisting. We have 9 34’ slip but 16 boats, etc.

New slip holders will follow.

Projects Committee: Tari Smith, *Chairperson*, No report.

Pool Committee: Andy Bos and Carly Riegler, *Co-Chairpersons*. Andy Bos shared extensive Pool Committee Minutes Nov 18, 2010 with details on possible pool purchase for 2011. Board took information under advisement and asked for the committee to bring a specific proposal to the board.

Membership Committee: Diane Smith, Ken Visser – *Co Chairpersons*

●D. Smith presented a brief description of the phone survey conducted by the committee with the assistance of member Bruce Blinkhorn, since Ken Visser who was scheduled to be her tonight was unable to attend at the last minute and will present at the Dec. mtg. Thanks Bruce.

●D. Smith shared details on the Dock sinking fund that Business Manager Sue had researched. In Dec 2000 by-laws were amended to allow MYC to establish special funds, a copy of the original motion was not available. In Jan 2007 a vote was taken to establish “MYC Special Dock Fund” which accumulates funds for the purpose of replacing or upgrading docks.”

●November 2010 Membership: 168 Regular, 124 Associate, 3 Youth, 76 Life, and 1 Honorary = 372 Members, this is a decrease of 2 members from Nov 2009.

New members: So far, 13 Regular, 29 Associate and 3 Youth members have joined in 2010, total 45.

Resignations: So far, 21 Regular, 23 Associate have resigned for 2010 for a total of 44 members.

Commodore: Chuck Van Vliet

Race Committee: Peter Blacklock and Jim McColl, *Co-Chairpersons*

Peter indicated they would present a budget in December. Held a successful Melges 24 event with 12 teams, 35-40 competitors who added to and enjoyed the soup tasting. Sailing Season Awards ceremony had 99 attendees preregistered, 120 attended. Scott did a great job with the food, and Nikki took charge of the whole program, thanks Nikki and Scott.

Yacht Women: Carly Riegler and Courtney Coffin, *-Co-Chairpersons*, Riegler indicated P. Andress said they could not spend any more money on product, even though she placed an order with Ted Muskovin for a few items. Carly requested guidance on whether to spend money, or not. D. Crandall reviewed past challenges with some inventory not turning and concerns over purchasing inventory that does not sell, and selling it below cost much later. Was recommended to go to just in time stock, place an order on line, have it available in 24-48 hours, to sell. Board requested Reigler put a tentative plan and order together with both proposals.

Club Manager: No report.

Port Watch Editor: Patti Spencer, *Editor*, No report.

Regatta Committee: Nancy Crandall and Anita Harvey, *Co-Chairpersons*. D. Crandall reported committee has been in contact with South Shore Yacht Club re: Queen’s Cup.

Past Commodore: Don Crandall –

Auditing/Budget Committee each committee needs to submit a budget by Dec, 16 so treasure can present in Jan –Feb.

New Business:

● **Insurance Review:**

Had an insurance review \$42,300 less than last year, value of docks consistent. While Torresen is building new docks insured by Torresen. Premium will increase by \$4300 with new docks. Increase of \$274 for acts of terrorism insurance, required in case a plane flown into our building, or a car bomb, total insurance bill with terrorism insurance \$16,253. T Smith seconded the motion to renew the policy with terrorism coverage. Passed.

● **Annual Action Calendar:**

Agenda Items next mtg. Dec 16, 2010 7:00 p.m., Agenda items due Wed Dec 11

● **By laws for possible changes**

Note: D. Crandall shares sad news member Tony Gretzky passed away yesterday, our

condolences to his children and many friends. Visitation Mon night, Funeral Tuesday with luncheon at MYC.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Ellens.

Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Diane Szewczyk-Smith
Secretary MYC

**New
Winter
Menu**

A new winter menu started Friday, January 28. Come to the Club this weekend and try out some of the new menu items available! Also available will be lunch and appetizer specials, and Chef's specials on Friday and Saturday night.

Come on down, if for no other reason, than to celebrate the fact that we are one month closer to being done with winter and that much closer to spring!

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Muskegon Yacht Club

Board of Directors Meeting

Official Minutes-DRAFT

December 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order: 7:06 pm

Roll Call: Present Commodore Van Vliet, Vice Commodore Dave Ellens, Rear Commodore Phil Lundwall, Past Commodore Don Crandall, Directors Eric Landman, Tari Smith, Mike Stewart, Al Vander Wilp, Secretary Diane Szewczyk-Smith, and Treasurer Michelle Langford. Absent: Directors Mike Stewart and Eric Landman. Quorum present.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of November 18, 2010 MYC Board of Directors as corrected, Seconded by T. Smith. **Passed.**

Correspondence:

1. Invitation to US Sailing Summit April 2-3, 2011 Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. If interested log onto home.ussailing.org/ycsummit.
2. 2011 NSPS (National Sailing Program Symposium) Jan. 26-30, 2011 Marriot Suites Clearwater Beach, FL if interested log onto <http://training.ussailing.org/ProgramMgmt/NSPS.3>
3. Christmas card from Business Manager Sue thanking the Board for the Christmas bonus, as well as leaving homemade treats for Board who shared with meeting attendees.
4. D. Smith indicated she received MYC Questions for Business Plan forwarded to her by member D. Algers. D. Smith will forward copy to entire Board.
5. D. Smith shared information on invitation to MYC to host a class for members and non-members from the Sea Tech Marine Training offering a discount on tuition for USCG licensed captain's classes. If 10 students sign up fee would be \$400 per student as opposed to \$695, for 20 students the price drops to \$250, includes course materials. For more info go to www.seatechmarinetraing.com, call 1-877-883-9366 or email local instructor Ellen Sease ellensease@verizon.net.
6. D. Crandall shared Muskegon Chamber program where realtors promote advantage of living in area of lakeshore to new executives considering moving to the area. Would showcase MYC if we join the program and offer a reduced membership for 1 year to names they sell a house to. Cindy Larsen is contact.

Unfinished Business:

New Dock Committee – DEQ permit Administrative Law Judge Dec 16 hearing. Waiting for response.

Improved dock management & customer Service -Vander Wilp proposal-
Tabled Spring 2011

Members Comments: None

Treasurers Report: \$3005.84 revenue for the month \$10,074.88 for the year.

Reports from Committees:

Rear Commodore: Phil Lundwall

Junior Yacht Club – Ken Griswold, *Chairperson*. Lundwall reported program grew from 45 students to 90. Goal is 100-120 students in program, with an optimum size 120-125.

House Committee-Shannon Matthews, *Chairperson*. Matthews reported Scott has pared down the menu for winter. Committee is working on computer so food orders can be sent to kitchen electronically as opposed to being walked down. House requested Portwatch be printed as well as emailed, in order to get the information to everyone. We need to reach our members who are not being reached. Hard copy should not be forgotten. Question was asked how many club families receive the Newsflash? Another option suggested was to include a listing of social events in the mailing that goes out to members with their bills. S. Matthews volunteered to go thru directory, and find out how many members have email. Social events are also on Face Book. House Committee working on Budget.

●Manager Position expectations and job description- moved to later on agenda.

Social Committee- Carly Riegler, *Chairperson*. S. Matthews reporting. Events have been scheduled. New Year's Eve Party-band hired.

Jimmy Buffet Party Financial report not yet available, it was believed Sue may be able to create.

By-Laws Committee-Bill Newman and Ben Broughton, *Co-Chairpersons*. No Report. D. Smith requested B. Newman email address to add to the agenda, minutes and committee email list

Vice Commodore: Dave Ellens

Dock and Yard-Tari-Smith, *Chairperson*

●Update on Construction Spending to Date- D. Crandall reported \$587,000 spent with \$444,000 paid to Torresen. Finger piers done. Next item is large attenuator, spring fix dock and final configuration. Construction is taking place inside manufacturing shed and is ahead of schedule.

● Slip Meeting: T. Smith thanked Bruce Spencer Sr., for his assistance and the entire crew that helped with the slip mtg. Available slips include:

1-30'

2-40'

12-46' rent for \$3,075

Tari is talking to a couple of people interested in slips. \$11,500 income current slips provide @ 73% occupancy, we planned on 94%. In the past dock funds covered other club expenses, has been board's goal to move house towards support itself, and strides have been made toward that goal over the last year. Member pointed out that 95% of marinas require deposits by Jan 1 yearly. MYC must sell our advantages we have floating docks, no steps to access your boat!

Question was asked and it was reiterated that a 50' vessel cannot park in a 46' slip. Suggested that Dock and Yard place flyers in West Marine Stores advertising slip availability, and contact John C 37 Ghost Rider he may want a slip.

Projects Committee – Tari Smith, *Chairperson*. Will repair roof on clubhouse near air conditioning unit, due to weight of ac unit is causing a low spot, water retention and a leak.

Pool Committee-Andy Bos and Carly Riegler, *Co-Chairpersons*. No Report.

Membership Committee- Diane Smith, Ken Visser – *Co Chairpersons*

1 Regular membership application to present this month. Jay and Christine Gillespie of Fort Gratiot, own a Nim 46, sponsored by Brian Torresen. Motion seconded by Crandall to approve the above Regular membership application for Jay and Christine Gillespie. **Passed**. Welcome Jay and Christine.

1 Associate membership application to present this month. Kevin and Sharlene Naylor of Muskegon, sponsored by Renee Rutz. Motion seconded by Crandall to approve the above Associate membership application for Kevin and Sharlene Naylor. **Passed**. Welcome Kevin and Sharlene.

4 Life membership applications to present this month. Paul Miltgen has achieved 65 years of age and 20 years of membership confirmed by Business Manager S. Peterson. Motion seconded by T. Smith to approve Paul Miltgen for Life membership. Congratulations Paul and thank you for your years of support of MYC.

Chuck Van Vliet has achieved 65 years of age and 20 years of membership confirmed by Business Manager S. Peterson. Motion seconded by P. Lundwall to approve Chuck Van Vliet for Life membership. Congratulations Chuck and thank you for your years of support of MYC.

2 more Life membership applications were received today. An application from Larry Larsen requesting Life membership based on 35 years of continuous membership, which was in D. Smith, Secretary MYC mailbox. Also a Life membership application from Steve Schiller received during the meeting, requesting Life membership based on 35 years of continuous membership. L. Larsen and S. Schiller applications will be tabled until confirmation by Business manager S. Peterson to confirm 35 years of continuous membership.

December 2010 Membership:

Dec. 2009 Dec. 2010

Reg. 181 168

Assoc. 116 125

Youth 2 3

Life 74 75

Hon 1 1

Total 374 372

New members: So far, 13 Regular, 29 Associate and 3 Youth members have joined in 2010, total 45.

Resignations: So far, 21 Regular and 23 Associates have resigned for 2010 for a total of 44 members.

●K. Visser presented a report of the 9 question phone survey conducted by Diane, Ken and with the assistance of member Bruce Blinkhorn, Thanks Bruce. Members who resigned reported:

1. Being members 10 years or 0-3 years
2. Initially attracted to racing or Other- friends were members, desired sailing camaraderie, social events
3. Did club meet your expectations? 2 to 1 said yes. Liked racing, people, social, special kid activities, events.
4. What did you not like about the club? Were no longer using club because kids had grown up, parking dinghy storage, food and service.
5. Would you consider rejoining MYC? 3 to 1 said yes
6. Specific recommended changes included: Changing Associate Membership to \$150, new docks.

Possible recruitment tools for 2011 include MYC news flash current members recruit friends and family, or send letter to existing members without email, continue mail campaign to past members, resigned members who can rejoin, sailing school participants and run ad and use Muskegon Chronicle list purchase as we done in 2010. Specific recommendation required from committee in Jan. Current Initiation fee is a deterrent to members quitting and rejoining. Need to promote MYC as opportunity to become part of one of the finest marinas.

●Grand Rapids Boat Show: Scheduled for Wed. Feb 16-Sun Feb 20, 2011. D. Smith passed around a signup sheet, asking Board members to sign up first and focus on selling membership and filling slips. D. Smith recruited B. Spencer Jr. to be Chairperson for this event, a position he has unofficially held in the past. D. Smith will post the sign-up in the club.

Commodore: Chuck Van Vliet

Race Committee- Peter Blacklock and Jim McColl, *Co-Chairpersons*

Blacklock presented a written version of the 2011 Race Program Expenses race program costs average \$6000-7000 per year average, some purchases are 2 seasons of inventory. Budget does not include expense of signal boat acquisition and repair. Income is \$3800-4000. Race Committee is requesting \$4,000 from the MYC Budget and Board. Furthermore it must be determined whether Race Committee or MYC will actually pay the bills and where the money is to be deposited or moved.

Yacht Women-Carly Riegler and Courtney Coffin, *Co-Chairpersons*, No Report. D. Smith requested C. Coffin's email address to add to the agenda, minutes and committee email list.

Club Manager-Vacant, Dave Ellen reported great staff mtg. bonuses given out, team is whole heartedly performing well. Scott planning for Queens Cup breakfast. Micros updated. Working on wiring for printer so food orders can be sent to kitchen as opposed to physically walked to kitchen. Scott ordered uniforms. Pursuing approval from Health Dept to use grill.

Port Watch Editor- Patti Spencer, *Editor*. No report. Comment made that recent issues of Portwatch were rather sporadic with publication date and to inquire how we could help Patti.

Regatta Committee: Nancy Crandall and Anita Harvey, *Co-Chairpersons*. Queen's cup moving forward.

Past Commodore: Don Crandall

Auditing/Budget Committee. Meeting is held from 6-7pm before the regular meeting. D. Crandall apologized for not being in attendance but he was not informed of the meeting.

New Business

- Committee Appointments: Van Vliet reported all committee volunteers are staying on.

- Website update. No Report.

January

1. Budget

2. Sailing School, board member volunteered to ask Bill Anderson to teach again.

Agenda Items next mtg. Jan 20, 2011 7:00 p.m., Agenda items due Wed Jan 12, 2011

Ellens seconded to adjourn and enter closed session to discuss personnel. **Passed**

Vanderwilp seconded to adjourn. **Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm