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PORTWATCH

December 2011



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Pool.....Andy Bos & Carly Riegler
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

By Dave Ellens

As the new MYC Commodore for 2011 – 2012 I would like to first of all say that I am proud to be a part of such a great club as MYC. Even though it has been a very interesting year this past year, and some may even say a trying year, one can still sense the passion and great enthusiasm for our club. I look forward to this year as being one in which that passion will continue and we will grow even more as a club.

My family and I joined MYC in 2002, first with our Catalina 25, and we now have a Catalina 36, Leigh-Marie II. After joining we quickly learned more about our yacht club, and in fact I had no idea at first what a Commodore even was! Greg Smith helped in introducing us to how a club is managed and I eventually even raced with Greg a number of years on Express Lane. We are now probably identified more as Cruisers but still enjoy racing when given the chance. We primarily go up or down the coast, but have also done the Queen's Cup twice on our boat.

My wife, Sharon, and I have two daughters. Lisa graduated from Valparaiso University in 2011 and is currently in China with the Peace Corps (we even had the opportunity to go visit her this past summer, which included getting booted from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club as non-members. Apparently Reciprocity doesn't extend that far!). Kristi is a Junior at Calvin College studying International Development. We live in Kentwood but get out to the boat almost every weekend throughout the summer.

We hope to concentrate in a number of areas on the Board this year. One area is to increase communication and the flow of information. We will be focusing on getting the Portwatch out in a timely manner, revamping our website in being able to post information more quickly, increasing the marketing for our slips – both on the website and in other areas, as well as increasing the marketing of the great value of MYC in attracting new members. We also will be looking at other areas of the club such as forming a technology committee, as well as dealing with the leaky roof above the bar area and sound-deadening within the bar. There are also a

number of areas that need to yet be addressed outside the clubhouse in finishing the dock project.

MYC is a great club and we are blessed with having great staff! I hope you all get a chance to thank them for their hard work and commitment in working for MYC. I also hope you all are willing in this next year to donate your time periodically either on a committee or for a specific project because we are a club that needs all of us to pitch in to help keep us great!

Dave Ellens
Commodore
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MYC Committee Meeting Reminders:

Dock & Yard – 2nd Saturdays at 9:00 am

Membership Committee – 2nd Saturdays 10:00am

House Committee - 2nd Saturdays at 10:00 am

Board Meeting – 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join the Facilities Committee!

Previously know as the “Projects Committee”, the MYC Board has developed a new committee to oversee our Clubhouse and Octagon Building. If you have any experience or expertise in areas such as building/construction, buildings and grounds maintenance, facility management, HVAC systems, boilers and water heating systems, refrigeration, plumbing, electrical, kitchen equipment, carpentry, dry wall, flooring, roofing... if any of these fit into your repertoire, the Facilities Committee welcomes you!

We are looking for people who not only may be able to lend a hand on these types of projects, but also those who can evaluate the condition of our existing systems & equipment and make repair recommendations as well.

Please contact Vice Commodore, Phil Lundwall, if you'd like to Chair, join, or just help out with the Facilities Committee.



Muskegon Yacht Club - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2011

Meeting was **called to order** by Commodore Ellens at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Dave Ellens, Commodore	Eric Landman, Director
Chuck Van Vliet, Past Commodore	Andy Price, Director
Phil Lundwall, Vice Commodore	Tari Smith, Director
Mike Stewart, Rear Commodore	Al VanderWilp, Director
Bob Gronevelt, Treasurer	Ken Griswold, Director
Nancy Crandall, Secretary	Cyndi Nicholson, Manager

New board members were welcomed.

Minutes from the September 15, 2011 board meeting were approved as emailed.

Correspondence: Letter from SSYC was read indicating that the 2013 Queens Cup Race will finish in Ludington. This will be the 75th Queens Cup and SSYC "wanted to offer participants a greater variety of destinations". MYC was thanked for past hospitality extended to SSYC and the Queens Cup Race.

The letter prompted a great deal of discussion about holding a MYC race event next year on the same weekend. A motion (Van Vliet) was passed to form an Ad Hoc committee to develop an alternative to the Queens Cup. D. Crandall, M. Stewart, Andy Bos volunteered to join this committee.

Unfinished Business: None

Treasurers Report: B. Gronevelt emailed the balance sheet and reviewed the highlights. Operations are up (approx.) \$9000 for October and show YTD profit of \$23,000. Bar and food sales are good.

Positive sales are largely due to the influx of Harbor Town YC members using MYC. Cyndi and Sue are preparing a report to show a data "snapshot" of use of the club. Several communications have been sent to HTYC members regarding options for membership at MYC and encouraging same.

HTYC will meet Dec. 3 to make decisions regarding their club, building, etc.

Committee Reports: Commodore Ellens reviewed the list of committee chairs for 2011-12. He recommends adding Special Projects (Facilities) and Tech. committees.

Rear Commodore, Mike Stewart - No reports for Junior Yacht Club, Social or By-Laws committees.

House Committee is considering a minimum charge arrangement and will bring a recommendation to the board.

Vice Commodore, Phil Lundwall - In response to a request at the Annual meeting, a comprehensive review of the Dock Project was prepared and shared:

Dock Construction Loan -	Total	\$1,365,000
Additional Dock Costs -	Total	\$21,715
Attorney's Fees -		\$55,433
Site Development -		\$68,350

This represents a 1.57% cost over budget. Further details are available from P.Lundwall.

Dock & Yard: Andy Bos presented a written report of the D&Y meeting. Discussion was held regarding sale of slips, pricing, language for marketing materials. A recommendation will come to the board after the D&Y meeting on 12/3.

The issue of winter ice and cracking was discussed. A proposal for purchasing fans was reviewed and a motion (VanderWilp) to approve a purchase not exceeding \$9000. was passed. D&Y will evaluate the options including pricing and report to the board.

Facilities Committee - formerly Projects Cte., to address maintenance, repairs, building issues. Needs a chair.

Pool Committee - A. Bos presented a written report for the successful year. Several improvements were made and operations were a small amount over the budget for the year.

Membership: Cyndi reported 5 new regular members, 10 Associate, -2 youth, 6 new life members for a total membership of 391.

4 New Member applications were approved:

Bradley & Jan Dykstra, Hudsonville, Regular member

Jon & Kerstin Felske, Muskegon, Associate member

John & Jean Nieuwenhuis, Muskegon, Regular member

Linda Wood, Muskegon, Associate member

Larry McAnally, Grand Rapids, Life member (member since 1984)

One application was returned to Sue for more information.

Commodore, Dave Ellens -

Race Committee; signal boat needs repair. Information and budget will be presented at the Dec. board meeting.

Manager & Port Watch - Working on 2012 budget, food and bar have been positive. Also working on the web site and developing a new product with no hosting fee. Port Watch will be a regular communication piece, emailed with print copies available at the club. Information for PW needs to be sent to Cyndi by the 15th of each month.

Regatta Committee - Need co-chairs. Anita Harvey willing to continue.

Audit/Budget Committee - C. Van Vliet In process of assigning expenses to committees for preparation of budget. Committees should submit their expense estimates by 12/15 for next year's budget. Sat. 1/14 the budget will be prepared with input from committees and officers.

New Business - Simon Dimenstein , IT consultant, was introduced. He will work with a Tech. committee to identify and coordinate technical issues for MYC.

Marina safety was mentioned, there needs to be ladders installed inside the new docks. P. Lundwall is working on safety issues and will expedite the installation of ladders.

Calendars - All activities are listed on the Club calendar published in Port Watch. Cyndi will monitor this for accuracy and timeliness. A board calendar was used in the past to track duties of the board by month.

Lake Effect activities - Andy Price will be the MYC representative on this community committee.

Board meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM and the board held a closed session from 8:55 to 9:15 PM.

Nancy Crandall, Secretary



Dock & Yard Meeting Minutes – November 5th, 2011

Meeting called to order @ 9:00 am

Roll call – Andy Bos, Jack Draper, Jim Fetters, Chuck Van Vliet, Phil Lundwall, Van Ulrich, Bill Richardson, Tim Wallace.

Absent – Dave Ellens, Al VanderWilp, Bob Harvey

Guests - Nicky, Scott Corder, Keek Wickland, Ken Visser, Diane Ssewczyk,

Motion to accept October's meeting's minutes by Van Vliet, 2nd-ed by Lundwall – Passed

Correspondence:

Keek Wickland presented a letter opposing his lift station removal. D&Y thanks Keek for his years of active membership. D&Y carefully considered accommodating lift station users, but the continued encroachment into the lake due to lower water levels, and a fuller utilization of the beach area by the Juniors' program for launches and landings requires D&Y to adhere to its previous decision regarding this matter.

Request for cleat placement in Plant's old slip – to be put on Punch list for Spring.

Scheduled presentation by Brian Torresen failed to occur due to his absence. Wall side finger pier replacement and winter bubbling options were to be discussed.

Motion by Ulrich, 2nd-ed by Richardson to replace the Northern 5 wall side finger piers to the currently provided post positions and resulting lengths. Motion passes 5-3.

South 3 wall-side fingers to be 28 feet, with posts to be moved as previously planned.

Motion by Richardson, 2nd-ed by Ulrich to allow placement of up to 34 foot boats in the Northern 10 wall side slips. Yes votes: Bos, Ulrich, Richardson. No votes: Fetters, Draper, Corder, Lundwall, Van Vliet. Motion Fails 3-5.

MYC has lost 6 boats for 2012 season, but we have 9 boats on the waiting list. Vacant slips now = 25. Jockeying expected at the Dec 3rd slip assignment meeting.

Slip assignment meeting to be chaired by VanVliet, and co-chaired by Bos.

Old Business / Project Update / Etc. –

Dock Boxes – Vanderwilp and Tari to re-position encroaching boxes, and install new boxes to ensure both proper placement and mounting methods.

Black Dirt was relocated to fill holes in lawn. Final raking and seeding in Spring.

South Fence – Larry Larsen contacted about adding cement to post bottoms to help with wind susceptibility.

Haul Out was a success. Will check with Sue regarding provided list for proper billing of winter boat and mast storage.

Water System – winterization completed.

Octagon Building – was thoroughly cleaned. Thanks to all Haul Out volunteers.

Immediate Action Items -

The following Dry Sail storage fee increases will be implemented for the 2013 season:

Hoist Side storage to be \$750. Motion by Lundwall, 2nd-ed by VanVliet – Passes

Ramp Side on trailer or rack to be \$200. Motion by Draper, 2nd-ed by Lundwall – Passes

Dinghy storage (non rack) to be \$100. Motion by Draper, 2nd-ed by Fetters – Passes

Dock Box (non-slip holder) to be \$50. Motion by Bos, 2nd-ed by Draper – Passes

Temp Storage to be \$20 per day. Motion by Bos, 2nd-ed by Fetters – Passes

Overnight Dockage fees are revised, and will be implemented for the 2012 season:

Non-members to be \$1.50 per foot, members to be \$1.00 per foot. Motion by Draper, 2nd-ed by Corder – Passes

Delete from Red Book the Gin Pole/Hoist usage by non-members due to liability. Motion by Ulrich, 2nd-ed by Corder – Passes

Walk through with Bluffton Bay Docks LLC to be scheduled to review punch list

Memos & additions for Red Book regarding 1) dock attachments, 2) decorative items, 3) fishing and dock access, and 4) dry sail fees to be generated by Fetters.

Various needed signs to be sought out by Nicky.

Discussion –

Mooring fairway alignment with Thomson Street to be discussed with Brian Torresen.

Ladder sample to be brought in by Tim Wallace for consideration

Ladder locations and number needed– Lundwall to advise

Attenuater Lighting – Lundwall to advise

Navigational Lighting – Lundwall to advise

Throwable Life Rings, locations, and quantity needed – Lundwall to advise

Removal of unapproved dock boxes – Bos to address

Spring Action Items –

Review Eatons drawings for electrical outlets on Dock A – VanderWilp

Convert Dock B outlets from 30amp to 50amp – VanderWilp to investigate

Design screen / enclosure for electrical panels, dock carts, trash cans – Lundwall

North Dry Sail “redesigned” dinghy / kayak racks – Kerkstra & Corder

Dry Sail storage locations to be numbered / striped – Fetters

Richardson to donate stencils if he has them, but a purchase may be necessary.

Wall-Side finger pier steps, & hand-rails – VanderWilp, Tari, Wallace, Scott Morris (?)

North Fence painting – Juniors program to address

New Business –

Bill Richardson noted that more cigarette butt disposal units would assist cleanliness and appearance of the entrances.

Octagon Winterization – 4 of 5 items completed. Steel window frames need attention. Jack Draper to initiate appropriate measures.

Juniors – locked storage needed for spare parts and safe fuel handling.

Next meeting to be December 3rd, @ 9:00am

Motion to adjourn – Richardson, 2^{nd-ed} by Fetters. **Passed**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

**** CLUB CLASSIFIEDS ****

Sailboat For Sale: \$9000

1974 Irwin 33' - Awlgrip topside, deck and non-skid by Torresen Marine in 2007, completely rebuilt atomic 4 engine in 2009, 3 burner CNG stove with oven, autopilot, cradle, brand new 130% Genoa on roller furler, DNR inspected/approved for charter, includes all DNR required gear for charter (life jackets, anchor, sea anchor, etc.).

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Andy Price



Josh Wallace

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	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday & Tuesday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
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Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday:	12pm – Midnight	12pm – 9pm
Saturday:	12pm – Midnight	12pm – 9pm
Sunday:	12pm – 8pm	12pm – 8pm

Special Notes:

The Christmas Buffet will be the only dinner option on Dec. 3rd 5pm-9pm.

Hours for December 31st & January 1st due to NYE Party

Saturday, Dec 31st hours: 4pm – 2am ****NYE Party 7pm – 1am****

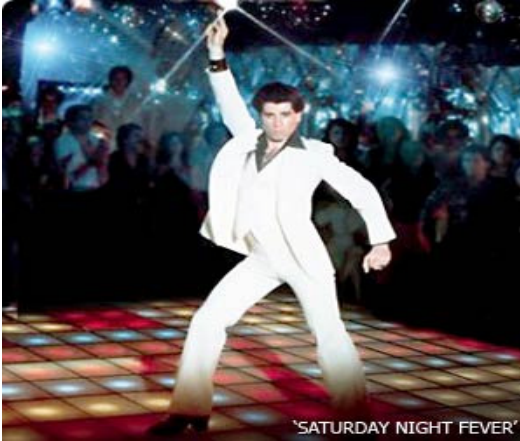
****There will be no lunch service on Saturday, Dec. 31st.**

Dinner service on Saturday, Dec 31st will take place upstairs in the Lakeview Room from 5pm – 9pm. The kitchen will close promptly at 9pm**

Sunday, January 1st Hours: 2pm – 8pm New Year's Day

New Years Eve 2011 at the MYC Presents:

Saturday Night Fever



Pull out your favorite Bell Bottoms...

Bring your friends, and their friends, and their friends.....to NYE at MYC. Disco starts 7pm!

Saturday December 31st, 2011 7pm - 1am

DJ will be playing all your favorite 1970's Hits!

Please bring an appetizer/ snacks to share...

(the kitchen will be open for dining upstairs only)

**** Donations welcome at the Door ****

MYC This Month

~ December 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 D&Y 9am Slip Mtg 1pm Kids Party 5pm – 7pm Christmas Buffet \$12 5pm – 9pm (no open menu)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 House 10am Membership 11a
11	12	13	14	15 Board Meeting 7pm WMIYC Mtg 7:30pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Club Closed Christmas holiday 
25 Club Closed Christmas holiday Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28	29	30	31 Club opens at 4pm, no lunch today. Dinner served in Lakeview room 5pm - 9pm. NYE Party! 7pm – 1am

**If you have events/meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or
website calendars, please contact**

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