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# PORTWATCH

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2016!*

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Happy 2016!

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Deadline for content  
submission is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each  
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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

As I am sure you heard, Mother Nature has visited our club and while, as of the time of this writing, it is too early to accurately assess the extent of her damage, the Muskegon Yacht Club will soldier on in 2016. Thanks to our great staff and several volunteers, an action plan is in place to assess and address. It is going to take more than 60+ knots of wind, a driving wet snow, condo sized Muskegon Lake waves and flying ice to bring MYC down.

And along those lines, hats off to members Jon and Jessica Ledsworth, Nic Seifert and Scott Miller for launching Scott's Melges 24 on Christmas Day and taking her for a sail. In my mind, this sail symbolizes MYC's why not attitude. I wish I could have joined them. Their ability to sail on this beautiful Christmas Day reminds me that times are always changing and that MYC is always changing too. In fact, changes are at hand.

Since I joined the BOD at MYC there have been several stops and starts on different projects as well as complaints, suggestions and ideas that went nowhere. The common factor in the inaction or inability to effectuate these changes has been the MYC bylaws. While the existing bylaws have overall served us well, the bylaws have also tied our hands. Accordingly, the board has undertaken the task of modernizing the existing bylaws, with a goal of submitting the new version to the membership for approval in the spring. It is our goal to submit a document that is not only more consistent with the demands and desires of the existing membership, but will better serve MYC and its members for years to come.

Regarding the bylaw changes to be announced, I am confident in stating that we will be waving goodbye to the Boat Ownership = Regular Membership clause. This bylaw in specific would appear to be the landslide winner for garnering complaints. This change will be accompanied by a revision of the definition of the Associate

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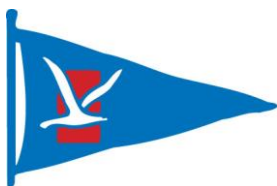
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Membership. As I noted above, much of the aforementioned is due to addressing changing times. With that in mind, and the fact that MYC is facing approaching maximum membership levels, this is the appropriate time to announce that the board of directors is placing a moratorium on approval of associate memberships received after January 15<sup>th</sup>.

While we work on drafting the updated version of the bylaws, I encourage the entire membership to contact MYC via email if there is a specific issue you would like to see addressed. I can also assure everyone that all current membership statuses will be grandfathered at the time the new membership structure is adopted.

Thank you and I wish you smooth yachting in 2016.

Sam Nedeau  
Commodore



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*On behalf of the Membership Committee, we are happy to announce the following addition to the MYC Family:*

Eric & Emily Sloterbeek

Regular Members

Hudsonville

### 2015 Capital Improvement Fund Update

**2015 Collected**  
**To Date:**

**\$ 40,572**



**Expenditures:**

Cooler Project:

\$18,843

A/C Project: \$9,150

Oct Bldg: \$2,163

**Available Balance =**  
**\$10,416**

The **2016 Capital Improvement Fund** contribution amount has been set at \$10 per month, and will be billed to you each month on your statement. Alternatively, you may choose to pay a lump sum of \$100 by *January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016* to save \$20. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Peters in the business office at [myc.sue@gmail.com](mailto:myc.sue@gmail.com) or (231) 755-1414.

## MYC Children's Holiday Party – December 20, 2015













## Race Committee Report:

Greetings from the MYC Race Committee!

Save the date as we will be hosting the first of our Winter Wednesday's on February 10 at 6:30pm. At this meeting we will be discussing the exciting changes to our racing program that you will certainly want to hear about and discuss. We will also be featuring guest speakers who will inform and entertain.

Per tradition soup will be served and the newly reconfigured bar will be open! See you there!



## Juniors Committee Report:

### **SNEAK PEEK OF NEW JUNIOR OFFERINGS IN 2016**

#### ***Daily shuttle service to and from North Muskegon***

- In 2016, we plan to start offering free boat rides to/from North Muskegon for sailing school students who live on the north side of Muskegon Lake! We also hope to be listed in the North Muskegon and Reeths Puffer Community Education programs. If you live or know people with kids on the north side, spread the word!

#### ***One Week Youth Race Camp***

- The first week of our 2016 Sailing School schedule will be dedicated to our racing sailors. This 4 day program will focus on getting our experienced and beginner racers ready for all the youth regattas and racing opportunities our kids engage in during the summer. This will take place the week of June 20-23, culminating with our first WMYSA Regatta at Gull Lake on June 24. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

### **2016 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE**

- Friday June 24 at Gull Lake Yacht Club
- Friday July 8 at White Lake Yacht Club
- Friday July 22 at Spring Lake Yacht Club
- Friday August 5 at Muskegon Yacht Club

- On Friday July 29, the WMYSA will host its annual No Tears Optimist Green Beginners-Only Regatta at Grand Rapids Yacht Club.
- On Friday August 19, the WMYSA will be conducting a new Team Racing event at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. This event will be sailed in Club 420s and will be attractive to high school aged sailors, many of whom team race during the MISSA/MHSAA Spring high school season.

### **2016 BUTTERFLY NATIONALS**

Will take place July 12-14 at White Lake Yacht Club. White Lake plans to offer some pre-regatta Butterfly Clinics to sailors who are encouraged to leave their boats at WLYC after the Friday July 8 WMYSA event. This will be a great opportunity for parents to streamline boat transportation to/from the Nationals and for Butterfly sailors to improve their skills and prepare for the championship races. We will share more details as they become available.

### **2016 WMYA WESTERNS REGATTA**

Is scheduled for August 10-14 at Spring Lake Yacht Club. We will share more details as they become available.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

A big thank you to the Clipper Cup Regatta for their 2015 donation to the MYC Junior Program. Thank you also to those who have generously contributed to the MJSA GoFundMe campaign. This campaign raised \$1600 in 2015.

### **PLEASE DONATE TO THE MJSA GoFundMe WEB SITE**

Simply click on the link below and use your credit card or PayPal account to instantly donate to the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association. You'll automatically receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation and your donation will go directly into the MJSA bank account! This link is also available under the Juniors section on the MYC web site.

<http://www.gofundme.com/MJSAailing>



## News from the General Manager:

Happy New Year! What a wonderful year we had in 2015. So many great memories were made with so many great people. As I look towards the future, I hope 2016 will share many of the same success stories. I am very excited to see what this year will bring and am looking forward to another fun year. The wine dinners will return in February along with the annual chili-cook off, mid-winter party, open houses and much more.

Thank you to the members who participated in the MYC Can Drive. We are able to donate a very large tub of non-perishable food items to our local pantry. Way to go MYC! And, a HUGE thank you to the MYC members who donated to the Staff Christmas Fund. Your generosity was very heartfelt and very much appreciated.

Thank you to the MYC Board of Directors for the surprise Staff Christmas Party. We are very lucky to have such a great staff and BOD. A great time was had by all!

The club will be closed from January 1, 2016 thru January 30, 2016 for renovations and deep cleanings. This year we will be working on repairing some kitchen & dining room issues, painting, deep cleaning and organizing. Join us for our Grand Re-Opening Party on January 31<sup>st</sup> to see all of our upgrades.

The MYC will be at the Grand Rapids Boat Show again this year (February 17-21) at Devos Place. We are looking for some volunteers to run the booth. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer if you would like to help!

There are 15 slips left for the 2016 season. Please see Andy Bos or Kim with questions.

If you have the opportunity, check out our new MYC promotional video. It will soon be on our web page but is uploaded to our Facebook page as of now. Great work Eagle Eye Photography.

Thank you again for a great year! I look forward to seeing you all on January 31, 2016!

Kim Nguyen

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**“Euchre Regatta” at MYC!**



**Roles were reversed on December 6<sup>th</sup> when board members served the staff at a surprise Christmas party**

**GRAND RAPIDS BOAT SHOW -VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET****WEDNESDAY 2/17**

3 PM – 6 PM            1.                            2.

6 PM – 9:30 PM    1.                            2.

**THURSDAY 2/18**

3 PM – 6 PM            1.                            2.

6 PM – 9:30 PM    1.                            2.

**FRIDAY 2/19**

11 AM – 2 PM        1.                            2.

2 PM – 6 PM            1.                            2.

6 PM – 9:30 PM    1.                            2.

**SATURDAY 2/20**

10 AM – 1 PM        1.                            2.

1 PM – 6 PM            1.                            2.

6 PM – 9:30 PM    1.                            2.

**SUNDAY 2/21**

11 AM – 2 PM        1.                            2.

2 PM – 7 PM            1.



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**December 24th @ 7:00 pm**

**Sunday Worship Service**  
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**Club Closed thru 1/30 – See you at our  
Re-Opening Party on January 31<sup>st</sup>!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Grand Re-Opening Party						

If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch  
or website calendars, please contact Sue Peters [myc.sue@gmail.com](mailto:myc.sue@gmail.com)