

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

May 2016



Launch Day – May 7th!

Upcoming Events:

Kentucky Derby Party – May 7th
Mother's Day Brunch – May 8th – Please RSVP
Melges Regatta Weekend – May 13-15th
America's Cup Presentation – June 3rd

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Regatta.....Bud Ainsworth Social.....Rome Palmer & Scott Miller

MYC STAFF

General Manager......Kim Nguyen
Chef.....Adam White
Business Manager....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager...Nicky Anderson

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Our beautiful harbor.

Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Sue Peters

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Deadline for content

submission is the 20th of each

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Recently, I received a few requests from yacht clubs from near and far to receive our Muskegon Yacht Club Burgee. It reminded me of one of the seldom practiced, but still proper etiquette, of presenting your yacht club's burgee, when berthing at another yacht club, as its guest. In fact, the list of yacht club etiquette goes long and far and can get kind of out of control. For example, several yacht clubs play taps and have a gun salute at sundown when the flags are lowered. Some clubs adhere to the rule that if you enter the yacht club bar wearing a hat, you have just elected to purchase everyone in the bar a round. We often reference the Chicago Yacht Club as the standard of the 'Big and proper Yacht Club', but in fact, when it comes to traditions, etiquette and high standards, CYC is a far cry from Clubs such as the New York Yacht Club, St. Francis Yacht Club, or even local everyday East Coast clubs such as The American Yacht Club. I am proud of the fact that our club is more laidback in our recognition of these forms of etiquette and tradition. Our tradition is fun and our etiquette is fun first.

Yet we are a Yacht Club, and there is nothing wrong with celebrating that fact. Therefore, on Saturday night, June 25th, the Muskegon Yacht Club will host, the Commodore's Ball. Please save the date, for what I hope will become an annual event. While this evening will be a bit different from the standard Saturday nights at the Club, requiring coats and ties for the men and cocktail attire for the women, the goal of fun remains the same. We plan to have cocktails pool side and a sit down dinner followed by a band. The details for this event are just being finalized so please be on the lookout for your invitation. Please plan on responding promptly when you receive the invitation as it will significantly help with our plans.

Sincerely,

Sam Nedeau

MYC Commodore

MYC Committee Meeting Reminders:

Dock & Yard Committee – 2nd Saturdays at 9:00 am
House Committee – 2nd Saturdays at 10:00 am
Membership Committee – 2nd Saturdays at 11:00am
Social Committee – as needed
Semi-Annual Board Meeting – Friday, May 6th at 7:30pm

2016 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2016 Collected To Date:

\$ 24,150



Expenditures:

\$8,404-Dining Rm A/C

Avail Balance = \$15,746

Hours of Operation for May 2016

	Bar Hours	Kitchen Hours	
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed	
Tuesday beginning 5/10:	4pm – 10pm	Club Closed	
Wednesday:	4pm – 11pm	4pm – 9pm	
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm	
Friday:	12pm – Midnight	12pm – 9pm	
Saturday:	12pm – Midnight	12pm – 9pm	
Sunday:	12pm – 8pm	1pm- 8pm	

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Charles & Abbey Ritter Associate Members Muskegon

And Welcome Back to Former Members:

David & Margaret Alexander Regular Members Muskegon



From the Commodore - Docks and General Update:

Many questions are being asked about the docks and what is happening. After some recent meetings we now have a bit more clarity and can answer these questions. As you are all aware, our attenuator system received significant damage in the December 28, 2015 storm. What several people do not know is that while under repair, the remaining attenuator system received further damage in the high East winds of late March.

All our members should know that from the first meeting with Hanover Insurance, even though the December storm was termed a 100-year storm, the MYC Board committed to fixing the attenuator, so that, if possible, MYC would not be in this situation again. This will require that MYC pay for some improvements to the attenuator system, in addition to the \$10,000 deductible.

White Lake Dock and Dredge is undertaking the remediation of the attenuator system. At one time, WLD&D was on schedule to have the system repaired and in place by launch. Due to the additional damage, and some delays due to weather, the dock repair will not be complete until June. We are pushing WLD&D to be finished by the Power Boat Event. We are not holding our breath.

Docks A and B will be fully available and functional by Launch. The barges will remain for several more weeks. In fact, more barges are coming. While we are (continued...)

not happy about the associated noise from the barges, there really is no other solution. Trust me, we have explored other options, such as bringing in large ships, such as the Milwaukee Clipper or the Stuart Townsend. The barges are the best option and will allow for the quickest remediation. Unfortunately, the barges do not cut down the swell as well as the attenuator, Therefore, when tying your boat, please take additional precautions to assure your boat is tied well. Even consider backing the boat in to face the barges.

WARNING: The area outside (East) of the docks/barges, should be avoided. Previously, the anchor chains were connected well below the water surface. As currently situated, the anchor chains that are connected to the barges are very close to the surface. And trust me, these anchor chains are not something you want your boat to mess with.

I thank you all for your patience and understanding regarding the dock remediation.

Sincerely, Sam Nedeau MYC Commodore











THE MYC JUNIOR RACE TEAM NEEDS YOU!!

If your child is or wishes to be a member of the MYC Junior Race Team, attending MYC Race Camp on June 20-23 is the very best way for your child to prepare for a great summer of sailing!



This fun and exciting week full of practice and team building will be capped off on Friday June 24 when the MYC Junior Race Team travels to Gull Lake for the first WMYSA regatta of 2016.

- Sailors who are already racing AND those who are interested in racing for the first time are both welcome at Race Camp and will receive personalized instruction based upon their individual skill levels.
- First timers will be introduced to the Racing Rules of Sailing, learn how races are conducted, and receive focused instruction about how to sail their boat in a race.
- Experienced racers will receive more advanced instruction on boat handling, sail trim and racing tactics.
- Everyone will get TONS of on-the-water practice.
- Safety, sportsmanship, personal responsibility and team spirit will be emphasized at all levels.

Please click here to register for Race Camp as soon as possible. http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/mycjsp-racing-schedule/

REGISTER NOW FOR SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES!

All the information on the MYC Sailing School web site has been updated for the summer of 2016. We also offer some evening classes for those who cannot attend during the day. You can enroll and even pay on line at www.mycsailingschool.org.

ATTENTION NORTH MUSKEGON & REETHS-PUFFER RESIDENTS!

We plan to offer free boat rides to/from North Muskegon for sailing school students who live on the north side of Muskegon Lake. If you live in or know people with kids on the north side, spread the word! Also look for and share our ad below that will appear in the May issue of your school newsletters!



2016 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTAS

- 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

As our team continues to grow, we need to bring more boats to these big fun youth sailing events. If your child plans to attend any of these regattas, please consider volunteering to help transport boats and trailers.

OTHER JUNIOR REGATTA DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Butterfly Nationals July 12-14 at White Lake Yacht Club
- Harbor Hospice Regatta August 6 at Muskegon Yacht Club
- WMYA Westerns August 10-14 at Spring Lake Yacht Club
- Ulrich Memorial Regatta Aug 20 at Muskegon Yacht Club

PLEASE DONATE TO SUPPORT JUNIOR SAILING AT MYC

Click on the link below 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 to the MJSA bank account!

http://www.gofundme.com/MJSAsailing



Dock and Yard Committee Report:

Reminder - No Parking in the MYC lot Friday after close until Saturday after Launch. See pages 15 – 19 for further Launch Day Information & Prep List.



House Committee Report:

New MYC Hours start on Tuesday, 5/10/16

Tuesday 4-10

Wed 4-11

Thurs 4-10

Fri 12-12

Sat 12-12

Sun 12-8



Membership Committee Report:

The next MYC Open House will be held Saturday, May 14, 2016.



EVERY <u>TUESDAY</u> NIGHT STARTING MAY 10TH

7 PM MYC ROUND ROOM HAVE A DRINK, EAT SOME FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

LAUNCH DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

7:00 AM BREAKFAST

LUNCH BUFFET & OPEN MENU TO FOLLOW LAUNCH
ACTIVITES



News from the General Manager:

Welcome to spring MYC Friends! The 2016 Boating Season has finally arrived!!

Thank you to all who attended the MYC wine dinners this past winter. They were a huge hit and an overall success. We are looking forward to starting them up again in the fall.

There are numerous things happening in May to keep you busy. ...

- ❖ Semi-Annual Meeting 5/6 at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Launch Day 5/7. Breakfast for all volunteers at 7:00 am
- ❖ Kentucky Derby Party 5/7. Join us for the race on the Big Screens and Surround Sound.
- ❖ Mother's Day Brunch 5/8. Reservations are required. Buffet open from 11 am – 2 pm. Regular MYC menu will open at 1 pm.
- ❖ New Spring Hours 5/10 (Open for Tuesday night dinners!)
- ❖ New MYC Summer menu 5/10
- ❖ Tuesday night Euchre Night 5/10
- ❖ 1st Official Wednesday Night Race 5/11
- ❖ Melges Regatta Weekend 5/13-5/15
- ❖ MYC Open House 5/14
- ❖ MYC Commodore's Cup & Reception 5/29
- ❖ MYC Clubhouse will be open on 5/30 for Memorial Day

Friendly reminder to all MYC Members - Please do not park in front of the garbage enclosure gates. We had an instance this past Monday where a member parked their vehicle there, thus making it impossible for the garbage truck to empty the containers. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

Now that the Adirondack chairs are out of storage, please help preserve them by placing them back on the cement once you are finished using them.

I am now a Notary Public serving in Muskegon County. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you.

You will begin to see more MYC staff as our busy season hits. Please help me in welcoming them to the MYC family and please be patient with them as they learn our policies and procedures.

Don't miss the America's Cup Presentation with America's Cup Host Tucker Thompson on 6/3. The presentation is free, but seating is limited. You may pick up tickets from the bartender or register on line at

http://www.eventbrite.com/e/35th-americas-cup-update-with-ac-host-tucker-thompson-tickets-

24910574198?aff=utm_source%3Deb_email%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

Wishing each of you well and cheers to another wonderful summer!

Thank you, Kim Nguyen Myc.kimn@gmail.com (231) 755-1414



Do we have your email address?

Our "MYC Newsflash" announcements will keep you up-to-date on what's happening at your club! If you aren't receiving them, let Kim know and you will be added to the list!

myc.kimn@gmail.com

Monthly Automatic Bill-Pay

Are you enrolled in this convenient service?

MYC will automatically charge your credit or debit card once each month for the balance due on your account. No more mailing checks! Contact Sue in the business office to sign up.

MYC 2016 OPEN SLIPS



2016 Open Slips *** Price does not include Membership

Slip 2, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2016, port tie off
Slip 3, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 5, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 7, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 17, 30 foot slip, \$2,050 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 19, 38 foot slip, \$2,575 for 2016, port tie off
Slip 20, 38 foot slip, \$2,575 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 42, 34 foot slip, \$2,335 for 2016, port tie off
Slip 45, 34 foot slip, \$2,335 for 2016, starboard tie off
Slip 63, 28 foot slip, \$1,840 for 2016, starboard tie off

MYC LAUNCH DAY 2016

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE MYC LOT FROM CLOSE ON FRIDAY – UNTIL AFTER LAUCH ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY! VEHICLES LEFT IN THE LOT WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING.

Please See Nicky for Direction and/or Supplies, Saturday (5/7/16) 8am-Noon

Outside:

- Empty and clean out fire pit.
- Bring all white fire pit chairs out from Octagon to fire pit area. Wipe down chairs.
- Put all picnic tables out on lawn.
- Distribute garbage cans to their proper locations around grounds.
- Bring the patio furniture out from Octagon to Patio.
- Wipe down patio furniture
- Bring pool furniture out from Octagon to pool.

If any volunteers wish to work inside, the following can be done: Inside:

- Wipe down all wood bar chairs
- Clean ceiling fans (3 in dining room, 4 upstairs)
- Wash walls (bar, foyer, dining room, stairwell)
- Polish trophies/dust trophy case and book shelves
- Clean bar windows
- Clean dining room windows
- Clean lake view room windows
- Dust blinds in lake view room
- Dust blinds in dining room

LAUNCH DAY May 7, 2016 Preparation & Check List

If you store at MYC and are going to launch on Saturday, May 7, 2016 you are involved in a team effort to launch all the boats as safe and fast as possible. This means we need you to be at MYC from 7:30 a.m. until all the work is done. Bill Richardson will post a job schedule at the club. Please check your assignment and be ready to work at 8:00 a.m. If you are not able to attend or help launch your boat, you must have a representative available to work that day. Please check in with the launch crew to let them know who will be launching your boat. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. See you on May 7th and THANK YOU in advance for all your help in making this day run as smoothly as possible.

DOCK AND YARD COMMITTEE CHECK LIST & SUGGESTIONS:

These suggestions and check list were prepared to help everyone get to the proper level of preparedness when it comes time to put your boat in the water at the assigned time on Launch Day.

BEFORE LAUNCH

(All of these steps should be done BEFORE you come to the service dock for launch.)

1. Before Launch Day: Test start the engine in the cradle. If the engine won't start, try to get it repaired

- before launch. You should know before launch whether your engine will start.
- 2. Be sure your last name & your boat name is on the cradle. This will help the cradle crew locate your cradle.
- 3. Hang dock lines over the side at the bow and the stern for use by the launch crew in handling your boat. Let them drape down so they can be reached by the launch crew when your boat is lifted off the cradle.
- 4. Be sure your batteries are connected and charged.
- 5. Have your backstay and topping lift off to let the cross bars of the lifting gear center on your boat. Make sure your mast will stand upright with these undone.
- 6. Have your ignition key in the ignition and ready.
- 7. Be sure that your seacock is open for the engine fresh water intake.

YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY TO COME TO THE LAUNCH AREA

8. Bring your roller and bottom paint to the launch area if needed to touch up pad areas just before launch.

AT LAUNCH AREA

- 1. Be aware of the launch sequence so you can be at the launch area when your boat arrives.
- 2. While waiting for your boat to be launched, be sure you assist the launching crews in any way possible. If your name isn't on the assignment list, make sure you add it where needed.

- 3. If you know ahead of time that your boat will not start, let the launch crew know so arrangements can be made to pull your boat out of the way and into a slip. Be sure you have long dock lines ready.
- 4. Let the launch crew know if you would like your cradle pads removed and set aside. This is recommended to prevent possible theft.
- 5. As soon as your boat is launched and floating, climb aboard and start your engine. If your engine will not start, your boat must be pulled out of the way immediately so you won't hinder the launching process for boats behind yours.
- 6. As soon as your engine is started pull away from the launch area to make way for the next boat to be launched. As you pull away from the launch area verify that your water pump is working so you don't overheat your engine.
- 7. Help new boaters or new members understand the launching process.
- 8. Last, but not least, be sure you help out in any way you can so everyone gets done as soon as possible.

STEPPING YOUR MAST

- 1. Have your wind instruments and antenna installed atop your mast.
- 2. Tie all shrouds and stays to the mast for ease in carrying the mast to the service area.
- 3. Turnbuckles should be fully loosened ahead of time for quick connection.
- 4. If re-using cotter pins, be sure they are straightened out for quick insertion.

- 5. If you have a Roller Furling continuous loop, tie the furler spool and lines up out of the way onto the forestay.
- 6. Electrical connections should be cleaned and ready to plug in.
- 7. All pins, turnbuckles, and cotter pins should be ready for the mast crew. Have them separated and ready so no sorting is necessary.
- 8. Have a few extra deck pins handy in case of accidental loss overboard while installing.
- 9. If using turnbuckle boots on shrouds, install the boot caps on bottom of tube temporarily. This helps keep the boots up out of the way while the pins are inserted and turnbuckles are snugged.

YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY TO STEP YOUR MAST.

- 1. Be sure that you help direct the mast stepping crew for any special situations or needs in stepping your mast.
- 2. Help new boaters or new members understand the mast stepping process.
- 3. Be sure that you help others so everyone gets done as soon as possible.
- 4. Last, but not least, if you are using the Gin Pole, make sure to tie it back properly so it hangs over the service dock and well out of the way of sailboats coming in to use the service dock. Many wind indicators have been broken off because the Gin Pole was incorrectly tied back.



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S CUP

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016 - 12:00 PM

Commodore's Reception to follow the race!

Annual parade of Commodores

Pot Luck Luncheon

(MYC will supply a sandwich bar)



THE EVENT OF EVENTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016 5:30 PM - 11:00 PM

THE EVENT CENTER AT FRICANO PLACE IN MUSKEGON

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AUGUST 6, 2016

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

Public Welcome

Race Awards Picnic 12:00-5:30 PM

EVENT CHAIRPERSON Laurie Poppen

RACE FORMS AVAILABLE AT MUSKEGONYACHTCLUB.ORG 231.755.1414 OR HARBOR HOSPICE 231.728.3442

Register by July 15 for \$30 and receive two tickets to The Event of Events (\$55 value)

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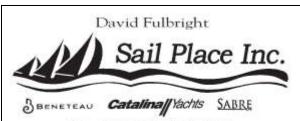
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~ MYC May 2016 ~								
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If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Sue Peters myc.sue@gmail.com