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# PORTWATCH

OCTOBER 2016



2016 Governor's Cup Winner 'Majic'  
Linda Blakeway, Colin Booth, Burton Cardwell, Tom Spoelman

**Coming Up:**  
**Annual Meeting – Friday 10/14**  
**Haul Out Day – Saturday 10/15**  
**Halloween Party – Saturday 10/29**

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House.....Eric Bombery  
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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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Regatta was September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Sue Peters  
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Deadline for content  
submission is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each  
month.

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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

With the realization of my tenure as Commodore coming to an end, this past month has been a month of reflection, and preparation. I suspect that I am no different than several Past Commodores in feeling frustrated by the things that were not accomplished, but feel good about where our club stands. Without a doubt, I had set some goals for MYC that will have to wait. Late December storms that tear docks and attenuators apart and something called "Make Up Air" will cause Commodores to lose sleep and put goals on hold. Nevertheless, our club remains on solid financial ground and has more than weathered these "storms".

During my time as Commodore I learned a lot about MYC. For starters, MYC is a lot of different things to a lot of different members. Our membership is very diverse and that is among the most outstanding things about MYC. I'd like to think that while I was Commodore I listened to the membership and the decisions of our BOD reflected the desires of our membership. Without a doubt, the major statement of my tenure as Commodore, and the tenure of this BOD, will be the upcoming vote on the bylaw changes.

Regarding the bylaw changes. Each regular member will soon receive a first class letter/proxy regarding the proposed bylaw changes. The proposed changes are a culmination of member comments, requests and common sense updating of the laws that govern our club. The primary proposed changes focus on three areas. 1) A change in membership structure that does away with boat ownership as an element of membership status, 2) to allow electronic notice, if preferred, to the membership as official notice (replacing first class mail) and, 3) clarification of the number of votes it takes to change the bylaws. I would also be remiss if I did not note that in reviewing the existing bylaws, we learned that as currently constituted, associate members are not allowed to attend meetings. I am not kidding. Of course, we are amending that clause too, and if approved, all members, regardless of status, will be allowed to attend meetings.

Last, but not least, I need to thank several of you for your dedication, counsel and support over the last year. I was, and we are blessed, to have a staff that, under Kim's management, continues to get better and better. I thank our BOD for being willing to take on projects such as the bylaw amendments, and endure my long meetings. (and without making direct comments to me.) I thank our membership in general, and all the Andy Bos' of the club that don't

know how to say no. And my final thank you goes to my Vice Commodore Larry Taunt. He served me 100 times better than I served Commodore Price, when I was his Vice Commodore. I rarely had to ask Larry to do something, because he was already doing it. For context, I just checked my email box and there are over 600 emails between Larry and myself over the last year. Sorry Larry, and thank you again. Our club will be in good hands with you as Commodore.

Thank you all, it has been an honor serving as your Commodore.

Sam Nedeau  
Commodore



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## ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

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

Randall & Holly Montalbano

Regular Members

Midland

## MYC Committee Meeting Reminders:

- Dock & Yard Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 9:00 am  
 House Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am  
 Membership Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am  
 Social Committee – as needed  
 Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:00pm
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## 2016 Capital Improvement Fund Update

### **2016 Collected**

**To Date:**

**\$ 33,100**

**+**

**12/31/15 Balance:**

**\$19,917**



### **2016 Expenditures:**

\$8,404-Dining Rm A/C

\$16,000-Make-up Air

\$3,533-Pool Fence

(partial)

**Available Balance =**

**\$25,080**

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### *Hours of Operation for October 2016 (Beginning the week of Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>)*

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	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tuesday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Wednesday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Saturday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Sunday:	1pm – 9pm	1pm – 8pm



## Juniors Committee Report:

### WMYSA JUNIOR REGATTA AT SPRING LAKE

On July 22, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to Spring Lake for the third WMYSA regatta of 2016. A total of 87 boats from 7 different clubs competed at this regatta. The MYC Junior Race Team had a great time despite the fact that several of our sailors were unable to attend this event due to schedule conflicts.



Individual MYC scores at the Spring Lake WMYSA Regatta were:

- Optimist Green: Ben Morris 5<sup>th</sup>
- Optimist RWB: Ben Bakran 9<sup>th</sup>
- Butterfly: Will Bakran 12<sup>th</sup>
- Butterfly: Gage Stasko 17<sup>th</sup>
- Butterfly: Dylan Young & Holstrom 19<sup>th</sup>
- Laser Radial: Sarah Corder 9<sup>th</sup>
- Laser Radial: Sam Adams 11<sup>th</sup>
- Laser Radial: Frank Frisinger 12<sup>th</sup>
- Laser Radial: Chance Spencer 14<sup>th</sup>

### JUNIORS COMPETE AT 2016 HARBOR HOSPICE REGATTA

The Juniors participated in the Harbor Hospice Regatta by competing in Butterflies and Lasers. Three sailors from White Lake YC joined the fun and, thanks to a fresh breeze, everyone had a great day on the water. Trophies were awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class. Photo and full results appear below.



<b><i>Laser Sailors</i></b>	<b><i>R1</i></b>	<b><i>R1</i></b>	<b><i>R3</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>
1 Joshua Corder	3	1	1	5
2 Sam Adams	1	2	3	6
3 Chance Spencer	2	4	4	10
4 Will Bakran	4	5	2	11
5 Sarah Corder	5	3	5	13

<b><i>Butterfly Sailors</i></b>	<b><i>R1</i></b>	<b><i>R1</i></b>	<b><i>R3</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>
1 Braden Johnson WLYC	1	1	1	3
2 Phoebe Whitbeck WLYC	2	3	3	8
3 Kiera Smith WLYC	3	2	4	9
4 Anneka Lindsay/Ben Hogan	5	5	2	12
5 Gage Stasko/Ben Morris	9	4	5	18
6 Dylan Young	4	6	9	19
7 Bella Lindsay	6	9	7	22
8 Darcy Nedeau/Ben Bakran	8	8	6	22
9 Reyna Johnson	7	7	8	22

**CLICK THIS LINK TO FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!**

<https://www.facebook.com/Muskegon-Junior-Sailing-Program-134232283314396/>

**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/MJSAailing>



# Jam Sessions



**1st & 3rd Sundays**  
**Beginning - 9/18/16**  
**3:00 P.m.**

**Play an instrument**  
**Or**  
**Just want to listen**  
**Just**  
**SHOW UP**

**Info Contact: Tom Udell**

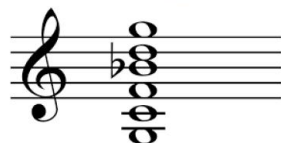


Photo: Greg Young



## Photo Gallery

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Derby - September 25<sup>th</sup>!









## **HAUL OUT**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016**

**7:00am: breakfast for all  
volunteers**

**8:00am: pre-job briefing**

**LUNCH BUFFET & OPEN MENU TO  
FOLLOW HAUL OUT ACTIVITIES!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP  
"BUTTON UP" FOR THE UPCOMING  
WINTER (AWNING, PICNIC TABLES, POOL  
FURNITURE, ROCKING CHAIRS) PLEASE  
SEE KIM OR NICKY FOR FURTHER  
DETAILS!**

**PLEASE CONTACT BILL RICHARDSON OR  
JIM BACH TO BE ADDED TO THE HAUL  
OUT LIST!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER**  
**29, 2016**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**NO COVER CHARGE**

**LIVE MUSIC FROM SWINGING STEM CELLS**

**AT 8:30 PM**

**SPECIAL SKIT  
PERFORMANCE**

**AT 9:00 PM**

**COSTUME  
CONTEST**





## News from the General Manager:

And just like that it is October, in what seemed to be in a blink of an eye. I don't know about you, but I am not ready for the sun to go away. I am not ready for the boats to come out of the water, or for the leaves to fall. However, with the changing of the seasons, comes new and exciting things to do at the MYC.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported one or more of the following September events: annual Governor's Cup & UK Fall Regatta along with Euchre nights, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fishing Derby.

Events for October include our Annual Meeting / Changing of the Commodores on 10/14 at 7:30 pm, Haul Out on 10/15, New Clubhouse hours on 10/19, Debut of our winter menu on 10/19, Life Member Luncheon on 10/27, Halloween Party on 10/29 and 3 private events!

Pre-plan for November – Annual Soup Cook Off, Wine Dinners Debut & Annual Awards Banquet.

MYC Winter Hours will begin the week of 10/17/15 (see list on page 5). Please note the new hours for the clubhouse, keeping in mind the house rule – if 5 or more are at the bar at closing, we will stay open for an additional 1 hour.

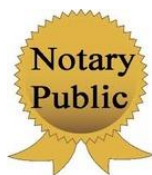
The MYC Clubhouse will be closed on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> for a staff appreciation outing. Thank you to the MYC house committee for allowing us to take a day off to participate in some team building exercises and to celebrate the end a successful & busy summer.

From the feedback I have received, the new kid's area is a big hit in the Spinnaker room. Please make sure the area is cleaned up when they are done using it (pick up toys, wipe down kid tables, etc.). Also, if you have any spare coloring books, we would gladly take those off your hands. Please drop them off to the club if you have any. Thank you in advance.

Check out the MYC apparel case in the Spinnaker room! It is fully stocked with all the latest and greatest MYC gear such as sweatshirts, long sleeve dry wicking shirts, T-shirts, stickers, coozies and more! Ask the bartender on duty for assistance!

Like always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns!

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# ANNUAL MYC SOUP COOK OFF!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

PLEASE BRING SOUPS IN BY NOON

\$5 TASTING CHARGE

PRIZES FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>  
PLACE WINNERS

## MYC RACE OFFICERS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND

On Sep 24-25, several MYC members served in key roles at the Midwest Qualifier for the Cressy National High School Championship. This two day event, held at Grand Rapids Yacht Club, was raced on Laser Radials and Laser Full Rigs. This regatta determined which 6 high school sailors from the Midwest would advance to compete at the 2016 Cressy National Championship. This year, 51 sailors traveled from as far away as Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota to compete.

MYC member Scott Corder served as Principal Race Officer for this event, while Jon and Jessica Ledsworth served as primary Mark Set and helped manage the start/finish lines. Larry Taunt served as an on-the-water Judge monitoring Rule 42. Scott is a Certified Regional Race Officer. Jon, Jessica and Larry are Certified Club Race Officers. Together, they were 4 of the 7 Certified Officials at this event.

This calls attention to something many members may not know, namely that MYC's Race Officials are frequently called upon by other yacht clubs to help administer races at other venues, especially at events where the stakes are high such as national qualifiers and Class championships. These other organizations seek out MYC's Race Officers because of their reputation for providing high quality racing - and this is the direct result of two things.

The first reason is the skill and competence of our Race Officials. The fact is, there are only 12 Race Officers in the entire western half of Michigan's lower peninsula that are currently US Sailing Certified... and 6 (HALF!) of these Certified Officials are members of MYC. Furthermore, 2 of the 4 advanced-level Regional Race Officers on this list are members of MYC. No other single club in Michigan comes anywhere close to having this many trained, Certified Race Officials among its membership!

To be US Sailing Certified, Race Officials must go through abundant training and testing, must compile a lengthy track record of running quality regattas, and must be nominated and approved by several key people within US Sailing, which is the national governing body for the sport. This process insures that each Race Official can and will deliver the highest quality experience to racing sailors.

The second reason other sailing organizations seek out our Race Officers is their proven dedication and eagerness to give sailors great racing experiences.



While few people ever witness RC efforts off the water, the reality is that for each and every hour spent on the water, Race Officials spend at least 2 or more additional hours on pre and post race responsibilities.



This year's Midwest Cressy Qualifier is an excellent example of the extra effort required to run a quality event. Leading up to the event, Scott spent 2-3 weeks working with the regatta host and drafting the event's Sailing Instructions with the help of ISSA Officials and others across the country. Jon and Jessica spent hours reviewing plans, prepping gear and driving back and forth to Grand Rapids on multiple days. Larry went through 2+ hours of intensive training specific to Rule 42 in addition to several hours of pre-study for his role as a Judge. Collectively, these MYC members invested days (not hours) working to make sure the event would be a success. In the end, the widespread consensus was that this was one of the best Midwest Cressy Qualifier regattas in many years.

Because we have so many qualified and dedicated Race Officers in our midst, and because they spend countless hours behind the scenes to do good work, it is easy to take for granted the high quality of racing we enjoy here at MYC. The math is simple: the vast majority of yacht clubs in Michigan don't have ANY certified Race Officers – and most don't have anyone who has received even basic training on how to run races.

Please keep all this in mind the next time you are racing at MYC – and also take a moment to thank our member Race Officials for the abundant time and energy they invest in delivering the high quality racing they provide to MYC members and countless other sailors around the region.



## **MYC - LAKEVIEW ROOM**

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES, BUSINESS MEETINGS,  
BABY/BRIDAL SHOWERS, DINNER  
PARTIES, HOLIDAY PARTIES AND MORE!**

**THE HOLIDAY CALENDAR WILL FILL UP  
FAST, SO DON'T WAIT – RESERVE TODAY!**

**CALL KIM FOR DETAILS!**





## Muskegon Yacht Club Euchre Regatta Rules:

Between October 19, 2016 and Launch in May 2017 we have 24 (25 depending on the date of launch) Wednesdays to play Euchre.

That is four six week Euchre Regattas that comprise the overall.

Players will accumulate points for each night played which are Regatta Points.

Those points will carry over and accumulate for the six week 'regatta'. BUT, every Wednesday, every player starts at zero for that night.

Winner for every night: Free Drink

Winner for Every quarter (Regatta): Free Dinner for Two with drink included (1 each)

Entry fee is \$1.00 per night per player.

### Euchre Regatta Rules

Games start at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM.

The bartender or the Euchre Regatta RC will sound a signal at the start of each game.

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~ MYC October 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Jam Session 3pm	3	4 Euchre Night	5 Race Night	6	7	8 Comm Mtgs
9	10	11 Euchre Night	12 Race Night: Fall Challenge Trophy	13	14 Annual Meeting 7:30pm	15 Haul Out Day
16 Clubhouse Closed today	17	18 Winter Hours Begin – closed Tuesdays	19 Winter Menu Debut  Euchre Night moves to Wed	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Euchre Night	27 Life Member Luncheon	28	29 Halloween Party
30	31					

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