



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

NOVEMBER 2016



Last Wednesday Race of Fall Series

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Coming Up:
Soup Cook Off – Saturday 11/5
Awards Banquet – Saturday 11/12
(Reservations Required)

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House.....Eric Bombery
Juniors.....Scott Corder
Membership.....Cathy Young
Pool.....Andy Bos
Race.....John Marks
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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Wednesday 10/5/2016

Portwatch Submissions:

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Greetings fellow members!

As I begin my term as your commodore I hope that most of you at least know who I am and if not, I look forward to changing that over the coming year. I have been a member of MYC since 2000 and have been very involved as a board member, treasurer, flag officer, and with the strategic planning committee for the last six years or so. My background is in the finance and financial planning arena and it has been particularly gratifying to assist the club in getting back on its financial feet and seeing the tangible improvements we have been able to make to our facilities as a result.

Early on these improvements were critical but not particularly visible as we installed new roofing and siding to seal the building from the elements. Moving to tank-less water heaters and replacing the pool heater reduced our operating cost and environmental footprint. Other steps have been more noticeable as we have remodeled the bar, added air conditioning to the entire building, and begun to replace the aging and unattractive fencing around the pool. Other changes have been subtler but have added to the usability, comfort, and quality of the facility as we have upgraded furniture, Wi-Fi access, our website, and kitchen equipment. Most recently we have added a winter cover to our pool to increase safety and reduce maintenance cost and the Octagon Building, Pool House bathrooms, and windows and doors have been painted.

We have been blessed with an outstanding staff led by our GM Kim Nguyen. Kim along with our long time Business and Facility managers Sue Peters and Nicky Anderson, have provided us with tremendous stability and loyalty that helps make MYC our home away from home. Our kitchen staff led by Chef Adam, continues to provide us with an amazing array of culinary delights and services.

I look forward to continuing to repair and improve our facilities in the coming year. It is an old facility and we still have a lot to do including some window replacement, awning upgrades, and additional furniture upgrades both inside and out, to go along with several pending projects for Dock and Yard.

Other goals and objectives for the year include continuing to build on the great success of our Racing and Junior Sailing programs, increasing involvement and participation in non-racing activities especially by the sixty percent of our Regular members who do not live in Muskegon, and getting more people involved in our committees and other volunteer opportunities.

As we head into the fall and winter season, we have much activity going on. Haul Out went smoothly with a lot of volunteers helping to put away all the summer toys and equipment. Halloween decorations are up and Winter activity planning is starting to ramp up (make sure to schedule your holiday party). Chef Adam and our Bar Staff, as always, are keeping everyone well fed and hydrated. I would ask that everyone please take note of the enclosure in this month's billing concerning our Employee Holiday fund. Our staff really does pull off miracles at times (most of which you never hear about because they were successful) and it is important to say thank you to them especially at this time of year. Please return the slip or call or email Sue to authorize your contribution. I encourage you to be generous but, all contributions are greatly appreciated by the staff.

In closing out my inaugural "Commodore's Comments" I would like to say thank you to all my predecessors, fellow Flag Officers, Board Members, and the outstanding Staff of MYC, for their contributions and service with a special thank you to our Past Commodore Sam Nedeau. Sam is a tireless cheerleader and supporter of the Muskegon Yacht Club. He faced many challenges in the past year and he always faced them head on. He was and is, always working to make MYC a better place for our entire membership. I am fortunate to take over the helm of a ship on course and sailing smoothly.

I am honored to be your Commodore and humbled by the distinguished list of my predecessors. I am looking forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact me at any time. My email is ltaunt@regalfin.com

Sincerely,

Larry Taunt
Commodore
Muskegon Yacht Club

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
 Board Meeting – 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm

2016 Capital Improvement Fund Update

**2016 Collected
 To Date:
 \$ 34,793
 +
 12/31/15 Balance:
 \$19,917**



2016 Expenditures:
 \$8,404-Dining Rm A/C
 \$16,000-Make-up Air
 \$3,533-Pool Fence
 (partial)
 \$3,950 – Pool Cover
 \$3,490 – Oct Painting

**Available Balance =
 \$19,333**

Hours of Operation for November 2016

	<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



Social Committee Report:

Social Committee Needs Your Help!

1. We plan on having a nautical Christmas tree in the lounge. Can you please donate ornaments? If you prefer to donate money the MYC elves will shop for ornaments. Leave donations at the bar.
2. We plan to have a kids' Christmas tree in the dining room. Can you have your kids make ornaments?
3. Members have donated additional trees. We will begin decorating the trees Saturday, November 5 after the soup cook-off. Please come down and help. Beer and wine for the workers.



**ANNUAL
MYC SOUP
COOK OFF!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2016

PLEASE BRING SOUPS IN BY NOON

\$5 TASTING CHARGE

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD
PLACE WINNERS



**OCTAGON BUILDING
BEFORE PAINTING PICTURES**

**OCTAGON BUILDING
AFTER PAINTING PICTURES**



Juniors Committee Report:

WMYSA SEASON FINALE JUNIOR REGATTA AT MYC



On Aug 5, MYC was host to 103 small boats and nearly 150 young sailors for the final West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regatta of 2016. Despite being the smallest team in the league, our Muskegon Junior Racers finished 4th as a team out of the seven junior sailing programs competing at this regatta.





Individual MYC scores at the Muskegon WMYSA Regatta were:

- Optimist Green: Ben Morris 5th
- Optimist Green: Hugh Frisinger 7th
- Optimist Green: Andrew Koman 11th
- Optimist Green: Paige Senter 14th
- Optimist RWB: Ben Bakran 9th
- Butterfly: Gage Stasko 14th
- Butterfly: Dylan Young 17th
- Butterfly: Danielle Wisnell 25th
- Butterfly: Bella Lindsay 26th
- Laser Radial: Sarah Corder 8th
- Laser Radial: Will Bakran 9th
- Laser Radial: Frank Frisinger 10th
- Laser Radial: Chance Spencer 15th
- Laser Full Rig: Josh Corder 2nd
- Laser Full Rig: Torben Johnson 4th
- Laser Full Rig: Sam Adams 7th



2016 MYC ULRICH MEMORIAL JUNIORS REGATTA

On Aug. 20, the Juniors ended their 2016 sailing season with the MYC Ulrich Memorial Juniors Regatta. The perpetual Ulrich Cup trophy, shown below, is presented to the winner of the largest fleet competing at this event each year.



Trophies were also awarded to the top 3 finishers in each fleet. The racing was very close as evidenced by several ties and close scores shown in the full results below.

After a lunch was provided by the parents and the Ulrich awards were presented, the Junior Race Team members and the parents all hustled to clean up the Juniors classroom and put all the Junior program boats away for the winter before some severe weather, including several tornados, hit West Michigan later that evening.

<i>Ulrich Optimist Fleet</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
1 Ben Bakran	1	2	3
2 Andrew Koman	4	1	5
3 Simon Frisinger	2	3	5
4 Ben Morris	3	4	7
5 Hugh Frisinger	5	5	10



Frank Frisinger received the 2016 Ulrich Memorial Trophy and presented the 1st Place Butterfly trophy to his crew James Senter.

Ulrich Butterfly Fleet	R1	R1	TOTAL
1 Frank Frisinger	1	1	2
2 Will Bakran	2	2	4
3 Chance Spencer	3	5	8
4 Dylan Young	6	3	9
5 Corrine Nedeau	5	6	11
6 Bella Lindsay	8	4	12
7 Anneka Lindsay	4	8	12
8 Darcy Nedeau	7	7	14
9 Danielle Wisnel	9	9	18

CLICK LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS 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>

Halloween Party – October 29th

Photos by Renee Rutz









News from the General Manager:

Welcome to winter MYC friends! I cannot believe it is November already. We have approximately 3.5 weeks till Thanksgiving, 7.5 weeks till Christmas, and 8.5 weeks till the New Year. And, just like the seasons, we are moving right along with our winter activities inside the clubhouse.

First, thank you to the entire Haul Out team of volunteers. In one morning, due to our volunteers, we were able to haul out the boats, put away all patio furniture, picnic tables, grills, rockers, and button up the pool area. Way to go and thanks again!

A couple weeks ago, the MYC had our semiannual Health Department Inspection and I am very proud to report our kitchen and bar areas got a fantastic review. The Health Inspector said and I quote "this is the best I've ever seen your kitchen." Way to go team MYC! Your commitment to the MYC is noticed and very much appreciated.

Thank you to the house committee and membership for allowing us to close the club on 10/16/16 for our annual Staff Appreciation outing. This year we went bowling, ate some food, and had a couple drinks. We had such a great time, so thank you once again!

The MYC fireplace has been turned on. We are asking that members do not touch the fireplace. Please ask the bartender on duty for assistance.

Reminder, the MYC closing policy states we will stay open for 1 additional hour past closing if there are 5 or more members purchasing beverages at the bar; and if the extended closing time does not violate the stipulations of the club's liquor license. With that said, MYC bartenders will be doing a "last call" either 1/2 hour before stated closing time or 1/2 hour before the additional hour is up, whichever the situation calls for. We appreciate your help and assistance with staying consistent with our hours and policies.

The MYC will be closed on Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving. The club will re-open for normal business hours on Friday, November 25th at noon.

Looking ahead – Please join us for one or more of the following: Annual Soup Cook Off on 11/5, Euchre Night (every Wednesday at 7 pm), Committee Meetings on 11/12, Annual Awards Banquet on 11/12, Board Meeting on 11/17, First Wine Dinner of the Season on 12/1, Slip Assignment meeting and Holiday lunch/dinner on 12/3.

We still have a few of the new MYC sweatshirts in stock with our full color burgee embroidered on the chest. Perfect for that Holiday gift, while supplies last! Stop by and take a look.

Thank you! Hope to see you all at the club soon!

Kim Nguyen
MYC General Manager
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IT'S BEEN A BUSY FALL FOR MYC RACE OFFICIALS



In addition to filling several key roles at the recent Midwest Qualifier for the Cressy National High School Championship (shown above), MYC's Certified Race Officials have been busy running some other high profile Midwest regattas.

On October 15-16, Jon and Jessica Ledsworth traveled to Northwestern University in Evanston IL to be what turned out to be basically be the entire Race Committee for the 2016 Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association Singlehanded Championships. Collegiate men race on Laser Full Rigs and women race on Laser Radials.



Despite being provided a very small signal boat and having to work in rather blustery and lumpy Lake Michigan conditions on the first day, Jon and Jessica delivered a total of nine races for the competitors at this major regatta.



Just one week later, MYC Race Officials were back on the water for the 2016 Michigan High School Sailing Singlehanded State Championships at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Lake St Clair.



Just like at the earlier Cressy Qualifier, Scott Corder served as Principal Race Officer for the event with his wife Lisa assisting. Jon and Jessica Ledsworth served as primary Mark Set, helping to manage starts and finishes. The MYC RC crew orchestrated 7 races in 1 day for both the Laser Full and Laser Radial fleets.



In all these cases, the event organizers and sailors were abundantly thankful for the high quality of racing our Race Officials provided – and greatly appreciated that we were able to bring nearly all the necessary equipment to run each event.

As evidenced by the large turnouts at all these events, High School and Collegiate sailing have both grown very rapidly in recent years. MYC can be proud that we are playing a key role in helping to officiate and promote the sport at these levels.



MYC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Saturday, November 12, 2016

MYC Dining Room

Cocktails 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 6:30pm

Entrée Selections - \$20.00 per person

Bacon Wrapped Stuffed Chicken

(Sundried tomato, artichoke and spinach stuffed, wild mushroom cream sauce, parmesan mashed potatoes, vegetable medley)

Pesto Crusted Beef Loin

(Garlic and herb redskins, cabernet shallot reduction, vegetable medley)

Blackened Mahi Mahi

(Arugula and candied garlic salad, roasted red pepper rice pilaf, vegetable medley)

Junior Sailors Menu - \$10.00 per

person

Chicken Tenders Basket

Mac & Cheese

Cheeseburger & Fries

(All entrees include salad, fresh bread, and dessert)

Vegetarian and Vegan option is available, please contact Kim

Reservations required, please RSVP

with your menu selections to the club

(231) 755-1414, email myc.kimn@gmail.com or at

the bar via the bartender!



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!



Employee Holiday Fund

Greetings!

The Muskegon Yacht Club is very fortunate to have an outstanding and very loyal staff. Much of our staff has been with us for many years. As we head into the Holiday season it is important to keep them in mind. A few years ago we instituted a program that has proven to be very popular with our members and that is the ability to contribute a Holiday Gratuity to our staff as part of your monthly account billing.

While in other clubs I have belonged to, this was an automatic billing that you could decline if you wished, we have always taken the approach at MYC that is a voluntary program to give our members the opportunity to say "Thank You" to the staff that works so hard throughout the year to make your MYC experience a great one.

The money generated from this program is divided amongst our staff and given to them prior to the Christmas Holiday as a Holiday bonus. I invite you to please contribute to this at whatever level you are comfortable with. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by our staff.

Happy Holidays! And Thank you!

Larry Taunt
Commodore



I wish to make a contribution of

\$200 \$150 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other

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~ MYC November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Euchre Night	3	4	5 Soup Cook-Off 12pm
6 Fall Back 1 hour Jam Session 3pm	7	8 Election Day 	9 Euchre Night	10	11	12 Comm Mtgs Awards Banquet
13	14	15	16 Euchre Night	17 Board Meeting	18	19
20 Jam Session 3pm	21	22	23 Euchre Night	24 Happy Thanksgiving  Club Closed	25	26
27	28	29	30 Euchre Night	Dec. 1 Wine Dinner		

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