



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

DECEMBER 2016

*Season's
Greetings*

Wishing you and your family a wonderful
holiday season!

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MYC STAFF

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

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Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Sue Peters
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Deadline for content
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month.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

The Holiday Season is upon us and the Muskegon Yacht Club is a busy place. Holiday parties, Slip assignment meetings, and the normal hustle and bustle of the Holidays mean that Christmas and New Years are right around the corner. If you are looking for Christmas present ideas, Muskegon Yacht Club logo gear makes for an outstanding gift for your favorite sailor! We keep a limited supply in stock at the club but Kim can get you a custom order and even have items personalized for you in a jiffy!

If you have not done so already, please make sure to participate in our staff appreciation Christmas fund. We have a great staff and your contributions is an important way to say Thank You for the all the hard work and outstanding services that they have provided this past year. Return the slip that was in your billing statement or call or email Sue at the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We recently conducted a proxy vote to amend some of the MYC bylaws and the changes were overwhelmingly supported (over 85% for) however, we only received 116 proxies from our 274 voting members. As such and because of some confusion that some members had with the process, the board has determined to not proceed with the changes and we will be starting the bylaw amendment process over again. I would urge all of to promptly return your proxies when they are mailed. Our current bylaw procedures require us to conduct these via US mail and to provide stamped return envelopes for the proxy return. Between postage, printing, and labor, the cost of conducting a proxy vote is substantial and having to re-vote is especially painful for a finance guy like me. We will start with a special membership meeting to discuss and will proceed with a vote shortly thereafter. Keep your eyes open for the notices as this process commences in a few weeks.

As we move forward into 2017 the board will be considering what projects to tackle next. Recently a circumstance arose that really brought this into focus as we were asked by the family of a recently passed life member to suggest a

memorial gift that would have a lasting impact on the membership and it forced us think about the future a bit harder.

Fortunately, we did not need to start from scratch as the Strategic Planning Committee is continually working on setting and implement goals for the future of MYC but, it did make us think about formalizing a wish list and I thought it would be good to share it with the membership. The order is more in terms of magnitude not priority and the dollar amounts are very rough estimates. Nor is this list all-inclusive but it is a start and it makes for an interesting exercise.

- Rebuild/Replace our Junior Sailing Facility – the Octagon building is not in great shape, leaks like a sieve, and as such is in need of significant investment. So much so in fact that replacement may be a more fiscally responsible course of action than repair \$100-150k (or a new roof at the very least \$30K)
- Refurbish and redesign the club entranceway including the addition of an elevator to access the Lakeview room, and second floor restrooms \$100-200K
- Refurbish the pool bathhouse baths and adding a sundeck above \$75k
- Installation of the approved pier on the north and South end of the marina \$50k
- Architectural fencing to enclose the property \$30-50k
- Redesign and replace covered patio and canopy \$10-15k

And of course we have major maintenance items that will need to be addressed some sooner rather than later:

- Replace leaking and failing windows on the “lake” side of the building. \$20-30K
- Repaving the parking lot \$30k

The above list is approximately \$400k! and will clearly not happen overnight but the old joke applies. How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. It starts with a vision and goals. We are blessed with an amazing location here on the shores of Muskegon Lake. Our charge is to enhance and maintain our facilities to a high standard in order best serve our membership.

To conclude this month's message, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to the entire MYC family. May the blessing of the season be upon you all, and may Santa bring you a nice lightweight present from the sail loft.

Sincerely,
Larry Taunt
Commodore

Hours of Operation for December 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

Saturday 12/24: 12-8pm (Kitchen open 12-4p, Annual Member Potluck 4-8p)

Sunday 12/25-Tuesday 12/17: Closed

Saturday 12/31: 12pm-1am

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:
\$ 36,498
+
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
 \$3,480 – Oct Painting
 \$3,050 – Paint
 outside BRs
**Available Balance =
\$17,998**

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Juniors Committee Report:

2016 JUNIOR SEASON AWARDS

The MYC Juniors received their 2016 Season Awards at the Annual MYC Awards Banquet on November 12.



Laser Radial Season

- 1 Sarah Corder
- 2 Chance Spencer
- 3 Frank Frisinger
- 4 Sam Adams
- 5 Will Bakran
- 6 Josh Corder
- 7 Torben Johnson

Laser Full Rig Season

- 1 Josh Corder
- 2 Torben Johnson
- 3 Sam Adams

Optimist Season

- 1 Ben Bakran
- 2 Ben Morris
- 3 Andrew Koman
- 4 Hugh Frisinger
- 5 Simon Frisinger
- 6 Dan Demello
- 7 Paige Senter

2016 Most Improved

Ben Morris

Butterfly Season

- 1 Gage Stasko
- 2 Dylan Young
- 3 Will Bakran
- 4 Anneka Lindsay
- 5 Bella Lindsay
- 6 Reyna Johnson
- 7 Frank Frisinger
- 8 Corrine Nedeau
- 9 Danielle Wisnel
- 10 Darcy Nedeau
- 11 Chance Spencer
- 12 Max Mika

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>



MYC HOLIDAY AND JANUARY HOURS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER
24TH

12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
KITCHEN OPEN FROM
12:00-4:00 PM
ANNUAL MEMBER POT
LUCK FROM 4:00 PM –
8:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER
25TH –

TUESDAY, DECEMBER
27TH
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 28TH –
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
OPEN NORMAL BUSINESS
HOURS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER
31ST

OPEN 12:00 PM – 1:00
AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1,
2017
CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND
OPEN FROM 12:00 PM –
10:00 PM
COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3RD
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY
4TH –
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH
OPEN NORMAL BUSINESS
HOURS

MONDAY, JANUARY
9TH – TUESDAY, JANUARY
24TH
CLUB CLOSED FOR DEEP
CLEANING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY
25TH
REOPEN FOR NORMAL
HOURS



Lost Keys! Do these belong to you?
They have been in the Lost and Found for a couple of months now.
See Kim.

2016 Awards Banquet







News from the General Manager:

Happy Holidays everyone! Another busy month at the MYC has come and gone. The MYC committees and staff worked very hard in preparing and executing several events last month including the annual awards banquet, soup cook-off, Halloween party and two private events. Moving forward, December is also a busy month. There are numerous private events scheduled along with the annual MYC Holiday Dinner, Slip Assignment Meeting, Christmas Eve Pot Luck and New Year's Eve Dinner. Euchre night is also scheduled to happen every Wednesday night at 7 pm in the Round Room. It's a nice way to break up your week, so stop down and play some cards.

Like in past years, the MYC will be hosting a canned food (non-perishable items) drive. There is a box in the front foyer where you can drop off your donation. We will be collecting items until December 21st at which time we will pick a local charity to donate them to. Help spread some holiday cheer to those in need. On December 3rd, bring in 3 items to donate and receive a voucher for \$2 off your bill. One voucher per person. Please see the bartender on duty for assistance.

Please help me in welcoming Chelsea Carletto to the kitchen staff as our new food runner. Please extend a warm hello when you see her around the club.

I encourage all members to contact me with any feedback you may have regarding any aspects of the MYC. Feedback is critical to help improve our services to you. Any and all feedback is welcomed.

Happy Holidays & Stay Warm!

Kim Nguyen
MYC General Manager
231-755-1414
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org



JOIN US ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

FOR THE

2017 COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL
GAMES

ON THE BIG SCREENS AND SURROUND
SOUND!

CLUB WILL BE OPEN FROM

12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

- OUTBACK BOWL – 1 PM
- GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL – 1 PM
 - ROSE BOWL – 5 PM
- ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL – 8:30 PM



Featured Yacht Club

Muskegon Yacht Club Offers a Unique Location for Sailors

Since 1932, the Muskegon Yacht Club has been providing sailors of all ages a place to call home. Our 85 slip, deep water marina can accommodate boats of all sizes, and our full service bar and restaurant provides a wonderful laid back environment for our over 400 members.

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Additional amenities include banquet rooms, a large pool and clubhouse, transient slips, a launch ramp, hoist and



dry sail area, an active sailing school and junior sailing program, and one of the Great Lakes finest one design and handicap racing programs.

Whether it is participating in a thrilling regatta, lounging by the pool, enjoying our water side parking chairs, enjoying a burger or a gourmet meal, or watching

the big game on our many screens, our experienced staff will provide you with everything you need to have a great time throughout the year. Open year-round, we offer one of the best membership values on the Great Lakes. Located in historic Bluffton Bay, mere steps from the sandy shores of Lake Michigan, on the protected waters of Muskegon Lake. Come home to the Muskegon Yacht Club. For more details, visit: www.muskegonyachtclub.org.

MYC featured in the November 2016 edition of
Great Lakes Scuttlebutt magazine





Model Ship "Laura S" has returned to MYC

Do we have any model ship enthusiasts in our membership?
The Laura S needs some TLC!

Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer brought this model to us last month after her husband, Thomas F. Bauer, passed away. Mr. Bauer had been in possession of the ship since 1997 with the intention of restoring her.

A journal accompanying the model states:

- She was a gift to MYC from Mr. Torrent in the 1980s
- She resided in the basement of Mr. Austin Freye until 1991
- She made her way to someone named Rand (Szymczyk??), and finally to Mr. Bauer in 1997.

Beneath layers of dust and grime, and the broken and brittle rigging, this is a beautifully detailed work of art. Take a look at the club!

Who's up for this challenge??!!



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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Wine Dinner	2	3 Slip Assign Meeting Holiday Dinner
4 WMIYC Meeting Jam Session 3pm	5	6	7 Euchre Night	8	9	10 Comm Mtgs
11	12	13	14 Euchre Night	15 Board Meeting	16	17
18 Jam Session 3pm Kids Holiday Party	19	20	21 Euchre Night	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 Euchre Night	29	30	31

If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Sue Peters sue@muskegonyachtclub.org