



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# PORTWATCH

JANUARY 2017



*Happy New Year!*

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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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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:

The Holidays are behind us and a busy New Year is ahead. As we look back, 2016 was an exciting year for MYC, with some challenges. We just passed the one-year anniversary of the east wind storm that took out our attenuator and we have finally ordered the final parts and pieces and filed the last portion of our insurance claim. We expect to finally be fully repaired as soon as the ice breaks in the spring with all temporary repairs completed. We had new fencing and furniture at the pool, painting the Octagon building, air conditioning of the Spinnaker room and significant improvements to our air handling systems in the kitchen. A successful racing season, multiple weddings, parties, and good times were seen at MYC. We continue to improve our finances and 2017 is looking to be another great year for your club.

We certainly started the New Year off with a bang. Living in East Grand Rapids I don't get to the club for dinner nearly as often as I do during the summer. When I saw the New Year's Eve specials we decided to make the trip to Muskegon to take part. Being a fan of the Wine Dinners that Chef Adam and his staff put on I was confident that the meal would be wonderful and it was! Judy had the beef and I had the scallops and they were both amazing. We are truly fortunate to have the talented staff that we do at MYC they continue to provide great food at fair prices.

As I was driving back home I reflected on this a bit. Judy and I had visited a popular restaurant in Holland the day before. We were doing some shopping and I hadn't had lunch so wanted to grab a drink and an appetizer late in the afternoon. We ordered the "Crispy Chicken" which turned out to be 6 chicken wings and the Pommes Frites, which turned out to be French fries. These were \$11 and \$8 respectively and my Mt. Gay and diet coke was \$6. So \$25 plus tip took us to \$30. The four course gourmet meal for two including two splits of champagne I had just eaten at MYC was \$40 (\$48 with tip).

Congrats to Chefs Adam and Wes, and the entire staff on an excellent experience.

The club will be closed from January 9 through January 24 for our annual deep clean. While I know this is a bit inconvenient for some, it is essential to the maintenance of our facility. We have shortened the closing period this year significantly which is putting extra pressure on the staff to get the project list completed but Kim is confident they can get it all done. Club operations will resume with the normal Wed opening on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Make the trip over to see the crispy clean MYC and see what surprises Kim and Nicky have in store for the Grand Reopening!

We are scheduling some mid-winter racing meetings to review the upcoming season along with the recently published changes to the Rules of Racing. Watch the Portwatch and the News Flash to keep up to the minute with club activities, weekly menu specials, other important information. These are the primary communication tools for what is happening at your club. Make sure you scroll all the way to the bottom!

Many of you may be making the annual trek to Strictly Sail in Chicago while we are closed. Or will take the opportunity to go skiing at the various resorts. Keep an eye out for your fellow members and try to wear some MYC logo gear. MYC is a great place and our members are our best messengers and advertisement of what a special place this is. Kim has items in stock or can custom order you whatever you need in a hurry.

Have a great month! And safe travels to all!

Sincerely,  
Larry Taunt  
Commodore



### 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 – Sat, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm  
 Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7:00pm

### 2016 Capital Improvement Fund Update

#### **2016 Collected:**

**\$ 40,717**  
 +  
**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 =**  
**\$22,217**



### **Membership Committee Report:**

Save the Date! MYC Open House – Saturday 3/25/17

## **MYC JANUARY HOURS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Through**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**OPEN NORMAL BUSINESS  
HOURS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**Through**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**CLUB CLOSED FOR DEEP  
CLEANING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**REOPEN FOR NORMAL HOURS**



## Juniors Committee Report:

### **JUNIORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Dates for the following Junior regattas have been set for 2017:

June 23-24	USODA Opti Great Lakes Champs at Grosse Pointe YC
June 30	WMYSA Friday Regatta at Macatawa Bay YC
July 14	WMYSA Friday Regatta at Spring Lake YC
July 21	WMYSA No Tears Opti Regatta at Saugatuck YC
July 28	WMYSA Friday Regatta at White Lake YC
Aug 3-6	WMYA Westerns Regatta at Crystal Lake YC
Aug 11	WMYSA Friday Regatta at Muskegon YC
Aug 19	Harbor Hospice Regatta at Muskegon YC
Sep 16-17	USODA Opti Midwest Championship at Tawas YC
Oct 6-8	US Sailing Junior Olympics at Macatawa Bay YC

### **TENTATIVE SAILING SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017**

June 19-23	Race Camp
June 26-29	Week 1
July 5-7	Week 2 (shortened week)
July 10-13	Week 3
July 17-20	Week 4
July 24-27	Week 5
Jul 31-Aug 3	Week 6
Aug 7-11	Week 7
Aug 14-17	Week 8

### **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/MJSAsailing>





## Social Committee Report:

Save The Dates! Winterfest 2017 – Saturday 1/28/17

Chili Cook-Off – Saturday 3/4/2017

Jam Session – First & Third Sundays of the Month – 3PM

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Staff Party – Thanks for a fun evening!







# Winterfest 2017

Saturday January 28 1:00 - 4:00 Pm



**Fire Pit**  
Bring supplies  
to make S'mores

Club will have sticks



**Jam**  
**Session**

3:00 PM



**Weather Permitting: Outside activities Nerf Games / Football  
Golf / Ice Fishing / Ice Boating. Bring you own equipmnet**

## Snowman Contest



**Kids 4-8**  
**9-12**

Teams Welcome  
up to 6 on a team

**Kids - Traditional**

Bring costumes  
for your snowman  
Characters

**Adults Teens- Characters**

**Hot Chocolate / Hot toddies**  
Served at the bar

**50/50 Raffle**

### MYC 2017 Membership

✓ *Dues are now due and payable. Must be paid in full by March 15, 2017.*

✓ *Capital Improvement Fund: \$10 per month OR lump sum of \$100 paid by January 31, 2017.*

✓ *Information Update: Please notify us if you have any changes to your contact information, family members, boat information, etc.*



## News from the General Manager:

Happy New Year! What a wonderful year we had in 2016. So many great memories were made with so many great people. As I look towards the future, I hope 2017 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 at the MYC.

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 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 9, 2017 thru January 24, 2017 for renovations and deep cleanings. This year we will be working on repairing some bathroom issues, deep cleaning and organizing. Join us for our Grand Re-Opening Party on January 25<sup>th</sup> to see all of our upgrades.

The MYC will be at the Grand Rapids Boat Show again this year (February 15-19) 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 10 slips left for the upcoming 2017 boating season. Please see Andy Bos or Kim with questions.

We will be hosting a beer dinner the first part of February along with a wine dinner at the end of February. Reservations will be required. More details to come soon!

The MYC is looking for some people to help plan some off site activities. If you are interested, please see Kim.

Thank you again for a great 2016 and cheers to 2017!

Kim Nguyen, General Manager  
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org





## **MYC - LAKEVIEW ROOM**

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~ MYC January 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Open: College Bowl Games	3	4	5	6	7
8 Jam Session 3pm	9 Closed	10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Closed	14 Closed House Comm Mtg 10:00
15 Closed	16 Closed	17 Closed	18 Closed	19 Closed Board Meeting 7pm	20 Closed	21 Closed
22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Closed	25 Club Re-Opens  Euchre Night	26 WMIYC Meeting	27	28 MYC Winterfest 1-4 PM Jam Session 3pm
29	30	31				

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