

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

MARCH 2017



Think Spring!

Upcoming Events:

Chili Cook Off – Saturday, March 4

St. Patrick's Day Party – Friday, March 17

Beer Dinner – Saturday, March 18

Open House – Saturday, March 25

Wine Dinner – Wednesday, March 29

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House.....Eric Bombery
Juniors.....Scott Corder
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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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On the Cover:

Spring robins have been spotted in West Michigan!

Portwatch Submissions:

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

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

We are in the final stages of preparing our 2017-2018 budget and while always a bit of a challenge, this year's process went pretty smoothly. This is in stark contrast to when I first joined the board seven years ago and quickly was asked to become the Treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all the people who have been essential in putting the Muskegon Yacht Club on firm financial footing. We will formally present the budget in next month's Portwatch but I am very pleased to report that our Staff and many volunteers have the club running smoothly, which makes my and the Board's job much easier. We are now in a position to get out ahead of things instead of constantly playing catch up and it makes budgeting MUCH easier.

The boat show has come and gone and our first open house is scheduled for March 25th. We only have a few slips available and I expect that they will all be gone in the next few weeks. We hope to have our contractors back to work in the next few weeks to finish up our dock repairs in plenty of time for Launch. Our off season weather has been one of extremes. Really cold or really warm, lots of snow or no snow. The skiers had a great start to the season but they lately have had to venture further north to find the snow. Ice boaters have been in much the same situation. Only a few days of Ice boating were done on Muskegon Lake and it seems unlikely we will get any further opportunities as the lake has already opened up.

The good news about no iceboating is that Andy Bos has been hard at work completing the fencing and new gates for our pool. What I have been affectionately referring to as our "prison yard" fencing is gone and will soon be replaced by something amazing. You saw phase I last year but Phase II is almost ready for installation and by pool opening you will see something very special. Many people have been involved with this project spearheaded by Andy. We will spell this all out when we dedicate the new fence but a huge Thank You to all the people assisting in this project. Andy will need some help with the installation spring break week so if you will be in town... many hands make light work!

The Board unanimously approved to send to the bylaw committee some significant revisions to the MYC bylaws for review. We expect to receive

those back from the committee in time for final approval at the March Board meeting. The proposed changes will then be published and a special general membership meeting to discuss the proposed changes will be scheduled in April (date TBD) and then a formal proxy ballot will be mailed to all regular and life members as prescribed by the current bylaws.

There has been considerable work done over several years by multiple committees as well as the Board in these proposed changes. You will find much of the changes are simply modernizing communication options and clarifications of language. The major change is the proposed retirement of the Associate membership classification (current Associates will be fully grandfathered) and the addition of a new Junior membership for members joining MYC who are under 35 years of age. We current have only a handful of members under age 35 and the goal is to encourage younger people to join. We will go into much more depth on the demographics, whys and what's and pluses and minuses of these changes at the special membership meeting but, please know that much thought has gone into this and most of the questions you will have were considered in depth and detail in coming to the proposed changes. We had a special membership meeting attended by over 40 members in May of last year to discuss this topic and several changes came out of this meeting that were incorporated and unanimously endorsed by those attending the meeting. Please watch for the date of this meeting to be announced and plan on attending if you have any questions or have input to offer on the proposed amendments. Also when the time comes, please complete and return the ballot.

The Club Calendar is filling up! My launch is scheduled for May 1st which is just eight short weeks away! I look forward to seeing everyone start to return to their boats as the annual preparations get into full swing. Have a great month and we hope the lion quickly makes way for the lamb.

Sincerely,
Larry Taunt
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 – Sat, March 4th at 2:00pm
- Board Meeting – 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm

2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2017 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 20,714

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project

\$7,467

Available Balance =

\$35,464



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Joel & Alison Kamp - Regular Members - Muskegon, MI



March 4, 2017

ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 12:00 PM

TASTING TO FOLLOW AT 12:30 PM.

\$5 TASTING CHARGE.

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

JOIN THIS GREAT MYC TRADITION.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

MARCH 17, 2017

8:30 IRISH TRIVIA BY BILL IDDINGS

**9:30 UGLY GREEN T-SHIRT
OR SWEATER CONTEST**

IRISH FOOD / DRINK SPECIALS



A reminder from your Treasurer:

With the MYC membership dues payment deadline of March 15th rapidly approaching, I again want to ensure all members are aware of the following MYC Credit Policy, Payments received by MYC from members are always first applied to the member's oldest balances owed. This is done, not only to minimize late fees and financing charges on your account, but to also ultimately eliminate member past due balances.

MYC does accept credit card payments. I encourage you to contact Sue Peters in the Business Office and enroll in the MYC Credit Card Payment Program.

Please refer to the "Red Book" under "House Rules – Credit" (pages 39-40) for further information on MYC Credit policies.

***Thanks,
Dean Runk – Treasurer***

MYC's Booth at the Grand Rapids Boat Show





MYC BEER DINNER



SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017
SOCIAL 6:00 PM DINNER 6:30 PM

First Course – Napa Cabbage Salad

Cornbread Brewtons – Pinchtown Porter Candied Bacon –
Smoked Blue Cheese - Dried Apricots – Renegade Double
IPA Vinaigrette
Beer – TBD

Second Course – Pretzel Crostini

Smoked Beer Can Chicken – Bacon – Muskegon Lager
Braised Cabbage – Arugula – Walter Goes To Belgium Aioli
Beer – TBD

Third Course – Beer Cheese and Brat Bolognese

Tomato Edward Hopper Beer Cheese Sauce - Housemade
Beer Brats – Pappardelle Noodles
Beer – TBD

Dessert – Chocolate Cake

1762 Imperial Stout Chocolate Cake – Snoring Basset
Peanut Butter Cream Filling – Coconut Jameson Porter
Infused Whipped Cream
Beer – TBD

LIMITED SEATING (40) - RESERVATIONS REQUIRED TO ATTEND
\$38.00 /PER PERSON

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or email Kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

72 hour cancellation policy

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will not be refunded.**



Social Committee Report:

SAVE THE DATE:

TAX PARTY – APRIL 15, 2017

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC FROM DUO JETS.

More details to come soon!



Racing Update:

Registration is now open for the following racing events:

Safety at Sea Seminar - [Register](#)

Wednesday Night Series -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4087

Midwest One-Design Spring Championship -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=3024

Torresen / BBS Cup -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4088

Trans Michigan Race -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4091

Neddeau Cup -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4090

Clipper Cup -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4074

Governor's Cup -

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4095

UK Cup –

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=4093



Juniors Committee Report:

JUNIORS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

| | |
|---------|---|
| 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 11 | WMYSA Friday Regatta at Muskegon YC |
| Aug 19 | Harbor Hospice Regatta at Muskegon YC |

OTHER 2017 DATES THAT MAY INTEREST JUNIORS

| | |
|------------|---|
| June 23-24 | USODA Opti Great Lakes Champs at Grosse Pointe YC |
| Aug 3-6 | WMYA Westerns Regatta at Crystal Lake 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/>

JUNIOR SAILING AT MYC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

The Junior Program and Sailing School are anticipating the need to invest in several equipment upgrades and probably an additional multi-boat trailer in 2017.

You can find more info about donating to the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association on the MYC web site. Or you can easily click on the link below to instantly donate to the MJSA. 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>



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
NIGHT**

7 PM

MYC ROUND ROOM

*HAVE A DRINK, EAT SOME
FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS!*

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME
TO ATTEND!**



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***POPCORN**

***CASHEWS**

***PIRATES BOOTY
(WHITE CHEDDAR
CHEESE PUFFS)**

***OLD WISCONSIN
BEEF SNACK STICKS**

***RED BARON'S
PERSONAL PIZZAS**



The February Wine Dinner featured West Coast wines and cuisine





DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH



MYC WINE DINNER



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
SOCIAL 6:00 PM DINNER 6:30 PM

First Course - Pho Soup

*Fresh Ginger - Shiitake Mushrooms - Bok Choy - Thin
 Sliced Beef
 Wine - TBD*

Second Course - Duo of Sushi

*Shrimp - Vegetables - Spring Roll and Nori Wraps -
 Dipping Sauces
 Wine - TBD*

Third Course - Banh Mi Stir Fry

*Sesame Braised Pork - Fresh Jalapenos - Pickled Asian
 Vegetables - Cilantro - Glass Noodles
 Wine - TBD*

Dessert - Cinnamon Won Tons

*Seasoned Cream Cheese - Green Tea Mandarin Dipping
 Sauce
 Wine - TBD*

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News from the General Manager:

Aside from this current little winter storm, it is beginning to look a lot like spring! February was a fun month for the MYC. The wine dinner was a huge hit along with the new beer dinner! Thank you for all your support with these dinners and I am glad they are so enjoyable. If you have not attended one yet, I highly recommend you do. It's a very nice way to enjoy the company of your fellow members and learn about different foods and pairings. Thank you to all MYC members who volunteered at the Grand Rapids Boat Show this year. Your help is very much appreciated!

March outlook – Chili Cook Off on 3/4, Committee meetings on 3/11, Daylight Savings on 3/12, Board Meeting on 3/16, Beer Dinner on 3/18, First Day of Spring on 3/20, Open House on 3/25, and Wine Dinner on 3/29. Don't forget about Euchre Nights every Wednesday night - everyone is welcome to attend. As mentioned, our first open house of the season is scheduled for March 25, 2017 and we will be open to the public all day. Send your friends and family down to take advantage of our new member incentive - \$150.00 credit to MYC account once the application is approved. There will be live music from 1-4 pm from the "The Westlan Brothers" featuring our very own Brett Dame! As many of you may recall, Brett Dame was a MYC employee before he left to pursue his music career. Since then, he has traveled the world playing his music and is now back to join forces with his brother Coty Bouchard to bring you "The Westlan Brothers." Stop down and help welcome Brett back to his hometown!

We recently updated our WiFi speed and services. Effective 3/1/17, you will have to reenter the MYC member password when choosing "MYCmember" under your WiFi settings. We are also in the process of upgrading our phone system. Please listen to all options to be directed to the appropriate person. These upgrades have been done to help MYC employees serve our members more efficiently. Please let us know if you experience any issues with either of these new services.

Thank you, Stay warm, and Think Spring!

Kim Nguyen, General Manager
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org





MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY,
MARCH 25, 2017

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

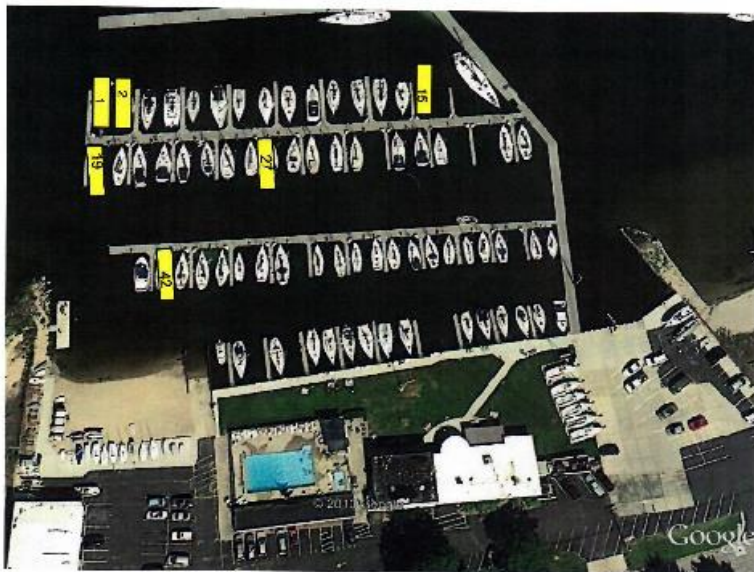
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2017 Open Slips * Price does not include Membership *****

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- Slip 2, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2017, port tie off
- Slip 15, 38 foot slip, \$2,575 for 2017, starboard tie off
- Slip 19, 38 foot slip, \$2,575 for 2017, port tie off
- Slip 27, 38 foot slip, \$2,575 for 2017, port tie off
- Slip 42, 34 foot slip, \$2,335 for 2017, port tie off

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| ~ MYC March 2017 ~ | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 Euchre Night 7pm | 2 | 3 | 4 Chili Cook Off |
| 5 Jam Session 3pm | 6 | 7 | 8 Euchre Night 7pm | 9 | 10 | 11 Committee Meetings |
| 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 13 | 14 | 15 Euchre Night 7pm | 16 Board Meeting 7pm | 17 St. Patrick's Day Party | 18 Beer Dinner |
| 19 Jam Session 3pm | 20  Spring! | 21 | 22 Euchre Night 7pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Open House |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Euchre Night 7pm Wine Dinner | 30 | 31 | |

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