



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

APRIL 2017



New gangways were delivered to MYC on March 24th
Many thanks to our volunteer unloaders!

Upcoming Special Events:
Racing Preseason Meeting – Wednesday, April 12
Special Bylaw Meeting – Saturday, April 15
Safety At Sea Seminar – Sat-Sun, May 6-7

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MYC Staff and Members help unload our new gangways.

Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Sue Peters
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Deadline for content
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Spring has sprung! Having officially arrived on March 20, our boating season is fast approaching and the activity level at MYC is ramping up.

I was privileged to spend all the last weekend of winter attending a two-day Advanced Race Management Seminar (along with Jon and Jess Ledsworth and Scott Corder) at Macatawa Bay Yacht Club in Holland Michigan. The MBYC was a few years ago demolished and rebuilt and it is a beautiful facility. I couldn't help but note some real differences in our two clubs though, especially after some discussion with their members. First, the first day of the seminar, Saturday March 18, was the first day of the season for MBYC having shut down after New Year's until this weekend as is their normal practice. Muskegon Yacht Club is one of only a handful of Yacht Clubs on the Great Lakes that remains open year-round. Our Brief maintenance closing in January each year is on stark contrast to our peer yacht clubs who for the most part shut down for 12 weeks or longer (MBYC was closed Sunday). The second point that was raised was that non-boaters have recently become the majority of the members at MBYC which is causing some significant issues and conflicts. This will come up at our Special Membership meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw changes as we have taken steps to specifically address this issue in our proposed amendments. Lastly, while the new facility in Holland is beautiful, the atmosphere is just not the same as at MYC. We are a very friendly relaxed club where you can walk in after working on your boat covered in grime, or after going to church in your Sunday best, and be welcome and comfortable either way. Not so much at MBYC.

The seminar itself was excellent and we are very fortunate to have the level of knowledge and experience we have in our Race Officers at MYC. We have two and will soon have four or five Regional Race Officers at our club and that is something we should be very proud of. Scott Corder, and Steve Schiller are currently Regional RO, and Jon and Jess Ledsworth will likely soon move from Club Officers to Regional as well. I am a Club level as well and while I will probably test for the Regional, I have not done enough OTW work to qualify as I spend most of my time competing instead of doing the hard work on the committee boats. The experience and expertise in Race Management that we

have at MYC is really second to none on the Great Lakes. Thank you to our Race Officers for their dedication.

We have several “special” events coming up soon. Wednesday April 12th, we will be shaking the cobwebs out of our racers heads and host a handicap racing fleet meeting. We will be discussing the upcoming season as well as the impact of the Racing Rules of Sailing amendments that went into effect on January 1st of this year. We will have a special guest speaker Jeff Maier, who is a US Sailing Judge and Regional Race Officer to lead our discussions. On April 15th, we will have a Special Membership Meeting to discuss the proposed bylaw amendments, and on May 6-7 we are hosting a Safety at Sea seminar. Day 1 will be at Muskegon CC and the hands-on Day 2 will be at MYC. Registration is open for this event and pre-registration is required as materials must be ordered from US Sailing.

In other news, registration for the 2017 Racing season is open including not only our Wed night racing but our new Trans Michigan Race which will be held on June 23 from Milwaukee to Muskegon and the Lake Michigan Clipper Cup from Muskegon to Port Washington on August 11. I encourage everyone to complete your registrations for these events as soon as possible to facilitate our planning and organization. Links to registering for these events can be found on our website at www.muskegonyachtclub.org or at www.yachtscoring.com . The pool fence project is moving along. It unexpectedly required some concrete work but it is still expected to be completed on time and the concrete work allows us to take care of some pool plumbing maintenance issues that needed to be done anyway. No, we are not putting in a hot tub LOL!

As required in our bylaws each April the Board of Directors must publish to the membership our approved annual budget and that is included in this issue of the “Portwatch”. The budget is solid and is generating enough revenue to cover not only our budget expenses but the required principal payments on our debt. This principal payment does not appear on our budget as technically it is not an expense. Bottom line is that when we pay off principal on the note it correspondingly decreases our debt and increases our equity so they offset. Basically, we swap cash for equity so no change to the financials. This took me awhile to understand so, if it sounds confusing, that’s because it is. The good news is we are financially able to do this which keeps the bankers happy. Our

marina note is up for renewal in 2018 and we are already working on that process.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Easter/Spring Break! When you return, we will really be in final countdown to launch and the 2017 season. Have an amazing month!

Sincerely,
Larry Taunt
Commodore

2017 Chili Cook-Off Winners



L-R: Renee Rutz, Wes Stevens, Karen Seifert

2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2017 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 24,004

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project

\$7,467

Available Balance =

\$38,754

Special Membership Meeting MYC 2017 Bylaw Amendment Proposal

**Saturday, April 15th – 1:00 PM
MYC Lakeview Room**

Per the MYC Bylaws, all Regular and Life Members are invited to attend and participate in this meeting to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed revisions to the bylaws.

For more information, please read the proposal on the [MYC website](#).

Erin go Bragh!





Racing Update:

The MYC Race Committee is hosting short meeting on **Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM** in the Lakeview Room.

We will have a brief presentation from **Jeff Maier** on the changes to the RRS that are the 2017-2020 US Sailing RRS. For those of you who don't know Jeff, he is a certified international judge. This will be a great opportunity to get all of our skippers and crews onboard with the changes to the rules that affect not only our club racing, but also what we can expect to see racing on Lake Michigan. We are looking forward to seeing you all for this presentation.

Following Jeff's presentation, we would like to take a few minutes for an open forum to give us all a chance to discuss any items you would like regarding our upcoming club racing season.



House Committee Report:

Greetings my fellow club members from the house committee. Just a few quick updates on new things at the club. Be on the lookout for our new Thursday night burger special as well as our new house wines (blind taste test approved). The bulletin board outside will be coming down as I think it is older than I am. Please remember members can advertise items in the port watch for free. I've made it to the club from GR a few times over the winter and I'm glad to see people enjoying the winter fireplace seating, thanks to Cathy and crew for bringing the idea to house committee. Also, a huge thank you for bearing with us through our chef shortage on St. Patrick's Day of all days. These things never happen at a good time as we all know. A special thank you to Chris and Kim, and the rest of the staff, for picking up full kitchen duties that night.

As always, if you have suggestions, comments, complaints about the house, bring them to me or Kim, don't let it fester. Please also consider joining a committee if you want some say in club decisions, we're members just like you.

Eric Bombery

bomberye@gmail.com 734-649-3312 Gambit in Slip #49

House Committee Chair and Board Secretary



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Reminder: Launch day May 13 is rapidly approaching, please make sure your boat will be ready to go!

Torresen is again providing the crane service. Bill Richardson is heading this up along with the scheduling of volunteers. All boat owners or a representative of the boat must be present. Launch waivers must be signed sealed and delivered back to the office asap if you have not already done so. Watch for future email blasts on launch day as it gets closer.

April & May are going to be busy months for outside projects around MYC. We have a number of exciting club enhancement projects that are currently underway or will be starting as soon as the weather gets warmer. The new pool fencing fabrication is completed and is now being power coated. Removing the old fencing revealed a void in the concrete in the kiddie pool area which was busted out and will be re-poured soon. This also gives us an opportunity to dig down and inspect the piping in that area.

The boat hoist in the parking lot is scheduled to have all the rust removed, primed and painted blue in color to match the gin pole. The second level steel emergency staircase along the side of the building will primed and painted white too. The outside bathhouse wall and outside building wall (facing Edgewater) are going to be power washed and spray coated with a coat of exterior white.

All eight pool bathrooms have been repainted. The inside walls and floors have had fresh coats of paint and new mirrors and shower curtains are going to be installed soon.

In other news we only have 5 slips left available for rent this season. If you are thinking of a new boat or upgrading in boat size, we have you covered up to 46 feet. We have 2 of the big 46's on the end and 3 of the 38's still available.

Dock & Yard meetings are scheduled for 2nd Saturdays of the month at 9am (except no April meeting). Please feel free to stop into a meeting with your input and volunteer help opportunities are always welcomed & available.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR LATE- NIGHT SNACK MENU!

***MIXED NUTS**

***GOLDFISH**

***PRETZELS**

***CHEX MIX**

***SAM'S BAR
CHEESE**

***PARMESAN
GARLIC PITA CHIPS**

***COMBOS**

***POPCORN**

***CASHEWS**

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

***OLD WISCONSIN
BEEF SNACK STICKS**

***RED BARON'S
PERSONAL PIZZAS**



Greetings fellow MYC Members,

As nearly all of you may have noticed, we have been able to again accomplish a considerable amount of needed work around the MYC campus for the third consecutive year. This work has again been made possible by the close fiscal stewardship of your past and current board of directors, the continued funding of the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) by you as members and the work managed and/or performed by a dedicated staff and several MYC member volunteers.

As we exit the 2016-17 fiscal year at the end of April and enter our normal twelve (12) month fiscal year, we are again doing so on a sound financial footing. In addition to the considerable amount of work accomplished with CIF funds, we, as a club, have also been able to accomplish and pay for additional capital improvements, and needed general repairs, via general revenues. As we prepare to enter our next "Seasonal" Budget Year, May 1st through April 30th, I take pleasure in presenting the attached recently approved Muskegon Yacht Club 2017-18 Budget in accordance with our MYC By-Laws.

MYC continued to again operate within our set budgets constraints as we experienced a solid financial performance throughout the past twelve (12) months. We did this by:

- Adhering very closely to the established budget while continuing our profitable "House" operations
- Making effective and judicious use of the member approved CIF funding
- Continuing our efforts in collections from those MYC members who have been carrying chronic past due account balances

As the board and your committee members were working on the budget, it became clear that the previously projected increases for line items such as the mandated increases in hourly wages for our staff, increases in our insurance, utility (gas & electric) and food & beverage costs came to pass. Due to our sound financial performance we have been able to absorb these increases without any impact upon our current dues structure. Rest assured your MYC Board of Directors remains committed to working together to ensure we do all we can to continue to operate within our current dues structure as long as possible.

The following four (4) projects vying for available CIF funding. Although we have not yet finalized the full scope of some of these projects, they are worthy of noting:

- The new cable fencing around the pool deck will be completed with the addition of a new attractive fabricated railing system around the stair well to the pool deck. One minor delay occurred when we found that we had to tear out and replace the portion of the concrete decking around the “kiddy pool”. While the fencing is being funded via by CIF, the concrete tear-out and replacement work is being accomplished from our general operating funds as a “Pool Repair and Maintenance” item. The pool plumbing will be inspected and repaired as necessary as well now that it has been exposed.
- There are numerous windows in the Lakeview Room, as well as the east side walls and windows in both the Round Room and the bar area still need to be addressed. We are currently in the midst of determining how best to address the issues and establishing costs. Due to the scope of these projects we currently plan on getting these projects started right after Labor Day 2017.
- The property line along Thompson Ave, NW of the club, continues to silt in due to wave action and natural sand migration. We routinely expend funds to dredge this area for both safe entry from seaward by our boaters coming into the inner slips, as well as for the use of this area by our MYC Junior Sailors. We are looking at how best to provide a “long term” solution in stabilizing this area. No cost estimate or timing is yet available.
- Portions of the roof of the Octagon Building still need work to stop the water intrusion.

As you can see, the aforementioned projects will likely consume the majority of our current available CIF fund balance. There are a couple of other projects under consideration, however, that will be undertaken as available remaining funds are better known. We trust the meaningful improvements made to date in the material condition of our MYC campus will continue to garnish your continued future support of the CIF.

If you have any questions regarding this year’s budget, or any aspect of the MYC finances, please feel free to contact either me or Sue Peters in our business office.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Dean Runk, MYC Treasurer

Muskegon Yacht Club

2016-17 BUDGET CONSOLIDATED FORMAT

May 2017 - Apr 2018

12 months

RESTAURANT OPERATIONS

Sales Revenue	372,500.00
Cost of Goods Sold	171,990.00
Staff Expense	132,350.00
Other Misc. Expenses	3,200.00
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SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)	64,960.00

DOCK & YARD OPERATIONS / MARINA

Slip Rental Fee Income	178,000.00
Other Misc. Income	36,630.00
Staff Expense	7,850.00
Taxes, Permits & Insurance Expense	27,410.00
Utility Expense	18,500.00
Maintenance & Equipment Expense	24,900.00
Mortgage Expense (Principal & Interest)	112,330.00
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SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)	23,640.00

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP OPERATIONS

Dues & Initiation Fee Income	187,000.00
Other Income	41,450.00
Staff Expense	155,340.00
Taxes, Permits & Insurance Expense	32,210.00
Utility Expense	35,350.00
Maintenance & Equipment Expense	17,430.00
Misc. Operating Expenses	76,440.00
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SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)	(88,320.00)

RESTAURANT OPERATIONS	64,960.00
DOCK & YARD OPERATIONS / MARINA	23,640.00
CLUB & MEMBERSHIP OPERATIONS	(88,320.00)
Net Income from Operations	<hr/> 280.00

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP EQUITY 58,000.00

Capital Improvement Fund Income (est) 44,000.00



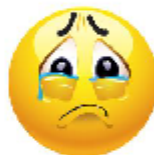
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TAX DAY PARTY

APRIL 15, 2017



COME CRY IN
YOUR BEER



OR

PARTY WITH THE BAND

“JETTS”



8 PM – 11 PM





News from the General Manager:

Now that spring has sprung, the countdown has begun and we are one step closer to a warm and fun summer. The MYC Event calendar is filling up fast and we have plenty of things already planned. Please look for future correspondence on the many regattas and parties, Mother's Day brunch, Launch day, Commodore's Reception, Power Boat Weekend, Commodore's Ball, and much, much more! There are approximately 55 days left until the 35th America's Cup in Bermuda. Plan on watching this historic event at the MYC on the big screens and surround sound (showing times and details to come soon). Looking for a venue to host a party? Please contact me for more information on our catering and banquet services.

Registration is now open for the 2017 racing season on Yachtscoring. We are down to only 6 slips left for the year. Please contact me for additional information if you are interested in renting a slip.

Now that the first Open House of the season is behind us, you will start to see some unfamiliar faces around the club. Please help me in welcoming all of our new members by extending a warm MYC hello!

In addition to our house-made daily food features, did you know that all of our dressings, sauces, pickles, corned beef, roast beef, burgers are all made in house (just to name a few!)? Stop down and check out the 4-page menu available during open business hours. The chef is already planning for a new summer menu featuring more house-made and fresh options.

The club will be closed on Sunday, April 16, 2017 in observance of the Easter Holiday.

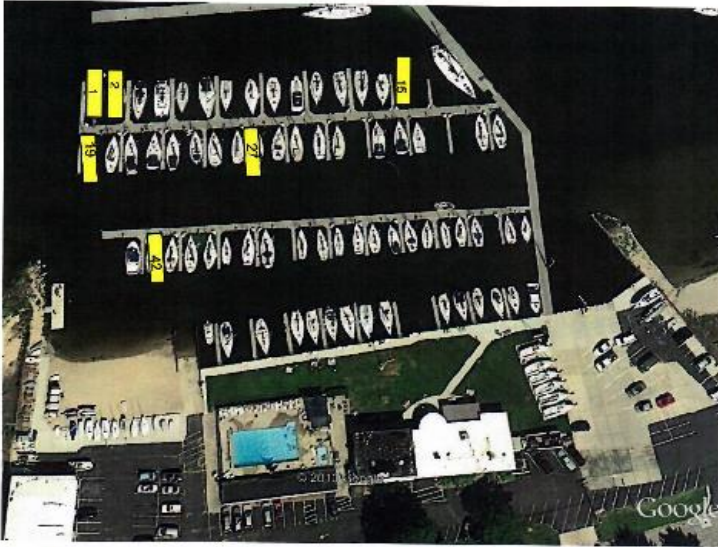
We will be featuring a new house wine soon – Black Oak. The bartenders did a blind taste test with some members and it was liked well more than our current one. Black Oak is an on-premise wine (not found in stores) from Chateau Diana in California. We will also start switching up our beers on tap as the summer season approaches - it's almost Oberon time!

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I am here to help! If I am unaware of an issue, I can't help fix the issue.

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen, General Manager

kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB 2017 OPEN SLIPS



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

- Slip 1, 46 foot slip, \$3,230 for 2017, starboard tie off
- 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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16 Jam Session 3pm	17	18	19 Euchre Night 7pm	20 Board Meeting 7pm	21	22
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