



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

MAY 2017

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

LAUNCH DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

7:00 AM BREAKFAST

**LUNCH BUFFET & OPEN MENU
TO FOLLOW LAUNCH ACTIVITIES**

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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:

Let the 2017 season begin!

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:

And so, it begins! While as of this date launch is still a couple of weeks away, many boats are starting to go in the water and over the weekend four or five boats were out sailing on Muskegon Lake. I have spent the last several weekends working on the boat and she is almost ready. I can't wait!

The activity level at the club is ramping up. The pool is actually already open as we will be using it for the second "hands on" day of the Safety at Sea seminar May 7th. Andy Bos with a little help has most of the pool fence complete. The concrete was re-poured last week and as soon as it is properly cured the fencing will be completed, and we can officially start using it. It looks AMAZING! We will have a formal article and Grand Opening for this project when it is done as there have been many people involved providing labor, professional services and materials that have kept this project cost WAY below market value. Andy Bos has been the driver on this project and MYC is very grateful for his hard work and dedication. Generations to come will enjoy this project as this fence is going to last MYC for many seasons to come. The last piece will be a cap rail and we are looking at something special for that.

The south side of Muskegon suffered a widespread power outage this past Saturday evening due to a substation failure that necessitated the club closing early, once it was clear the outage was going to be an extended one. We have two priorities when something like this happens. First and foremost is the safety of our members and staff. Our second priority is the security of the building, our food supplies and perishables. A power outage if it extends can cause thousands of dollars in wastage. No alarms, lights, phones, or security cameras, also make the facility very vulnerable. Not to mention our dispensers, ice machines, cash registers, and pretty much everything else runs on or needs electricity. Fortunately, our staff is well rehearsed in power outage procedures and jumped into action. They secured the food, including transporting some of our perishables off site to Fricano's refrigerators, and smoothly shut the club down and saw our members safely off the premises. Fortunately, the power came back on about four hours later and our losses were minimal. We were able to reopen the next day and while there were a few grumbles about the spoiled evening, clearly we cannot operate in the dark without power.

I HOPE that by the time you get this the ramps will have been installed and the long saga of the dock repairs will have been completed. This has been a challenge and well over a year in process. We have a few other things to do. Our beach erosion problem continues, the hoist is being painted this week, the bathhouse bathrooms have been painted and refreshed. Some additional pool furniture is on the way along with new folding chairs for our banquet usage. We have a project out for bid right now that will involve the replacement of the windows and wall opposite the bar and in the round room. The windows leak which has resulted in the complete deterioration of the supporting structure under the windows. This will be an "after Labor Day" project but we now have a plan. A huge thank you especially to Jon Tasker as well as Phil Lundwall who have spent many hours working on this project. They have researched alternatives, dug into the walls, and spoken to multiple contractors. This project is long overdue but when completed, will not only provide us with a much more secure and watertight building, it will also offer us an esthetically much improved look. Step by step, slowly but surely, we are restoring and improving our facility and ensuring that our club will continue to serve the MYC membership well, far into the future.

Before the month is over, we will be racing. The Commodores regatta, the Melges 24 Spring One design regatta, and the Memorial Day Holiday will have come and gone. Summer will truly be underway. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club and on the water soon!

Enjoy the Season!

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 – as needed
 Board Meeting – 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm

2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2017 Collected

To-Date:
\$ 26,505

+

12/31/16 Balance:
\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project
\$7,467

**Available Balance =
\$41,255**

Hours of Operation for May 2017

	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Mon:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tues thru 5/9:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tues beginning 5/16:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Wed-Thur:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Saturday*:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Sunday*:	1pm – 9pm	1pm – 8pm



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Nicole & Eric Brunner	Regular Members	Rockford, MI
Larry & Pat DeVoogd	Regular Members	Muskegon, MI
Kurt Knop & Maggie Lowe	Regular Members	Muskegon, MI
Robert & Priscilla Taylor	Regular Members	Muskegon, MI
Kyle Vowels	Regular Member	Muskegon, MI
Robert & Susan Young	Regular Members	Muskegon, MI

and Welcome Back to returning members:

David & Nancy Price	Associate Members	Muskegon, MI
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MAY 6, 2017

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ALL DAY!

4 PM – HORSE BETTING GAME

6 PM – MEN & WOMEN'S DERBY HAT FINERY CONTEST

6:34 PM – RACE TIME!

MINT JULEP, CHAMPAGNE, AND FOOD SPECIALS AVAILABLE ALL DAY!

Past Commodores' Dinner – April 27th





Dock & Yard Committee Report:

MYC LAUNCH DAY 2017

**NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE MYC LOT FROM
CLOSE ON FRIDAY – UNTIL AFTER LAUCH ACTIVITIES ON SATURDAY!
VEHICLES LEFT IN THE LOT WILL BE SUBJECT TO TOWING.**

*Please See Nicky or Andy Bos for Directions and/or Supplies,
Saturday (5/13/17) 7am-Noon*

Outside:

- Empty and clean out fire pit.
- Hook up outside gas grills.
- Take out all Adirondack chairs from the Octagon, wipe down, and put on patio.
- Put all picnic tables out on lawn and wipe down.
- Distribute garbage cans to their proper locations around grounds.
- Take the patio furniture out from Octagon, wipe down, and place on patio
- Take pool furniture out from Octagon, wipe down and put on pool deck.
- Power wash deicers and put away.
- Finish detail work on the new pool fence, fountain and shower.
- Install patio awning.

If any volunteers wish to work inside, the following can be done:

Inside:

- Wipe down all wood bar chairs
- Polish trophies/dust trophy case and book shelves
- Clean bar windows
- Clean dining room windows
- Clean lake view room windows
- Dust blinds in lake view room
- Dust blinds in dining room

LAUNCH DAY
May 13, 2017
Preparation & Check List

If you store at MYC and are going to launch on Saturday, May 13, 2017 you are involved in a team effort to launch all the boats as safe and fast as possible. This means we need you to be at MYC from 7:30 a.m. until all the work is done. Bill Richardson will post a job schedule at the club. Please check your assignment and be ready to work at 8:00 a.m. **If you are not able to attend or help launch your boat, you must have a representative available to work that day.** Please check in with the launch crew to let them know who will be launching your boat. **A free breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. for all volunteers.** See you on May 13th and THANK YOU in advance for all your help in making this day run as smoothly as possible.

DOCK AND YARD COMMITTEE CHECK LIST & SUGGESTIONS:

These suggestions and check list were prepared to help everyone get to the proper level of preparedness when it comes time to put your boat in the water at the assigned time on Launch Day.

BEFORE LAUNCH

(All of these steps should be done BEFORE you come to the service dock for launch.)

1. Before Launch Day: Test start the engine in the cradle. If the engine won't start, try to get it repaired before launch. You should know before launch whether your engine will start.
2. Be sure your last name & your boat name is on the cradle. This will help the cradle crew locate your cradle.
3. Hang dock lines over the side at the bow and the stern for use by the launch crew in handling your boat. Let them drape down so they can be reached by the launch crew when your boat is lifted off the cradle.
4. Be sure your batteries are connected and charged.
5. Have your backstay and topping lift off to let the cross bars of the lifting gear center on your boat. Make sure your mast will stand upright with these undone.
6. Have your ignition key in the ignition and ready.
7. Be sure that your seacock is open for the engine fresh water intake.

YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY TO COME TO THE LAUNCH AREA

8. Bring your roller and bottom paint to the launch area if needed to touch up pad areas just before launch.

AT LAUNCH AREA

1. Be aware of the launch sequence so you can be at the launch area when your boat arrives.
2. While waiting for your boat to be launched, be sure you assist the launching crews in any way possible. If your name isn't on the assignment list, make sure you add it where needed.
3. If you know ahead of time that your boat will not start, let the launch crew know so arrangements can be made to pull your boat out of the way and into a slip. Be sure you have long dock lines ready.
4. Let the launch crew know if you would like your cradle pads removed and set aside. This is recommended to prevent possible theft.
5. As soon as your boat is launched and floating, climb aboard and start your engine. If your engine will not start, your boat must be pulled out of the way immediately so you won't hinder the launching process for boats behind yours.
6. As soon as your engine is started pull away from the launch area to make way for the next boat to be launched. As you pull away from the launch area verify that your water pump is working so you don't overheat your engine.
7. Help new boaters or new members understand the launching process.
8. Last, but not least, be sure you help out in any way you can so everyone gets done as soon as possible.

STEPPING YOUR MAST

1. Have your wind instruments and antenna installed atop your mast.
2. Tie all shrouds and stays to the mast for ease in carrying the mast to the service area.
3. Turnbuckles should be fully loosened ahead of time for quick connection.

4. If re-using cotter pins, be sure they are straightened out for quick insertion.
5. If you have a Roller Furling continuous loop, tie the furler spool and lines up out of the way onto the forestay.
6. Electrical connections should be cleaned and ready to plug in.
7. All pins, turnbuckles, and cotter pins should be ready for the mast crew. Have them separated and ready so no sorting is necessary.
8. Have a few extra deck pins handy in case of accidental loss overboard while installing.
9. If using turnbuckle boots on shrouds, install the boot caps on bottom of tube temporarily. This helps keep the boots up out of the way while the pins are inserted and turnbuckles are snugged.

YOU SHOULD NOW BE READY TO STEP YOUR MAST.

1. Be sure that you help direct the mast stepping crew for any special situations or needs in stepping your mast.
 2. Help new boaters or new members understand the mast stepping process.
 3. Be sure that you help others so everyone gets done as soon as possible.
 4. Last, but not least, if you are using the Gin Pole, make sure to tie it back properly so it hangs over the service dock and well out of the way of sailboats coming in to use the service dock. Many wind indicators have been broken off because the Gin Pole was incorrectly tied back.
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MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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OPEN HOUSE

May 6, 2017

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ALL DAY

**NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE: JOIN AT THE
OPEN HOUSE AND RECEIVE A \$150.00
CREDIT ON YOUR MYC ACCOUNT ONCE
YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED**

**CURRENT MYC MEMBERS: REFER A
FRIEND AND RECEIVE A \$25.00 GIFT CARD
ONCE THE APPLICATION IS APPROVED**

3198 EDGEWATER STREET, MUSKEGON, MI 49441



Juniors Committee Report:

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR 2017 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES!



Information, schedules and registration forms for 2017 Sailing School Classes are now available at www.mycsailingschool.org

The MYC Sailing School is open to the public, so please spread the word to all your friends and neighbors. We also offer a free shuttle service to and from Pointe Marine for those who live on the north shore of Muskegon Lake!

Afternoon youth classes take place during the following sessions:

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

In addition to our youth classes, be sure to check out our Monday evening class for adults, teens and families. Our flexible schedule and payment options make these Monday night sessions a great opportunity to meet new friends and spend time on the water.

THE 2017 JUNIOR RACE TEAM WANTS YOU!



Youth regattas are really fun and help kids be better sailors!!

In addition to weekly practices every Wednesday afternoon, the MYC Junior Race Team joins hundreds of youth sailors from all over West Michigan for a huge fun regatta every other week throughout the summer.

Race Team members grow their sailing skills, make lots of new friends and enjoy a sense of adventure as they travel to other clubs and sail on different lakes.

Youth sailors age 8-18 are welcome. Beginners are gently introduced to competitive sailing and more experienced sailors gain valuable knowledge about sail trim and tactics. Regardless of skill level, everyone improves and develops greater confidence.

More information and registration forms for the 2017 MYC Junior Race Team are all available at www.muskegontachtclub.org

2017 JUNIOR RACE TEAM CALENDAR

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 REGATTAS THAT MAY INTEREST JUNIORS

July 18-20 Butterfly Nationals at Torch Lake YC

Aug 3-6 WMYA Westerns Regatta at Crystal Lake YC

CLICK LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/Muskegon-Junior-Sailing-Program-134232283314396/>

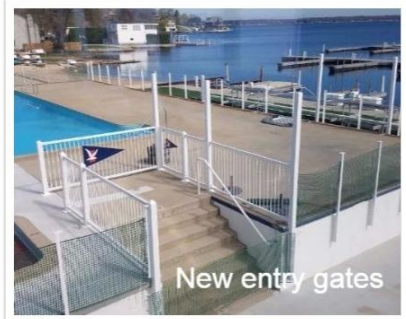
JUNIOR SAILING AT MYC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

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>

The pool improvements are nearing completion! Many thanks to Andy Bos and crew for all their hard work on this project!



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*LIVE CREPE STATION WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF
 TOPPINGS*

SCRAMBLED EGGS

BACON

SAUSAGE

HOMESTYLE POTATOES

SMOKED SALMON PLATTER

*OPEN FACED HAM

FLORENTINE SANDWICH*

PESTO CHICKEN TORTELLINI

FRESH ROLLS

SALAD BAR

BITE SIZE HORS D'OEUVRES

ASSORTED DESSERTS



RSVP REQUIRED TO ATTEND

\$16.00 /PER PERSON - \$7.00 /CHILDREN UNDER 10

Please call the club at 231-755-1414 or email

kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

72-hour cancellation policy

*cancellations made after 72 hours prior to the event start time
 will not be refunded.*

Wine Dinner March 29th featuring Asian Cuisine





News from the General Manager:

Welcome to spring MYC Friends! The 2017 Boating Season has finally arrived!! The Muskegon Health Department was at the MYC on 4/28/17 for their 6-month full inspection and I am very pleased and PROUD to report we passed with flying colors! We received ZERO violations in the kitchen and only 2 very minor violations in the bar cooler that were corrected while he was here. Way to go MYC Staff! The dedication to the MYC and your jobs shows and is very much appreciated.

There are numerous things happening in May to keep you busy...

- ❖ Last Wine Dinner of the Season – 5/3. There is 1 more seat available if you are interested!
- ❖ Open House – 5/6 from 12-5 pm. Open to the public all day!
- ❖ Kentucky Derby Party – 5/6. Join us for the race on the Big Screens and Surround Sound.
- ❖ Semi-Annual Meeting – 5/12 at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Launch Day – 5/13. Breakfast for all volunteers starts at 7:00 am
- ❖ Mother's Day Brunch – 5/14. RSVP requested. Buffet open from 11 am – 2 pm. Regular MYC menu will open at 1 pm.
- ❖ New Spring Hours - 5/16 (Open for Tuesday night dinners!)
- ❖ New MYC Summer menu – 5/16
- ❖ Tuesday night Euchre Night – 5/16
- ❖ 1st Official Wednesday Night Race – 5/17
- ❖ Melges Regatta Weekend – 5/19-5/21 – Open to the public 5/19 & 5/20!
- ❖ MYC Pool Opens (weather pending) – 5/27
- ❖ MYC Commodore's Cup & Reception – 5/28
- ❖ MYC Clubhouse will be open on 5/29 for Memorial Day

Now that the Adirondack chairs will be coming out of storage, please help preserve them by placing them back on the cement once you are finished using them on the lawn.

You will begin to see more MYC staff as our busy season approaches. Please help me in welcoming them to the MYC family and please be patient with them as they learn our policies and procedures.

There are 27 days until the 35th America's Cup hosted in Bermuda. The MYC will be showing all races on the big screens and surround sound. Plan to stop down and cheer on Oracle Team USA!

Don't forget, we are now selling Ice Box Brand Ice Cream Bars – handmade and distributed from Whitehall, MI. Ask the bartender on duty for assistance. We stock full and half size bars. Yummmmmm!

Wishing each of you well and cheers to another wonderful summer!

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen, General Manager

kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

Commodore's Cup and Reception

**SUNDAY,
MAY 28, 2017**

**Race Starts at 12:00 pm
Parade of Commodores at 3 pm with the
Annual Pot Luck Luncheon to follow
(MYC will supply a sandwich bar)**



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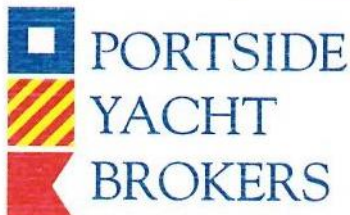
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~ MYC May 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Wine Dinner	4	5	6 Open House & Kentucky Derby Party
7 Last Jam Session of the season 3pm	8	9	10 Euchre Night 7pm Spring Challenge Race	11	12 Semi- Annual Meeting 7:30	13 Launch Day
14 Mother's Day Brunch	15	16 Summer Menu Begins Euchre Night 7pm	17 Race Night	18	19	20 Melges Regatta
21 Melges Regatta	22	23 Euchre Night 7pm	24 Race Night	25	26	27 Pool Opens (weather permitting)
28 Commodore's Cup & Reception	29 Memorial Day	30 Euchre Night 7pm	31 Race Night			

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