

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

JULY 2017



4th Annual Power Boat Weekend
June 17, 2017

More photos inside.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Is it really the 4th of July already? Is the Chicago Mac Race really only two weeks away? It is!!

June was a busy month at MYC with Wed nights kicking into high gear, America's Cup viewing parties, and something new. the inaugural Trans Michigan Race.

I traveled Bad Dog south to Macatawa Bay YC to participate in their Commodore's Cup regatta along with Hat Trick, Mystic, and Rampage. Thank you to Commodore Lisa Ruoff of MBYC for being a gracious host and congrats to Dave Timmer and Hat Trick for winning the PHRF 2.

We stayed in Holland for the start of the Tripp Memorial Cup which was uncharacteristically a spinnaker run most of the way which led to domination of the downwind sprit boats. Past commodore Andy Price's Peerless won Section 1 and the Overall! I was pleased with my 4th behind two J111's and an SR-33

After a recovery day, we all departed Milwaukee on Friday Morning for the inaugural Trans Michigan Race sponsored by Pigeon Hill Brewing Company. We almost hit our goal of 30 registrations for the race and 25 boats hit the starting line. Unfortunately, as we headed offshore the wind subsided to only 5 knots which made for slow going for quite a while. Eventually the wind filled in and we finished the race with nearly 20 knots of breeze and surfing waves (Yahoo). The Great Lakes 70's arrived in Muskegon around 11pm followed shortly thereafter by Peerless who again took section and overall 1st place. Our last boat crossed the line at 2:47am Saturday morning. I walked into the bar at 1:45am and it was packed with racers having a great time! The awards followed at noon on Saturday and again the bar was packed with racers with everyone saying "what a great event!" We have some tweaks to make and plans for the 2018 Trans Michigan Race are already underway.

At the risk of leaving some people out I would like to thank a few people who put in a lot of effort to make the Trans Michigan Race happen. First the many

volunteers who shuttled people to the ferry, helped direct and dock boats, gave our guest the red-carpet treatment. Our Staff, who stayed up late, came in early and took such great care of all the racers. Jon and Jessica Ledsworth who stayed at anchor until 3am in rough seas and high winds. The competitors who supported our race and made it possible and worthwhile, and finally to the event Chairman Sam Nedeau who I asked to run this event. He did an awesome job and brought his wealth of experience and countless hours of hard work to make this event happen. Bravo! And Thank you to all!

In other news:

- The final pieces of new furniture have arrived for the pool and despite a challenging season so far in regards to the weather, the pool has been busy and people are enjoying our new look and feel.
- We are moving forward with plans to repair the wall and replace the windows opposite the bar and in the round room after the season concludes.
- Some work has been done to rebuild our beach this week to make it easier for our juniors and to abate the erosion issue we have had.
- The installation of our gangways has again been delayed but we are hopeful that this will be resolved within the next couple of weeks. To say this has been an area of frustration would be an understatement.

Many of our members will be participating in the upcoming “Race to Mackinac”. I was a late starter, not doing my first Mac race until I was 37 years old. This will be my 19th Mac race and I must admit, long distance offshore racing is not my favorite thing but, the Mac race gets in your blood. It is an event not only for you but for your entire crew and their families. It is five days spent with your closest friends every year. You see amazing sunsets, sunrises, the Milky Way, and the Lake Michigan coast in all their majesty. Sailing under the mighty Mackinac Bridge is special every time. Even the storms form lasting memories that are talked about for years to come. You tend to forget the flies, the hours sitting in the Manitou’s with NO wind, waking up from your off shift to find you have only traveled 5 miles in the last 4 hours. I think it is the endorphins and adrenaline that kick in at the finish as you celebrate the end of another Mac race. They make you forget the bad stuff and you just remember the good (could be the rum too). After last year’s

stormy race I heard “this was my last one” from many people, just as I did after the 2011 race but I will bet that most of those people are back this year. All I remember from last year is that it was the fastest race we ever did. Rain? Did it rain last year? Getting to the Island on Monday morning sure was awesome LOL!

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:
\$ 30,766**

+

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



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project
\$7,467

**Available Balance =
\$45,516**

CRAIG POWELL MEMORIAL CUP

JULY 4, 2017

Craig Powell was for many years a fixture of the Muskegon Yacht Club. He always had a smile on his face, a drink in his hand, and positive and dynamic conversation whenever you encountered him. Upon his death, his family wished that the Club run a fun event in his memory and provided a stipend to fund the first one. We have continued the tradition as the MYC Craig Powell Memorial Cup. It is not a race but gathering. Sailboats and powerboats alike (under sail or power) are welcome as we journey around Muskegon Lake enjoying our wonderful on the water pastime with family and friends. At the conclusion, back at the club we will raise a toast to the memory of our departed friend and the legacy of have a good time he left behind. I hope you can all join us this fourth of July in celebrating life on the water. Fun begins at 1pm at Mark 1 in front of the club!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Jamie & Becky Woodruff Full Members North Muskegon

and Welcome Back to returning members:

Barb Barteau & Thomas Keys Full Members Muskegon

Hours of Operation for July 2017

| | <u>Bar Hours</u> | <u>Kitchen Hours</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Mon: | Club Closed | Club Closed |
| Tues: | 12pm – 10pm | 12pm – 9pm |
| Wed: | 12pm – 11pm | 12pm – 9pm |
| Thursday: | 12pm – 10pm | 12pm – 9pm |
| Friday: | 12pm – 12am | 12pm – 9pm |
| Saturday: | 12pm – 12am | 12pm – 9pm |
| Sunday: | 12pm – 9pm | 12pm – 8pm |



Congratulations to Kim McDaniel for winning the America's Cup Big Prize Package!



Juniors Committee Report:

2017 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES ARE HAPPENING NOW!



Information, schedules and registration forms for 2017 Sailing School Classes are 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:

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| 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.

RACE CAMP 2017 REPORT



Our annual Race Camp took place June 26-29. MYC Junior Race Team members received lots of training, learned how to properly prepare and rig boats for racing, and spent lots of time on the water doing practice drills.

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 have recently invested in several equipment upgrades and may need to purchase an additional multi-boat trailer some time later this year.

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/MJSAailing>



**SATURDAY
JULY 8th**

**LAWN GAMES STARTING AT 3PM
BRING AN APPETIZER DISH TO PASS
OUTSIDE DINNER BUFFET SERVED
FROM 6 PM - 7 PM**

RSVP'S REQUIRED FOR THE BUFFET

\$12.00 PER PERSON

**8 OZ STEAK
BAKED POTATO
CAESAR SALAD
BREADSTICKS**



**RSVP BY CALLING THE CLUB AT 755-1414 OR EMAIL
KIM AT KIM@MUSKEGONYACHTCLUB.ORG**

4th Annual Power Boat Weekend





Social Committee Report:

SAVE THE DATE: Halloween Party on 10/28/17 with live music
From Jaded 8 !!



News from the General Manager:

What a great start to the summer 2017 season! Tons of events were planned and executed last month. I hope you were able to join us for one or more of the following: Euchre night, BBS Spring Series Regatta, Torresen Cup, Power Boat Day, Tripp Cup and Trans Michigan Race! The MYC Staff was also able to execute 4 private events last month. Upcoming July events are as follows: Craig Powell Memorial cup on 7/4, Lawn Party hosted by the MYC Social

Committee on 7/8, Nedeau Cup on 7/8, Chicago/Mac Race on 7/15, plus 3 private events.

The MYC will be open on Monday, July 3rd from 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm, with the kitchen closing at 9 pm for the extended Holiday weekend. Hope to see you down at the club. Reminder: Absolutely NO fireworks are allowed on the MYC property. Thank you for understanding and your cooperation with this!

Don't forget to visit the MYC apparel case for all of the latest and greatest MYC gear.... Moisture wicking T-shirts (men and women's cut), hats, visors, coozies, burgees, stickers, women's swim skirts, and 2017 Clipper Cup gear!

I hope you all were able to stop down and check out the new MYC pool area. Not only is the water clean, clear and a warm 80 degrees, we also have a beautiful new fence, all new pool lounge chairs and regular chairs, and some great lifeguards. Perfect way to spend the afternoon!

Please make sure to sign out your tab at the end of each visit. This helps ensure accuracy with your monthly billing statements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Stay up-to-date on all of our MYC activities by visiting our Facebook page or referring to our Upcoming Events section / Club Correspondence on the MYC Newsflash – MYC This Week emails. Not receiving our newsflashes...please see Kim or Sue.

Questions, comments, concerns, compliments, complaints....please see me! I am here to help! Feedback is critical in helping improve our services to you.

Wishing all of us warmer weather and cheers to another great month at the MYC.

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen
General Manager
231-755-1414

kim@muskegonyachtclub.org





**Commodore Larry Taunt and Judy Taunt request the
pleasure of your company on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at
the 2nd Annual Commodore's Ball!**

The club restaurant will be closed for the evening. Club members may invite non-members as their guests. Please RSVP to Kim at kim@muskegonyachtclub.org or via the Evite (sent on 6/29). All tickets and drinks will be charged to the member's account.

\$50.00 per person

Cocktails and Appetizers Poolside – 6 pm

Surf & Turf Dinner – 7:30 pm

Live Entertainment from JaneyB & the HouseRockers!

RSVP by July 26, 2017

Semi-Formal Attire Required (coats & ties and cocktail dresses)
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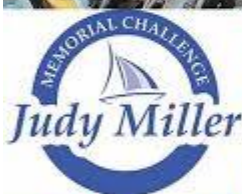


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EVENT OF EVENTS
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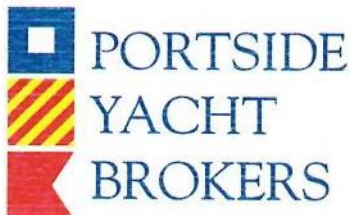
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| 2 | 3 MYC Open 12pm – 10pm | 4 Craig Powell Cup Euchre Night 7pm | 5 Race Night | 6 | 7 | 8 Nedeau Cup Lawn Party |
| 9 Nedeau Cup | 10 | 11 Euchre Night 7pm | 12 Race Night | 13 | 14 | 15 Whitehall Pursuit |
| 16 | 17 | 18 Euchre Night 7pm | 19 Race Night | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Euchre Night 7pm | 26 Race Night | 27 | 28 TGIF Pursuit | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | Aug 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Commo- dore's Ball |

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