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PORTWATCH

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Here it is the first of August already! With the Chicago to Mac Race, Little Traverse YC Ugotta Regatta, and lots of boat transport, the month of July goes very quickly for me. As most of you probably heard, the Mac race was a pretty brutal slog with a 24 hour stretch of 25+knots out of the north with big, steep waves. EVERYTHING on the boat was wet and I heard noises I have never heard from my boat before. Then of course it went very light for the next 20 hours and a third of the boats entered did not make it to the island this year. The race had further drama with lots of damaged boats, damaged people, a capsized, and a Man Over Board that our own Bill Newman and the crew of Aftershock played a critical role in. A member of the Aftershock crew spotted the MOB which greatly facilitated, what can only be called a miraculous recovery. When I heard the radio call my heart sank because I knew in the violent conditions that a positive outcome was highly unlikely. The lessons of our recently held Safety at Sea Seminar were played out in real life that night.

Congrats to all members who participated in the race and especially to those that FINISHED! It was a tough one and will go down as one of the most memorable.

MYC had a busy month with normal goings on and several large private events. The pool has been very busy in the hot weather, and the Juniors have been out in force! We have FINALLY seen some progress on the gangway installation (with a new contractor) and the heavy rains have further raised the Muskegon Lake water levels which has flooded some of our docks on the sea wall. We have moved quickly to raise the docks and four of the nine were completed as of last night, with hopefully the rest done today. Obviously, this is a situation beyond our control and raising the docks is not a simple, quick, nor inexpensive thing to do. I greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this.

We are truly blessed with an amazing staff at MYC who do a great job in occasionally very trying circumstances. Things don't always go smoothly and things happen, opinions differ. The professionalism and efficiency that our staff displays always but especially when things don't go as planned, is

something we should all be proud of. Most of the time you won't ever even know, and that is how it should be. Our GM Kim, Facilities Manager Nicky, Business Manager Sue, Chef Adam and their staffs really do an outstanding job. As Commodore part of my job is staying out of their way and let them do their jobs. The experience and institutional knowledge that they have is amazing. There is not much they haven't seen or considered when it comes to MYC.

It is the time of year that we must start thinking about next year. Board elections, Committees, budgeting and strategic planning will all be kicking into gear again all too soon. I would like to ask each of you to step up and be involved in the club. Join a committee, agree to be on the board, participate! Yes, it is a time commitment and yes, we are all busy but, the impact you can make in making MYC a better place is important and very rewarding. More to the point, MYC needs you to be involved. Member involvement and volunteerism help us keep the cost at MYC affordable. We simply could not do the things we do, have the facilities that we have, with the dues structure we have, without our members giving generously of their time and talents. Make this year the year you get involved. (and of course, thank you to the many who are already involved!)

This weekend we have the Commodore's Ball with a great band, Clipper Cup, Harbor Hospice Regatta, and much more are coming up quickly! See you around the club!

Larry

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Jim & Lynn Diffell	Full Members	Muskegon
Drew & Mercelle Howard	Junior Members	Grand Rapids
Cynthia & Chris Lavallee	Junior Members	Grand Haven
Glen & Elizabeth Miller	Full Members	Muskegon
Allison Taunt & Michael Renauer	Junior Members	Grand Rapids

and Welcome Back to returning members:

Shirley Gossett	Full Member	Muskegon
Mark & Tara Marchido	Full Members	Corona, CA

2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2017 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 32,824

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project
\$7,467

**Available Balance =
\$47,574**



MYC YARD SALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST, 4TH

9 AM – 3 PM

LOCATED BY THE OCTAGON BUILDING



Brown Cushioned Chairs = \$2 each

Blue Cushioned Chairs = \$3 each

Pool Chairs = \$5 each

Pool Lounge Chairs = \$10 each



Social Committee Report:

SAVE THE DATE: **October 28, 2017** – Annual Halloween Party with live music
From Jaded 8 !!



Membership Committee Report:

The Membership Bulletin Board, located in the Lakeview Room, will now provide the opportunity to let others know that you are seeking a crew position or a boat needing crew for a race. There are forms to be filled out for either situation. Please add your info and post on the bulletin board.



**Bad Dog, skippered by Commodore Larry Taunt, receives 3rd place in Level 35
in the CYC 109th Race to Mackinac.**



Juniors Committee Report:

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR 2017 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES!



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. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We also offer a free shuttle service to and from Pointe Marine for those who live on the north side of Muskegon Lake!

The last three weeks of afternoon youth classes take place:

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.

WMYSA REGATTA AT MACATAWA BAY

On June 30, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to Holland, Michigan to compete in the first of four West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regattas this summer. A total of 74 boats from eight different West Michigan yacht clubs competed at this event.



Despite being one of the smallest teams in the league, the MYC Juniors placed 5th out of the 8 teams overall. MYC was also the top scoring team in the Laser Full Rig fleet.

Individual finishes for MYC team members were as follows:

- Ben Bakran – 10th Optimist RWB
- Anthony Gaiser – 8th Butterfly
- Gage Stasko – 9th Butterfly
- Dylan Young – 13th Butterfly
- Bella Lindsay – 14th Butterfly
- Anneka Lindsay – 15th Butterfly
- Ansel Hartmann – 16th Butterfly
- Frank Frisinger – 4th Laser Radial
- Sarah Corder – 6th Laser radial
- Chance Spencer – 4th Laser Full Rig
- Will Bakran – 6th Laser Full Rig

WMYSA REGATTA AT SPRING LAKE

The second of four 2017 West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regattas took place on Friday July 14 at Spring Lake Yacht Club. Over 100 sailors competed on 88 boats in 5 different fleets.

MYC was the top scoring team in the Laser Full Rig fleet and was also the second highest scoring team in the Laser Radial fleet.

Individual finishes for MYC team members were as follows:

Anthony Gaiser – 11th Butterfly
Dylan Young – 16th Butterfly
Gage Stasko – 18th Butterfly
Ansel Hartmann – 19th Butterfly
Elle Keessen – 21st Butterfly
Ben Morris – 23rd Butterfly
Frank Frisinger – 3rd Laser Radial
Sarah Corder – 4th Laser Radial
Joshua Corder – 1st Laser Full Rig
Chance Spencer – 7th Laser Full Rig



THE NEXT WMYSA YOUTH REGATTA IS AT MYC!!!

On Friday Aug 11, youth sailors from throughout West Michigan will travel to MYC to compete in the final 2017 WMYSA regatta.



This is a fantastic opportunity for MYC Juniors, especially beginners, to sail in a large, fun regatta on familiar waters.

Young beginners are especially welcome and compete in the Optimist Green fleet where they receive lots of coaching and encouragement. Regardless of skill level, everyone improves and develops greater confidence.

Please contact Roger Zuidema at 616-915-3805 to learn more about how your child can participate in this fun event.

We will also need lots of volunteers to help wrangle traffic, parking, and lots of trailers full of little boats. It is really fun to have the MYC property full of grinning young sailors!



Finally, please refrain from parking or leaving trailers and boats in the north side dry sail area starting Thursday afternoon Aug 10. We will need this entire area cleared until the end of the day on Friday Aug 11 for the unloading and launching of approximately 80-100 boats from the MYC beach and ramp.

REPORT FROM BUTTERFLY NATIONALS

MYC Junior Race Team member Gage Stasko finished 18th out of 28 sailors in the Open Division of the 2017 Butterfly Nationals held at Torch Lake on July 18-20. Six races were completed at this event and Gage's finishes included an 11th in race five.

UPCOMING 2017 JUNIOR RACE TEAM DATES

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

CLICK LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/Muskegon-Junior-Sailing-Program-13423283314396/>

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/MJSA sailing>

Hours of Operation for August 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



News from the General Manager:

July was a fun and busy month for the MYC with tons of activities executed. Quick recap: Craig Powell Memorial Cup on Independence Day, followed by the Nedeau Cup, Euchre Nights, Chicago to Mac race, Pursuit race to Whitehall, and MYC Social Committee Lawn Party. The staff was also able to execute 6 private events with great success.

Upcoming events for the month of August are as follows: Euchre nights (every Tuesday), Clipper Cup registration and party on 8/10 with the Clipper Cup Race to follow on 8/11, MJSA (Juniors) Regatta on 8/11, Committee Meetings on 8/12, Harbor Hospice Regatta on 8/19 (Open to the public), MYC Pursuit Race to GH on 8/26 along with the GRSC Commodore Invitational.

Pre-plan for September - Annual Governors Cup with Alliance Beverage and Pacifico Clara sponsoring on 9/2, Labor Day on 9/4 (Club open from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm), and the UK Fall Series!

A huge shout out and happy MYC anniversary goes to Sue Peters on her 20th year of employment at the MYC and Nicky Anderson on her 18th year! Way to go ladies and thank you very much for your dedication to the MYC.

The MYC apparel case is located in the Spinnaker room and is full with T-shirts, hats, visors, burgee flags, stickers, and license plates and more. Ask the bartender on duty for assistance. We will be stocking MYC sweatshirts soon!

Remember – Boats and nautical equipment for sale by members is permitted free of charge in the monthly Portwatch. Please send your ads to Sue Peters. Advertising on the MYC bulletin boards is not permitted.

Thank you and enjoy this gorgeous weather!

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen
General Manager
231-755-1414
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org



Solo/ Double - 87 Time & Tides Wait for No Man

Dear friends and family,

This year marks thirty years for the passing of Mike Miller. Clark and Scott Miller would like to invite you to an event that would bring friends and family together to honor and celebrate the people that we have lost. Whether it is fathers, mothers, sons – daughters or friends, we would like to gather and celebrate their lives.

On August 19, Muskegon Yacht Club and Harbor Hospice are hosting the 10th Annual Harbor Hospice Regatta / Judy Miller Challenge. This event is open to the public, and is an opportunity for people to come visit the club where Mike and Judy Miller were instrumental in the growth of the Muskegon Yacht Club.

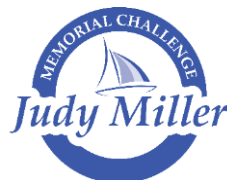
Following the awards ceremony Clark and Scott are hosting an old fashion, (Mike Miller) corn roast. Fresh sweet, corn on the cob, with your choice of assorted seasonings. To be served by the grills at the Muskegon Yacht Club.

Please join us in celebrating the lives of sailors who have passed through their final finish line of life.

Sponsorship or donation can be made by visiting, <http://harborhospicemi.org> and clicking (Donate now) then select the Race Division Melges as the type of tribute. Please add Mike or Judy Miller under the tribute name.

For additional information, to become a Harbor Hospice Regatta sponsor or donate an auction item, please contact Ammy Seymour at [231.728.3442](tel:231.728.3442) or ASeymour@HarborHospiceMI.org

Scott and Clark Miller





**MYC Lawn Party July 8th – Winners of Best Hat Award
Mary Greve & Bill Iddings**



The 2017 MYC Membership Directory and Handbook (commonly known as the “Red Book”) is now published on the private, members-only section of the MYC website.

This year, we are offering printed copies of the Handbook at no charge upon request. Please call or email Sue in the business office if you would like a printed copy.

Please continue to update us if you have new contact information, family members, or boat information for the directory. Thank you!



Fitness at the Yacht Club

Dear Members of MYC,

We are excited for the opportunity to be able to bring fitness to YOU. Bring your mats (we have several on hand) and join us in the morning in the grassy area behind the pool as we guide you through Yoga and Pilates. Please contact us (contact info below) with any questions and to reserve your spot in class!

Mondays and Thursdays

Time: 8:00 am

Cost: \$5

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EVENT OF EVENTS

SUMMER SPLENDOR

FRIDAY 8.18.17

THE EVENT CENTER AT FRICANO PLACE MUSKEGON

**\$40 TICKET - SPECIALITY FOOD
AUCTIONS - MUSIC - RAFFLES**
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

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Judy Miller

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10th Annual

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FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS!*

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ATTEND!**

Please Help Spread The Word...

NOW AVAILABLE:

Junior Membership - available to anyone 34 years and younger.
\$325.00 Annual Dues + \$150.00 Initiation Fee = \$475.00 + Capital Improvement Contribution!

REMEMBER:

Starting July 1, 2017, we will start prorating our annual dues amount for both classifications!

NEW JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

INCENTIVE:

Join in August and receive the prorated dues amount - \$135.40 (August - December) PLUS we are waiving the initiation fee completely for August for all new junior members!

Please call Kim at [231-755-1414](tel:231-755-1414) with any questions!
Thank you!

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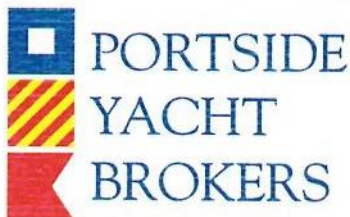
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~ MYC August 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Euchre Night 7pm	2 Race Night	3	4	5 Commodore's Ball
6	7	8 Euchre Night 7pm	9 Race Night	10 Clipper Cup Registration & Party	11 WMYSA Jr Regatta Clipper Cup Race	12
13	14	15 Euchre Night 7pm	16 Race Night	17	18	19 Hospice Regatta Ulrich Junior Regatta
20	21	22 Euchre Night 7pm	23 Race Night	24	25	26 Pursuit to GH
27	28	29 Euchre Night 7pm	30 Race Night	31		Governor's Cup Regatta

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