



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# PORTWATCH

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Commodore.....Larry Taunt  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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By Laws.....Bill Newman & Ben Broughton  
Dock & Yard.....Andy Bos  
House.....Eric Bombery  
Juniors.....Scott Corder  
Membership.....Cathy Young  
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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## Portwatch Submissions:

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

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

September is upon us and it is unfortunately the time of year we must start thinking about putting the summer toys away. One of the long-standing traditions of the Muskegon Yacht Club has been Haul Out and Launch days. These days are much more than simply the putting in and taking out of the boats. These days have been the official kick-off and closing of the summer season of our club for generations. We paint, clean, get equipment in and out of storage. We greet and say good-bye to friends who we haven't seen or won't see until the "season" returns. Unfortunately, this tradition is changing a bit but, I hope the spirit of it continues.

I was notified a few weeks ago, by Torresen Marine that due to concerns of their insurance carrier they would no longer be able to provide us with the onsite haul out and launch services that they have provided for us for many years. After verifying that the cost of bringing in another contractor would be prohibitive, our members who store with us were quickly and directly notified so that they could make alternative storage arrangements. We will still be able to provide storage for mast and boats on trailers but boats requiring a crane will no longer be able to be accommodated. While the loss of revenue is not helpful to the club, given that we are down to storing only about 25 boats, the financial hit is not critical. In truth, I am more concerned about the loss of the tradition than I am about the revenue. There are some benefits to this. We have occasionally had some environmental concerns raised with the boat storage (sanding of bottoms, chemicals etc.) that will no longer be of concerns. Winter parking, snow plowing, parking lot configuration, etc., will be much simplified. It also allows us to rethink some things in terms of usage of the property with a different, if not a clean slate.

I would like to thank Torresen Marine and the Torresen family for the many years of service and the many things they have done and continue to do for the Muskegon Yacht Club. They have been an important part of our past, and I trust they will continue to be in the future.

In other news, our new contractor has completed the installation of the gangways, raising of the finger piers, and additional repairs and reinforcement of the attenuator. They have recommended some additional measures for the system to further dampen the wave motion on the attenuator and hopefully prevent or minimize damage from future storms. The board and Dock and Yard committees will be evaluating these recommendations both for practicality and cost. The rise in the water levels, and the modifications to our marina that it has forced, has been expensive. We need to manage our resources while at the same time protecting our assets. There are no easy solutions here and we will be doing a careful evaluation.

We will soon see the return of our “off Season” activities. The awards banquet, the extremely popular wine dinners, football on the flat screens, firing up the fireplace, and maybe some ice boating (hopefully) this season. Some of you will be heading south for the winter. Some of you will be heading north to the ski resorts. MYC unlike most yacht clubs is open year-round with Chef Adam providing his outstanding fare, and our bartenders providing delicious beverages. General Manager Kim is already taking reservations for holiday parties so please contact her before your preferred date is taken.

The current term of the flag officers and board are winding down. Per our bylaws, the past Commodore has formed a nominating committee to fill the open board positions. This slate will be presented at the annual board meeting on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> for election. If you are interest in joining the board of directors, please contact Sam Nedeau and make it known to him. The committee will review and present the recommended slate for approval by the membership. This is important. MYC has made significant progress but we continue to face challenges with our aging facilities, staffing, increasing cost, and maintenance of our marina. Having a strong board is critical to facing these challenges. We are very blessed to have a dedicated and knowledgeable board who have guided the club through some significant challenges over the last several years. I have been proud to serve with them. It is critical that we maintain this quality and dedication to keep the club moving forward. Your involvement is key. Volunteer for the board, join a committee, get involved.

Enjoy the fall sailing season! We still have a lot of racing to do! Governor's Cup is this weekend, Anchorage Cup next, and our fall series after that. Wednesday night racing continues through early October. It is not time to put the toys away just yet.

Have a great month!

Larry

MYC Committee Meeting Reminders:

Dock & Yard Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 9:00 am  
 House Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 10:00 am  
 Membership Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am  
 Social Committee – as needed  
 Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:***

**Kellin & Katelyn Bostwick**  
**Kenneth & Stacey Hoffman**  
**Sander Klemp & Annie Fish**  
**Ted Luekens & Stephanie Pell**

**Junior Members**  
**Full Members**  
**Junior Members**  
**Full Members**

**N. Muskegon**  
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**Spring Lake**  
**Spring Lake**

## 2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

### 2017 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 34,751

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



### 2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project

\$7,467

**Available Balance =**

**\$49,501**



### Pool Committee Report:

The pool will be open the following days and times (weather permitting) for the rest of the season:

Friday 9/1:	1pm – 9pm
Saturday 9/2:	12pm – 9pm
Sunday 9/3:	12pm – 9pm
Monday 9/4:	12pm – 9pm
Tuesday 9/5:	Closed
Wednesday 9/6:	Closed
Thursday 9/7:	Closed
Friday: 9/8:	3pm – 8pm
Saturday 9/9:	12pm – 8pm
Sunday 9/10:	12pm – 8pm

The pool will be closed for the rest of the year after 9/10. Thank you for a great summer! We hope you all enjoyed the new improvements!



### Social Committee Report:

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



## Juniors Committee Report:

### WMYSA REGATTA AT WHITE LAKE



On July 28, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to White Lake Yacht Club for the third of four West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regattas this summer. A total of 82 boats from eight different West Michigan yacht clubs competed at this event.



It was a beautiful, sunny day with winds that progressively increased throughout the day. In spite of missing some of our team members, the MYC Juniors placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of eight teams.



Despite being hosted by White Lake Yacht Club, MYC played a key leadership role at this regatta. In addition to Scott and Lisa Corder who serve as Race Chairman, PRO and Lead Scorer for the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association, Jon and Jessica Ledsworth also traveled to White Lake to serve as the PRO and Race Committee for one of the two race circles full of boats sailing at this event. MYC's reputation for running high quality races is widely recognized and valued throughout West Michigan.



Thanks to the efforts of dozens of enthusiastic volunteers and clubs like MYC, these West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regattas are now among the largest youth regattas in the Midwest and around the nation.

Sailors at WMYSA Regattas compete in six different boat classes: Optimist Green, Optimist RWB, Butterfly, Laser Radial, Laser Full Rig, and Club 420.

In addition to sailing and lots of fun, the kids also love traveling to different locations for these WMYSA Regattas. Each destination has its own special charm or attraction. In the case of White Lake, the highlight is their ice cream counter and \$2 ice cream cones.

Individual finishes for MYC team members at the White Lake Regatta were as follows:

- Ben Bakran – 10<sup>th</sup> Optimist RWB
- Bella Lindsay – 11<sup>th</sup> Butterfly
- Dylan Young – 12<sup>th</sup> Butterfly
- Gage Stasko – 16<sup>th</sup> Butterfly
- Ansel Hartmann – 17<sup>th</sup> Butterfly



Anneka Lindsay – 18<sup>th</sup> Butterfly  
 Ben Morris – 19<sup>th</sup> Butterfly  
 Frank Frisinger – 4<sup>th</sup> Laser Radial  
 Anthony Gaiser – 7<sup>th</sup> Laser Radial  
 Will Bakran – 3<sup>rd</sup> Laser Full Rig  
 Chance Spencer – 4<sup>th</sup> Laser Full Rig

**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 received the donation of three additional sailboats that are in need of a few minor repairs or equipment upgrades. Your financial support will help us put these boats to good use next summer.

Please consider sending your tax deductible donation to the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association via the MYC address.

You can also 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>

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*Club Hours of Operation for September 2017*

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	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
<b>Monday:</b>	Club Closed	Club Closed
	(Open Labor Day 12pm-8pm)	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	4pm – 11pm	4pm – 9pm
<b>Thursday:</b>	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
<b>Friday:</b>	12pm – 12am	12pm – 9pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	12pm – 12am	12pm – 9pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	12pm – 9pm	12pm – 8pm

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# Commodore's Ball – August 5, 2017







## News from the General Manager:

I know I say this each year, but where did the time go? I cannot believe it is feeling like fall already. From the beginning of the season to the end, we once again made memories that will last forever. Thank you to all who helped make the summer of 2017 a successful one at the MYC.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the MYC staff for all of your hard work throughout these past couple of months and all year round for that matter. We have such a dedicated team and we should feel very proud of ourselves for all we accomplish at the MYC. Though not easy at times, I am very blessed to have you all working with me in making the club such a beautiful place for all MYC members. And, thank you to the MYC summer staff who has worked very hard this season. Your contribution to the success of the MYC summer was noticed and very much appreciated. You will all be missed.

As summer comes to an end, so does the reality that many outdoor activities will as well. However, we are already in the process of prepping for a fun fall/winter for our members. The MYC Wine Dinners will debut in November, Euchre Night will continue throughout the year, and Life Member luncheon at the end of October. Let's not forget our annual Awards Banquet, holiday parties, soup cook off, football games and more! In hopes to make the fall and winter go by as fast as the summer did, we plan to keep you busy with plenty of things to do!

Friendly reminder, please bus your tables when you are finished eating. Bus stations are located throughout the club for your convenience. Thank you for your help with this!

Remember to visit our MYC apparel case for all the latest and greatest MYC gear. Long sleeve MYC shirts are now available, along with two types of sweatshirts, polo shirts, t-shirts, burgess, coozies and more! Please see the bartender on duty for assistance. It's not too early to book your holiday party in the Lakeview Room. This room fills up fast, so don't wait....book today. Please see me for more information and pricing.

Wishing each of you a fun fall season!

Thank you,  
Kim Nguyen  
General Manager  
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## Clipper Cup Race August 11, 2017



*Photo – Bob Butcher*



Photo – Judy Shatney



Photo – Diana Lightfoot

# Ulrich Youth Regatta August 19<sup>th</sup>





Harbor Hospice Regatta August 19<sup>th</sup>













**NOTICE OF MYC 4<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL FISHING DERBY**  
**Sunday, 9/24**

**Children – Open to all  
children under the age of 14**

\$5.00 Registration - Fishing starts at 9 am – 11 am

**PRIZES: BIGGEST FISH, MOST FISH AND  
UGLIEST FISH**

**Children Derby Area: MYC DOCKS!**

**Adult Ages 14 and Up**

*FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED*

\$5.00 Registration - Fishing starts at 7 am – 11 am

**PRIZES: BIGGEST FISH & MOST FISH LBS**

**Adults Derby Area: Muskegon Lake & Lake Michigan**

***HOT CHOCOLATE, BLOODY MARY'S,  
AND DONUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT 8:30 AM!***

**AWARDS CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE AT 12:00  
PM UNDER THE MYC PATIO!**

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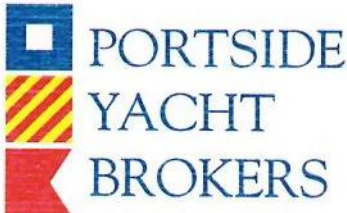
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~ MYC September 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Governor's Cup Regatta
3	4 Labor Day  Club Open 12 – 8 pm	5 Fall Hours Begin  Euchre Night 7pm	6   Race Night	7	8	9
10	11	12  Euchre Night 7pm	13  Race Night	14  Board Meeting 7pm	15	16  UK Fall Series
17  UK Fall Series	18	19  Euchre Night 7pm	20  Race Night	21	22	23
24	25	26  Euchre Night 7pm	27  Race Night	28	29	30

If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Sue Peters [sue@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:sue@muskegonyachtclub.org)