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MYC Fishing Derby 2017

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General Manager.....Kim Nguyen
Interim Chef.....Wes Stevens
Business Manager.....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson

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On the Cover: *It doesn't matter if the rod is or isn't bent; time spent fishing is time well spent.*

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Greetings!

Oddly, this is my final Portwatch article as your Commodore. How quickly a year flies by!

We have had an interesting year with some significant challenges caused by mother nature but, overall it was another good year with MYC continuing to improve its facilities, grow its membership, and maintain fiscal security, despite some unexpected significant outlays. We were also able to update and modernize our bylaws and introduced a new Junior Membership which has already paid off in more than tripling the under 35 membership in just a few months and MYC reaching a record number of full members. Our newly renovated pool deck and fencing has significantly enhanced our facility and improved our member experience.

This coming week, construction will begin in the Bar and Round Room to rebuild the deteriorated exterior wall opposite the bar and replace the windows. The new windows in the bar will be larger, wider, and more efficient. The new door will be wider with more glass as well. In the round room the windows will be a much better design than currently in place which should bring in more light and finally solve the chronic leaks that have plagued the round room for many years. This is another example of the Capital Improvement Fund at work in addition to the many other projects completed in previous years.

We have much more to do as we still have the sea wall to deal with, the Octagon Building roof, Lakeview room windows, fencing, parking lot, and Kitchen air improvements to tackle. The Marina will also continually require significant investments in ongoing maintenance. It will take us quite some time to catch up on all the deferred maintenance that has built up at MYC. The result however is a much improved and attractive facility that is helping to build our membership.

In other upcoming events, we have scheduled a seminar on the Racing Rules of Sailing to be held on Friday evening November 3rd. This will be followed up on Saturday with a “Club Judge” Seminar from US Sailing. We are encouraging many of our racers and anyone else who might be interested in becoming a US Sailing Judge to participate in both events. More details will be announced soon and pre-registration through US Sailing will be required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their hard work, support, and dedication this year. We have a fine board who devote significant amounts of time and energy to the Muskegon Yacht Club. Hundreds of emails, phone calls, in addition to the monthly committee and board meetings, not to mention the “special “projects that require an even greater commitment. Thank You to my Flag Officers, Bud Ainsworth, Brad Fisher, Eric Bomberry, Dean Runk, Directors Jon Tasker, Jay Wallace, Mike Gassmann, Kevin Moore, and Jim Bach and Past Commodore Sam Nedeau. Make sure to attend our Annual Meeting on Friday October 13th (eek) to welcome your new board.

I would also like to thank our outstanding senior staff, General Manager Kim Nguyen, our Business Manager Sue Peters, Our Facilities Manager Nicky Anderson, our recently departed Head Chef Adam White and Chef Wes Stevens, and our Head Bartender Dianna along with Jersey and Melissa, for the great work that they do. Each has shown amazing dedication to our Club and have often gone above and beyond to make the MYC experience as favorable as possible for our membership. There are literally hundreds of times that they have invisibly taken steps, behind the scenes, to take care of our club and its members in extraordinary ways. We are truly fortunate to have such an outstanding group.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Judy, my family, and my loyal crew who have patiently tolerated the many hours of meetings (formal and otherwise), phone calls, emails, and events that have been a part of being your Commodore. Last month there was a stretch of ten straight days of driving back and forth from Grand Rapids to Muskegon for various reasons. (My car is very much looking forward to this year being over LOL!). That being said, I am committed to staying involved at MYC. I will serve on the board as Past

Commodore this upcoming year and then intend to return to my role as club Treasurer. I have devoted a LOT of time and resources over the last six years getting MYC onto firm financial footing and I intend on keeping close watch so that we remain in this solid path as we move forward.

It has been a true honor to serve as your Commodore. I am humbled to have followed in the footsteps of my esteemed predecessors. I wish the incoming board good luck, and certainly a year with less turmoil but, I am confident with the assistance of our able staff that they will successfully manage whatever challenges befall them.

Fair Winds to All!
Larry



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Richard & Jodie Galosy	Full Members	Norton Shores
Nic Seifert	Junior Member	Muskegon
Ron & Shirley Stonewall	Full Members	Brighton

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



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FOOTBALL PARTY

Want to help decorate Contact:
Michigan Fans - Renee Rutz
State Fans - Karen Seifert

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th
1PM - 8PM**



2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2017 Collected

To-Date:
\$ 36,291

+

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



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project
\$7,467

**Available Balance =
\$51,041**



VOLUNTEER WORK DAY
(aka HAUL OUT)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

8:00 AM – coffee & donuts

Help is needed with the following:

- **Put away pool furniture**
- **Put away patio furniture & adirondacks**
- **Clean and put away grills**

- **Take down awning**
- **Put away picnic tables**
- **Help organize Octagon Building**
- **Find, clean and put away all outside garbage cans**
- **Clean and put away firepit**

A volunteer appreciation lunch (burgers, brats, and beer) will follow haul out activities!





House Committee Report:

Winter Hours begin the week of 10/16 and are as follows:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	4pm – 10pm
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm
Friday:	12pm – 11pm
Saturday:	12pm – 11pm
Sunday:	1pm – 9pm

The kitchen will close at 9pm Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 8pm on Sundays.



Social Committee Report:

The next Social Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 10/19/17** at 7:00 PM.



Dock and Yard Committee Report:

Please make sure you secure your dock box lids in preparation for the off season.

Important: If you purchased a slip for the 2017 season AFTER the December 2016 Slip Assignment Meeting, and are wanting a slip for the upcoming 2018 season, please make sure to get your name added to the Slip Waiting List.

Any slip purchased after the slip assignment meeting is considered a temporary 1 year slip. There is a \$50.00 fee to be added to the slip waiting list.



Every Tuesday night until
Haul Out/Volunteer Work
Day on 10/14/17. We will
transition from Tuesday
nights to Wednesday
nights for the winter,
starting 10/18/17

7 pm!

*Have a drink, eat some
food, play some cards, and
be part of the fun!!*



Juniors Committee Report:

WMYSA REGATTA AT MYC

On August 11, Muskegon Yacht Club hosted the fourth and final West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regatta of the summer. A total of 80 boats, over 100 young sailors, and dozens of coaches and parents from seven different West Michigan yacht clubs came to MYC for this event.



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.

Once again, MYC's reputation for well-run regattas and quality Race Management was evident in all the volunteers who helped make this youth sailing event possible. As always, Muskegon YC demonstrated its ability to conduct large, very successful events.



The Race Committee teams of Scott & Lisa Corder and Jon & Jessica Ledsworth each ran a separate race course on Muskegon Lake and were assisted on the water by Jeff Allen and Todd Bakran. Several other MYC members including Patti Spencer also assisted with race operations and scoring.

On shore, the MYC staff did a spectacular job of preparing the club and grounds, accommodating the crowds, providing meals, and supporting the registration and awards activities.

A huge thank you also goes out to all the MYC members and Junior parents who volunteered to help wrangle the parking lot chaos and the boat launching process! The reward for everyone's efforts was the beautiful sight of Muskegon Lake full of little boats and enthusiastic young sailors.



The MYC Junior Race Team showed up in force at this regatta and sailed very well to place a very solid 3rd place out of the seven teams competing.



Individual finishes for MYC team members at the Muskegon WMYSA Regatta were as follows:

Ewen Dossin – 8th Optimist Green
 Maria Eenigenburg – 11th Optimist Green
 Jazmine Nguyen– 12th Optimist Green
 Maria Eenigenburg – 13th Optimist Green
 Ben Bakran & Ben Morris – 3rd Butterfly
 Bella Lindsay – 8th Butterfly
 Gage Stasko – 10th Butterfly
 Ansel Hartmann – 15th Butterfly
 Andrew Koman – 17th Butterfly
 Ellie Keessen – 19th Butterfly
 Dylan Young – 20th Butterfly
 Anneka Lindsay – 21st Butterfly
 Frank Frisinger – 5th Laser Radial
 Sarah Corder – 7th Laser Radial
 Anthony Gaiser – 8th Laser Radial
 Torben Johnson – 3rd Laser Full Rig
 Josh Corder – 5th Laser Full Rig
 Will Bakran – 6th Laser Full Rig

OVERALL WMYSA SEASON TEAM RESULTS FOR 2017



Despite being one of the smallest teams in the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association, the Muskegon Junior Race Team continues to develop some of the best young sailors in the league. In total team points, the MYC Junior Race Team placed 5th out of the eight teams that competed this year, just a few points away from 4th place overall.

Furthermore, in the individual fleet competitions, MYC captured a Top 3 spot in three of the six different boat classes!!

In the Laser Full Rig fleet, MYC's older youth sailors once again dominated the season totals, taking 1st place for the second year in a row and earning nearly twice as many points as this year's 2nd place team. Veteran sailors Will Bakran, Josh Corder, Torben Johnson and Chance Spencer each contributed to MYC's continued excellence in this fleet. In addition to two straight years of being the top Laser Full Rig Team, these young men also placed 3rd overall in Laser Full Rigs in 2014

Our Laser Radial sailors also continued their winning ways in their fleet, earning 3rd place overall in the season totals, just three points away from second. This is even more remarkable because this year's MYC Laser Radial Team had just three sailors competing: Sarah Corder, Frank Frisinger and

Anthony Gaiser. The MYC Junior Race Team has a strong legacy in Laser Radials having placed 2nd in 2012 and 3rd Place in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Thanks to a growing number of team members, MYC's Butterfly squad also did very well this year, placing third overall in the league in total Butterfly points. This year's MYC Butterfly Team included Ben Bakran, Anthony Gaiser, Ansel Hartmann, Ellie Keessen, Andrew Koman, Anneka Lindsay, Bella Lindsay, Ben Morris, Gage Stasko and Dylan Young.



Thanks to the support of the MYC Board, the MYC Junior Race Team was able to purchase team “pinnies” this year. These pullovers (shown in the photo above) not only identify our sailors as part of the MYC Race Team, they also help prevent the sailor’s life jackets from snagging on their booms when they tack their boats.

As our older youth sailors begin to move on to college, the MYC Race Team is eager to welcome new sailors to our ranks. If your child is age 6 or older, please encourage them to join the fun and excitement our youth sailors are having as part of the MYC Junior Race Team!

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>

Gallery – 2017 Fishing Derby









News from the General Manager:

Change: Is it good or bad? Some people like the challenge change brings and some people do not. But, just like the seasons, change is all around us. The MYC is in the midst of change and we are embracing it. Since the departure of Chef Adam, the kitchen staff has changed. Wes Stevens, has accepted our offer to become the Interim Head Chef. Wes comes to us with a ton of experience and he is excited to start his new role here. Although his long-term plans involve moving out of the area, he is already working hard to ensure a

smooth transition for now and later. Wes and I have already started the application process for a new Head Chef and we have a couple of promising leads. Please help me in welcoming Andy and Ed to the kitchen staff. Both men come with an extensive background of cooking and we are excited to welcome them to the team. With the changing of the seasons, so do our clubhouse hours and menu selections. Like past years, we will release a new winter menu in the upcoming weeks. I would love to hear from you regarding our menu selections. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please drop me an email (kim@muskegonyachtclub.org). We will do our best to accommodate member requests.

Upcoming Events for October include: Michigan vs. Michigan State Game Day party, hosted by MYC Social Committee on 10/7, Annual Board Meeting on 10/13 at 7:30 pm in the Lakeview Room, Haul Out Work Day on 10/14 starting at 8:00 am, Committee Meetings on 10/14 and a New member reception at noon, Life Member Luncheon on 10/26, Annual Halloween Party on 10/28 (open to the public) with live music from Jaded 8, Jam Sessions, and more!

We have some new items in the MYC apparel case, stop by and take a look! We have some sweatshirts, long sleeve and short sleeve T-shirts, Harbor Hospice and Clipper Cup shirts and hats, burgees, stickers, coozies and more. Just ask the bartender on duty for assistance.

Thank you all for a great summer season! I am looking forward to a fast, fun and productive off season. Please, please, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Communication is key to maintaining a happy atmosphere.

Best Regards,

Kim Nguyen
General Manager
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HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH



Band: **JADED 8**

COSTUME CONTEST: 10:00 PM

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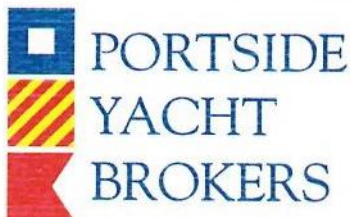
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jam Session 3pm	2	3 Euchre Night 7pm	4 Race Night	5	6	7 Game Day Party MSU vs UM
8	9	10 Euchre Night 7pm	11 Race Night Fall Trophy	12	13 Annual Meeting 7:30	14 Volunteer Work Day New Member Reception
15	16	17	18 Euchre Night 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Euchre Night 7pm	26	27	28 Halloween Party
29	30	31				

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