



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

NOVEMBER 2017



Haul-Out 2017 Volunteers - Thank You!

Back Row L-R: Dave Werner, Bob Harvey, Glen Miller, Ron VanThiel, Bud Ainsworth, Ron Greve, Eric Bombery

Front Row L-R: Andy Bos, Joel Seifert, Glynn Stenstrom, Tim Wallace, Dean Runk, Bruce Spencer Jr.

Not pictured: Renee Rutz, Karen Seifert, Jon Tasker, Barb VanFossen, Rob Taylor, Nicky Anderson, Lawson Sowa

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Dock & Yard.....	Andy Bos
House.....	Eric Bombery
Juniors.....	Scott Corder
Membership.....	Cathy Young
Race & Regatta.....	Sam Nedeau
Social.....	Rome Palmer & Scott Miller

MYC STAFF

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

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On the Cover: These dedicated members buttoned things up for the season. See the GM report for their list of accomplishments. THANK YOU!

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

I want to start by thanking everyone for the honor of being your Commodore for the 2018 season. I take this position very seriously and will work to make sure any decisions are made for the betterment of the whole club & membership. Once I got involved on the MYC board 7 years ago (thanks Phil) you start to notice and work with a lot of the “valuable assets” of the club. We have a great marina & docks, an excellent restaurant & bar, a very nice pool, a great junior sailing program, a prime location on the lake for sailing and other water activities with a beautiful lawn and grounds to enjoy the scenery and many, many other assets and amenities. But, I’ve been taught and always believed a company’s (or in our case a club) most valuable asserts are your employees. We at MYC have a very dedicated loyal staff that works for your enjoyment upwards of 65 hours a week in the summer, nights, weekends & holidays. They deserve much recognition and will make my job and as previous Commodores’ jobs, much easier. It’s a great team of people that work together well headed up by General Mgr. Kim Nguyen. Kim has been with us over 6 years, Business Office Mgr. Sue Peters recently celebrated 20 years this summer. Facility Mgr. Nicky Anderson has been with us 18 years. Bartenders Amanda (Jersey) Elizondo & Diana King each over 5 years and Melissa Kuzniar, 2 years. Although we recently lost a great Chef in Adam White, I feel we haven’t skipped a beat with Chef Wes Stevens stepping up and staying on board with us. We have two new great Line Cooks in Andy Ostrum, Ed Tomorsky, and Josh Wyrick is our Food Runner/Dishwasher. Gone for the winter season but not forgotten are our summer employees; Lawson Sowa, Ian Robinson and Meghan Bannink; great Sailing School Director in Roger Zuidema and Head Lifeguard Mick Homan and staff.

For me though, at MYC, it is a first-place tie for “most valuable asset” and it is with our membership. When you get involved on the board and move up the ranks of flag officer you see and notice more of the of volunteerism and contributions made by the membership for the improvement of the club in various ways. It’s countless! And if you ever need help, all you have to do ask a member. I wanted to mention and thank two of our co-members this month. First, Andy Bos. Andy has unfortunately resigned as Chairman of the Dock &

Yard Committee after seven years as head of the committee. Andy has given hundreds of hours of his own personal time working around the club saving us thousands of dollars in the process. He has great expertise on all the mechanical workings of the club's outside facilities, docks, and equipment. As a school teacher with a young family at home, Andy needs a well-deserved break. There is absolutely no way to thank him enough for all he has done and his years of devotion to our club. Secondly, a longtime member and a man that I greatly admire, someone we usually only see on Wednesday race nights in the summer, (because he lives/works on the other side of the state) is Bobby Cox. Bobby has personally raised over \$6000 a year for the last 5 years for the Judy Miller Challenge, which benefits our local Harbor Hospice. Helping Hospice is one of the great ways MYC gives back to our community. Bobby could keep his boat at and sail out of a number of prestigious yacht clubs in the Detroit area but chooses to drive over to MYC, and give to our club & community. I think both of their acts of volunteering speaks volumes about what a great club and membership we have at MYC. Again, thank you guys – yours, and other members hard work and volunteerism does not go unnoticed.

In closing, I encourage new members and old members, anyone that wants to be more involved in the club, to do so; you won't regret it and you will make some great friends for life.

Best regards and thank you for your support.

Bud Ainsworth
Commodore



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Bill & Judy Stellin

Full Members

Grand Rapids

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:

\$ 38,304

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project

\$7,467

Available Balance =

\$53,054

Progress on the bar wall: both windows have been installed!



REGISTRATION CLOSED Club Judge Seminar

Saturday, November 4th

8:00 am–5:00 pm – Muskegon Yacht Club

• \$75 includes materials, continental breakfast, boxed lunch



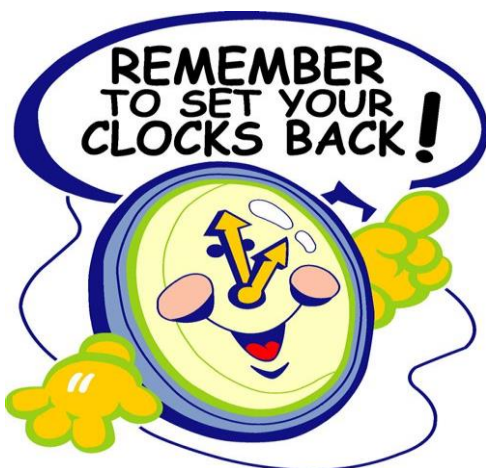
Dock and Yard Committee Report:

- Slip Holders: Please be sure to secure your dock box lids for the season.
- Slip Assignment Meeting: Saturday, December 2, 2017 at 1:00 PM.



Race & Regatta Committee Report:

The RC Committee and the Regatta Committee have merged into a new committee called the RRC, or Race & Regatta Committee. This new committee is co-chaired by Josh Wallace and Sam Nedeau and held its first meeting on October 26th. The inaugural members of the committee were Nic Seifert, Jon Ledsworth, Jessica Ledsworth, Bob Harvey and John Marks. The focus of the committee is to facilitate top level racing at MYC, whether that racing takes place on Wednesday night, the weekend, Muskegon Lake, or Lake Michigan. The first meeting focused on the upcoming awards dinner, and general plans for the 2018 racing season. We welcome all members interested in joining the committee. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM. Please join us.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 5, 2017**



Juniors Committee Report:

HARBOR HOSPICE JUNIOR REGATTA

On Saturday, August 19, the Junior sailors participated in the annual Harbor Hospice Regatta at MYC. A great time was had by all!



A total of 18 Junior sailors competed on Muskegon Lake in Optimists, Butterflies, Laser Radials and Laser Full Rigs.



This year the Harbor Hospice Regatta event also served as the annual MYC Ulrich Memorial Junior Regatta, where the winner of the largest fleet gets their name engraved on the Ulrich Cup Perpetual Trophy.

On behalf of the Ulrich family, Van Ulrich presented the Ulrich Cup to Ben Bakran, who placed first in the Butterfly fleet (Ben and Van appear on the right below).



Butterfly Results	R1	R2	R3	Total
1. Ben Bakran	1	1	3	5
2. Ellie Keessen	2	4	1	7
3. Ben Morris	3	2	5	10
4. Bella Lindsay	7	3	4	14
5. Andrew Koman	4	6	6	16
6. Dylan Young	6	7	2	15
7. Ansel Hartmann	5	5	7	17

The second largest fleet of youth sailors at the Hospice Regatta was the Optimist fleet. All five of these young sailors received a Harbor Hospice T-shirt and a big round of applause for their courage and performance on the racecourse.

Their smiling faces in the photo below make a great statement about how much fun it is to learn how to sail at a young age. If you have young children or grandchildren, please consider enrolling them in MYC Sailing School Classes!



Optimist Results	R1	R2	R3	Total
1. Hugh Frisinger	2	1	1	4
2. Simon Frisinger	1	2	2	5
3. Maria Eenigenburg	3	3	3	9
4. Dean Mattson	4	5	4	13
5. Jessica Eenigenburg	5	4	5	14



Laser Radial Results	R1	R2	R3	Total
1. Frank Frisinger	1	1	2	4
2. Sarah Corder	2	2	1	5
3. Anthony Gaiser	3	3	3	9



Laser Full Rig Results	R1	R2	R3	Total
1. Torben Johnson	1	2	2	5
2. Braden Johnson (WLYC)	2	1	3	6
3. Chance Spencer	3	3	1	7

JUNIORS: MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE AWARDS BANQUET!

The 2017 Junior Season trophies will be awarded at the upcoming MYC Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 11. Look for details about this event elsewhere in this issue of the Portwatch.

THANK YOU TO THE LAKE MICHIGAN CATALINA ASSOCIATION!!

Each year, the Lake Michigan Catalina Association awards financial support to a Junior Sailing Program in West Michigan. This year, they chose the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association to be the recipient. On behalf of the association, Tom Frakie, the association's Commodore, recently presented a check for \$400 to the MJSA. The next time you see a Catalina sailor, please thank them for their generous support!

YOU CAN EASILY FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

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



Photo: Greg Young



MYC ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, November 11, 2017

MYC Dining Room

Cocktails 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 6:30pm

Entrée Selections - \$20.00 per person

Crispy Airline Chicken Breast

Oven Baked, Bone in Chicken Breast – Crispy Brussel Sprouts –
Creamy Rice Pilaf – Honey Balsamic Glaze

Pumpkin Spiced Pork Loin

White Cheddar Mashed Potatoes – Braised Brussel Sprouts –
Jameson Apple Chutney

Pecan Crusted Walleye

Salted Cinnamon Beurre Blanc – Creamy Rice Pilaf – Vegetable
du Jour

Grilled Portobello Steak

Balsamic Marinated Portobello – Toasted Barley Pilaf – Roasted
Tomato - Arugula – Vegetable du Jour

Junior Sailors Menu - \$10.00 per person

Chicken Tenders Basket

Mac & Cheese

Cheeseburger & Fries

(All Entrees Include Salad, Fresh Bread, and
Dessert)

Reservations Required to Attend!

All reservations will be member charged.

*All non-member reservations will be charged to
skippers account.*



Every Wednesday night
7 pm!
MYC Round Room!

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





News from the General Manager:

Welcome to winter MYC friends!

First, I would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the entire Haul Out team of volunteers. In one morning, due to our volunteers, we were able to put away all patio furniture, picnic tables, grills, rockers, awning & frame, fire pit, garbage cans, pool furniture, pool awning, and lifeguard chair. The team started at 8 am and was finished by 10 am. Way to go and thanks again!

If you are signed up to receive MYC Newsflashes but are not getting them, please let me know. This is the best way to stay up-to-date on all MYC activities. Did you know the MYC This Week Newsflash is also on our website? Just click on the Quick Links tab on the top of the screen to view it.

Please remember to bus your tables when you are finished dining. There are bus tubs located throughout the club for your convenience. This also includes the patio area; please do not leave empty beer boxes, cups, etc. on the patio area. We appreciate your help with keeping the club neat & tidy.

Reminder – No smoking under the MYC awning in front of the clubhouse. Also, do not bring any alcoholic beverages out the front door. This is clearly marked and must be followed. Thank you for your cooperation with these issues.

The MYC will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving. The club will re-open for normal business hours on Friday, November 24th at noon.

Looking ahead – Please join us for one or more of the following: Euchre Night (every Wednesday at 7 pm), Sunday Jam Session (1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 pm), Committee Meetings on 11/11, Annual Awards Banquet on 11/11, Board Meeting on 11/16, Club Decorating on 11/26, Slip Assignment meeting and Holiday lunch/dinner on 12/2. The first wine dinner of the season will be in December – the date is TBD.

Thank you! Hope to see you all at the club soon! Stay warm!

Kim Nguyen
MYC General Manager
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The Life Member luncheon on 10/26 was well attended



Haul Out Volunteers hard at work







Employee Holiday Fund

Season Greetings!

The Muskegon Yacht Club is very fortunate to have an outstanding and very loyal staff. Much of whom, have been with us for many years. As we head into the Holiday Season, it is important to keep them in mind.

Four years ago at the request of you, our membership, a program was instituted and proven to be very popular with our members and is a way for you to contribute a Holiday Gratuity to them as part of your monthly account billing. The money generated from the program will be divided amongst all of our staff and given to them prior to Christmas as a Holiday bonus. I am inviting you to please contribute to this fund at whatever level you are comfortable with. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

This is a voluntary program and just an extra way to say "Thank You" to our staff that works so hard throughout the year to make your MYC experience a great one.

Thank you,
Bud Ainsworth
Commodore

I wish to make a contribution of

___\$200 ___\$150 ___\$100 ___\$75 ___\$50 ___\$25 _____ Other

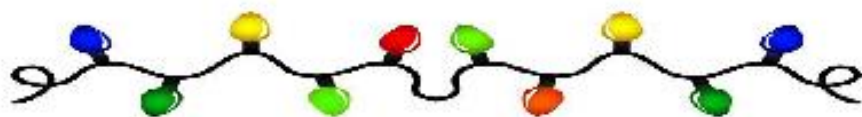
To the Muskegon Yacht Club "Employee Holiday Fund"

Please Charge my account _____

Check enclosed _____

Member Name

Member Signature



'TIS THE SEASON!

**COME HELP THE SOCIAL
COMMITTEE DECORATE!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

1 PM

BEER AND WINE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS!



**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF SOME NAUTICAL
CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS.**

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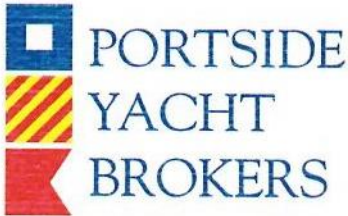
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~ MYC November 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Euchre Night 7pm	2	3 Racing Rules Sem. Ice Boat Presentation	4 Club Judge Seminar Ice Boat Swap Meet
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends Jam Session 3pm	6	7	8 Euchre Night 7pm	9	10	11 Awards Banquet - Reservations Required
12	13	14	15 Euchre Night 7pm	16 Board Meeting 7pm	17	18
19 Jam Session 3pm	20	21	22 Euchre Night 7pm	23  Happy Thanksgiving Club Closed	24	25
26	27	28	29 Euchre Night 7pm	30		

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