



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# PORTWATCH

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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## MYC STAFF

General Manager.....	Kim Nguyen
Executive Chef.....	Wes Stevens
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:

The MYC offseason is in full swing but that doesn't mean the club-----or the staff and committees that take care of it---- are relaxing on a beach somewhere. According to a long time life member, this has been the busiest fall ever for events at MYC. So far, our staff and various committees have put an MSU – UM game party (Go Green!), Halloween party, Race Awards Banquet, Life Member Luncheon, A Race Rules and a Race Judge Seminar, Ice Boat Seminar and swap meet, four (4) Sunday Jam sessions and coming up a Holiday Dinner and a sold-out Wine Dinner. All these events have had an excellent turnout and I encourage everyone to take full advantage of your membership if you are not doing so. The club always has a great atmosphere with wonderful members willing to meet, and help out new members. Also, we are in the planning stages of a New Year's Dinner & party and a ski weekend in January (watch your newsflashes for more details) during close down for needed cleaning. Also, I wanted to mention Chef Wes Stevens & staff have been serving up some very soothing cuisine that is getting rave reviews. I had an out of town guest in recently for dinner and he said it was the best prime rib dinner he's ever had and couldn't believe the price was only \$16. He kept saying any other restaurant in the world it would easily be double that.

We are also near completion of the new windows & walls in the round room and bar area. What a huge difference this has made for a much clearer, cleaner view of the lake and making the rooms feel bigger. This has been a fun project to see progress, because as a member, you get to see where your \$100 Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) money is going. Many of the CIF projects, new roofs on each half of the building, hot water heater for showers, a make-up air system for the kitchen have been less than glamorous, but needed maintenance to keep the doors open and up to code. Ironically, the reason the window replacement project started, was because the old windows have been leaking for years causing drywall damage and the inner walls to rot.

Also, I would like to report we had a couple Michigan Liquor Control Violations this past summer. We just found out a week ago that we

received a \$300 fine for one of the visits. Unfortunately, it also appears we might be receiving a couple more violations from the recent Halloween party. I would like to remind all of our members, even though we are a private club, you cannot take open liquor out the front door into the parking lot. There has been a sign in place on the door since 2006 reminding us of this. You have to remember we are just like a regular bar & restaurant in this regard. Moving forward, this has been a learning experience for all of us on the board, staff, committee chairs and we are looking at future options and putting some new measures in place.

In closing, by the time you are reading this, we should be getting ready for the Christmas season, the time of the year we are especially grateful for the blessings in our lives. Let's start with the staff looking out for our members, the staff we have at MYC. Four years ago at the request of our membership, we started a voluntary program for you to contribute to a Holiday Gratuity program, which will be divided up amongst all of our staff prior to Christmas. I encourage each of you to donate at whatever level you are comfortable with; your generosity is always appreciated (see attached Holiday Fund form).

Happy Holidays,  
Bud Ainsworth  
Commodore



## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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

Thomas & Linda Olson  
David & Julie Stanton

Full Members  
Full Members

Spring Lake  
Grand Haven

### 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

### 2017 Capital Improvement Fund Update

#### **2017 Collected**

To-Date:  
\$ 40,133

+

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



#### **2017 Expenditures:**

Pool Fence Project  
\$7,467

**Available Balance =**  
**\$54,883**



## Dock and Yard Committee Report:

### MYC New Dock & Yard Chairman



Bill Richardson has agreed to take the position of Chairman of Dock & Yard. Bill is very qualified and has an excellent background in the various marina and yard operations at MYC. Bill has been a member of the club since 1997 and been on the Dock & Yard committee for 10 years. He also served on the Pool Committee for 7 years and been on the membership committee as well. Additionally, Bill was in charge of Haulout & Launch Day in the past years when we stored boats. Bill is a dedicated racer and campaigns his 33' boat "Rampage" for all club events in addition to crewing on many Chicago Mac races. We are very fortunate to have Bill to volunteer for this very important position at MYC. Please thank him or buy him a beer when you see him.



## House Committee Report:

My fellow members,

I want to take a quick moment to remind everyone that house alcoholic drinks are not allowed out the front door of our club. Not only is this a violation of house rules it is also a violation of our liquor license. There is a sign at the front door stating this very thing. We've had two visits from the Liquor Control Commission in very short order this fall. While there are many issues we're currently working through in regards to the visits, the house committee agrees that there is no excuse for alcoholic beverages wandering out the front door. MYC simply does not need the attention that it attracts.

Please be assured that it is not the house committee's nor my wish to have to discipline members who do not follow this simple rule. We want the members to please police ourselves and each other. However, if the behavior continues and means fines, unwanted attention, and the potential risk of our liquor license, the house committee and/or board will be forced to take action. In our interactions with the Liquor Control Commission I can assure you all that our camera system is very clear in the front of the building. More to come as all this progresses.

Thank you very much for your continued support. As always, if you'd like to be a part of the house committee just let me know.

Eric Bombery

House Committee Chair

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Gambit, Slip #49





## From the Business Office:

Please watch your monthly billing statement for your annual membership renewals. **2018 Membership Dues** are being billed this month (December). **2018 Capital Improvement Fund** billing starts next month (January) at \$10 per month. *As always, you may choose to pay a \$100 lump sum for the CIF BY JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> to save \$20.* We encourage you to take advantage of our other convenient options: Paperless Billing Statements, and Automatic Credit/Debit Card Bill Pay. Here's to a great new year!



## News from the General Manager:

Happy Holidays MYC Friends! Like past years, the MYC is hosting a nonperishable food drive to donate to our local shelter over the holiday season. Help us spread some MYC cheer and donate to those in need. There is a bin in the front foyer and items will be collected until December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The MYC had a busy November with tons of events executed. One in particular was our annual Awards Banquet. This year, we had 148 reservations and was the largest one to date. Even with our limited resources and small kitchen, the staff did an AMAZING job executing this event. Way to go team MYC. I was able to take some pictures and have posted them on our FB page and Website. I was also able to take a couple videos, though not the best quality, and have them uploaded to YouTube. The first video is of Sheriff Poulin handing out the Commendations of Valor to the crew of "Aftershock" for their help in rescuing a sailor overboard during the Chicago/Mac race. The second video is of Peter Blacklock awarding Gordon Torresen (accepted by Kathleen Torresen) the 2017 Corinthian Award.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAW7z\\_1KnS0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAW7z_1KnS0) (Sheriff Poulin Speech)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06Cl7NIIWXA&t=14s> (Corinthian Award Speech)



Reminder: When you are bussing your tables, please scrape your plates off into the garbage and bring all cups (plastic or glass) to the bartender on duty. Thank you for your help with this.

The club will be open on Christmas Eve from 1 pm – 8 pm with the kitchen closing at 4 pm. Starting at 5 pm, MYC will be hosting our annual Christmas Eve Potluck. Feel free to bring your favorite dish and join the fun. There will be a hard close at the bar at 8 pm. The club will be closed on Christmas Day and will reopen for normal business hours on Wednesday, 12/27 at 4 pm. The club will be hosting a “Dinner for 2” feature on New Year’s Eve (menu TBD). Plan to join us and ring in the New Year. The MYC will also be open on New Year’s Day, playing the football bowl games on the big screens and surround sound (times TBD). The Club will then remain open for the first week of January with normal business hours. We will be closing on 1/8/18 – 1/25/18 for deep cleanings and will reopen on 1/26/18 at noon!

I encourage all members to contact me with any feedback you may have regarding any aspects of the MYC. Feedback is critical to help improve our services to you. Any and all feedback is welcomed.

Happy Holidays & Stay Warm!

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Thank you MYC Social Committee for the great decorations!



Blake Sowa places the tree-topper



L-R: Renee Rutz, Olivia Naylor, Sharlene Naylor, Rome Palmer

The MYC 2017 Awards Banquet was held November 11<sup>th</sup>







## 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

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3  Jam Session 3pm	4  Closed	5  Closed	6  Euchre Night 7pm	7	8	9
10  WMIYC Meeting 1pm	11  Closed	12  Closed	13  Euchre Night 7pm  Wine Dinner	14	15	16
17  Jam Session 3pm	18  Closed	19  Closed	20  Euchre Night 7pm	21  Board Meeting 7pm	22	23
24  Christmas Eve Open 1- 8pm	25  Merry Christmas  	26  Closed	27  Euchre Night 7pm	28	29	30
31  New Year's Eve Dinner for Two	1  New Year's Day Cub Open					

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