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PORTWATCH

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

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Happy New Year to you and your family! I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. As 2018 begins I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a great year this past 2017 was at MYC.

I also wanted to thank everyone that gave to the employee holiday fund and also donated to the canned food drive for the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Your generosity was much appreciated and does make a difference.

I had the pleasure of attending three awesome parties at the club in December. At the employee Christmas party, the Board Members served the employees and everyone had a great night. A few takeaways worth mentioning: Chef Wes has dancing moves like Travolta, Josh is "Mr. GQ" when not working and our bartenders sure have style and look different when they let their hair down. The Christmas Eve Potluck had lots of great food (I highly recommend the Seifert stuffed jalapenos) and New Year's Eve Dinner & Party were very well attended and I have included some great pictures in this newsletter of these parties for your viewing.

As we move into the month of January, this is the second year in a row that we have been open on New Year's Day and the first week of the month. The idea here was to get members down to the club and enjoy the warmth of the club and camaraderie during the holiday season and watch your favorite teams in the bowl games before closing down for needed cleaning projects. The club will be closed from 1/8 until 1/26 for this cleaning. There are some big projects on the list this year (and every year). One of the major cleaning projects that necessitate the closing of the kitchen and the bar is the deep cleaning of the carpet. We have tried several different commercial carpet cleaners in past years but the employees do a better job themselves by literally getting down on their hands and knees and scrubbing and they insist on doing it this way for the betterment of the club and members. Also, the kitchen gets a top to bottom cleaning with everything removed from it. This goes a long way in contributing to the zero infractions we have received in the past year from the health department on their unannounced inspections -Kudos Team! I think everyone should be happy and proud to know this. We also have a number of miscellaneous repair and interior painting projects to do this year. Not to worry though, the shutdown is over weekends that have events going on other places that you might want to check out. The Chicago Boat, RV & Sail Show is on the first weekend of closing (1/10 -1/14) and will have a number of

sailboats & equipment on display and some great sailing related seminars. The MYC Crystal Mt. Ski weekend is 1/19-1/21 with rooms still available. You don't have to be a skier to come up and enjoy the weekend and by contacting Sue Peters at the club, you can charge it to your MYC account. Also, another great place to go to if you've never been, or revisit if you have, Pigeon Hill Brewery in downtown Muskegon. Pigeon Hill has been a major sponsor of our club and the MYC racing fleet. Two of our most popular selling beers at MYC, Walter Blond Ale & Shifting Sands IPA are proudly brewed there and you're more than likely going to run into other MYC members there as well.

Warm regards and best wishes for another great year and hope to see you on the re-opening on the 26th of January.

Bud Ainsworth
Commodore



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:

\$ 41,974

+

12/31/16 Balance:

\$22,217



2017 Expenditures:

Pool Fence Project

\$7,467

Available Balance =

\$56,724

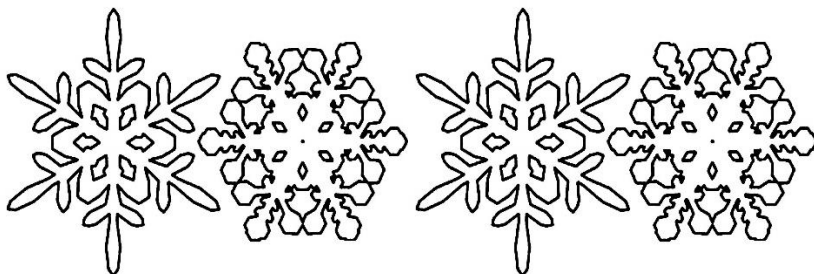
Billing for the 2018 Capital Improvement Fund begins this month (January) at \$10 per month. Alternatively, you may choose to pay a lump sum of \$100 ***by January 31, 2018.*** Please contact Sue in the business office if you have any questions.

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Social Committee Report:

SAVE THE DATE: MYC WINTER PARTY 2/25/2018



The Christmas Eve potluck was festive and well attended.



Santa Scotty Miller and Mrs. Claus Sue Mann



Outside the Club the street was lit up beautifully with luminaries!



From the Business Office:

Please watch your monthly billing statement for your annual membership renewals. **2018 Membership Dues** were billed last month (December) and are now due and payable. **2018 Capital Improvement Fund** billing starts this month (January) at \$10 per month. [As always, you may choose to pay a \\$100 lump sum for the CIF **BY JANUARY 31ST** 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!



Juniors Committee Report:

JUNIOR RACE TEAM EARNS 2017 WMYSA SEASON AWARDS

The members of the MYC Junior Race Team compete both individually - and as a team - in the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association (WMYSA) Championship. This is a series of four very large youth regattas where junior sailing programs from throughout West Michigan gather to compete every other Friday throughout the summer.

Despite being one of the smallest teams in the WMYSA, the MYC Junior Race Team placed 5th overall out of eight teams in the league, just a few points out of 4th place. We had a total of 25 sailors on the MYC Junior Race Team this year. In 2016, we had 26 kids on the team.

In the individual fleets where we had sailors competing, MYC did very well in the league's season totals. Award Certificates were presented to the top three teams in each fleet.

- For the second year in a row, the MYC Laser Full Rig sailors were the **#1 Team in the league!!**
- Our Laser Radial sailors were the **3rd best team in the league**, just 3 points away from being 2nd! This is the second straight year our Radial Team has placed 3rd.
- And, after a long dry spell, our Butterfly sailors returned to the podium this year by being the **3rd highest scoring team in the league**.

JUNIORS RECEIVE 2017 TROPHIES AT ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

At the Annual MYC Awards Banquet on November 11, season trophies for 2017 were presented to the Junior sailors.

The final standings for the MYC 2017 Season Trophies were based upon each sailor's scores against their fellow MYC sailors at the four WMYSA Friday regattas and the season-ending harbor Hospice Regatta / MYC Ulrich Memorial Regatta here at MYC.

These five regattas conducted a total of 18 individual races. To account for sailors whose schedules might have caused them to miss an event, the final season totals counted each sailor's best 14 race scores out of the 18 races completed.



MYC Junior Sailors at the annual Awards Banquet on November 11

In the Optimist fleet, Ben Bakran put his name on the Optimist perpetual trophy for the last time his long and illustrious Opti sailing career. The Eenigenburg sisters began racing for the first time this year and will hopefully be joined by several other new Opti sailors on the team in 2018.

OPTIMIST SEASON	Points
1. Ben Bakran	38
2. Maria Eenigenburg	43
3. Jessica Eenigenburg	50

In the Butterfly fleet, competition for the top spot was very close this year. In the end, Dylan Young won a tie-breaker with Gage Stasko to earn the top spot. Dylan's name will be added to the gigantic perpetual MYC Butterfly Season Champion trophy.

BUTTERFLY SEASON	Points
1. Dylan Young	45
2. Gage Stasko	45
3. Ansel Hartmann	50
4. Bella Lindsay	52
5. Ellie Keessen	78
6. Ben Bakran	86
7. Anthony Gaiser	87
8. Ben Morris	88
9. Anneka Lindsay	112
10. Andrew Koman	119

After finishing third last year, Frank Frisinger climbed to the top of the Laser Radial fleet. Last year's champion, Sarah Corder finished second. Anthony Gaiser's third place finish was noteworthy in that he raced in both Butterflies and Radials this year.

LASER RADIAL	Points
1. Frank Frisinger	18
2. Sarah Corder	23
3. Anthony Gaiser	39

Chance Spencer moved from Radials to Full Rigs in 2018 and showed, once again, why he is a past recipient of the MYC Schiller Most Improved Trophy. Chance sailed a strong consistent season to out distance three closely packed veteran Full Rig sailors in 2nd through 4th. 2018 will be the last year all four of these veteran sailors can compete in West Michigan youth regattas.

LASER FULL RIG	Points
1. Chance Spencer	24
2. Will Bakran	42
3. Joshua Corder	43
4. Torben Johnson	44

The **2017 MYC Schiller Most Improved Trophy** was presented to **Bella Lindsay**. Bella earned this award by displaying a strong commitment to the team and by also serving regularly this summer as one of our volunteer Assistant Sailing School instructors, helping our youngest students overcome their fears and enjoy the sport.

As a veteran member of our Butterfly Fleet, Bella was a great role model for our other Butterfly sailors by always being eager to help the staff and fellow team members load, unload and rig boats at all the regattas we attend.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE JUNIORS!

At the Annual Awards Banquet, several members spontaneously and generously pledged financial support to the Junior Program. Thank you to the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association and everyone who contributed to this effort!

2018 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA DATES

June 29, 2018 at Gull Lake

July 13, 2018 at Spring Lake

July 27, 2018 at White Lake

August 10, 2018 at Macatawa Bay

YOU CAN EASILY FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

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



Every Wednesday night
7 pm!

MYC Round Room!

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





MYC SKI WEEKEND

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JANUARY 19 – 20, 2018

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ROOM

CONTACT CATHY LINDLAND-
YOUNG FOR MORE INFO AT
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News from the General Manager:

Happy New Year MYC Family & Friends! What a wonderful year we had in 2017. So many great memories were made with so many great people. As I look towards the future, I hope 2018 will share many of the same success stories. I am very excited to see what this year will bring and am looking forward to another fun year.

I hope you were able to join us for one of the many events in December. In one month we held a Slip Assignment Meeting, Holiday Dinner, 5 Private Events, 2 Jam Sessions, 1 Board Meeting, Wine Dinner, Christmas Eve Pot Luck, and a New Year's Eve bash – all with great reviews. Way to go staff and committee members!

Thank you to the members who participated in the MYC Can Drive. We are able to donate a very large tub of non-perishable food items to the Muskegon Rescue Mission. Way to go MYC! And, a **HUGE** thank you to the MYC members who donated to the Staff Christmas Fund. Your generosity was very heartfelt and very much appreciated. We are very blessed to have such a great and dedicated staff at the MYC.

Thank you to the MYC Board of Directors & Committee Chairs for our annual Staff Christmas Party. A great time was had by all with many laughs shared!

The club will be closed from January 8, 2018 thru January 25, 2018 for renovations and deep cleanings. This year we will be working on repairing some kitchen issues, carpets, painting, deep cleaning and organizing. Join us for our Grand Re-Opening Party on January 26th to see all of our upgrades.

The MYC will be at the Grand Rapids Boat Show again this year (February 14-18) at Devos Place. We are looking for some volunteers to run the booth. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer if you would like to help!

There are 9 slips left for the 2018 season. Please see Bill Richardson or Kim with questions.

Thank you again for a great year! I look forward to seeing you all on January 26, 2018!

Kim Nguyen
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Staff Christmas Party – thanks for a fun evening!



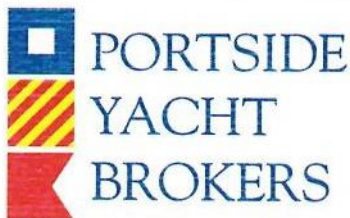
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	1 Happy New Year! Club open 12-9pm	2	3 Euchre Night 7pm	4	5	6
7 Jam Session 3pm	8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Closed
14 Closed	15 Closed	16 Closed	17 Closed	18 Closed Board Mtg 7pm	19 Closed	20 Closed
21 Closed	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Grand Re- Opening! Club open 12pm-11pm	27 Closed
28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31 Euchre Night 7pm			

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