

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# PORTWATCH

MARCH 2018



Jeff & Christine Rollins at the 2018 Grand Rapids Boat Show

Thanks to all the MYC volunteers who manned our booth!

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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:

In like a Lion, out like a lamb.....Wow, can't believe it is March already! With March being such a changeable month, in which we can see warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snowstorms, the weather has become seasonably warm. My favorite part is, it's staying lighter out longer now. I personally flipped the breaker last week to kill the power to the dock bubblers, as the ice has slowly disappeared on Muskegon Lake and has become open water.

Member, Rob Rafson, sent me an interesting article recently, explaining what we are seeing and what is going on right now with the weather. There has been a "Sudden Stratospheric Warming Event" that has fractured the polar vortex in two recently. This has allowed for a ridge of high pressure to amplify Northwest North America and bring unseasonably warm conditions for the end of February and the first half of March. The other half of the vortex is over Western Europe and is having the opposite effect there. It is sending the region into a dangerous deep freeze for the next few weeks. This stratospheric warming event was very extreme, possibly setting records for how sharply temperatures spiked in the upper atmosphere and will allow for our temperatures to become 20 to 25 degrees warmer than normal. If you have a season ski pass, you may want to get all the use out of it now while you can, the deeper we go into March, and the less likely there will be snow.

Another sign that spring is here is the winter boat shows are over and Torresen's Spring Thaw is almost here (and many thanks to all the volunteers who worked the MYC booth at the GR boat show recently). Save the date of March 10<sup>th</sup> for some great deals on all the supplies & equipment you will need to get your boat ready for the water and some excellent free seminars taking place from 9 AM till 5 PM at Torresen's that day. We at MYC, can't thank Brian, Kathleen and their staff enough for all the support they and their late father Gordon, has continually given MYC over the years.

Also coming in March, on the 17<sup>th</sup> our Social Committee's 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day Party at MYC. One of our local celebrities and fellow member, Bill Iddings, will be hosting Irish trivia & limerick contests with dancing to follow. Look like your kind of party? I'm sure you will be bummed out if you miss it.

We hope to see you here in March, and just in case, I'll be standing by to flip the breaker back on.

Best regards,

Bud Ainsworth

Commodore



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### 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

## 2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update

### 2018 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 20,799

+

12/31/17 Balance:

\$59,174



### 2018 Expenditures:

Bar Window/Wall  
(partial) \$35,564  
North walk-in roof  
\$1,970

**Available Balance =  
\$42,439**



# SAVE THE DATE



HARBOR  
HOSPICE  
REGATTA

## August 18, 2018

EXTENDED AND **BIGGER!**  
More details coming soon

Follow Harbor Hospice   for updates



## Juniors Committee Report:

### FORMER JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR TO ATTEND US COAST GUARD ACADEMY



As she nears the end of her second year attending Michigan State University, former MYC Sailing School Instructor Anne Allman recently accepted an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy. Anne's family has sailed for several generations and she also was a member of the Spring Lake High School Sailing Team.

### **MYC SAILING SCHOOL DATES FOR 2018**

The dates, information and registration forms for 2018 Sailing School classes are now posted on the MYC Sailing School web site at [www.mycsailingschool.org](http://www.mycsailingschool.org)

The Sailing School's Learn-to-Sail classes are designed for both beginner and experienced youth sailors age 6-18. There are also evening classes for adults, teens and families. Classes are taught by trained, certified instructors on Optimist, Butterfly, Laser, and JY15 sailboats.

Please mark your calendars and make plans for your children, grandchildren and their friends to take advantage of these great Learn-To-Sail opportunities!

### **MYC JUNIOR RACE TEAM DATES FOR 2018**

In addition to the Learn-To-Sail opportunities offered by the MYC Sailing School, youth sailors can expand their sailing experience by joining the MYC Junior Race Team.

Both experienced and beginner sailors are welcome. Weekly practices and participation in several youth regattas help young sailors improve their sailing skills, build confidence, and learn the importance of personal responsibility as part of a supportive, close-knit team.

Information and registration forms for the MYC Junior Race Team's 2018 activities are now posted on the MYC web site at [www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/](http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/)

### **2018 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA DATES**

The MYC Junior Race Team's 2018 regatta schedule will include attending four WMYSA "Friday" regattas. At these regattas, both beginner and experienced sailors ages 7-18 gather in one place for the day to compete in separate fleets of Optimists, Butterflies, Lasers and Club 420s.

Each of these events attract well over 100 youth sailors from nine different West Michigan youth sailing programs including St Joseph, South Haven, Saugatuck, Holland, Spring Lake, Muskegon, White Lake, Gull Lake and Grand Rapids.

These large, well-run regattas give youth sailors the opportunity to explore other lakes, improve their sailing skills, earn awards, enjoy a fun meal and make new friends from around the region. The 2018 dates for these regattas will be:

June 29, 2018 at Gull Lake

July 13, 2018 at Spring Lake

July 27, 2018 at White Lake

August 10, 2018 at Macatawa Bay

### **2018 ULRICH MEMORIAL JUNIOR REGATTA**

The 2018 Ulrich Memorial Junior Regatta will take place on August 18 at MYC. This event marks the end of the summer sailing season for the MYC Juniors and will, once again, be conducted as part of the Harbor Hospice Regatta. Mark your calendars now and look for more details in future issues of the Portwatch.

### **OTHER 2018 DATES FOR JUNIOR SAILORS**

- July 17-19 Butterfly Nationals at Glen Lake YC
- Aug 1-4 West Michigan Yachting Association "Westerns" at MYC
- Oct 6-7 US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival at Macatawa Bay YC

**CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!**

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



Join Us for Some  
St. Patrick's Day Fun!

*Irish Trivia*

Irish Trivia with MYC member  
Bill Iddings

Play alone or with a group (up to 6  
people) for your chance to win!

Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:00 pm





# MYC Capstan



In response to some curiosity regarding the capstan, (the nautical artifact which rests in the dockside yard), I have some limited knowledge as to its origin and history.

According to the late Austin Freye, a member when the capstan was first brought to the club, “it was recovered by the shore, a short distance from the harbor of Duluth MN”, by two former WWII U.S. Navy divers, Don Pyle, and John Bultema Sr.

Both were employed by Roy Love Marine Construction and Engineering Inc., out of Muskegon. Don, at the time, was Sea Scout master at MYC. John later founded the Bultema Dock and Dredge Company, and was active in founding the Grand Valley Water Research Center in Muskegon.

Austin said that they they were “surprised” to find the capstan where it was located, and that it hadn’t already been recovered.

Roy Love Marine Engineering and Construction Company, at the time, was in the process of cleaning up wreckage off the entrance to the Duluth, MN harbor.

After being notified that the capstan was on display at the club, John Bultema Sr., not to be confused with his son, the late “Big John” Bultema, was interested enough to visit the club and “have a look”. After studying the capstan over for a while, he recalled working at Duluth, “cleaning up wreckage and debris off the entrance”. He remarked: “I remember working up there,” and unfortunately, I don’t recall recovering the capstan”. He also said, “I surely would like to have it”.

The first iron capstans appeared in 1850. This iron capstan is, for the most part, still functional. The pawl rim (base) of the capstan has the cast- in name of the manufacturer, Woodward & Coffin Boston and the serial number with some patent dates (1860s.)

The capstan was removed from the dockside yard in 1985 during the first floating dock construction and stored in the Torresen sheds. It remained there, nearly forgotten, until 1999 when Commodore Steve Schiller had it brought back to the club, refinished, and placed near the front entrance to the clubhouse. Thanks to Torresen Marine!

The “pigeon holes”, in the capstan head, have been plugged to thwart litterbugs and smokers.

The original brass or bronze “capstan cover” is missing. A capstan cover usually displayed the name of the ship on which the capstan was installed. They are prized by souvenir hunters. A fabricated capstan cover has been installed on the capstan head, also to thwart litterbugs. 3 years ago, the capstan was moved from the front entrance, and is now on display in the dockside yard.

Joe Schiller



**The Spinnaker Room was crowded for Bill & Judy Stellin's presentation, "Retiring to the Open Sea: A Sailing Adventure" on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**



# LET'S PLAY!

## CALLING ALL DOMINOES PLAYERS



**EVERY FRIDAY  
AT 12:00 PM  
MYC BAR  
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**FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN!**

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## CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS

**EVERY TUESDAY  
AT 7:00 PM  
MYC ROUND  
ROOM**



**HAVE A DRINK, EAT SOME  
FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS!**



**Dylan Young**

Many of you have watched this young man grow up around MYC, as his parents have been very active in volunteering at the club over the years. As a toddler to now 14 years old, now standing 6 feet tall, taller than his mom Cathy and dad Greg. Dylan recently volunteered the use of his drone with camera and his expertise to fly it over and film our docks, attenuator, and bubblers for the Dock & Yard committee.

The benefit of this is we now have aerial

film footage for future reference for checking the movement of the attenuator and mapping of the bubblers and their effectiveness in their locations. It is also very dangerous for anyone to go out on the outer docks and the attenuator in the winter months to check the bubblers.

Dylan is in 8th grade at Mona Shores and has been flying drones for 4 years. Math is his favorite subject in school and he's thinking maybe he would like to become a structural engineer when he is older. He is on the cross country and rowing teams at school also. Other hobbies of his are snowboarding, bike riding, and sailing, of course, he was 1st place butterfly sailor at MYC this past season. Dylan is looking forward to summer and fishing off the docks at the club and racing with his dad on their boat Spectra. Also, Dylan would like to become a Commodore someday like his father. They would be one of the few father-son Commodore combinations ever at MYC.



On behalf of the Dock & Yard Committee Dylan, thank you for a job well done!

**Dylan Young and his helper, Teddy Gasmann, preparing for takeoff of his drone.**



## News from the General Manager:

After what is arguably one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent memory, Spring is almost here and it's great to finally see the grass again! We will soon be able to put the memories of ice and snow behind us and look forward to our upcoming spring and summer seasons. Staff and committees are already gearing up for another epic summer at MYC. Bring on the warm weather, please!!!

The 2018 Race Calendar has been finalized and is now published on the website. All races have been uploaded to Yachtscoring and registration is now open. We have 8 slips available for the 2018 season - Please see Kim or Bill Richardson if you are interested!

March will be filled with plenty of activities to keep you busy as we wait for that warmer weather: Torresen Spring Thaw on 3/10 along with committee meetings, St. Patrick's Day on 3/17, with the next Wine Dinner on 3/28. Don't forget about our Jam Sessions, Euchre Nights, and Dominoes Lunches!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help at the 2018 Grand Rapids Boat Show! Your help is greatly appreciated and we could not have done it without you. We are always searching for volunteers to help with various projects. If you are interested in volunteering, stop by and see Kim or attend a committee meeting. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your club and your fellow members a little bit better!

Preplan for April – Spring Open House on 4/21.

Keeping with our "Launch Day" tradition, we are planning a "Launch Work" morning for April 28, 2018 at 9 a.m. We may not have any boats to launch, but we do still have all of our outside spring work that needs to be completed: Patio furniture, pool furniture, Adirondack's, picnic tables, gas grills, and firepit need to be brought out of storage and set up! If you can, please plan to attend and enjoy the comradery on this traditional MYC morning! Following the work in the morning, the MYC social committee will be hosting our annual soup & chili cook offs. It is gearing up to be a fun day at MYC!

The MYC apparel case is almost empty of winter stuff and we will soon stock summer items. Please let me know if there is anything specific we can order for you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to make the club more enjoyable for you and your family!

See you around the club,

*Kim Nguyen*

General Manager

[kim@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:kim@muskegonyachtclub.org)



# Soup & Chili Cook Off

*All in One Day!*

**April 28, 2018**

Drop off your soup/chili between

11:30 am – noon

Tastings begin around 12:30 pm

\$5 Tasting Charge



**SUBMIT YOUR  
FAVORITE SOUP  
OR CHILI FOR  
YOUR CHANCE  
TO WIN!**







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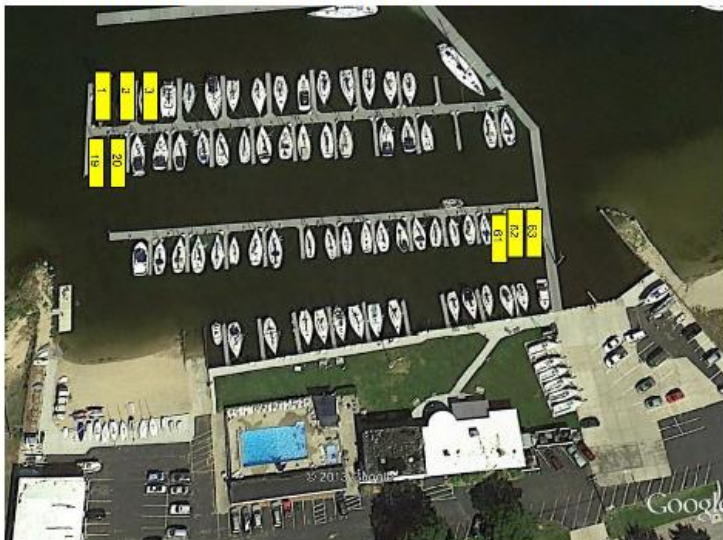
# MYC Launch Day!

**April 28, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

Help is needed to haul and set up our outdoor summer amenities such as: picnic tables, Adirondack chairs, patio furniture, fire pit, grills, pool furniture, etc. Please plan to join us for this MYC Tradition! More details to come soon!

## MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB 2018 OPEN SLIPS



- Slip 1, 46 foot slip, \$3,330 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 2, 46 foot slip, \$3,330 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 3, 46 foot slip, \$3,330 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 19, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 20, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 61, 28 foot slip, \$1,940 for 2018, starboard tie off
- Slip 62, 28 foot slip, \$1,940 for 2018, port tie off
- Slip 63, 28 foot slip, \$1,940 for 2018, starboard tie off

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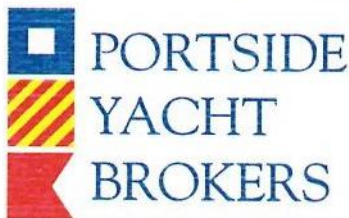
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				1	2	3
4 Jam Session 3 pm	5	6	7 Euchre Night 7pm	8	9	10 Comm Meetings  Torresen Spring Thaw
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins 	12	13	14 Euchre Night 7pm	15 Board Mtg 7pm	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Party! 
18 Jam Session 3 pm	19	20	21 Euchre Night 7pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Wine Dinner  Euchre Night 7pm	29	30	31

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