



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# PORTWATCH

MAY 2018



## MYC JAM SESSION

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***On the Cover:** A good time is had by all who attend the MYC Jam Sessions on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each month!*

## 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:

## April, The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

**The Good:** At our recent open house in April, I'm sure we set a record for most new members signed up in a day, with 15 new members! Way to go and thank you to Membership co-chairs, Cathy Young and Melody Stenstrom and General Manager, Kim Nguyen for all your work on this important day for the club. Many of the prospective new members were recommended to the club by friends that are current members or heard good things about MYC through word of mouth in the boating community. Also, we developed some good networking in this area by exhibiting at the Grand Rapids Boat Show and the Torresen Open House. Again, thank you to the volunteers that have worked the booth at these shows helping spread the good MYC word. I've always said and felt, no contribution is more important than the addition of new members, which constitutes a stable, well-qualified membership base for our club. In addition to the new members, a few of them have rented slips for the season and as of this writing, we only have 5 unrented slips. Again, I think this is a record for the highest occupancy rate ever for the new marina. All the above speaks volumes about what a great group of people we have in our membership at MYC, employees at MYC and what a great facility we have.

We had a very successful "launch day" with a large turnout of volunteers helping get all the Adirondack rockers, picnic tables, patio & pool furniture out of storage, lots of general yard work and clean-up from the winter. Too many people to name here but please check out the picture pages for some action shots.

As we are getting closer to boating season more & more members are coming to the club and this is helping increase the restaurant & bar sales. Many thanks to all the local supporters of the club for your over the winter months patronage, when this business is leaner.

**The Bad:** At MYC we have an issue with our outer dock. It breaks a lot. The weekend of April 14 & 15 it suffered significant damage. We had winds from the East at 25 mph to 40 mph with whitecaps pounding the outer dock for 48 hours. As of this writing, we have a marine insurance adjuster and a structural engineer coming in to inspect the damage. We are anticipating no problems insurance wise, we just don't want to rebuild the outer dock the same way. This is where it could get a little tricky and we are in a holding pattern until these meetings are over and the insurance reports are in. It's going to be a

long process and expect to see a barge or two at the damaged sections this summer and there will be no access to the outer dock for safety reasons. We also had a lot of damage to the lakefront corners of our property, which are going to need shoring up and repair. Additionally, the cold weather has prevented the lakeside front of the building from being stuccoed, thus preventing the awning frame and awning from being installed. I'm hearing the week of May 7th, as we need overnight temperatures to be in the 50's for the stucco to harden properly.

**The Ugly:** The weather. Anytime you're still shoveling snow in Michigan in mid-April, you know it's not that great of a month.

A few boats have launched and are in the marina. The racing season starts this week. Here's to a happy and safe boating season to everyone.

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



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018  
Men & Woman's Derby Hat  
Finery Contest at 6 pm  
"Run for the Roses" at 6:46pm



SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018  
Live Music from "Pretty Rage"  
at 8:30pm  
50/50 Raffle

## JOIN US FOR MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Scrambled Eggs  
 Seasoned Breakfast Potatoes  
 Sausage Links / Bacon  
 Assorted Mini Quiche  
 Croque Madame with Béchamel  
 Maple Bacon French Toast  
 Casserole  
 Biscuits and Gravy  
 Seasonal Seafood Display  
 Spring Salad Bar  
 Assorted Tapas  
 Fresh Fruit Tray  
 Turkey Tenderloin - Roasted  
 Turkey Jus  
 Au Gratin Potatoes  
 Herbed 5 Grain Pilaf  
 Garlic Parmesan Broccoli & Cauliflower  
 Soup Du Jour

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## ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!***

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

Gary Barringer	Full Member	Muskegon
Jeffrey & Kimberly Blum	Full Members	Allendale
Daniel & Julie DeWent	Full Memers	Alto
James & Susan Lawrence	Full Members	Muskegon
Shane & Jessica LeRoux	Junior Members	Norton Shores
Laura & Kevin McCray	Full Members	Muskegon
Tim & Amanda Moser	Ful Members	Muskegon
Jared & Paula Olson	Junior Members	Norton Shores
Juan & Pamella Ramirez	Full Members	Muskegon
Todd & Kelly Rebone	Full Members	Muskegon
Matt Scripps	Full Member	Muskegon
Emily & Jospheh Turek	Junior Members	Ypsilanti
Russell & Barbara Weeks	Full Members	Coopersville
Gary & Julie Westmaas	Full Members	Norton Shores

*And welcome back to the following returning members:*

Christine Mattson & Matt Frankum Full Members Muskegon

## **2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update**

### **2018 Collected**

To-Date:

\$ 27,941

+

12/31/17 Balance:

\$59,174



### **2018 Expenditures:**

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

**Available Balance =  
\$49,581**



## Juniors Committee Report:

### APRIL HAS BEEN BUSY FOR LOCALS IN COLLEGIATE SAILING



While many in West Michigan were on Spring Break in Florida on April 7-8, former MYC Sailing School instructor Mason Wolters and the University of Michigan Sailing Team were busy overcoming frozen sheets and freezing temperatures to win the Big Ten Team Race here in Michigan. Despite the wintry weather, this regatta managed to complete 51 races over 2 days!



Two weeks later on April 21-22, Mason (seen here in the middle) helped the UofM win the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association Team Race Championship. This event took place in slightly better weather conditions on beautiful Lake Mendota at the University of Wisconsin in Madison WI.



While Mason Wolters was sailing to victory in Wisconsin on April 21-22, MYC member Sarah Corder was busy in Chicago participating in the 2nd annual Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association Women's Sailing Clinic.



Sarah, who will be entering Grand Valley State University in the Fall, attended this event with other members of the GVSU Collegiate Sailing Team and approximately two dozen other young female sailors from around the Midwest.

Several talented and well-known female sailors served as the instructors at this clinic. The coaching staff included Katie Tinder, Melinda Lee, local West Michigan sailor Libby Reeg, and Hannah Noll who is the Director of Marketing at Melges Performance Sailboats in Lake Geneva Wisconsin.



The MCSA Women's Clinic, held at the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago, is part of a nation wide effort encouraging and empowering females to engage in the sport of sailing. In addition to classroom training, participants spent a lot of time on the water where they polished their sailing skills, practiced race drills, developed lasting friendships and enjoyed plentiful camaraderie.



### **FORMER INSTRUCTOR SIGNS TO ATTEND COAST GUARD ACADEMY**

While we announced this in an earlier issue of the Portwatch, on April 20 in New London Connecticut, former MYC Sailing School instructor Anne Allman officially signed to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy. Anne is a great example of the benefits of growing up in a sailing family, engaging in youth sailing programs, and giving back to the sport through her service.



## **REGISTER NOW FOR 2018 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES**

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 SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

In addition to sailing classes 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 and 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 racing season for the MYC Juniors and will, once again, be conducted as part of the Harbor Hospice Regatta. Mark your calendars now. 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!

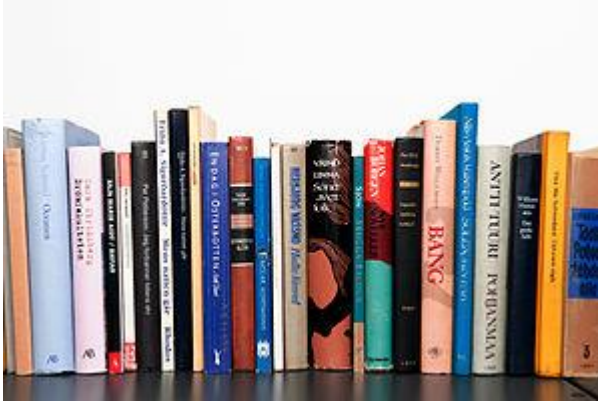
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### *Club Hours of Operation beginning May 8, 2018*

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	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tuesday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Wednesday:	4pm – 11pm	4pm – 9pm
Thursday:	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Saturday:	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Sunday:	12pm – 9pm	12pm – 8pm



## Read Early Read Often Book Drive

Read Early Read Often is a countywide effort to urge parents, siblings, grandparents and community members to read to infants and toddlers. May 12-19<sup>th</sup> is the Muskegon Intermediate School District's kick off for collecting books for young children (0-5) in Muskegon County.

MYC will be collecting books from May 6<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>. MISD's goal is to collect 20,000 – their budget can purchase 10,000 at \$1.50. They have distributed over 6,000 books since January.

Muskegon children need your help. Please consider donating new and gently used books. There will be a box in the MYC lobby. Literacy is the key to success!

Contact Marcia Klemp: [marciaklemp47@gmail.com](mailto:marciaklemp47@gmail.com)  
For more information visit [www.muskegonisd.org](http://www.muskegonisd.org)



## News from the General Manager:

The 2018 Boating Season has finally arrived!

Thank you to all who attended the MYC wine dinners this past winter. They were a huge hit and an overall success. We are looking forward to starting them up again in the fall, and if time allows maybe 1 or 2 in the summer!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the Spring Open House in April. We had a great turn out and numerous new member applications! Please help me in welcoming all of our new members to the MYC family!

There are numerous things happening in May to keep you busy...

- ❖ Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Party – 5/5. Join us for the race on the big screens and surround sound followed by Live music from Pretty Rage at 8:30 pm.
- ❖ Jam Session – 5/6 – 3 pm
- ❖ Spring Hours Start - 5/8
  - Monday – Closed
  - Tuesday – 4 pm – 10 pm: Kitchen Closes at 9 pm
  - Wednesday – 4 pm – 11 pm: Kitchen Closes at 9 pm
  - Thursday – 4 pm – 10 pm: Kitchen Closes at 9 pm
  - Friday – 12 pm – 11 pm: Kitchen Closes at 9 pm
  - Saturday – 12 pm – 11 pm: Kitchen Closes at 9 pm
  - Sunday – 12 pm – 9 pm: Kitchen Closes at 8 pm
- ❖ New MYC Summer menu – 5/8
- ❖ Tuesday night Euchre Night – 5/8
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Official Wednesday Night Race – 5/9
- ❖ Semi-Annual Meeting – 5/11 at 7:30 pm
- ❖ Committee Meetings – 5/12
- ❖ Mother's Day Brunch – 5/13. Reservations are required. Buffet open from 11 am – 2 pm. Regular MYC menu will open at 2 pm.
- ❖ Melges Regatta Weekend – 5/18-5/20
- ❖ MYC Commodore's Cup & Reception – 5/27
- ❖ MYC Clubhouse will be open on 5/28 for Memorial Day 12 pm – 8 pm

If you signed up for the MYC Newsflashes but are not receiving them, please see Kim or Sue. We have noticed some emails getting bumped back to us. When this happens Mailchimp will automatically remove you from the distribution list and unfortunately, we cannot just add you back to the list manually (there is a small process we need to do). This is the best way to stay up to date on all MYC correspondence, so if you have not seen one in a while, stop down and talk to us. We can get you back up and running in no time.

Now that the Adirondack chairs are out of storage, please help preserve them by placing them back on the cement once you are finished using them. Please do not keep them in the grass.

You will begin to see more MYC staff as our busy season hits. Please help me in welcoming them to the MYC family and please be patient with them as they learn our policies and procedures.

Wishing each of you well and cheers to another wonderful boating season at MYC!

Thank you,

Kim Nguyen

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MYC's own Faith Hill & Tim McGraw



Rocking Rob Rafson



Allie & her mother, Zabrina Santiago Lindsay, hosted a very beautiful baby shower at MYC this past month



Emery (5) and Brady (8) Wallace doing cherry cokes & lunch recently on a Saturday at MYC



## Launch Day Volunteers

Many hands make for light work!



Summer's almost here once the pool furniture comes out!



8<sup>th</sup> Grader Dane Rutz used his volunteering time as a warm-up before going off to run in a track meet for Muskegon Catholic Central



Rocker technicians tuning up the chairs for summer



Picture taken by member Jim Fetters on 6/16/17 at 9:30 pm



**EVERY TUESDAY  
NIGHT - STARTING  
5/8/18**

**7 PM**

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## Commodore's Cup and Reception

**SUNDAY,  
MAY 27, 2018**

Race Starts at 12:00 pm  
Parade of Commodores at 3 pm with  
the Annual Pot Luck Luncheon to  
follow  
*(MYC will supply a sandwich bar)*



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## **MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB 2018 OPEN SLIPS**



- 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 20, 38 foot slip, \$2,675 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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~ MYC May 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Wed Spring Challenge Trophy	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Party 
<b>6</b> Jam Session 3 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Summer Menu Begins  Euchre Night 7pm	<b>9</b>  1 <sup>st</sup> Regular Wed Race	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Semi- Annual Meeting 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Committee Meetings
<b>13</b> Mother's Day Brunch RSVP 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Euchre Night 7pm	<b>16</b>  Race Night	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Melges Regatta	<b>19</b>  Melges Regatta
<b>20</b>  Melges Regatta	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Euchre Night 7pm	<b>23</b>  Race Night	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Comm's Cup & Reception	<b>28</b> Memorial Day Club Open 12-8pm	<b>29</b>  Euchre Night 7pm	<b>30</b>  Race Night	<b>31</b>		

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