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JUNE 2018



MELGES REGATTA

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

In looking for inspiration for this month's column, I didn't have to look far at all. All I had to do was look up at the bulletin board in front of my desk. On it, I have my phone contact list from my company, some old MSU ticket stubs from some big games, a list of "ten tips to improve your race results" a yellowing old news article titled LIG, which stands for "letting it go" from former Tribune columnist Becky Rycenga and a Portwatch column from Commodore Greg Smith from 2002, back when the Portwatch was printed and mailed out. I guess I saved the column from 2002 from Greg because I like re-reading every now and then and I've always felt it's the best column ever written by an MYC Commodore.

I feel the message is worth repeating this time of year, as the sailing season has begun and it can pass with the speed of light in our region of the country.

To quote Greg, "for the last three decades life in general has sped up with each passing year. Like a watch getting wound tighter and tighter. It used to be when the weekend came, the family outing was a major thing: sailing, or the famous family drive. Nowadays it's take the kids to soccer (read the paper while watching the game), ask your child who won the game before rushing to lunch with friends, a game of tennis or golf, a quick dinner and catch a movie. Just try and pack as much in each hour as possible. Finally the watch spring popped. Now is a good time to "do less, better". Slow down, smell the roses. Spend the time at the club or on the boat just doing the little things. Not only do the race, but hang around the club after to enjoy the camaraderie of the other sailors. Mental health time for you, them and the sport. I ask what will it take to make this happen. Huge effort by all of us. Us being the people that love this sport. Maybe you think I am living in a dreamland, thinking to make this sport bigger and better by going back to basics, back to the roots. But we are living in changing times. They require us to take a step back and reevaluate what is really important to us. The opportunity is there, the only question is will you take it?"

I first met Greg in 2001 along with another MYC member, Dave Hazlett. All three of us are about the same age and our respective companies had sent us to series of weekly seminars in downtown Grand Rapids. I had only been a member at MYC for a few years at that time and didn't know many people at the club back then. I had been keeping my boat at Great Lakes Marina due to a waiting list at MYC. Greg and Dave both "showed me the ropes" around MYC back then. Greg and his wife Lavonne raced and cruised their Express 30

starting in 1982, when they became members. They have three kids, Brian, who was a young "rockstar" sailor back then and was in demand by every race skipper and went off to sail at the University of Rhode Island. A daughter Megan and a son Nate who works for DV Marine maintaining Windquest and fleet. Sadly, Greg passed away seven years ago in May of 2011. His message from 2002 has lived on with me though and maybe it was meant to be for me to pass on to others while I'm Commodore this year.

I can't speak for every baby boomer, but the older I get, the faster time flies and the more precious and valuable it is. Don't miss out this summer on the wonderful experiences that MYC and sailing can provide. Only this week in May it felt like the "dog days of summer" already over Memorial Day weekend. And like I said, the sailing season in our region can pass with the speed of light.

Best regards, Bud Ainsworth Commodore



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Michael & Elias VandenBroeck Dennis & Lisa Hendryx Full Members Newaygo
Full Members Norton Shores

2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2018 Collected To-Date: \$ 30,881

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12/31/17 Balance: \$59,174



2018 Expenditures:

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

Available Balance = \$52,521

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



Fellow members,

At the May House Committee meeting, the committee discussed budget of the present and future. We carefully discussed revenue vs expense and cost vs value of our service and product. We took data and input from staff, distributed it to smaller groups of experts of members just like you. Those committee members then reported back to the whole committee on their findings. In the end the committee unanimously agreed to raise prices across food and drink to maintain and improve our awesome product.

I can assure you the decision was not taken lightly by the committee nor I, but Article V Section 6C of the bylaws require the committee to set prices. In my nearly three years as house committee chair, this is the first "across the board" increase we've dealt with. We've increased single items from time to time but never this many products at once. This means the house operated over many years on just the normal increase in sales as a result of members purchasing more year after year. This is a huge credit to all our staff's expertise and professionalism, because without them, and their continued goal to improve we would have needed across the board price increases long ago.

House sales continue to rise, as do expenses. I hope most of you understand that in order to keep our quality product and awesome staff this increase is something that had to eventually happen. The committee and I feel very strongly that we need to stay ahead of the game rather than fall behind. If you want more information, please feel free to talk to myself or any of the house committee members.

We're all members just like you and yes... we raised the cost of our favorite items and drinks too. If you'd like to volunteer, like us, just let me know. If you'd like to chat about opinions, just find me, or ask someone to point me out. If you'd like to hear old stories of the days before kitchen staff and how far we've come, I'm happy to share. I've been around this club since 1984 (I was three back then), so not only do I know stories, but most of all I care and want this club to succeed. Thank you everyone for your support.

Eric Bombery, House Committee Chair Gambit, Slip #49

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Juniors Committee Report:



2018 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES START SOON!

Dates, information and registration forms for 2018 Sailing School classes are now posted on the MYC Sailing School web site at 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.

Info and registration forms for the MYC Junior Race Team's 2018 activities are on the MYC web site at 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!

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



Pool Hours - Open weekends only until June 15th

5/26: Noon - 10 pm
5/27: Noon - 9 pm
5/28: Noon - 8 pm
6/2: Noon - 10 pm
6/3: Noon - 9 pm
6/9: Noon - 10 pm

6/10:



Pool Hours - Full schedule starting June 16th

Monday: Noon - 9 pm
Tuesday: Noon - 9 pm
Wednesday: Noon - 9 pm
Thursday: Noon - 9 pm
Friday: Noon - 10 pm
Saturday: Noon - 10 pm
Sunday: Noon - 9 pm

Noon - 9 pm

Lifeguards: Welcome back summer staff!

- Mick Homan Head Lifeguard
- Noah Jacobs
- Parker Reynolds
- Sydney Peterson

Reminders:

- Please make sure to sign in every time you enter the pool area – this is a MUST.
- •\$2 per each guest pass member charge only.
- If the weather forecast shows that temps will not raise above 65 degrees for the day or if there is heavy wind in addition to 65-68 degrees or lower temp, the pool will be closed for the day.
- No running on the pool deck.
- Please bus your tables when you are finished eating.
 Recycling and garbage receptacles are located by the entrance of the pool.
- Have fun!



Please review pages 44 & 45 in your Red Book for a full list MYC Pool Rules. Pets & smoking are prohibited in the pool area.



News from the General Manager:

Now that the summer 2018 season is upon us and the boats are in the water, it's time to get out and enjoy all of the festivities the MYC has planned for the month. Last month was fun-filled with tons of things to do; such as the annual Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Parties, the last Jam Session of the season, Mother's Day, Melges Regatta, and the annual Commodore's Cup and Reception. Thank you to all who came out and helped make these events successful. And, thank you to everyone who brought a dish to pass to the Commodore's reception. Everything looked so yummy!

Looking forward, June is packed with tons of events and fun for the whole family. Euchre night will now be held on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. This is a perfect way to wind down your evening – friends, food, drinks, and cards! Join us for the Spring Regatta (6/2 & 6/3), Governor's Cup (6/16 & 6/17), or Trans Michigan (6/22) race in June. Due to the unfortunate damage to our outside attenuator, the Power Boat day scheduled for 6/15 has been canceled at MYC. The power boats will still be out and about with the Poker Run and Parade of Power down the channel. Visit https://mkgpowerboat.weebly.com/ for a complete list of all activities. Also, in June, we will be hosting a new member reception, and 4+ private events. It is definitely gearing up to be a great month.

Please help me in welcoming the following people to the MYC Team and please be patient with them as they learn MYC policies and procedures.....

Welcome back Lawson Sowa – Dockhand, second season Welcome back Ian Robinson – Dockhand, second season Welcome back Mick Homan – Head Lifeguard, second season Welcome back Noah Jacobs – Lifeguard, second season Welcome back Parker Reynolds – Lifeguard, second season Welcome back Sydney Peterson – Lifeguard, second season Welcome BJ Gould – Kitchen Staff

Thank you, thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped this past month and who continue to help with all of our projects; from spreading mulch, fixing our picnic tables, launch activities, pool prep, installation of the awning frame and canopy, re-staining the adirondack chairs, and other various MYC tasks...we could not do it without you. So again, thank you!

There are some summer items in the MYC apparel case for sale along with our large and small burgee flags, stickers, license plates, coozies and more! More to be stocked soon! Ask the bartender on duty for assistance.

I encourage all members to take a moment and read the new MYC summer menu. Some items have been discontinued and some items are new. This is the best way to stay informed on what is available and what is not available (regular blue cheese dressing is now on the new summer menu). Please make sure to bus your tables when you are finished eating, inside and outside. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

On a personal note: Thank you to everyone who gave me such great planning advice as we went on our first large family vacation to Florida a few weeks back. We had such a great time. We visited Discovery Cove, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, Sea World, Cocoa Beach, Old Town (Kissimmee). I left with my heart full of memories with my family and an empty bank account (LOL). All in all, I would not have changed anything. Too many things to list, but a fantastic time. I appreciate all of the words of wisdom, as all of that "insider" information really did help in making our dreams come true.

Lastly, the MYC Staff is here to serve you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable. Wishing you well and cheers to a great summer on the lakeshore.

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen
231-755-1414
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

Club Hours of Operation

	Bar Hours	
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

MEN, WOMEN, TEENS AND FAMILIES

MYC - Butterfly Night

Monday Evenings 5:30pm — 8:30pm TWO SESSION ORIENTATION - \$75.00 per person \$25 Drop-in for experience sailors

> June 25 – August 13 Muskegon Lake



Contact Roger at mkgsailing.com or phone 616-915-3805

Outer Dock Update:

Hanover Insurance has approved the MYC claim to cover the repairs for the outer dock damage from the April 14th & 15th storm. We are currently working with Tucker Marine to secure a date to remove the first damaged section and replace it with a barge. Everything possible will be done to secure the barge with bumpers to minimize the banging noise from wave action for boats in our marina and our neighbors while this work is performed.

Kentucky Derby & Cinco De Mayo Parties

The month of May kicked off with Rome Palmer & the Social committee doing double duty by hosting both a Kentucky Derby Party and Cinco de Mayo Party on the same day. There was a "Best Derby Hat Contest" and party goers rocked out to the band "Pretty Rage" with MYC's own Bob Butcher on lead guitar. Member turnout was huge for one of the best party days ever at MYC.



Pretty Rage with MYC member Bob Butcher, lead guitarist





Hat or no hat, Judy Freye always styles!



James and Renee Davis with a Sparky photo bomb





Jules and Rob Terry



Jimbo Bennett, Cathy Young, Kerri Bennett, Jill Vanos



Derby hat contestants



So many beautiful hats, the judges had a difficult decision



New member Lori Videto won the "Best Derby Hat" contest

Canopy Installation

When the new windows were installed in the bar area and round room last fall, the outside walls had to be re-stuccoed. With the awning frame down and no longer mounted to the building, it was determined it could be raised up to allow more light into the bar area. Jon Tasker stepped up and engineered this project and determined the awning could be raised 8". It took 15 volunteers to move the awning frame and at a critical juncture of raising it and mounting the frame to the wall, 10 more Melges 24 sailors jumped in and helped lift it up.



Jon Tasker leading the charge!





Jousting – the latest MYC lawn sport







The extra 8" in height added to the awning frame made for a difficult install.

Melges 24 sailors jumped in and lent a hand.





Jon even took a "header for the team of volunteers when a pipe swung down and hit him in the head. With two doctors and two nurses in attendance, they had his head wound glued up and he was back to work to see the job completed.





Student's Name:		Age:		M/F	
Address:			City:		Zip:
Parent's Names:					
Email Address:					-:
Fees: MYC Member	\$50	Non Member_	\$60	(Sessions a	are Monday-Friday)
Cash Check	M	YC #	_		

Lessons are 30 minutes in length. See reverse side for Class Level Skills

Session 1 June11th-15th Monday-Friday Circle Session and Level

Level #1 (4:00-4:30pm) 2-3years old Level #2 (4:45-5:15pm) 3-4years old Level #3/#4 (5:30-6:00pm)5-7years old Level #5/#6 (6:15-7:00pm)7years old-up

Session 2 June 18th-22nd Monday-Friday Session 3 June 25th-29th Monday-Friday Session 4 July 9th-13th Monday-Friday Session 5 July 16th-20th Monday-Friday

Circle Session and Level

Level #5/#6 (9:30-10am) 7 years old -up Level #4/#5 (10:15-10:45am) 5-6years old Level #2 (11:00-11:30am) 3-4years old Level #1 (11:45-12:15pm) 2-3years old

Any questions please contact:
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(231)638-0803

Muskegon Yacht Club Swim Lessons

Instructor: Mick Homan Swcoach07@gmail.com (231) 638-0803



American Red Cross Swimming Lessons Level 1-6

Level 1-Introduction to Water Skills (Age 2-3years)

Objective: To help students feel comfortable in the water and to enjoy the water safely

Requirements: None

Skills Covered: Entering and exiting the water safely, learning to submerge mouth, nose and eyes and breath control, front and back float and recovering to a stand, changing direction in the water, swimming 5 feet on front and back.

Level 2-Fundamental Aquatic Skills (3-4years)

Objective: To give students success with fundamental skills

Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 1 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 1 skills

Skills Covered: Entering water by stepping or jumping in from the side, submerging entire head, blowing bubbles, open eyes underwater, front and back glide, swim 15 feet on front and 10 feet on back, swim on side, life jacket use

Level 3-Stroke Development(4-6Years)

Objective: To build on skills in Level 2 through additional guided practice

Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 2 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 2 skills

Skills Covered: Jump into deep water, head first entry from sitting or kneeling, submerging and retrieving an object, bobbing, survival float for 30 seconds, treading water for 30 seconds, front crawl 15 yards, butterfly 15

feet, back crawl 15 yards, elementary rescues, safe diving, check-call-care

Level 4-Stroke Improvement (5-7years)

Objective: To develop confidence in the strokes learned thus far and to improve other aquatic skills by increasing endurance through swimming greater distances

Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 3 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 3 skills

Skills Covered: diving, underwater swimming, feet-first surface dive, 1 minute of survival floating, treading and back floating, 25 yards of front crawl, breaststroke and back crawl, 15 yards of butterfly and elementary backstroke and sidestroke, compact jump from height in a lifejacket, throwing assists and caring for conscious choking victim

Level 5-Stroke Refinement (6-10years)

Objective: Coordination and refinement of strokes
Requirements: Students entering this level must
possess a Level 4 certificate or demonstrate all the Level
4 skills

Skills Covered: Shallow dive, tuck and pike surface dives, 2 minutes of survival floating, back float and treading water, flip turns on front and back, 50 yards front and back crawl, 25 yards butterfly, breaststroke, elementary backstroke and sidestroke, 2 minutes of survival swimming, rescue breathing

Level 6-Swimming and Skill Proficiency (10-up)

Objective: Refine strokes so students swim them with more ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances; includes "menu options" - Personal Water Safety, Fitness Swimmer and Fundamentals of Diving

Requirements: Students entering this level must possess a Level 5 certificate or demonstrate all the Level 5 skills

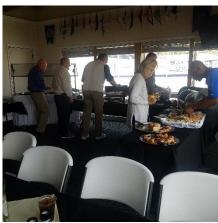
Skills Covered: 500 yards continuous swim using 100 yards each of fromt & back crawl, 50 yards each of breastroke, elementary backstroke, sidestroke & butterfly and 100 yards choice of any of those strokes, survival floating and back floating 5 minutes each, feet first surface dive & retrieve an object from 7 feet, Cooper 12-minute swim test.

Mother's Day Brunch 2018





















Melges Regatta May 19-20







Riley Davis & Sadie Burns (11) along with Karter Davis (9) relaxing after picking up trash and glass in the beach area.

You kids are awesome! Thank you from MYC!



Adirondacks

Dean Runk & Joel Seifert lead a group of volunteers to give the Adirondack rocking chairs a much-needed cleaning and staining. All the chairs are now matched in color, stained driftwood grey.









Be sure to follow MYC members, Dave and Sharon Ellens, along with their dog Max, as they leave on their Beneteau 411 sailboat, *Adventures Await*, at the end of June for the Caribbean. You can follow us on our website at www.svadventuresawait.com where there are links to our Blog, Facebook page, Instagram and Youtube videos. We are planning a 2 - 3 year adventure with hopes of reaching as far south as Grenada at some point on our journey. After leaving in June we will traverse the Trent/Severn Waterway, the last third of the Erie Canal, past New York, down the East Coast of the US, and after a stop at the Annapolis Boat Show in October, we will reach Miami by the middle of December. We will then hop over to the Bahamas at some point, Turks and Caicos, and on from there.

Adventures Await! Dave and Sharon

Commodore's Cup and Reception May 27, 2018















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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 MYC Spring Regatta
3 MYC Spring Regatta	4	5 Euchre Night 7pm	Race Night	7	8	9 Committee Meetings
10	11	12 Euchre Night 7pm	13 Race Night	14 LMSS Double Handed Race to Port Washington	15	16 New Member Orientation Governor's Cup
17 Governor's Cup	18	19 Euchre Night 7pm	20 Tripp Cup Race Night	21	22 Trans MI Trophy Cup	23 Trans MI Regatta
24	25	26 Euchre Night 7pm	27 Race Night	28	29 WMYSA Regatta at Gull Lake	30

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