



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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SUNRISE AT MYC

Morning of Double Handed Race to Port Washington

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

“What an incredible place to race sailboats,” said the old guy next to me on the MYC patio as we recently watched a Wednesday night race as boats beat past the outer dock. “You probably don’t even know how good you have it here!”

Sometimes it takes a stranger – from a place called Katy, Texas, no less, to remind us of how lucky we are to sail on Muskegon Lake and live in this area. It was a drop-dead gorgeous Wednesday night as opposed to some of the previous weeks and my boat was still in the shed waiting bottom paint. MYC’s Wednesday Night Race Series is the biggest series of sailboats racing at any yacht club on Lake Michigan, outside of Chicago. With five divisions- three PHRF spinnaker, one PHRF jib & main and a Melges 24 one design there's a division for every boat and everyone. “The series really accommodates every kind of sailor,” explains longtime racer, Brad Alkema. “Depending on your boat and how intensely you want to race, you can find a division to race in.” We have a mix of hot-shot racing boats and we’ve got cruising boats in the PHRF divisions but the races are so close, it’s almost like one design racing. The Melges 24 fleet is really tough, competitive sailing. “Every leg and every tack is different, and I learn something new every time I go out there.” “I never make the same mistake twice, but I make about ten new ones in every race,” says Melges 24 skipper Eric Landman. “Everyone is friends on shore and at the club afterward but it’s certainly one of the most competitive racing venues out on the water you will ever find” echoes longtime racer and Lake Lanier transplant, Bobby Cox. If you’ve never crewed or raced your own boat on a Wednesday night, I highly recommend it. Any club member that’s interested in crewing opportunities this season or racing their own boat, please feel free to contact me. Also, I can’t help but mention the special lure of Muskegon Lake on a midweek Wednesday evening. The powerboats are nowhere to be seen, there’s no irritating power boat chop or motor rumbblings, the lake is uncannily peaceful with usually just a few fishermen out. “It’s a beautiful time to be on the lake,” says my longtime crew member Kerri Bennett. After the racing is done for the evening and seeing the gorgeous sunset on the water makes you

feel like life is right.” “It’s never the same, the sunset is always different,” explains Kerri.

Additionally, and very important, we have been blessed to have outstanding Race Committees over the years at MYC. This year and the past four seasons is no exception with Jon & Jessica Ledsworth volunteering their time to head-up our Race Committee. And there was a fifth transition year also when Peter Blacklock and the late Jim McColl helped train them. Jon & Jess have spent time in the off-season attending race seminars and certification classes to form the best race committee (and lovely couple) of any yacht club in the great lakes. Every racer appreciates the time they have given to the club and the **“Thank You Race Committee!”** is the traditional saying when you get the finish horn at the end of a race. I know it is sincerely felt, and said by this racer, and all racers at the club to Jon & Jess too.

Sincerely,
Bud Ainsworth
Commodore



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Sue Bergmans	Full Member	North Muskegon
David & Dianne Bernd	Full Members	North Muskegon
Jana & Stephen Czerwon	Junior Members	Muskegon
Nicholas & Anne Darby	Junior Members	Sand Lake
Andrew & Erin Harris	Full Members	Norton Shores
Jennifer & Anthony Keaney	Full Members	Muskegon
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2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2018 Collected

**To-Date:
\$ 32,993**

+

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



2018 Expenditures:

Bar Window/Wall
\$41,840
North walk-in roof
\$1,970

**Available Balance =
\$48,357**



House Committee Report:

Over Memorial Day weekend, we had a perfect storm of the pool opening and beautiful weather. Unfortunately, this caused many issues and complaints over the weekend. First, it was just plain overcrowded. Please remember that all member pool users must sign in and any non-member guests, per our red book, must be signed in and paid for at the pool. Also, no guest may use the MYC pool, or other MYC facilities, more than 3 times a year. This excludes small children being accompanied by an adult member. Please encourage any of your guests who love our pool to join the club.

Second, due to the overcrowding, glass containers on the pool deck, and other complaints from members, House Committee has unanimously voted to not allow coolers on the pool deck. It is our hope that this will help with many of the complaints and overcrowding. Please remember that glass containers have never been allowed at the pool, and please (re)familiarize yourself with pool rules in your red book.

Third, our amazing minimal kitchen staff was quite overwhelmed trying to find members outside while delivering food. It takes much too long for our staff to find members outside, so starting immediately, when you ask for food to be delivered outside you will be given a number to display. Please continue to be as descriptive as possible about your location, and display the number as conspicuous as possible so our staff can find you in a timely manner. Please note that your food will be delivered to the location of your number whether you're present or not, in order to keep our staff moving. Finally, please return the numbers to staff after your meal is complete and your table is bussed.

The House Committee is really trying not to overreact to the many complaints on our first great pool weekend. We always ask for our members to respect the rules and help us remind members who are not following them. Let's make this an awesome pool season together. As always, if you want to discuss ideas contact me anytime or find me at the club.

Eric Bombery
House Committee Chair



Membership Committee Report:

New Member Orientation

The MYC Membership committee held a New Member Orientation on June 16, 2018. New members are invited to attend this twice yearly event to learn more about club procedures and information contained in the Red Book. A question and answer session follows, as well as the opportunity to meet and socialize with other members.

We were happy to have eleven of our newest members join us. It was a pleasure to meet and learn more about all of them.

Please take a look at the MYC Membership Bulletin board located in the Spinnaker Room to see pics of those who attended. If you were unable to attend and would like to provide a photo to be added to the board please contact Melody Stenstrom, melodystenstrom@gmail.com

Muskegon Yacht Club Website - www.muskegonyachtclub.org

If you are new to the club or have not been to our website lately there are some new features that allow you to navigate the site more quickly. On the Main Menu you will see a "Quick Links" tab. Click this to find access to the following areas: Member Login, MYC This Week, Current Menu, Photos, Race Results, Events, Make a Payment, and Mailing List Sign Up.

There are also boxes located on the Home page that will take you to the 2018 Racing Schedule and to info regarding the 2018 Swim Lessons.

Our website provides a host of information regarding the features of the club as well as a private login that gives access to members-only information such as the Portwatch newsletter and Red Book Handbook. (Paper copies of the Handbook may be purchased for \$5.)

The footer area contains the current hours for the club, weather forecast, FAQ's, Helpful Links, and other sources of information.

Check out the site and give us some feedback!



Juniors Committee Report:



LEARN TO SAIL CLASSES ARE HAPPENING NOW!

Dates, information and registration forms for 2018 Sailing School classes are available 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. There is even a free shuttle service to and from Pointe Marine on the north side of Muskegon Lake! Please encourage your children, grandchildren, their friends and your neighbors to take advantage of these great Learn-To-Sail opportunities!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MYC JUNIOR RACE 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/

WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA at GULL LAKE



On June 29, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to Gull Lake near Kalamazoo for the first of 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.

The Gull Lake WMYSA Regatta attracted 87 total boat entries and well over 100 youth sailors from nine different West Michigan youth sailing programs.

The MYC Junior Race Team had the third most boats registered for this event and, after the fleets completed four races, ended the day tied for 4th Place overall in total team points.

Results at Gull Lake for MYC Junior sailors were as follows:

OPTIMIST RWB	Simon Frisinger 16 th
	Hugh Frisinger 18 th
BUTTERFLY	Ben Bakran 8 th
	Ansel Hartmann 9 th
	Dylan Young 10 th
	Gage Stasko 15 th
	Garret Riehl 17 th
	Ben Morris 20 th
LASER RADIAL	Sarah Corder 8 th
LASER FULL RIG	Josh Corder 3 rd (lost a 3 way tiebreaker for 1 st)
	Chance Spencer 5 th



Pictured here at Gull Lake are Sarah Corder, Ben Bakran, Chance Spencer and MYC Sailing School Instructor Frank Frisinger.

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2018 WMYSA REGATTAS:

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 UPCOMING 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

FOR MORE INFO REGARDING THE SAILING SCHOOL AND JUNIOR PROGRAM

Contact Roger Zuidema

lkeffect@gmail.com

616-915-3801

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

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

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



2018 Summer Pool Hours

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| .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 |

MYC-PCC VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



From Left: Job Coach: Lori, Dawson, Marcus, Heidi, Michael, Autum, Isccc

During the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed some extra helping hands around the club. This is because MYC has teamed up with Port City Consulting LLC, a program that allows students to gain meaningful work experience, while helping them determine what type of work they like. Port City Consulting is run by MYC member, Brenda Weiner, and she works in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services. Brenda receives referrals from MRS, who funds the wages for the students and job coaches. PCC works with the MRS Counselors and students throughout the school year to help prepare these young students for their summer work experience. Brenda has around 60 students working at state parks, camp grounds, and other various businesses around Muskegon. This program not only helps these students build their resumes, but also gets them acclimated to a “work environment”. Brenda approached me about the possibility of having some volunteer students work at MYC this summer and I couldn’t be happier that we were able to make this happen!

We've been given the opportunity to work with 6 students and 1 job coach. They will be here Tuesday-Saturday from 10-2pm each week through August 10th. In their first 2 weeks, they have accomplished quite a bit; from spreading mulch and raking the beach to the day-to-day cleaning of the inside and outside of club and grounds. Now that they've had a couple weeks to learn the ropes, I'm excited to expand their experiences with various projects, while still keeping the day-to-day routine cleaning and upkeep going. They have already been such a tremendous help and are an absolute joy to work with! If you see them around, please don't hesitate to say Hi and extend to them a warm MYC welcome!

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or questions regarding this program.

Best Regards,
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Facilities Manager
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Meet Frank Frisinger

MYC Head Sailing School Instructor 2018

Frank is 17 years old and is going to be a senior at Grand Haven High School this fall. His favorite subject is science and he would like to study Criminal Psychology in college. Colleges of interest to him are MSU & Old Dominion. He also is planning on being on the college sailing team at whichever college he attends.

Before becoming Head Instructor at MYC this year, he was the assistant in 2017 and has gone through MYC's sailing school too, where he was a National Butterfly Champion. Some of Frank's earliest sailing memories are sailing prams off the old "T" dock. Currently, Frank sails on a range of different size sailboats; from Rob Terry's Melges 24 in the MYC summer Wednesday night

series, to Carl Hanssen's J 111, Variance, for the Chicago- Mac, and Frank is going to race his own Laser in the Western's at MYC, the first week of August.



Frank Frisinger right, giving father Jimmy left, tips on sail shape & repair.

Frank comes from a family of longtime sailors with a rich history of success and winning. His grandfather John is a life member at MYC and campaigned for the J35 called "The Neighborhood Kids" at MYC in the "90's". His father Jim owns BBS sails out of Muskegon where Frank works part time also. The Frisinger family has had a Melges 24 & an Ensign 24 in the past also in which they campaigned as a family. Frank says sailing and racing on those boats with his grandpa, dad, and younger brothers have helped teach him to become the sailor he is today and sailing with his family has been his all-time favorite sailing memories.

Welcome aboard Frank and thank you very much for being our Head Sailing School Instructor for 2018!

MYC Members: If you don't always read through the Portwatch, please take the time to review this one. And please share this information with family and friends that you boat with. Especially if you have children on your boat:

Electric Shock Drowning

Electric shock drowning (ESD) is a very serious concern because there is no way you can see the danger. **No one should ever swim or dive in the water at MYC.** Boats and our docks can give off electrical current that is conducted through the water. Anyone in the water could potentially be electrocuted and drown. This is more common than you might realize and nearly every summer a person in the Great Lakes region dies from ESD.

For more information about Electric Shock Drowning see www.electricshockdrowning.org.



Crew Finder

The Membership committee is working with the Race Committee to help provide resources for crew seeking. This will enable an online resource for people who are looking to crew on boats and boats that are seeking crew to find one another.

Yachtscoring.com offers this service and is available for several of the MYC racing events.

You simply click to the Race Event such as **Muskegon Yacht Club 2018 Wednesday Night Series** and go to the **Crew/Boat Boards** link. From there you can enter your info.

The crew finding tool is set up for each separate race event. If you want to enter your info for a particular race you would need to go to that race event and go to the Crew/Boats board link. Below are links to the Wednesday Night Series and a few upcoming events:

2018 Muskegon Yacht Club - Wednesday Night

Series <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4637>

2018 Muskegon Yacht Club - Harbor Hospice

Race <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4652>

2018 Lake Michigan Clipper

Cup <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4647>

89th Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship

Regatta <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5922>

Parking Lot Repairs

Recently in June, MYC had a number of asphalt repairs done to the parking lot. We elected to just do the really bad spots this year where the old asphalt had broken down into potholes & gravel. Jim Fetters from the Dock & Yard Committee oversaw and coordinated this project and important repairs. Capital Improvement Funds (approximately \$1500) was used to pay for the improvements. With outer dock storm damage and high water expense issues looming this year, we've elected to hold off on redoing the whole parking lot for a couple more years. The repairs turned out excellent and should add a few more years to the existing lot's lifespan.



Teddy Gassmann "road testing" the new asphalt repairs for MYC



News from the General Manager:

Happy July MYC Friends! I cannot believe how fast time flies by. July already.....WOW!

Last month was a huge success with tons of activities & races executed. July will be much of the same!

Reminder – All pets must be on a leash while on MYC property. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Did you know our current kitchen area (including dishwashing space) is about 300 square feet? Please be patient with our kitchen staff, who are always trying their best to get your food out to you as fast as possible. As our membership increases, your wait time on busy nights will increase too. Thank you for understanding and supporting the MYC kitchen. Always, feel free to contact MYC if you are planning to have a large party in for dinner. Just that small FYI helps out tremendously. Also, due to new Health Department regulations, MYC can no longer use curing salts in our house made food without being certified. Curing salts help preserve food and preserves the color of the cured meats. Unfortunately, this does affect our house made corned beef. Although, it is not as pink as you are used to, the flavor and freshness is still there. The Chef has assured me that he is working hard to find the next best replacement to adhere by all Health Department regulations.

In addition to the plastic and paper/carboard recycling the MYC staff has done for many years, did you know that we also recycle all glass containers? To help expand our recycling efforts even more, we now have a couple of new recycling bins outside for your use. We will soon have another set of recycling bins inside for your use also. Let's help the environment by placing all of your waste in the appropriate bin. If you have any glass containers that need to be recycled, please give them to the bartender on duty.

We are down to only 1 slip left for the 2018 season. See Kim if you are interested. This is the fullest I have seen the marina since I started here 6 years ago. Way to go MYC.

Cheers to some fun in the sun!

Kim Nguyen

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Carpet Cleaning June 2018



WOW! It's amazing how dirty the carpets get in such a short time!
Thank you Rug Rover for doing such a great job.

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



Rear Commodore Tim Wallace installing the new flag pole light, donated by member Rob Rafson. Many thanks to both!

Club Hours of Operation

	<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

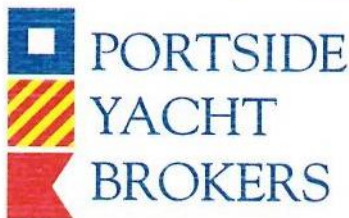
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1	2	3 Euchre Night 7pm	4 	5	6	7 MYC Nedeau Cup
8 MYC Nedeau Cup	9	10 Euchre Night 7pm	11 Race Night	12	13	14 Committee Meetings
15	16	17 Euchre Night 7pm	18 Race Night	19 Board Meeting 7pm	20	21 Pursuit Race to Whitehall
22	23	24 Euchre Night 7pm	25 Race Night	26	27	28
29	30	31 Euchre Night 7pm	WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC	WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC	WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC	WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC

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