



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

AUGUST 2018



Cole Blum and Ben Bakran

Cruising to a 6th place finish in the highly competitive Butterfly class at the recent Spring Lake Invitational. Cole & Ben were the highest place finishers from MYC in the Butterfly class out of 30 boats from 6 different yacht clubs.

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Portwatch Submissions:

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Deadline for content
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month.

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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.



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Leading off this month with an outer dock update: The first (and worst) section was pulled from the water on July 11th. Hanover Insurance had an adjuster here on the 20th of the month to determine a dollar amount to repair the pulled section (there are 5 sections). It was generally agreed that the first section is too badly damaged and beyond repair. We are currently waiting to hear a dollar amount (should be this week) from Hanover on what they will pay out to us on the first section. This dollar amount then can be applied to a new design of our choice. This is going to be a step by step process for each section.



Damaged outer dock section

What is ESD? Many of you are asking what ESD is after seeing the “No Swimming due to ESD” signs placed on the docks recently. ESD stands for electric shock drowning. 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. **No one should ever swim or dive in the water off the docks at MYC.** MYC is going to conduct a “current leakage” test of every boat in the marina. Jon Tasker is heading-up this important club project and it only takes a few minutes per boat. Please sign up on the sheet at the club to schedule a time for your boat

or text him at (616-502-2184). For more information about Electric Shock Drowning see www.electricshockdrowning.org

The Westerns are here! Wednesday, August 1st thru Saturday the 4th, MYC will be hosting this prestigious regatta which was formed in 1929. Josh Wallace is Commodore of the WMYA and has been involved in a lot of hard work and planning this event at MYC for over a year. We will have some parking lot issues during the days of the regatta which may inconvenience some of our membership. Racing each day will be over by 4pm allowing our MYC membership convenient access back in the club parking lot. This event is a great time to show off what a beautiful club we have, our excellent sailing venue on Muskegon Lake and what a fine membership and staff we have. Additionally, we expect the club to have a nice increase in food and beverage sales during this regatta. Social events are open to all of our membership. We will have an open liquor license during this event and volunteers are still needed to help with parking lot supervision. Please contact Josh at: Joshua@mckenzieprice.com or text at 231-206-3567 if you can help out. Besides a big thank you to Josh for hosting this event we owe the Melges 24 fleet and Torresen Marine a big thank you too for moving and storing all to Melges down the street at Torresen's for two weeks to create more parking space at MYC.

I'd also like this month to acknowledge and express our heartfelt gratitude from MYC to Andy Price and his crew on Arma, Nic Siefert, Mike Gassmann, Dave Fox, Mark Reagan, Jay Wallace, Chris Eggert and Magnus Clarke for their selfless sacrifice during the recent Chicago Mackinac race. A couple of hours after the start of the race, Arma blew out its mainsail dashing their hopes of a podium finish on the new boat. Having to return back to Chicago, they came upon the scene of an ongoing search of a missing sailor who had fallen overboard, just an hour earlier and his life vest hadn't inflated. Sea state conditions were extremely rough with waves 6' to 8' high and winds 20 to 25 mph. Andy and his crew spent close to 4 hours helping search for what would be similar to searching for a needle in a haystack. Although the missing sailor was not found, the crew of Arma are truly heroes for trying.

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:

**Marshall Lystra
Lisa & Aaron Potts**

**Full Member
Full Members**

**Grand Haven
North Muskegon**

2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2018 Collected

To-Date:

\$ 35,327

+

12/31/17 Balance:

\$59,174



2018 Expenditures:

Bar Window/Wall

\$41,840

North walk-in roof

\$1,970

Available Balance =

\$50,691

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



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!

WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA at SPRING LAKE



On July 13, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to Spring Lake for the second 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 Spring Lake WMYSA Regatta attracted 85 total boat entries and well over 100 youth sailors from seven different West Michigan youth sailing programs.

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

OPTIMIST RWB	Hugh Frisinger 20 th Simon Frisinger 23 rd
BUTTERFLY	Ben Bakran 6 th Gage Stasko 9 th Ben Morris 13 th Dylan Young 16 th Garret Riehl 18 th
LASER RADIAL	Chance Spencer 10 th Sarah Corder 11 th Anthony Gaiser 12 th

UPCOMING DATES FOR 2018 WMYSA REGATTAS:

July 27, 2018 at White Lake

August 10, 2018 at Macatawa Bay

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/

2018 BUTTERFLY NATIONALS at GLEN LAKE

On July 17-19, three MYC Junior sailors traveled to Glen Lake for the 2018 Butterfly National Championships. Sailors at this event can compete in the “Junior” Division, the “Open” Division, or both divisions. This year, 42 boats raced in the Junior fleet and 29 boats competed in the Open Class.

All three youth sailors from MYC competed in the “Open Class” and their finishes were as follows. Great job representing MYC!

<u>Sailor</u>	<u>R1</u>	<u>R2</u>	<u>R3</u>	<u>Place Overall</u>
Gage Stasko	10	8	11	9 th
Ansel Hartmann	15	20	9	16 th
Andrew Hartmann	27	23	21	25 th

2018 WMYA WESTERNS REGATTA AUG 1-4

The MYC Sailing School and MYC Junior Program will be closed July 30 – August 4 during the West Michigan Yachting Association “Westerns” Regatta. The MYC Junior Program boats will be stored away and locked in the Octagon building for the entire week in order to accommodate all the visiting sailors and their boats. No sailing classes or Race Team practices will take place during this week.

Junior sailors who are members of MYC and who plan to compete in the Westerns Regatta and who are interested in chartering boats from the MYC Junior Program for use at the Westerns must contact Roger Zuidema immediately to make arrangements. The charter fees are listed on the second page of the registration form that can be found at:

<http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/data/formsDocs/2018-Race-Team-Reg-Form-complete.pdf>

Junior sailors who charter boats from the MYC Junior Program will, along with their member parents, be fully responsible for the security and condition of chartered MYC Junior Program boats for the duration of the event.

HARBOR HOSPICE & ULRICH MEMORIAL JUNIOR REGATTA on AUG 18

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. The following is the tentative event schedule for the Junior sailors:

9:30am sailors arrive and set-up their boats

10:30am Junior Races

12:30pm Junior sailors return to shore, eat lunch

1:30pm Juniors and their parents put the JR program boats away for the winter

4:00pm Junior awards are presented at same time as other Awards

ANNUAL "PUTTING AWAY OF THE BOATS" on AUGUST 18

Volunteers are needed, especially parents of Junior sailors! Lots of hands help this process go quickly and smoothly! Please mark your calendars and plan to help put the Junior Program boats away for the winter on Saturday, August 18.

FOR MORE INFO REGARDING THE SAILING SCHOOL AND JUNIOR PROGRAM

Contact Roger Zuidema

616-915-3801

lkeffect@gmail.com

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 mkgssailing.com or phone 616-915-3805

Power Washer Tuesdays

Bill Richardson, head of Dock & Yard, recently put together a group of volunteers to power wash all the decking on the main docks and finger piers. Although the decking material is composite, a built up of green algae in the wood grain pattern over the years was causing the decking to be very slippery when wet. Bill worked on it one weekend and then put a group of volunteers together to help out on Tuesday nights because it was such a slow going, laborious job. Volunteers even brought their own power washers from home to help speed up the job. One of the Tuesday nights we had 6 to 8 machines running a onetime. Thank you Bill and all the volunteers that helped with the cleaning and making the docks safer at MYC.



Kim McDaniel & Robert Robuck



Bill Richardson



Dock & Yard Secretary Jill Keast



Charly Davis



Joel Seifert



Scott McEwen



Many thanks to all the volunteers!

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

Is the high cost of sailing getting you down, or have you sold your big boat because it was too much to handle?

Think about getting a Cape Dory Typhoon.

I just came back from the Cape Dory Typhoon Nationals in Virginia. They have about 50 of them within 5 miles of the club. They have one design main and jib sailing every Wednesday night, with 10 or 12 most Wednesdays. Most are older men and women with a driver and one crewmember. Currently I sail in a PHRF division and it is not very rewarding racing bigger boats. If we could get two or 3 other Typhoons we could race each other in a one design class.

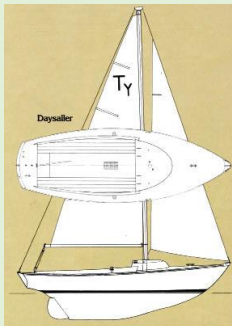
Torresen Marine has one for sale, and so does Port Side Yachts (Jeff Allen).

For the cost of a new mainsail on a bigger boat you can have a Typhoon that will sail well with one or two persons. No hiking, tacking is sliding from one seat to the next.

See me (Jim Key) if you want to explore this fun one design racer.

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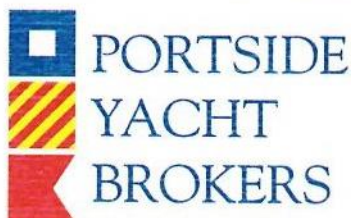
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC Race Night	2 WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC	3 WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC	4 WMYA Westerns Regatta at MYC
5	6	7 Euchre Night 7pm	8 Race Night	9	10 Clipper Cup Race	11 Committee Meetings
12	13	14 Euchre Night 7pm	15 Race Night	16 Board Meeting 7pm	17	18 Harbor Hospice Regatta
19	20	21 Euchre Night 7pm	22 Race Night	23	24	25 Pursuit Race To Gr Haven GRSC/MYC Comm Cup
26	27	28 Euchre Night 7pm	29	30	31	1 Craig Powell Memorial Regatta

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