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Social.....	Rome Palmer, Scott Miller

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General Manager.....	Kim Nguyen
Executive Chef.....	Wes Stevens
Business Manager.....	Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....	Nicky Anderson

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spinnakers on August 22nd.***

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

I first wanted to tell you what a great month we had in August at MYC. In future years looking back at my year as Commodore, I will always remember this month as having three major sailing events. The month started off with MYC hosting the Westerns Regatta. Over 100 small scows and dinghy sailors from various yacht clubs around the state and with upwards of 500 guests descended on MYC for four days. The weather was Chamber of Commerce beautiful and the club shined. I made a point of speaking with many visitors and asking what they liked or didn't like about MYC. Everyone I spoke with said MYC has the best facilities of any of the yacht club that the Westerns are held at. Also, what stuck out and they commented on, was all the helpful volunteers and staff we have to accommodate a regatta of this size. Too many volunteers and staff to name here, but a big thank you to Josh Wallace, Commodore of the Westerns for bringing this regatta to MYC and all the work and coordination that goes with it.

Less than a week later we hosted the Clipper Cup race from Muskegon to Port Washington. Your own MYC staff led by GM Kim Nguyen and again a group of volunteers too many to name here put on a dinner and pre-race party for over 200 people second to none. Although the winds died for most of the fleet as they got near Port Washington, everyone made it in and had a great time in town as Port Washington rolls out the red carpet for the Clipper Cup racers. MYC's Bob Young and his core committee of volunteers do an excellent job of planning and pulling off a race of this size of approximately 50 keelboats and 300 of crew every year.

A week later we hosted the Harbor Hospice Cup Regatta. This was a one-day event this year with a carnival theme and atmosphere. Close to \$30,000 dollars was raised this year with all the proceeds going to the Poppen House. I recently visited the Poppen House for the first time ever to say my goodbyes to an old friend. I can't tell you how proud it feels to be an MYC member walking in there knowing we, as a club, have raised so much money for such a worthy place and cause over the years. Ammy Seymour and her staff at Harbor Hospice along with MYC staff and volunteers headed up by Lisa Richards do a fantastic job of planning and coordinating this event at MYC every year. It's been an honor to be part of it.

Besides these events bringing people to MYC and being “money in the bank for the club”, my common theme from all of them is all the wonderful volunteers and staff we have at MYC. I feel really proud to be your Commodore this year and to be involved in a small way in all three of these events and to meet, know and work with so many great people that I would have never known if I wasn't a member at MYC.

Lastly, I wanted to mention, even though Labor Day traditionally signals the end of the summer, there are still many things happening at the club this month and this fall. Check the weekly News Flashes as Kim does a great job with these informing you of what's happening weekly, and if you scroll down to the bottom, it shows the events for the whole month. Some of my favorite and some of the best events that happen at MYC are yet to come with college football (go MSU!) and upcoming social events.

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:

Michael & Marie Tomaszczyk

Full Members Fremont

2018 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2018 Collected

**To-Date:
\$ 37,098**

+

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



2018 Expenditures:

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

**Available Balance =
\$52,462**

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



Race & Regatta Committee Report:

As our 2018 racing season comes to a conclusion, our plans for 2019 are already underway. We will hold a fleet meeting in October/November to discuss the preliminary plans for 2019 and build on what the fleet likes and what needs to be changed. One of the most pressing things we are facing is the need to secure a Wednesday Night Race Committee. As many of you know, Jon and Jess are stepping down for the 2019 year as Jon has taken new, but unfortunately, conflicting employment. We have made progress in this area, and hope to have an announcement in the near future.

The RC search has brought to light an area that we, as a club, need to address. Volunteers, Jon and Jessica Ledsworth, did a stellar job of RC for MYC and deserve our gratitude and respect. For the most part, I believe that our fleet has expressed their gratitude of Jon and Jess' service, but I believe we have failed in providing them our respect. Our fleet has been affected by what I would term a sailing community virus. Translation, addressing/speaking about on the water issues and decisions of the Race Committee, with the RC, immediately following the race. In short, it is highly poor etiquette to address ANYTHING that the RC did on the water, with the RC, after the race. Whether it is a paid or volunteer race committee, race participants should not confront, engage or really even broach the subject of on the water actions by the RC, post race. Doing so is not only poor etiquette, but on some levels could bring about a protest.

I readily admit that I am guilty of violating this rule of etiquette, and I am in no way asserting that our club is alone in being part of what I deem a racing community virus. In fact, I witnessed one of the more egregious instances of this during our recent Melges Regatta and it was not a member of our fleet. I bring this up to highlight an area in which our fleet can improve. It is an area where pretty much all fleets can improve, but racing at MYC is top of the line and therefore, we should lead the revolution in this area of not only saying thank you to the RC when we cross the line, but by providing them the on shore, post race, respect that they deserve.

Sam Nedeau, Chair



Dock and Yard Committee Report:

Reminder - If you rented a slip for the 2018 season AFTER the December 2017 Slip Assignment Meeting, your slip assignment was temporary for one year. If you want to slip at MYC in the 2019 season, you MUST be placed on the slip waiting list by paying the \$50 non-refundable fee, and attend the Slip Assignment meeting on Saturday, December 8th in person or by proxy. The list has already been started, so don't wait.

If you elect not to get on the slip waiting list, your choices for a slip in 2019 will be limited to whatever slips are left after the Slip Assignment Meeting, if any.

Please refer to the Red Book, pages 58-60 for more information.



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on the big screens & surround sound!**

Time TBA



Juniors Committee Report:



LEARN TO SAIL CLASSES ARE DONE FOR THE SEASON

Thank you to everyone who engaged in learn-to-sail classes this summer! If you run into Program Director Roger Zuidema or Head Instructor Frank Frisinger, please thank them for all their efforts this year!

WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING ASSOCIATION REGATTA at WHITE LAKE

On July 20, the MYC Junior Race Team traveled to White Lake for the third of four WMYSA "Friday" regattas. Despite the absence of several of its team members, MYC placed 4th out of the 6 teams competing this day.



Congrats to Ben Bakran and Gage Stasko for taking 1st and 3rd places in the 18 boat Butterfly fleet! Full results for MYC Junior sailors were as follows:

OPTIMIST GREEN	Jasmine Nguyen 8 th Emilee Nguyen 10 th
OPTIMIST RWB	Simon Frisinger 16 th Hugh Frisinger 20 th
BUTTERFLY	Ben Bakran 1 st Gage Stasko 3 rd Dylan Young 12 th Garret Riehl 13 th Ansel Hartmann 14 th
LASER FULL RIG	Chance Spencer 6 th



2018 WMYA WESTERNS REGATTA

On Aug 1-4, MYC hosted the 2018 West Michigan Yachting Association Westerns Regatta. Several MYC Junior sailors participated in this annual regatta. Individual results for MYC Junior sailors were as follows:

OPTIMIST	Simon Frisinger 7 th Hugh Frisinger 9 th
BUTTERFLY	Ben Bakran 8 th Gage Stasko 12 th Dylan Young 17 th
LASER RADIAL	Frank Frisinger 2 nd Anthony Gaiser 8 th Chance Spencer 13 th

ANNUAL "PUTTING AWAY OF THE BOATS"

A big thank you to the small group of volunteers who helped put the Junior Program boats away for the winter on Aug 18. Your assistance and support of the Juniors is greatly appreciated!!!

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

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

**89th WMYA Championship Regatta
"The Westerns" August 1-4, 2018**

Many thanks to MYC volunteers for launch & haul operations!



Andy Bos is an expert on backing up small boat trailers down the ramp



Westerns Regatta volunteers launched and hauled 30 C Boats each day



Joel Seifert had a system preventing the boats from hitting the wall



Many volunteers working staging the boats for launch and haul made for smooth sailing for the regatta competitors



Lasers were launched off the beach



Close one-design racing means everyone coming in at the same time



C Boats haul out line-up

2018 Clipper Cup Race Festivities







Team Sea Hawk



Blue Winners



News from the General Manager:

What an amazing summer! We were having so much fun that the time just flew by. From the beginning of the season to the end, you helped make memories that will last forever. Thank you to Flag Officers, Board of Directors, membership and staff for making this a successful and memorable summer at the MYC. Summer is a time for family, boating, fishing, camping, fireworks, festivities, BBQ's and vacations. Wherever you went or whatever you did, I hope it was as enjoyable as our time at the MYC.

As summer comes to an end, we are already in the process of prepping for a fun fall and winter at the clubhouse. The MYC Wine Dinners will be making their debut in late fall; euchre night will continue throughout the year; the Life Member luncheon at the end of October; our annual Awards banquet in November and much more. It's not too early to reserve the Lakeview room for your holiday gatherings. I expect the room to fill up fast, so reserve your date now. Also, temporary slip holders – if you want to secure a slip for the 2019 season, please get your name added to the slip waiting list ASAP. There is a \$50 non-refundable fee to be added to the list.

We had 3 large regattas in a row in August – Westerns, Clipper Cup, and Harbor Hospice. Way to go Team MYC and volunteers for an outstanding job in planning and executing these events. I personally had so many compliments from out of town non-members about our staff, clubhouse, and amenities. It makes me proud and happy to be apart of this team! GREAT job EVERYONE!

On 9/22/18, the MYC will be hosting a wedding and reception for one of our members. The wedding will be held on the walkway toward the docks and the reception in the lawn. We are looking forward to helping them make their special day a memorable one.

The House Committee met on 8/17/18 and discussed the issues surrounding the kitchen. We are aware of the issues and are working towards a solution that will best fit our members and staff. Please be patient with us as we try to navigate around a large surge in our kitchen production. We value your feedback and concerns. We are trying the best we can to make everyone happy in spite of our limitations with space and equipment.

Thank you to all the lifeguards, dockhands, and sailing staff for all your help this season. Your contribution to the success of the MYC summer was noticed and appreciated. You will all be missed. Good luck during the school year!

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen
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Euchre

**EVERY TUESDAY
NIGHT
7 PM**

MYC ROUND ROOM

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

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO
ATTEND!**

Harbor Hospice Regatta August 18, 2018



Team Ricochet





Vivienne Crew





Fall hours start the week of 9/3/18

	Clubhouse	Kitchen
MONDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED
TUESDAY	4 PM – 10 PM	4 PM – 9 PM
WEDNESDAY	4 PM – 11 PM	4 PM – 9 PM
THURSDAY	4 PM – 10 PM	4 PM – 9 PM
FRIDAY	12 PM – 11 PM	12 PM – 9 PM
SATURDAY	12 PM – 11 PM	12 PM – 9 PM
SUNDAY	12 PM – 9 PM	12 PM – 8 PM

Fall Pool Hours

WEATHER PERMITTING

OPEN MONDAY 9/3 FROM 12 PM - 7 PM

CLOSED 9/4, 9/5, 9/6

OPEN FRIDAY 9/7 FROM 4- 8 PM

OPEN SATURDAY 9/8 FROM 12 PM - 8 PM

OPEN SUNDAY 9/9 FROM 12 PM - 7 PM

CLOSED 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/13

OPEN FRIDAY 9/14 FROM 4-8 PM

OPEN SATURDAY 9/15 FROM 12-8 PM

OPEN SUNDAY 9/16 FROM 12-7 PM

CLOSED FOR
THE SEASON
ON 9/17 -
THANK YOU
TO THE MYC
POOL STAFF
FOR
ANOTHER
GREAT
SEASON!



Outer Dock Update

Last month I reported the first of five sections from the outer dock attenuator system was pulled from the water and we were waiting to hear from the Insurance Company on the coverage amount they would pay us. Our original plan at the time was to pull and repair each section one at a time and put them back in the water. We now know the dollar amount from insurance and we are also cleared to spend it on a new design of our choice (including a fixed seawall if we want). This is because our insurance company has told us we need to do something different, if we ever expect to get coverage again.

Knowing that was probably coming, I've had a great group of volunteers, who also happened to be Past Commodores, Larry Larson, Phil Lundwall and Jim Strariha, along with Board members Dean Runk , Mike Gassmann & Tim Wallace, doing a lot of homework and due diligence for the club on wave attenuator systems. The goal has been to make this continual large storm problem go away and get it right this time on the fix. We have left no stone unturned and have been talking to the top wave attenuator companies in the USA, Canada, Australia and Sweden.

It also has become apparent that none of us, and anyone from the club, have any expertise in this area and we need to find an engineering firm with experience in this area to guide us.

If you're wondering what the gist of the problem is: First, the problem is not the 2' and 3' waves that hit the attenuator on a daily basis. The problem is the long "fetch" waves that come down the 6-mile length of Muskegon Lake starting at the Cobb Plant, when the winds are blowing hard from the East. These "fetch" waves come at different angles and are so powerful they can pick up the attenuator system at one end of " the wave crest" while the other sections are down in the "wave trough" and yet the other end of the attenuator could be up on the top of the other end of the wave "crest". This twisting and torqueing motion eventually wears and breaks the steel hinges and "I" beams that rigidly attach each section together. It's kind of like bending the end of paperclip back in forth on a smaller scale, it fatigues and eventually breaks.

Each attenuator section is 60' long, 12' wide and 12' tall weighing approximately 50,000 lbs. and anchored with 4000 lbs. cement anchors. The fix could be as simple as separating each section and having them 4' or 5' feet apart and letting them rock- an-roll, twist and turn on their own. We've learned all attenuator systems are continual maintenance and costly yearly expenses. This is why we are looking at all options, including a permanent sea wall, which might require re-configuration of our marina. We can't afford to be wrong on what we do this time, thus the delay, on what the proper fix should be. One thing for sure, storms aren't going away, in fact, they seem to be getting bigger every year. I've been assured by our marine contractor that the existing container and the four remaining sections in the water can survive the winter with a little shoring up.

The bottom line is, we are doing our due diligence, and we will make a decision as a club when we get all the information, and make a decision together. Hope this has answered some of your questions and concerns and please feel free to contact me at any time if you have other questions or suggestions

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Damaged attenuator section





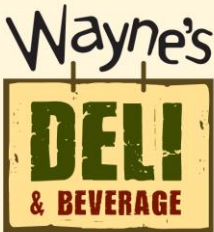
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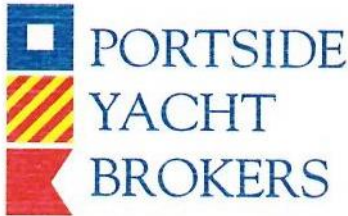
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~ MYC September 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Craig Powell Memorial Regatta
2	3 Labor Day Club Open 12-8	4 Euchre Night 7pm	5 Race Night	6	7	8 Anchorage Cup (GH to Holland)
9	10	11 Euchre Night 7pm	12 Race Night	13	14	15 MYC Fall Regatta
16 MYC Fall Regatta	17	18 Euchre Night 7pm	19 Race Night	20 Board Meeting 7pm	21	22
23	24	25 Euchre Night 7pm	26 Race Night	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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