



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

PORTWATCH

AUGUST 2019



Photo Credit: Mark Marchido – 7/24/19

3198 Edgewater, Muskegon, MI 49441 • 231-755-1414
www.muskegonyachtclub.org

FLAG OFFICERS

Commodore.....Brad Fisher
Vice Commodore.....Tim Wallace
Rear Commodore.....Dean Runk
Treasurer.....Larry Taunt
Secretary.....Jessica Ledsworth
Past Commodore.....Bud Ainsworth

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jim Bach
Mike Gassmann
Kevin Moore
Jon Tasker
Jay Wallace Jr.

FLEET OFFICERS

Fleet Captain of Sail.....Greg Young
Fleet Captain of Power.....Paul Wickland
Fleet Surgeon.....Dr. Don Crandall

STANDING COMMITTEES

By Laws.....Bill Newman, Ben Broughton
Dock & Yard.....Joel Seifert, Jill Keast
House.....Eric Bombery, Erin Turrell
Juniors.....Scott Corder
Membership.....Melody Stenstrom
Race & Regatta.....Sam Nedeau,
Josh Wallace

MYC STAFF

General Manager.....Kim Nguyen
Executive Chef.....Allan Zolinski
Business Manager.....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson

Table of Contents:

Officers & Staff
Commodore's Comments
Meeting Schedules
Committee Reports
News & Articles
Club Notices
Calendar

Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Kim Nguyen
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org
Deadline for content
submission is the 20th of each
month.



MYC Staff Contacts:

Kim Nguyen,
General Manager:
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org

Allan Zolinski,
Executive Chef:
Allan@muskegonyachtclub.org

Sue Peters,
Business Manager:
sue@muskegonyachtclub.org

Nicky Anderson,
Facilities Manager:
nicky@muskegonyachtclub.org



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Greetings Members,

Thank you for your continuing support for MYC this summer. Between a rising job market and rising water levels, we've had to address a host of financial and personnel issues this season. As you've heard, we have had an almost complete turnover in our kitchen staff in the last four weeks. I am very glad that Chef Allan joins a loyal core of employees and volunteers who will keep us going during these busy months.

I would like everyone to take a moment and celebrate Facilities Manager Nicky Anderson's 20th work anniversary on August 16th. Nicky joins bookkeeper Sue as a member of the veteran, "20-year Club" of employees. I'm not sure about the benefits of membership, but they likely include a thick skin, a permanent external state of agreeability, and the patience of Job. Congratulation Nicky!

See you at the Club!

Brad



Photo Credit: Mark Marchido – 7/24/19

2019 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2019 Collected:

\$ 35,678

+

12/31/18 Balance:

29,687

2019 Expenditures:

Kitchen remodel

\$23,829

Raise Dock

\$6,690

Sidewalk Repair

\$6,600

Available Balance =

\$28,201



2019 Dock Claim Insurance Settlement Summary

Date	Transaction	Amount	Balance
6/25/18	Ins. Settlement Chk #1 of 2	50,000.00	50,000.00
6/25/18	Tucker Marine Constr. #168	-25,700.00	24,300.00
8/6/18	Ins. Settlement Chk #2 of 2	401,733.43	426,033.43
12/12/18	Tucker Marine Constr. #190	4,800.00	421,233.43
1/31/19	Edgewater Resources #1147	6,180.00	415,053.43
2/28/19	Edgewater Resources #1242	2,896.75	412,156.68
4/11/19	Edgewater Resources #1389	1,105.00	411,051.68
7/19/19	Soils & Structures #68775	9,400.00	401,651.68
7/31/19	Tucker Marine Constr. #219	6,000.00	395,651.68



Club Hours of Operation

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



Pool Hours

Opening Daily at 12:00 pm and Closing at
9:00 pm; 10 pm on Friday and
Saturday nights!

All Members & Guests must be signed IMMEDIATELY upon entering pool area

No coolers, pets, or smoking allowed on the pool deck

No running or horse playing on the pool deck

The use of the pool is not permitted without a lifeguard on duty

Guest limit is 3 times per year - \$5 per person guest pass

Please read the entire Pool Rules section of your Red Book

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

Race & Regatta Committee – 3rd Weds at 7:00pm

Social Committee – as needed

Board Meeting – 3rd Thursdays at 7:00pm



Membership Committee Report:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Walter & Colleen Christophersen	Junior Members	Muskegon
Karla & Rudy Gonzalez	Full Members	Muskegon
Corey Leonard & Stephanie Priest	Full Members	Muskegon
Amanda Mendez & Jared Vendal	Junior Members	Muskegon



House Committee Report:

Fellow members,

As I'm sure you have read in our recent newsflashes, we've had some interesting times with the kitchen. I won't rehash what was in the newsflash but please keep all that was said in mind and help where you can as we move forward.

First, PLEASE help me in thanking those staff that have committed themselves to MYC and have stayed. Hours are up, tasks are up, stress is up, and they really are working above and beyond to get us through the busy season. They are all stepping out of their normal job description duties to make sure the members and club are taken care of. Please do not underestimate our staff, or how far a simple "Thank you" will go towards keeping everyone's spirits up.

Second, as you've also heard, we have a new head chef. Thank you, Chef Allan! He comes at a perfect time but we still need to hire more help to get our operations back to "normal." Thank you for your patience during this time. House Committee will be working closely with the kitchen over the next couple months to make sure things work as smoothly as possible.

Third, while House Committee works to come up with more permanent solutions for effective communication between members and the kitchen, I want to inform you of our current procedure. Members are not allowed in the kitchen; it is a health code violation. Please find Josh or a bartender if you have a food issue you'd like to communicate back to the kitchen. Please have patience during the busy times. Ross Simpson very graciously bought the club a small fridge that will hold extra condiments and be stationed by the bar. Should you need extra condiments, just see a bartender; this will hopefully alleviate much of the need to go into the kitchen. While we work to get back to proper staffing in the kitchen we need to let our minimal crew concentrate on their kitchen tasks. Chef Allan is already working on what will be the new normal as we hire new support staff. Erin Turrell will be helping Chef Allan this week cooking in the kitchen as she is professionally trained and has graciously volunteered her time, thank you Erin.

As always, thank you members and staff. Come enjoy the Club for the remainder of summer!

Eric Bombery
House Committee Chair
Gambit Slip #71
bomberye@gmail.com



Outer Dock Committee Report:

Monday night, July 29th, Dave Hohmeyer, President of Soils and Structures gave his companies report to the Outer Dock Committee on the drilling and soil boring samples his company took off of "B" dock in June. What was of particle interest to the committee was the recommended lengths the "H" beam plying would need to be if a permanent, outer break wall was built. In the shallower end of "B" dock the recommended length was 95'. In the deeper end the recommended length for the plying's was 135'. The good news is there is a sand bottom down there with good compaction, the bad news is that there's a lot of loose organic

material (muck) with no structural stability on top of the good sand levels.

The next step is to work with marina design engineering firm, Edgewater Resources on costs and feasibility of installing a permanent outer break wall to protect the marina.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Bud Ainsworth
cbainsworth@gmail.com
616 638 1676



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Our Dock and Yard Committee recently addressed some member concerns regarding MYC's VHF communications. We are, after all, a yacht club. In the past our VHF radio was located behind the bar for all to hear. Currently it is located just inside the door in the employees only area.

We have an exceptional dock hand who is always ready to assist both our members and non-member transient mariners. She monitors Channel 9 on a handheld VHF carried on her person. However, she does not work the entire time that we are open. Therefore, we will be moving the fixed VHF radio back out near the bar area and getting back into the practice of continuous monitoring of Channel 9 and switching and answering on Channel 73.

We are asking that our members help our fellow members with docking assistance when there is no dock hand available. If you are sitting at a table or at the bar and you hear a hail for Muskegon Yacht Club, please take the initiative to respond. There will be communication instructions hanging near the VHF as well. Responding to MYC hails coming across the VHF will not be the responsibility of our bar staff. However, they all have been given a short training in the event there is no other person at the bar.

It should be all our responsibility as members to assist our fellow members when they require help docking. Obviously, questions regarding transient rates or transient docking availability and such would have to be answered by our staff. But if a dock hand is not available, and a fellow member needs a hand getting in or out of their slip, please respond on the radio and help your fellow member! I am betting that they will gratefully return the favor when you need a hand.

Thank you all,
Dock and Yard Committee



Bylaws Committee Report:

There will be a Bylaw Amendment Vote coming to you soon via electronic voting. Please make sure your email address is current and up to date at MYC. If you wish to receive a paper ballot, please contact Sue in the business office.

Thank you!



Nominating Committee Report:

Calling all potential New Board Members

There are two open seats (two-year terms) this year for the MYC Board of Directors. As Past Commodore, this is my last duty to head up the Nominating Committee and present the slate at the Annual Meeting in October. This year I've appointed a committee (see below) in which none of us is seeking election or re-election, vs past years. Besides club transparency, I feel it's important and needed to get new people and new ideas on the Board and what the founders of the club were seeking when they wrote the clubs "Red Book". MYC Board meetings are the third Thursday of each

month and generally lasts one to two hours. Also, it's recommended new board members get involved or have had previous involvement in one of the club's committees: Dock & Yard, House, Membership, Race..., etc. as a way to connect with the club membership and club issues. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or one of the committee members listed by August 30th. It's a great way to "give back" to the club.

Sincerely,

Bud Ainsworth, Past Commodore
 Mike Gassmann, Director
 Jon Tasker, Director
 Jim Bach, Director
 David Freye, Past Commodore
 Phil Lundwall, Past Commodore

Vote "NO" for Electronic Voting Viewpoint

Question: Why am I being asked to vote in August on this "Electronic Voting" by-laws amendment?

Answer: The entire Board of Directors is not in support of this amendment to the "Red Book" that would eliminate the current practice of Flag Officers and Board Members being elected at our annual meeting. In situations like this that involve a "Red Book" by-laws amendment, it goes back to the membership to vote on and determine.

What we dislike and disagree with other board members on this amendment to the "Red Book" is:

- It takes away the ability membership has right now (and past club history) to be able to nominate a candidate more than once. Example, current BOD member Jay Wallace Jr. lost in the election for the Rear Commodore seat two years ago but won a seat as a Director. If the "electronic vote amendment" passes, it wouldn't be possible for membership to nominate a candidate such as Jay Jr. was more than once during that election.
- We dislike the length of time the proposed "electronic election" would take. Two weeks for nominations and then an additional

two more weeks to submit votes for a month total. We feel a month for an election is way too excessive and lengthy and drags on way too long for a simple election that currently averages 10 minutes or less at the annual meeting most years.

- We dislike the fact if by-laws amendment passed, it would probably decrease the attendance further at the annual meeting (which is already low). We feel it's important for the membership to attend the meeting and engage with the BOD on feedback and ideas. Currently, all Full members, Life members and Associate members (1 total vote), can participate and vote in the club's annual elections. A recent demographic study of the club membership shows 90% of our membership lives 60 minutes or less from the club and we would like to see larger turnouts, not less.
- Our feedback from club membership shows little if any support for "electronic voting" for Flag Officer and Directors. In fact, it's dragged on at the board level for two years with little or no traction. Additionally, it costs nothing to vote now at an annual meeting. If the proposed amendment passed, it will cost the club money having an outside firm conducting the election.

Please join us in voting "NO" on the electronic voting amendment to the Red Book.

Thank You!

Bud Ainsworth, Past Commodore

Tim Wallace, Vice Commodore



Photo Credit: Mark Marchido



Juniors Committee Report:

ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS OF MYC SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES!

Monday-Thursday afternoon youth sailing classes run through Aug 16.

Monday evening adult and family sessions run through August 12.

SIGN UP NOW BEFORE THE SEASON ENDS!



The schedule for classes and Reg Form are on the MYC Sailing School web site:

<http://www.mycsailingschool.org>

Stay up to date by following the MYC Junior Sailing Program on Facebook:

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

2019 BUTTERFLY NATIONALS

The 2019 Butterfly Nationals took place at Crystal Lake YC on July 16-18. There were 49 entries in the Junior Division and 29 entries in the Open Division. MYC member Ben Morris placed 15th in the Open Division. MYC member Gage Stasko placed 23rd in the Open Division.

2019 WMYA WESTERNS REGATTA

The 90th Annual WMYA Westerns will take place at White Lake YC on Aug 1-4.

MYC members who are already registered include Gage Stasko in Butterfly Open, Frank Frisinger in Laser Radial, and Jim Frisinger in Laser Full Rig.

For more info, go to www.wmya.org

2019 END-OF-THE-SEASON MYC ULRICH MEMORIAL JUNIOR REGATTA

The MYC Ulrich Junior regatta will take place at MYC on Saturday August 17.

2019 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING REGATTAS

On July 12, the MYC Race Team traveled to Spring Lake to compete against sailors from six other yacht clubs from around West Michigan. Over 100 kids on 80 boats competed at this regatta. The MYC sailors had a great time and were the 2nd highest scoring team in the Optimist Green Fleet!



Individual scores for MYC Race Team sailors at Spring Lake were as follows:

Optimist Green Fleet

Jazmine Nguyen 6th Place
 Cole Brum 7th Place
 Emilee Nguyen 8th Place

Butterfly Fleet

Gage Stasko 10th Place
 Ben Morris 12th Place
 Garrett Riehl 21st Place
 Julie Lee 23rd Place
 Emmerson Moulton 24th Place

Optimist Red/White/Blue Fleet

Hugh Frisinger 10th Place
 Simon Frisinger 11th Place

Laser Radial Fleet

Dylan Young 8th Place



THE NEXT WMYSA REGATTA WILL BE AT MYC ON AUGUST 9!

Friday August 9 will be the last opportunity for MYC youth sailors to compete in a 2019 West Michigan Youth Sailing Association regatta – and it will be taking place right here at MYC! **This will be a huge regatta! Come join the fun!**



In addition to being a great chance for MYC youth sailors to compete at home, this event will need several MYC volunteers to help launch and retrieve the nearly 100 boats that are expected to attend this regatta.

Please mark your calendars and let the Club Staff know if you can help as a volunteer in the morning (8:30am-11am) or in the afternoon (2:30pm-4pm).

Click below for more MYC Race Team info and the 2019 Registration Form:
<http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/mycjsp-racing-schedule/>

For more information about the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association:
www.westmichiganyouthsailing.org

Follow the West Michigan Youth Sailing Association on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/grjuniorsailing/>

PLEASE SUPPORT MYC JUNIOR PROGRAMS BY GIVING TO THE MJSA



The MYC Sailing School and MYC Junior Programs are made possible through the generous support of the **Muskegon Junior Sailing Association (MJSA)** which is a 501c3 charitable organization. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the MJSA. For more info and to make a donation, please click the link below:

<http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/mjsa/>



News from the General Manager:

Greetings members,

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support and words of encouragement this past month. It has been a trying month but we will get through this tough patch. Thank you to our core staff at MYC. Your integrity and loyalty to MYC is remarkable and does not go unnoticed. I appreciate each of you and the skills you bring to the table and I am proud to have this TEAM. Please help me in welcoming Chef Allan Zolinski as the most recent employee to the MYC team. Allan comes to us with a great amount of experience and leadership and fits in well with our existing staff. Allan is hard at work securing more staff and hopefully will have a menu for the membership soon. So far, I have received great compliments on the food that he is serving. Thank you for your patience as we work to solve these issues. Thank you to our summer staff. Kyra has done an excellent job this year as our only Dock & Yard Assistant. She is always upbeat and working her tail off. Thank you to Mick Homan, our lead lifeguard and his staff. Mick and staff have also worked hard this summer ensuring all pool chemicals, inspections, maintenance, and safety aspects are good to go. **Thank you for all your help Team MYC – Way to Go!**

REMINDER – There is to be NO SMOKING under the outside patio, rain or shine. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

I have been sending out a lot of newsflashes recently. If you are not receiving them, but would like to, please see myself or Sue Peters to be placed on the list. This is the best way to stay up to date on all MYC correspondence.

I will continue to update the membership as information comes to me. I am looking forward to a great month at MYC as we finish out our summer season on the Lakeshore.

Thank you,

Kim Nguyen



EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

7 PM

MYC ROUND ROOM

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

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO
ATTEND!**

Wayne's



746 W. Laketon Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49441

Eat Your Heart Out!

variety of deli meats, cheeses & salads
deli sandwiches made to order
bottled wine, beer & liquor
fresh roasted coffee
gift baskets
catering



231-722-6833

www.waynesdeli.com

THE SAILBOAT SPECIALISTS

Sailboats, Hardware and Accessories

Steve Dake

Director of Sailboat Sales



Torresen Marine, inc.

3003 LAKE SHORE DRIVE • MUSKEGON, MI 49441-1182
FAX (231) 755-1522 • (231) 759-8596 • CELL (231) 740-8900
steved@torresen.com www.torresen.com

CD's
DVD's
Games
Game Systems
ipods
M-S 10-9
Sun.12-5

(231) 760-4220



2818 Henry
 S.E. Corner
 Henry & Broadway
 Muskegon

CD Exchange
You Can't Beat Our Prices

David Fulbright



Sail Place Inc.

 BENETEAU *Catalina* // *Yachts* SABRE

Office: 616-696-0250 Cell: 616-446-9751
 at Torresen Marine
 3003 Lakeshore Dr., Muskegon, MI 49441
sailplacedave@aol.com www.sailplace.com



McKenzie
Price
 INSURANCE

HOME AUTO LIFE
 BOAT BUSINESS

455 W Norton Ave Muskegon, MI 49444
 (231)-733-4411 fax (231)-733-4539
www.McKenziePrice.com



Environmental Resources Group

Assessment • Remediation • Compliance • Risk Management

www.erggrp.net

888.589.1746

75 West Walton Ave., Ste C, Muskegon, MI 49440



**PORTSIDE
YACHT
BROKERS**

JEFF ALLEN

Serving Boaters
Since 1978

15025 CLEVELAND
SPRING LAKE, MI 49456
email: jeffatpyb@sbcglobal.net
website: www.porrsideyb.com

PHONE: 616.850.7678
FAX: 616.850.7679
CELL: 231.670.9049

Advertise with Us!

Get noticed! Promote your business in the Portwatch.

Business Card Size Ads only \$15/month. Half Page Ad only \$30/month

**MYC PORTWATCH WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR ADVERTISERS
FOR THEIR SUPPORT!**

~ MYC August 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Member Private Event	7 Harbor Hospice Race Night 6:30 pm	8 Clipper Cup Reg. Party Open to the Public	9 Clipper Cup Start Juniors Regatta	10 Member Private Event
11	12	13 Euchre Night 7 pm	14 Race Night 6:30 pm	15 Board Meeting 7pm	16	17
18	19	20 Euchre Night 7 pm	21 Race Night 6:30 pm	22	23	24 Member Private Event
25 Social Committee Family Fun Day	26	27 Euchre Night 7 pm	28 Race Night 6:30 pm	29	30	31

If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Kim Nguyen - kim@muskegonyachtclub.org