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E-Scow Nationals - 9/7/19

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

I hope you enjoyed your Summer at MYC. We weathered quite a storm of high water and high kitchen staff turnover these past few months. I would love to tell you that all of our problems are solved, but if the US Army Corps of Engineers is to be believed, lake levels will continue to rise in 2020. I am confident, however, that our fantastic staff and volunteers, together with our experienced Board, will continue to rise to the occasion.

This is my final Commodore's Comments. I would again offer an enormous "THANK YOU" to our staff, Board, and the dozens of members who volunteer their time on our Bylaws, Dock & Yard, House, Juniors, Membership, Outer Dock, and Racing Committees. Thank you also to the many members who do not serve on committees, but can always be counted on to build dock extensions, repair our roof, officiate races, and plan the many events enjoyed by our members. I sincerely hope our members continue to support the many repairs and improvements that are necessary to maintain our campus during these challenging times.

See you at the annual meeting,
Brad

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2019 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2019 Collected:
\$ 38,879

+

12/31/18 Balance:
\$ 29,687

2019 Expenditures:

Kitchen remodel
\$23,829

Raise Dock
\$6,690

Sidewalk Repair
\$6,600

Available Balance =
\$ 31,402



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 October 1 – October 14

	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tuesday:	4-10 pm	4-9 pm
Wednesday:	4-11 pm	4-9 pm
Thursday:	4-10 pm	4-9 pm
Friday:	12-11 pm	12-9 pm
Saturday:	12-11 pm	12-9 pm
Sunday:	12-9 pm	12-8 pm



Club Hours of Operation Starting October 15

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Wednesday:	4-10 pm	4-9 pm
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Friday:	12-11 pm	12-9 pm
Saturday:	12-11 pm	12-9 pm
Sunday:	1-9 pm	1-8 pm

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:

Fall Open House

10/26/19

12 pm - 3 pm

New Member Incentive: Join MYC during the Fall Open house by paying the 2020 dues & initiation fee and enjoy all of the club amenities in November & December at no additional charge!!

Please contact Melody Stenstrom for more information!



Nominating Committee Report:

Board of Director Nominations

As head of the Nomination Committee, I'd like to first start off by giving Dean Runk and Jon Tasker a big thank you for their years of service on the Board of Directors. Both Dean & Jon have decided to retire from the board this year. Dean and Jon both leave some very big shoes to fill. They both have had great vision for the club, long term planning and the ability to juggle multiple projects & problems. Let's all hope they continue to volunteer in their spare time for some of the needed projects around the club.

I'd also like to thank Director Mike Gassmann for his past years' service on the Board. Mike has decided not to seek re-election, as his job schedule (pilot for major airline) takes him out of town more often than he'd like, causing him to miss too many meetings and the dedication to Board that he feels is necessary. Mike has always had good, solid input and ideas and I hope he comes back on the Board some day when things slow down for him. It's been an honor to serve on the Board with Mike, Dean and Jon, and see their dedication and passion for improvements at MYC, for the membership and the wellbeing of the employees.

We have 3 Director seats open this year, with some new young candidates with excellent backgrounds and club experience for the seats. We had a number of excellent candidates show interest in these seats, making for some very tough decisions for the Nomination Committee. Again, thank you to all that showed Board interest this year. We also have some excellent flag officer candidates with vast club knowledge and backgrounds. The Nomination Committee has recommended the below candidates for next year's Board openings:

Commodore:

Tim Wallace -Tim & his wife Jayne have been members since 2011 and have been heavily involved in the club, volunteering for everything and every committee. Tim has been on the Board for 7 years working his way up through the ranks. Tim has recently retired from Consumers Power and they slip a sailboat at the club, which pretty much allows them to live at the club full time in the summer.

Vice Commodore:

Jay Wallace Jr. (Tim's nephew) - Jay has been a board member for 4 years and works in the financial planning industry. Jay and his wife J'nai have been full members since 2003. They and have 3 children which keeps them involved with many of the kids and junior projects at the club. Jay has served as President of the Muskegon Rotary, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board, Downtown Development Authority and served on various club committees. Jay slips a pontoon boat at the club.

Rear Commodore:

Eric Bombery - Eric has been a member family since 1984 growing up at the club. Eric has also been the Board Secretary and head of the House Committee for 5 years. He and his wife Melissa have two children and cruise and race his family's Catalina 30 out of MYC

Director:

Cathy Lindland - Cathy has been a member of the club since 2001. She has Co-chaired the Yachts for Women Committee, worked on the House Committee, Harbor Hospice Committee and chaired the Membership Committee. She has also worked in fundraising for the Junior Sailing Association. Cathy works in the Environmental Industry and has a passion for helping make the club go "greener".

Director:

Andrew Harris - Andrew is Co-owner of Dockers Fish house and owns a management company for the food service industry. He has also served on the Muskegon Catholic Central School Board of Trustees for 6 years. His knowledge of food services and financial background in restaurant management should be a huge benefit to our club restaurant & beverage operations. Andrew races on the ARMA team.

Director:

Mark Marchido, - Mark has grown up at MYC. He has been Fleet captain of Sail back in the 1990's and has worked on the Dock and Yard Committee and Social Committees. He has also worked a VP of Sales for a large company in the recreations industry in CA and started his own business there in 2013. His business services the bowling, food and beverage industry and he has successfully moved it back to Muskegon in 2017 to be able to live here and sail out of MYC.

Bud Ainsworth
Past Commodore

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House Committee Report:

Fellow members,

Just a few quick updates since Brad, Kim and I get to give multiple updates a month it seems of lately. As you've all heard hopefully, we have a third Josh in the kitchen now and should once again be set in the kitchen. We also have a new bartender, Katie, helping as well. Hopefully everything has been going well for everyone and always let me know if you have any comments. Winter hours start October 15 so we will be closed on Tuesdays for the duration of winter. The committee has a new survey in the works so stay tuned for that as well. Thank you again for your patience.

Eric Bombery
House Committee Chair



Treasure's Report:

Greetings fellow MYC members!

As club Treasurer it is my "happy" duty to make recommendations to the Board of Directors and the general membership on dues and the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF), funding levels for the upcoming fiscal year for approval at our annual meeting.

MYC, like every service organization, private club, and restaurant in the country is faced with a very challenging employment market and as such rapidly increasing labor cost. The current very low unemployment level is creating a "seller's market" for employees which has contributed to our employee turnover and is forcing us to raise our compensation levels in order to hire and retain employees. As a result of this I have recommended a dues increase of 5% to \$735 as a minimum and realistically the dues increase should be to \$750 (Associate members pay 2/3 dues and Junior members pay ½ dues). This represents an increase in club revenue of approximately \$10,297 with the \$35 increase and \$14,796 at the \$50 increase level. To put this in context our total dues revenue is currently approximately \$207,000 out of a total revenue of \$900,000.

Our Capital Improvement fund (CIF) was created in 2013 to address the critical capital needs of Muskegon Yacht Club. The fund was created so that it impacted ALL members including Life members who are not required to pay dues. While perhaps the most visible aspects of the success of the CIF are the beautiful new pool fence and the major improvements to the windows in the bar, there have been many less visible upgrades to the facility. Some of the initial improvements were replacing and upgrading the roofs in our primary building to stop the pervasive leaks. This was followed by the acoustical ceiling in the Bar to reduce the noise levels and make that a more enjoyable environment. A beautiful new bar, Carpeting, tankless water heaters, new siding and paint, air conditioning in the Lakeview and Spinnaker rooms, a new walk in cooler, kitchen expansion, fencing, junior ramp improvements, pool cover, and the ever popular "make up air" system. total nearly \$250,000 in repairs and improvements to MYC in the last six years.

Unfortunately, this has not been enough, and the high-water levels we are currently experiencing and which are projected to be even worse next year, are compounding the problems.

Currently we have many projects on deferral, some of them quite critical and the list just keeps getting longer. In round numbers:

- Window and wall rebuild (like in the bar) in Spinnaker room (Approximately \$30K)
- Windows in the Lakeview room (\$12K)
- Octagon Building (juniors' classroom) roof (long deferred) (\$40K)
- Bath House roof and bath repairs (\$20K)
- Juniors Beach repair and long-term erosion solution (\$60K)
- Raise repair sea wall on lift side (\$40k)
- Replace sea wall fixed docks with floating docks (\$50k)
- Raise main dock (\$50K)
- Resurface parking lot (\$50k)
- Raise electrical service (already done) (\$16k)

While we are hopeful to package and accomplish some of the marina work as part of our repairs using the insurance proceeds, this list (which is far from all inclusive) quickly exceeds \$300,000 in projects that if not addressed, will simply continue to deteriorate and then will ultimately cost even more to address the longer they are deferred.

At a CIF funding level of \$120 per member, which generates approximately \$48,000 per year, we have existing, needed, known projects that will use over six years of current CIF funding. Of course, the reality is that over the next six years more expenses will come up and the cost of these repairs will also increase.

Bottom line, we need to raise more capital sooner to address these issues over the next couple of years instead of the next 6-10 years or we will be continually falling behind.

My recommendation to the board was and is to increase the CIF funding from \$120 to \$240 per member for a period of two years to get on top of our current capital demands and make these much-needed repairs and remodels to our facility.

Please don't shoot the messenger. I am not happy about this either, but I truly believe that the short-term pain of making this investment in our facilities now will pay us huge long-term dividends.

The board will ultimately decide what the increases will be, but I thought it important that the membership be aware of how important the CIF has been

to MYC and how the CIF, with a boost for the next couple of years, could allow us to significantly bring our facility back into a state of good repair.

Cheers,

Larry Taunt

Treasurer

Muskegon Yacht Club



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Murphy's Law and Dock & Yard

Summer 2019 was a full one for Dock & Yard! It just seemed like what could happen – did - this summer. From high water levels affecting the dock and electric, to restriping the parking lot and installing a new gate, we dealt with a lot. Thanks to some great Club member teamwork, we were able to address and resolve just about every major issue thrown at us.

Saturday, October 12, is the Annual Club Work Bee. Starting at 9am, we will be taking down the awning, putting away outdoor seating and grills, etc. We will need all the help we can get. So, please volunteer if you can – even if it is just for an hour or two. Plenty of sugar (doughnuts) and caffeine (coffee) will be available to keep you going,

Now that we are moving into Fall, you would think things would be slowing down...but OH NO.... still much more to do. Things still on the list include, winter storage organization, bubbler placement, bathhouse/octagon roof repair, and prioritizing a very long list of things to do when the weather breaks in the spring.

Once more, we want to say THANK YOU to all of the members that helped us overcome all of the hiccups, bugs, and glitches flung at us this year. There is no way we would have been able to accomplish everything without each one of you.

Dock & Yard Committee



Juniors Committee Report:

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

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

2019 WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SAILING REGATTAS



On Friday August 9, seven junior sailing programs from all over West Michigan gathered at MYC for the fourth and final Friday regatta of the 2019 WMYSA season. A total of 65 boats competed in seven different classes at this regatta.



Individual scores for MYC Race Team sailors at this event were as follows:

Optimist Green Fleet

Jazmine Nguyen 8th Place
George Mueller 12th Place
Tess Bombery 13th Place

Optimist Red/White/Blue Fleet

Simon Frisinger 7th Place

Butterfly Fleet

Gage Stasko 7th Place
Ben Morris 8th Place
Garrett Riehl 10th Place
Lila Torresen 15th Place
Cole Blum/Emilee Nguyen 16th place



A BIG thank you to the MYC Staff, Race Officers Jon & Jessica Ledsworth and Scott & Lisa Corder, and all the MYC members who volunteered to help at this event. MYC plays a major role in the success of West Michigan youth sailing!



Junior Coach Frank Frisinger leads a pre-race meeting of the MYC Junior Race Team.

MYC JUNIORS RECEIVE 2019 OVERALL WMYSA SEASON AWARDS

Based upon their combined performance at all four WMYSA regattas, the MYC Race Team received special season recognition in two of the league's boat classes. MYC earned the second most points in the league in the Opti Green Class and earned the third most points in the league in the Butterfly Class.

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/>

COLLEGIATE SAILING NEWS

MYC member **Sarah Corder** is a sophomore at **Grand Valley State University** and is currently the Vice Commodore of the GVSU sailing team. On Sep 7-8, Sarah travelled to Madison Wisconsin for the **University of Wisconsin Fall Fury Regatta**. MYC member Scott Corder was asked by UW to help RC and serve as the Chief Judge at this event, which enabled him to capture the photo below.



Racing took place on Lake Mendota in 2-person Club 420 sailboats. Sarah placed 7th in the B Division and GVSU finished 6th overall out of 11 teams.

MYC member **Frank Frisinger** is a freshman and sails on the **Old Dominion University** sailing team. In his very first collegiate regatta on Sep 7, Frank finished 17th out of 20 Lasers at the **Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association "Laser South" Regatta**. One week later, Frank raced Club 420s at the **St Marys College** Regatta on Chesapeake Bay, placing 14th out of 18 teams.

Corinne Nedeau is a member of the **Michigan State University** sailing team. On Sep 21-22, Corinne and MSU were on Lake Macatawa competing in the **Hope College Emma Biagioni Regatta**. Corinne (in the blue sunglasses below) crewed in the B Division, placing 6th out of 9 teams. MSU finished 6th overall. MYC Regional Race Officer Scott and his wife Lisa helped run this regatta.



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/>



The weather was sensational, the location was spectacular and the support Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

On Saturday, September 28 at the Muskegon Yacht Club, 250 guests supported The Harbor Hospice Foundation fundraiser, Buoy, Boats and Brews! The ambience included lively music of Vertigo while savvy tasters bid on auction items, ate great food, and sipped on wines and craft beers overlooking beautiful Muskegon Lake.

The memorable evening boasted 'Harbor Cheers' a release beer crafted by our friends at Pigeon Hill Brewing Company just for this event. Proceeds help fund the many life-changing grief support programs, including Camp Courage at the Bob & Merle Scolnik Healing Center of Harbor Hospice.

The Harbor Hospice Foundation Regatta / Buoy, Boats & Brews Committee would like to thank the many volunteers, donors and sponsors that made this event a success. The total from the Harbor Hospice Regatta, which occurred Wednesday, August 7 at the Muskegon Yacht Club, along with Buoy, Boats & Brews is still being calculated however, the overall goal of \$25,000 has been met with the total forecasted to exceed \$35,000!!!

Thank you to all that made this a fun, philanthropic evening!

Cheers,

Harbor Hospice Foundation Regatta / Buoy, Boats & Brews
Committee

Lisa Richards, Chair
Jen Bailey
Mercia Dobry
Jess Ogle
Kim Nguyen
Richard Vanderputte-McPherson
Ammy Seymour



THANK YOU

FALL WORK BEE

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 12,
2019**

**9:00am - Coffee
& Donuts**



Help is needed with the following:

- Put away pool furniture & awnings
- Put away patio furniture & Adirondack's
- Clean and put away grills
- Take down patio awning
- Put away picnic tables
- Help organize Octagon Building
- Find, clean and put away all outside garbage cans
- Clean and put away firepit



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work



Saturday, October 26, 2019

Open to the Public

Costume Contest

Drink Specials

Live Music



**SLIP ASSIGNMENT MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2019
1 PM
MYC LAKEVIEW ROOM**



Reminder - If you rented a slip for the 2019 season AFTER the December 2018 Slip Assignment Meeting, your slip assignment was temporary for one year. If you want to slip at MYC in the 2020 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 7th 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 2020 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.



EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT

*(WEDNESDAY NIGHT DURING
WINTER HOURS)*

7 PM

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FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS!**

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~ MYC OCTOBER 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 RACE NIGHT 6 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 RACE NIGHT 6 PM	10 PRIVATE EVENT 4 PM	11 ANNUAL MEETING 7:30 PM	12 FALL WORK BEE
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 LIFE MEMBER LUNCHEON	25	26 OPEN HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	NOV 1 WMIYC MEETING	NOV 2 WMIYC SWAP MEET

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