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Portwatch

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House.....Ross Simpson, Karen Garvey
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Membership.....Melody Stenstrom
Race & Regatta.....Sam Nedeau

MYC STAFF

General Manager.....Kim Nguyen
Business Manager.....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson
Bar Manager.....Dianna Kent

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Portwatch Submissions:

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



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

What crazy times we are living through! We perhaps are facing one of the most trying times our club has had. I am very proud of the way the different challenges are being handled by our staff and volunteers. Not only are we moving forward with the attenuator, raising the fixed docks, and the work needed by the hoist and South parking lot but there are many other projects still progressing even in these difficult times.

Kim has been working with the staff and everyone but she and Sue are applying for unemployment. The board has agreed to bridge the gap in wages when we are able to determine what that will look like. The club has received even further cleaning and is poised for a great reopening. I have gotten calls and emails with many good questions and it has been a pleasure to be able to report that our people are on task. Kim and Sue are still handling club duties and I feel we are lucky to have them to get us through this.

Please keep watch on your emails as there will be more information about club reopening, events and opportunities. We surely are being tested as a club but I am confident that better days are ahead and very soon we will be enjoying food, fun and fellowship at the club we all love!

Stay healthy,

Tim Wallace
Commodore



2020 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2020 Collected:
\$ 44,636

+

12/31/19 Balance:
\$ 40,624

2020 Expenditures:

None

Available Balance =
\$ 85,260



2020 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

CLUB IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

	<u>Bar Hours</u>	<u>Kitchen Hours</u>
Monday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Tuesday:	Club Closed	Club Closed
Wednesday:	4-10 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:	1-9 pm	1-8 pm

MYC Committee Meeting Reminders:

- Dock & Yard Committee – 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm**
- 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**



Treasurers Report:

Greetings Fellow MYC Members.

The MYC bylaws dictate that each year at this time the Board of Directors publish the budget for the upcoming year. Our annual submission follows this message.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the budgeting process this year. My fellow board members, our outstanding committee chairs and members, and of course the person who makes this all possible Sue Peters. Without the hard work, of

these many dedicated individuals this complex budgeting process could not be accomplished.

With the uncertainties of the upcoming year, finances are going to be a challenge to say the least. When the club reopens after the mandated shutdown, I encourage everyone to support our club, support our staff by coming to MYC Have a drink, have a meal, socialize with your fellow members. MYC needs your support. We have taken steps to protect and support our staff during this Covid-19 quarantine so that they will be ready to provide you with a great experience when the club reopens (Hopefully on April 16th). A little extra on the tip line will also be greatly appreciated I am sure.

Hope to see you all soon at MYC!

Larry Taunt
Treasurer

Muskegon Yacht Club

2020-21 BUDGET

**May 2020 - Apr
2021**

12 months

RESTAURANT OPERATIONS

Sales Revenue	\$466,325.00
Cost of Goods Sold	201,290.00
Staff Expense	173,251.00
Other Misc. Expenses	3,600.00
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SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL)	\$88,184.00

DOCK & YARD OPERATIONS / MARINA

Slip Rental Fee Income	\$170,000.00
Other Misc. Income	26,000.00
Staff Expense	10,940.00
Taxes, Permits & Insurance Expense	32,693.00
Utility Expense	16,300.00

Maintenance & Equipment Expense	33,435.00
Mortgage Expense (Principal & Interest)	109,192.00
<i>SURPLUS /</i>	
<i>(SHORTFALL)</i>	<i>(\$6,560.00)</i>

CLUB & MEMBERSHIP OPERATIONS

Dues & Initiation Fee Income	\$208,965.00
Other Income	45,070.00
Staff Expense	174,459.00
Taxes, Permits & Insurance Expense	36,862.00
Utility Expense	35,885.00
Maintenance & Equipment Expense	14,890.00
Misc Operating Expenses	73,455.00
<i>SURPLUS /</i>	
<i>(SHORTFALL)</i>	<i>(\$81,516.00)</i>

<i>RESTAURANT OPERATIONS</i>	<i>\$88,184.00</i>
<i>DOCK & YARD OPERATIONS / MARINA</i>	<i>(6,560.00)</i>
<i>CLUB & MEMBERSHIP OPERATIONS</i>	<i>(81,516.00)</i>
<i>Net Income from Operations</i>	<i>\$108.00</i>

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP EQUITY ***\$64,162.00***

Capital Improvement Fund Income (est)	\$81,520.00
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Membership Committee Report:

Hello everyone,

The MYC Spring Open House is postponed due to recent events. We will reschedule as soon as possible. Please read your emails and watch our Facebook Page for upcoming news.

We would love to hear from the membership. Please share your ideas or questions, the committee is always seeking new ways to support our members. You can send a message through the MYC FB Page or email melodystenstrom@gmail.com

Take Care,

Melody Stenstrom
MYC Membership Committee Chair



House Committee Report:

We hope everyone is safe and well. These are uncharted waters for us all, if anyone in the club finds them self in need of help please reach out to your friends at MYC. We are widely spread so I am sure there will be someone in your area that can offer you a hand as needed.

If you find yourself in need of help reach out and ask, feel free to call me personally 616-717-0127 and we will find some way of getting the ball rolling for you, Grocery, Pharmacy etc.

At the last House meeting, the committee voted to change the MYC closing policy at the clubhouse. Going forward, MYC will now adhere to a hard-close policy, removing the “1-hour extra” rule. Bartenders will do last call 20 minutes prior to closing and will close at the posted time. The House committee will make exceptions to this rule for regattas and events as they happen.

Keep yourself and family safe. We look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we are able.

Ross Simpson
Chair, House Committee



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Race and Regatta Committee Report:

MYC Racing 2020? We are all in the same boat. Today I read of the cancelation of the Vic-Maui Race (July 13th Start). Earlier in the week we learned of the cancelation of the Newport to Bermuda Race. Will the Mac races follow suit? We have to face the facts that nothing can be taken for granted and nothing can be assumed or planned. MYC's RRC has commenced discussions regarding by what dates do we have to make decisions on things like Wednesday night racing, Commodore's Cup...? We have had similar discussions regarding the Midwest One-Design Spring Championship, and I am happy to report that the Chair of this regatta, Josh Wallace, is fully engaged and considering all options.

Among the questions we are asking with regard to any and all racing:

- Can we hold an event if our club is closed?
- If so, can we put on a race or an event that meets the high standard which we have established?
- Would it violate any of temporary laws?
- Is it in the best interest of our membership?
- If the start of Wednesday night racing is delayed, can we do doubleheaders (two races in one night)?

These are just a sample of the questions the RRC is wrestling with, and the answer to each is "it's too early to know". What we are trying to avoid is a missed opportunity. We assume that our fleet simply wants to sail, wants to race, and like nothing else, wants to sail and race. So, we remain committed to effectuating exactly that, to serving our membership and fleet with well thought out decisions and execution.

Wash your hands, practice social distancing, and get your boats ready. Before too long someone will be screaming for buoy room.

Sail Fast

Sam Nedeau
Chair, Race and Regatta Committee



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Even though the world has virtually stopped, the D&Y committee keeps plugging along. We are lucky enough to have some time before the season starts and most of our projects allow for folks to stand at least 6 ft apart! None the less, we are kicking off prep for the season by removing bubblers in the next few weeks. Tucker Marine Construction is scheduled to be in the marina mid-April and will be working on raising the docks along the front wall to the level of the sidewalk. After that, they will begin working on the reconfiguration of our floating attenuator. Get ready, we are hoping for a fabulous summer. We need it! Stay safe.

We are tentatively planning a spring "Launch Day" type work bee on Saturday, May 2. Please SAVE THE DATE and plan to participate in one of our truly traditional traditions. Assuming many of the current restrictions will have expired, we will proceed to get ready for a great summer at MYC. During our work bee, we will return the Adirondack rockers to the lawn, get out the patio and pool furniture, install the patio and pool awnings, and do some general spring spruce-up around the club. Additionally, we'd like to power wash all the docks so we'll be mobilizing all the members with pressure washers to make short work of this big task. We may also be building several temporary deck platforms for use around the hoist area this summer. One prototype has been built and is placed next to the fixed dock at the water's edge if you'd like to check it out.

Joe Seifert & Jill Keast



Outer Dock Committee Report:

Tucker Marine is scheduled to begin work at MYC the week of April 6th. Their first job is to raise the fixed docks on the front wall. After completion, their plan is to continue staying on at MYC and remove the badly damaged attenuator section and replace with a container.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Bud Ainsworth
Jon Ledsworth



Message from the General Manager

WOW, what a whirlwind these past couple of weeks have been. Wishing each of you well and peace. I just finished watching Governor Whitmer's Press Conference and am just in awe. I know for many of us, life has been and will continue to be different. But now that K-12 schools are closed for the remainder of the school year, it brings "life" to a whole new meaning for most parents. As I try to calm my kids fears and anxiety over this and wonder what the heck we will do, I hold onto hope that this will all pass and we will come out stronger than ever. Not only for MYC but for our members, staff, and families as well. We will get through this if we all do our part. Please follow the [CDC COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines](#), and stay home.

I have been in contact with MYC staff on a regular basis and they are doing okay. The MYC Board of Directors are making sure we are all taken care of during this crisis. We appreciate your support during this difficult time.

I will continue to update members via email as time goes on and updates are available. Please reach out to me should you need anything at all. We look forward to seeing you all sometime soon!

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen



Juniors Committee Report:

FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK TO STAY UP ON THE LATEST NEWS!!

We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will take appropriate and timely action, if necessary, as the June sailing season approaches. The following link will take you to our Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/2QLVjLA>

REGISTER IS STILL OPEN FOR 2020 SUMMER SAILING CLASSES

The MYC Sailing School web site has been updated for the 2020 season. Click the following link to view and register for 2020 summer classes: <http://www.mycsailingschool.org>

NEW FOR 2020: FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS DURING WELCOME WEEK!

MYC Sailing School "Welcome Week" will take place June 15-18. This special week of introductory sessions offers a variety of fantastic opportunities for youth of nearly all ages to sample our summer sailing programs at no cost!

Click the following link to learn more about **Welcome Week**:

<http://www.mycsailingschool.org/classes-schedules-fees/>

SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES AREN'T JUST FOR KIDS!! Be sure to check out our Monday evening class for adults, families and teens who have daytime jobs!

2020 MYC JUNIOR RACE TEAM SEASON SCHEDULE

The schedule for the WMYSA "Friday" Regattas for 2020 will be as follows:

- Friday June 19: Club 420 Spinnaker Clinic at Macatawa Bay YC
- Friday June 26: Regatta at Macatawa Bay YC
- Friday July 10: Regatta at Spring Lake YC
- Friday July 24: Regatta at Muskegon YC
- Friday July 31: Regatta at White Lake YC

Note that the usual pattern of a regatta happening every two weeks will be a little bit different this year. The last two regattas will be back-to-back due to where the Westerns Regatta lands on the calendar in 2020.

For more WMYSA info, click this link: <http://westmichiganyouthsailing.org>

OTHER 2020 JUNIOR SAILING DATES

- June 11-12, 2020: US Sailing Area K Laser and Club 420 National Championship Qualifiers at Muskegon YC.
- July 14-16, 2020: Butterfly Nationals at Spring Lake YC
- Aug 6-9, 2020: WMYA Westerns Regatta at Torch Lake YC

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGIATE SAILING NEWS

All spring season regattas have been cancelled.

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/>



Social Committee Report:

Muskegon Yacht Club Bake Off

Save The Date: May 2, 2020

(Date subject to change based on COVID-19 progression)

- Bring your UN CUT cake, pie, or cookies to the club by 2:00 p.m labeled with your name, category and name of dessert.
- Items will be judged by appearance and taste.
- Prizes will be given for people's choice and judge's choice.



MYC Family

Amidst all the current chaos in the world, I was given some news on Monday, March 23 that made all the NOISE go completely silent. No virus noise. No political noise. No financial noise. No docks or building repair noise. No planning for adventures sailing or skiing noise.....Just....SILENCE.

As I approach 50 years of age, people close to me are passing more frequently. I am getting better at understanding the process of saying "goodbye." However, we were not prepared for the heart-breaking loss of MYC family member, David Freye. We did not get to say "goodbye."

So many of us at MYC have been blessed to have spent so many weekends with Dave and Judi Freye, whether sailing and skiing. We always knew that time spent with them would be special. It would be time where we would naturally "find ourselves" again and get back on track, ignoring the NOISE. They had this effect on so many of us at MYC. All of us that knew Dave can hear his soft voice with a slight rise in tone at the end of his question. Even though his tone is firm, that ever-present smile and twinkle in his eye is very noticeable as he asks: "Now MYC friends, I expect that you will all be working together to take good care of my Judi until I see her again, right?"

If you are reading my words here, then I am confident that you knew our beloved MYC family member, Dave Freye. In fact, I am certain that you have a memory of Dave and Judi. I want to ask you to please share your memories of Dave with each other when MYC has our grand re-opening celebration, post virus. This will help us all to heal. If you are reading my words here and you do *not* know Dave Freye, then you must be a new member! As such, I want to ask that you please seek me out and your fellow members and introduce yourself! They will share their memories of Dave with you. More importantly, they will share with you why being a member of MYC is so much more than a beautiful pool and grounds, excellent dining, drinks and incredible docks (currently being revitalized from the record high water levels). As Dave showed us all by his example, being a part of MYC is much more important than those material, tangible "things." Being a member at MYC is like being adopted into a very loving family. Just as Dave would have done, we want to help welcome you to our MYC family.

Our docks are a little beat up. Our clubhouse is showing its age. And now we must be closed and distance ourselves from each other. It is our responsibility to be a part of the solution, not the problem.

Social distancing is going to be a real challenge for our MYC family! Dave taught me firsthand that our fellow MYC members are some of the most exceptional folks that you will ever have in your time of need. Our members are like Dave: Strong but compassionate, bold yet humble, respectful yet fun. We have not lost Dave if we endeavor to be even half of the fellow human being to each other in these difficult times, just as he was to each of us. I know that we all want to just give Judi and Suzi and their family a big hug when we see them. We will all have a BIG smile together at the memories and stories of Dave. We have likely all cried too much since March 23. I am betting that Dave would prefer that we smile and give each other a hug AS SOON AS WE ARE ALLOWED during these troubling times.

“There are good ships and wood ships, and ships that sail the seas. But the best ships are friendships, and may they always be.”

Jon Ledsworth
Muskegon Yacht Club, *Principal Race Official*



(Photo Credit to MYC Member Kim McDaniel)



**EVERY WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
7 PM**

MYC ROUND ROOM

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FOOD, PLAY SOME CARDS!*

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All April Events have been postponed and will be rescheduled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Stay tuned for updates!

~ MYC APRIL 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Happy Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	28	30		

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

