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Portwatch

MAY 2020



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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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Please email Kim Nguyen
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Deadline for content
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Happy Spring MYC members!

Well Spring has finally sprung and many of us are making preparations for an "interesting" season. While I am sure we will have a wonderful summer, I am also sure things will move slowly to ensure the safety of all.

We will ALL need to observe the rules even if some seem unnecessary. We will need to observe "social distancing" while on club property even though the temptation to group together is overwhelming. We are in the public spotlight at the club and so we are easy targets for criticism.

Membership and slip sales are still seeing a lot of interest. If my hunch is correct, I think (hope) we will fill our marina because many other area marinas are flooded. The Electrician started to raise the power panel by the docks on 5/4 and should be done this week. The marine contractor is preparing to raise the slips along the wall. This work will take about a week and patience and understanding is much appreciated. Please use slips 3-7 if you are in before docks are completed.

We will be holding our Semi-Annual Board meeting virtually this month on May 15th at 7:00 pm. Please click on the link below to register if you would like to join us:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3785556268976149773>

As we all know these are challenging times and the reopening of the club will present many challenges. Rest assured MYC is doing all we can to protect members and employees. We all need to work together to ensure the continued success of our beloved club.

Tim Wallace
Commodore

2020 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2020 Collected:

\$ 49,028

+

12/31/19 Balance:

\$ 40,624

2020 Expenditures:

None

Available Balance =

\$ 89,652



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



Virtual Semi-Annual Board Meeting
May 15, 2020
7:00 pm

Please register for Muskegon Yacht Club Semi Annual Meeting on May 15, 2020 6:45 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3785556268976149773>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



Membership Committee Report:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Milton & Beth Fuehrer
Thomas (TJ) Gillen

Full Members
Full Member

Meqon, WI
Saugatuck, MI

New Member Incentives Available Help spread the word!!

Apply for membership during the month of May and receive ½ off your initiation fee – Savings of \$362.50

Apply for membership & rent a slip for the 2020 season and we will waive the initiation fee completely – Savings of \$725.00

Please contact Kim for more details at
kim@muskegonyachtclub.org





2020 Open Slips

Price Does Not Include Membership

Marina Amenities: Electricity, Water, and Wi-Fi

- Slip 3, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 4, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, port tie
- Slip 5, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 6, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, port tie
- Slip 7, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 9, 46 ft slip, \$3,330 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 15, 38 ft slip, \$2,675 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 17, 30 ft slip, \$2,150 for 2020, starboard tie
- Slip 19, 38 ft slip, \$2,675 for 2020, port tie
- Slip 21, 38 ft slip, \$2,675 for 2020, port tie
- Slip 35, 38 ft slip, \$2,675 for 2020, port tie
- Slip 63, 28 ft slip, \$1,940 for 2020, starboard tie



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Who has cabin fever?! Yikes. Who doesn't?!

Just like all of you, D&Y is excited about getting the season underway. With a little luck and a prayer or two, we should still have a decent summer season for boating and other club related activities in spite of this "COVID thing."

Abiding by safe distancing orders, the D&Y committee has still been able to get some essential items done, and plan for a few more, at the club over the past month. Thanks to some help from a few member elves, we were able to pull, clean, and put away all the bubblers. Plans are also underway to build a platform on the launch side to accommodate hoist users. In addition, a final electrical project has been approved by the Board to snuff up the electrical system to assure we are fully powered this summer regardless of water level. With all of that done, next on the list is "Work Bee" day.

Due to Governor Whitmer's extension of the Stay Home - Stay Safe order, we will have to postpone our planned "Work Bee" until we get the all clear to open. Stay tuned for a confirmation, but for now it is looking like Saturday, May 30th will be the earliest.

Stay well. Stay safe. See all of you soon.

Joe Seifert & Jill Keast





House Committee Report:

I hope you, your family, and those you care about are all well.

As we still navigate these uncharted waters of COVID-19 we appreciate your patience. Understand that the staff, board, and committees are doing all we can to monitor the situation and re-open the club when it is safe to do so.

At this stage it seems there will be lots of changes within the clubhouse to allow for the social distancing that's going to be required for reopening, which per the Governor's order will not be until May 28th. Kim is spending a lot of time thinking about and studying this issue. We are confident we can come up with a working plan that will keep the members safe. A large percentage of the membership is in the high-risk group, either because of pre-existing conditions or simply their age. For this reason, it's imperative that we will practice social distancing collectively for the health and welfare of all our club members.

With the weather improving it seems we can be sailing through this month of May. If the Governor relaxes the rules through the month we will react accordingly.

Everyone stay safe, stay distant and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ross Simpson
Chair, House Committee



Race and Regatta Committee Report:

MYC RACING STATUS

We all know what we don't know, so I'll utilize this space to discuss what we do know. Unfortunately, COVID – 19 has claimed the Midwest One-Design Spring Championship. It has also claimed the WETA regatta that was to be held in September and it has in the very least, caused the rescheduling of the C-Scow regatta (late summer to fall). That is the bad news. The good news is that both the Melges and WETA regattas will be back in 2021.

Guess what else is coming back in 2021. The Queen's Cup. We now have it in writing from the South Shore Yacht Club that the Queen's Cup will finish in Muskegon in 2021. But here is the deal, ... it is supposed to be a secret. SSSY likes to announce the following year's finish at the awards of the current year's race. So, for now, let's keep this a bit quiet.

SSYC has informed MYC that the 2021 finish in Muskegon will serve as a trial event, and if SSSY likes what it sees, it will agree to finish the Queen's Cup in Muskegon on odd years. Therefore, we are going to start our planning now and knock it out of the box in 2021. Accordingly, we are forming up the 2021 Queen's Cup Committee (QCC) and we are looking for members. We want to make the Muskegon and MYC finish the best finish on Lake Michigan. Please contact any RRC member if you are interested in joining our committee. And please join our committee.

MYC RACING 2020 ACTION PLAN

With the wonderful announcement from TMI, MYC Racing took a giant step forward towards setting a starting line. In fact, it is the first vital and necessary step for us to get back on the starting line. Great Job TMI. Unfortunately, under the existing Order, we cannot yet go fully crewed racing. We will need an Order that either eliminates social distancing, or reduces it to a distance that would allow the fleet to abide by while racing.

While we cannot yet race, we can get our boats ready, launch and prep. The TMI announcement allows us to accelerate our initial racing plan. By May 15th, the majority of our boats should be in the water and ready to go. Therefore, we are altering our earlier plan as follows, once an Order in place that allows for us to race, we will follow the following schedule,:

May 15th Order (which allows racing): Wednesday May 20th =
Practice Race

Wednesday May 27th = Season

Opening Race

Any Order after May 20th (Which allows racing)

MYC will hold its Season Opening Race the following Wednesday after the Order which allows racing, so long as the Order is made at least 48 hours before the Wednesday night start time.

As our racing season is currently on hold, stay tuned for creative developments for events like the Commodore's Cup and others.

Sail Fast

Sam Nedeau

Chair, Race and Regatta Committee

**We created a new MYC Racing Facebook Page.
Check us out!**



**Find us on:
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Juniors Committee Report:

SAILING SCHOOL AND JUNIOR PROGRAM POSTPONED THROUGH JUNE

The *MYC Sailing School* and *MYC Junior Program* have postponed the start of all sailing classes and Race Team activities until at least July 6. Several other youth programs in West Michigan have recently made similar announcements.

The Junior Committee is monitoring the COVID-19 situation very closely. We are communicating directly and frequently with other junior programs throughout the Midwest, the leadership at US Sailing and several other organizations to stay on top of any mandates or guidance that may influence whether we conduct any youth sailing activities after July 6.

If sailing classes do resume later in the summer, our class sizes may be limited and our curriculum may need to be changed to maintain safe social distancing.

If youth regattas do resume later in the summer, attendance may be limited and the sailing activities may be altered to ensure the safety of everyone.

Please be patient and rest assured that we are working hard to be prepared and will take prompt and appropriate action as soon as we know more.

To stay informed, please be watchful for MYC News Flashes via email, notices on the MYC and Sailing School web sites, and announcements on social media.

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

The following link will take you to our Facebook page: <https://bit.ly/2QLVjLA>

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/>



Message from the General Manager

Life is surely different now days. I hope you are all staying safe and well. My household has adjusted to our new normal pretty well. I am sure the girls are enjoying sleeping in instead of the pesky school alarm clock going off at 6:30 am. But like many kids, they have missed out on so much. They are missing out on sports, school trips, and end of the year festivities. Thank goodness they have Facetime to still interact with their friends....if not I am sure they would all think the sky was falling, lol. We are doing the best we can with such a different life now days.

Governor Whitmer's Executive Order prevents social gatherings with people from outside your household. This does mean no large gatherings on the lawn at this time. It is looking like we will not be able to open the club until May 28th when the order expires. Even at that time, I am sure there will be some safety measures we will all need to follow while at MYC. **The health and safety of our members and staff is our number one priority.**

Reminder – you can put your boat in your slip. You can work on your boat. You can go sailing. However, please be diligent in following all CDC, state, and local guidelines while on MYC property. Please click [here](#) for more information on COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

As time progresses, we will have more updates to share with you. Please continue to be safe. Life will return back to normal soon.

Thank you,
Kim Nguyen
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Mother's
Day

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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 MAY 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Virtual Board Meeting 7 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Kim Nguyen - kim@muskegonvachtclub.org

