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PORTWATCH

DECEMBER 2020



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Business Manager....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager....Nicky Anderson
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Deadline for content submission is the 20th of each month.



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Season's Greetings MYC,

I hope that you all had a restful and fulfilling holiday weekend -however you were able to celebrate. As I finish my first full month as Commodore, I am grateful for our Board, committees and volunteers, who give willingly great amounts of their time and talent. I am grateful for our Staff, who is experienced, hardworking and loyal. And I am thankful for all of you. Friends and fellow members with whom my family enjoys being with around the pool, on the race course, in the clubhouse, or even a remote-control Sailboat race from our dock.

Normally, this month I'd be reminding you of a Christmas party and New Year's Eve party and maybe even some wine dinners. At the moment, as our state is "paused", it is pretty difficult to plan these activities. We remain hopeful that we can return to being together as soon as possible, and let me assure you that your Board and House committee are always discussing (at length, ha ha) how we might be able to continue our MYC traditions, even if they have to look different this year.

We are currently in the 3rd week of an experiment of offering to-go food to our members and the public. The kitchen staff has put together a very good limited menu with special attention to dishes that have overlapping ingredients that can be frozen so we are not making big food orders that risk wasting food. I'm telling you; the food is fantastic. One Friday we completely sold out of 33 pounds of Perch! This has also generated some very positive buzz from non-members on social media and who knows, it may even create a few new members. Thus far we are breaking even, but if this endeavor becomes a financial detriment, we will stop. So, order some take out this weekend. Go wild!

Finally, as there are no Holiday parties happening, please remember our staff who would be busy working these events and earning money through tips. Please consider adding a Christmas tip to your member tab. If you're not sure how, just call Sue @ 755-1414.

Thank you, Happy Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Jay Wallace, Jr. Commodore

2020 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2020 Collected: \$ 73,798

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



2020 Expenditures:

\$ 16,275 Bathhouse remodel

Available Balance = \$ 98,147

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

	Bar Hours	Kitchen Hours
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	4-9 pm
Saturday:	12-11 pm	3-9 pm
Sunday:	1-9 pm	2-8 pm

^{**}HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

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



From the Business Office:

2021 Membership Renewal

Please watch your monthly billing statement for your annual membership renewal.

2021 Membership Dues are being billed this month (December).

2021 Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) billing starts next month (January) at \$20 per month. **As always, you may choose to pay a lump sum (\$200) for the CIF BY JANUARY 31ST to save \$40.**

We encourage you to take advantage of our other convenient options:

- Paperless Emailed Billing Statements
- Automatic Credit/Debit Card Bill Pay

Happy Holidays!
Sue Peters





Membership Committee Report:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Mike & Elizabeth Council Full Members Muskegon, MI David & Pat Spaulding Full Members Midlothian, TX

We are happy to have had so many new members join this year and welcome them wholeheartedly. We regret that circumstances have prohibited our usual New Member Orientations from occurring, but are hopeful that by Spring we can gather and celebrate our 2020 new members. Always feel free to reach with any new member questions you may have. We are here to help!

Thank you & Happy Holidays, MYC Membership Committee



MYC House Committee Meeting November 14, 2020 10:00 AM SUMMARY OF MINUTES:

The House Committee met on Saturday, November 14, at 10:00 am. The October 2020 financial report was not yet available. Please note that a new shutdown by the MDHHS was announced later that day. This report reflects decisions made prior to the latest shutdown.

General Manager's Report

A new position has been created in the kitchen to better reflect job descriptions. The Kitchen Manager position will be a dual partnership in the kitchen with newly hired Adam Davis and our veteran Scott Williams. Adam Davis started in early November and is doing a great job! Scott has been promoted to this position. After training is complete, Adam will work days and Scott will work afternoons through close. Still searching for a line cook, but because of low sales, hiring is not urgent at this time. Features have been great so far!

SOCIAL REPORT

<u>Jam Sessions</u> - A member contacted Kim to see if the Jam Sessions would be allowed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. After lengthy discussion regarding the risks involved, the committee voted to table a decision until the February meeting. There are other avenues for membership activities that could be socially distanced and we need to think outside the box to support the Club in other ways.

<u>Christmas Eve Potluck:</u> Thursday, December 24, open 4-8 for member fellowship. Since potluck style is currently strongly discouraged by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), alternatives for the Christmas Eve Potluck were discussed. Further discussion was tabled till the December meeting.

New Year's Eve: Tabled till December.

NEW BUSINESS

Hours of service for the coming months to increase, since we have additional staff in the kitchen. New hours are as follows:

- Wed Thur: Bar 4:00 to 10:00 pm; Kitchen close at 9:00
- Fri Sat: Noon to 11:00 pm; Kitchen close at 9:00
- Sun: 1:00 to 9:00; Kitchen close at 8:00

January Shutdown: After extensive discussion regarding a Club shutdown in January, the decision was made to table the decision until the December meeting. The staff have done a tremendous amount of work during past shutdowns when we would otherwise have very little activity at MYC. The Club has enjoyed cleanliness and positive reports from the County Health Department due to these annual closings. Although the building has had very little traffic over the past year due to Covid, the Kitchen needs to be thoroughly cleaned yearly. The rest of the Club has been sanitized every single day as required and is clean. A list of any necessary projects to be done will be compiled.

Blanket Drive: The Club has done food and sock drives in the past. This year we are asking for donations of blankets and socks for all ages. A collection box will be located in the foyer and items will be delivered prior to Christmas. Reciprocity/Guest Policy: The Club rule regarding reciprocity was reviewed due to Covid restrictions. The decision was made to continue to honor as in the past. It was also clarified that the clubhouse is currently for members only due to capacity restrictions. This means guests are currently not allowed in the clubhouse.

<u>Sales:</u> There has been a decline in weekly sales since the weather has changed and people have moved inside. This is not unique to MYC. Dining at our club is a much safer option than at other restaurants that are open to the public. After discussion it was decided to offer a to-go menu to non-members one night a week. Our current take-out option is under-utilized. It will be advertised on the Beachwood-Bluffton Neighborhood Facebook page and also on the page for the Lakeside Neighborhood. The target date to begin is November 25.

Queen's Cup 2021: Planning will begin in early winter for the 2021 Queen's Cup finish at MYC.

<u>First Minute in the Water: Presentation by Chicago Yacht Club</u> will be streamed on November 21. We will set up to stream to all big screens Club TVs and plan a lunch feature.

OLD BUSINESS

Survey: An ad hoc committee was formed to generate a survey of member services.

The next meeting will be held on December 12 at 10:00 am.

Thank you, Karen Garvey Chair



'Twas the Month before New Year

When all through the docks, there's not a boat to be seen, and unfortunately, neither is Tucker Marine.

Rest assured the attenuator will be repaired, before the spring launch as they have declared.

Preparations for winter have been taken with care. Waterlines have been winterized with some time to spare.

Bubblers installed in preparation for ice, by the many volunteers who were incredibly nice.

The bathhouse project continues as tile are installed,
The work near completion has the committee enthralled.

The budget for next year is soon to be pondered. With so many spring projects means money not squandered.

The water levels receding, how far we don't know, It may rise back up after the melting of the snow.





So, for now the wood platforms are to remain.
Removing them before knowing would be simply insane.

With the end of 2020 Almost in sight. Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight.



Jeff Blum Dock & Yard Co-Chair



A big thank you goes out to:

Jon Ledsworth....Helmsman

Scotty Miller......Bowman & Alternate Helmsman

Tim WallaceMidship & Alternate Helmsman

Mark ReganNavigator Bud Ainsworth....Logistics

For bringing Tucker Marines tug & barge up from Holland to help get the attenuator project going. It turned out to not only be a long cold day on the water but also late into the evening when you're only making 3.5 knots headway. There were also issues coming into the Muskegon channel, at the same time as a freighter. A cable attachment from the tug to one of the barge cleats broke away also, almost causing them to go on the rocks. There are some great stories from the trip, that are best they tell.

It's MYC time now on the Tucker schedule. They have been cleaning the barge up on and off the last couple of weeks for

preparation at the club and one small job down at Terrace Point. Tucker Marine plans on working and staying on the job now until finished. They feel there's a lot of good work days left in the season (season ends when ice is on the lake).

Bud Ainsworth
Jon Ledsworth







A big catch?

No, it's once a bowman always a bowman, Scotty Miller working the bow and pulling the strings on the Tucker Marine barge & crane.



Race and Regatta Committee Report:

The idea was hatched on the previous Tuesday. Either Will Osterink or Scotty Miller is the author. Both would deny if things went poorly and both would own it if it was a success. Facebook PM, text messages, emails... and commitments were made. At least three boats were committed.

A race, MYC to B and back, or something like that. Anyone can race and everyone can race, but since the only boats available were the Melges 24s that were on the hard, the fleet would be limited. No RC boat. No RC.

At around 11:00 AM some crew and owners started to gather in the parking lot. Some of the boats had to be put back together. All had to be launched and the teams had to agree on a race course and some rules. The wind was from the south with enough strength that a reach to B and back did not seem ideal. On the back of business cards, on the hood of cars and with a beverage in hand, the rules were born and agreed to.

The Start:

All three boats on the dock. All crew on the dock with hands on the boat, 3-2-1 go. No sails hoisted.

First Mark: The mooring off of Torresen, to Port

Second Mark: The "no wake buoy" off of Schillers, to Starboard

Third Mark: The mooring furthest from the docks, to Port

Fourth Mark: #7 to Port

Fifth Mark: Torresen mooring, to Port

Sixth Mark: #7, to Port

Finish: First boat with feet on the main dock Winner Winner Chicken

Dinner!

Three boats made it to the line (Dock) Will Osterink (USA 491) Sam Nedeau (USA 86) and Scotty Miller (USA 142) A smattering of crew, some of each boat's regular crew, some others thrown in. Corinne Nedeau and two of her MSU Sailing team mates drove in from East Lansing. Becca and Jim Beebe used the race as a warm-up to their last Lake Michigan swim of the year (yeah, WTH) At least one of Scotty's crew jumped aboard Will's boat. At the last minutes Becca traded herself to Scotty's boat, for no one!

At 1:00 PM Scotty did the count down, 3-2-1 GO. All three crews push, jumped, hoisted, yelled, and off they went. It was a one-legged beat to the Torresen mooring, then a reach to the Schiller "no wake" buoy. Will was leeward of Sam, taking him up something crazy, but Sam could not see Will as the main was being hoisted. Fortunately, Sam's main went up a bit faster and he got over Will. Scotty came screaming down from being the windward boat at the start and for a quick second, it looked like the first rounding was going to be an overlapped pinwheel... which would be fine, except for the fishing boat sitting about a Melges 24 width off of the Torresen mooring. To go wide or to thread the needle? Thread the needle of course, and do it while yelling at the fishermen to provide room... They did, Sam got around first, followed by Will and then Scotty... Spinnakers Up... Kind of... And that is the way the boats would eventually finish, but not before some serious fun. Downwind speeds in the teens. Upwind speeds were in the high sixes too due to the all the crew on the rail... Fun meter pegged. Pure Fun. So much fun that Nedeau even loosened his Dutch wallet and brought a round for everyone at MYC.

This race was not organized by the Race and Regatta Committee. It was club members looking ahead at the weather and seeing a fall weekend window to sail one last time. It was club members taking advantage of one of the best race tracks in the Country. It was doing what we all love to do and doing it in the spirit of how it should be done.

Just another great day at MYC. Let's have more races/days like this one.

Thank you,



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE MYC JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM



We are excited to begin working on the programming and schedule for the summer 2021 junior sailing season. The MYC Junior Sailing Program offers an affordable summer sailing program for sailors of all levels from beginners to advanced. Learning to sail builds self-confidence, teaches responsibility and decision making, develops leadership skills, lifelong friendships and it has some pretty great views.

Stay in the loop on the MYC Junior Sailing Program and the MYC Race Team by signing up for our email list.

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

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 the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association part of your year-end giving with a tax-deductible donation. Follow the link for online donations. <u>Give Today!</u>



For more info on the program please click the link below: http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org/myc-juniors/mjsa/

ANNUAL SLIP ASSIGNMENT MEETING

Slip renters - Please read the message below!

The annual MYC Slip Assignment Meeting has been postponed to Saturday, December 12 at 1pm

In light of COVID restrictions regarding in-person meetings, the Dock & Yard Committee has postponed the annual slip assignment meeting and is preparing to conduct the slip assignment meeting virtually on the internet. Existing slip holders who are interested in moving to a different slip, members currently on the slip waiting list, and others who interested in leasing a slip are advised to watch for further updates regarding exactly how the slip assignment meeting will be conducted. Anyone with questions or concerns about their ability to attend the meeting virtually should contact the Dock & Yard Committee via the contacts below.

Please note that the deadline for existing slip holders to pay their 2021 slip fees is still December 1.

Jeff Blum jblum@wcgrp.com 616-304-1084

Scott Corder scorder@pathwaynet.com 616-485-3400

MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

THANK YOU!



Join us during the month of December by donating to our sock drive, and as community, we can help those in need. Donations will be given to the Muskegon Area Men's Shelter on 12/23/20

Do you have a pair or two to spare? Bring in two pairs of socks (or more) or one blanket and receive a voucher for \$2 off your next MYC meal!



Please mention your donation to the bartender on duty while placing your order for your voucher. You can donate while doing Curbside pickup or call Kim to arrange a donation time.

Let's help spread some MYC Holiday

Cheer!

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

Seek medical care immediately if someone has emergency warning signs of COVID-19.

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion

- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.



cdc.gov/coronavirus



MYC APPAREL FOR SALE

CAN COOZIE	\$1.00		
BURGEE STICKER	\$2.50		
BURGEE PATCH	\$5.00		
LICENSE PLATE	\$8.00		
HATS & VISORS	\$20.00		
LONG SLEEVE DRY WICK SHIRTS	\$25.00		
LONG SLEEVE COTTON SHIRTS	\$25.00		
QUARTER ZIP SWEATSHIRT	\$45.00		
FULL ZIP SWEATSHIRT	\$50.00		
POLO SHIRTS	\$25.00		
SMALL BURGEE	\$22.00		
LARGE BURGEE	\$30.00		
LADIES SWIM SKIRTS	\$35.00		
YOUTH T-SHIRTS	\$15.00		
DRY WICK & COTTON ADULT T-SHIRTS	\$20.00		

PLEASE ASK THE BARTENDER ON DUTY FOR ASSISTANCE!

Employee Holiday Fund

Happy Holidays!

The Muskegon Yacht Club is very fortunate to have an outstanding and loyal staff. Many of whom, have been with us for many years. As we head into this Holiday Season, it is important to keep them in mind.

Six years ago, at the request of our membership, a new program was created to allow members to contribute a Holiday Gratuity to our staff and have it added to our member accounts. This program has proven to be very popular with our membership.

The money generated from the program will be divided amongst all of our staff and given to them prior to Christmas as a Holiday bonus. I am inviting you to please contribute to this fund at whatever level you are comfortable with. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

This is a voluntary program and an extra opportunity to say "Thank You" to our staff that works so hard throughout the year to make your MYC experience a great one.

Thank you! Jay Wallace, Jr Commodore

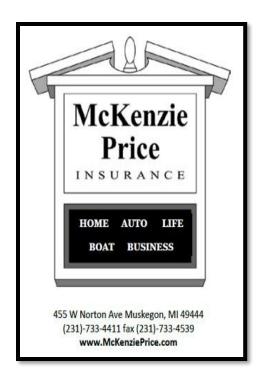


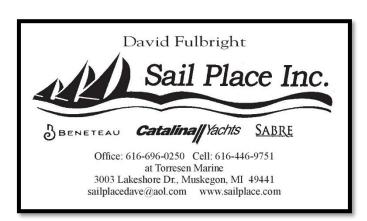
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~ MYC DECEMBER 2020 ~								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
		1	2	3	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Committee Meetings Slip Assignment Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17 Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25 Moony Chustmas	26		
27	28	29	30	NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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