

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# Portwatch

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Membership.....Melody Stenstrom,  
Craig Rozelle

## MYC STAFF

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

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

As November arrives, the month of gratitude, I came across this quote in my reading that jibes quite nicely with that virtue. It resonated with me and is something I will try to elicit during my year as Commodore. Albert Einstein said, "One hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depends on the labors of other people, living and deceased, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving." I stand on the shoulders of many great Commodores, and I hope to continue their legacy by giving back in the same standard they set forth.

To that end, I would like to thank a few people starting with the Miller brothers. If you skipped the annual meeting, you missed the ceremonious loaning of their mother, the truly wonderful (and until now only female) Commodore, Judy Miller's patch. Scott and Clark, your thoughtful gesture means the world to me. To Kathleen and Brian Torresen, our club is beholden to you and your families for the endless support of our race programs. I also want to show my gratitude to the entire MYC staff for their dedication and hard work. We are blessed to have a clubhouse full of loyal and reliable individuals, who have shown grace and resiliency in the face of constant pressure. I praise you all for your patience and for putting on a stunning awards banquet dinner! Thank you for your leadership, Kim.

I would be remiss to leave out my fellow flag officers, board of directors, committee chairs, committee members and volunteers, who all give countless hours of their time to our club year-round. I admire you all. Your volunteerism is valued and appreciated more than you know. I also want to acknowledge those who immediately preceded me: Past Commodore's Brad Fisher, Tim Wallace, Jay Wallace Jr., and Eric Bombery. I commend you all for your unassailable lead. I am thankful for the wisdom, trust, and support you have all given me. And finally, thank you to all of our RRC committee members for stepping up to the challenge and putting together a stellar awards ceremony! The planning was precise, the MC's were charming, and it was great to see the kids celebrate with the adults again. MYC has so many skilled individual sailors and sailing teams who exhibit great sportsmanship on and off the race course, and it was a pleasure to recognize them this past weekend.

I'm certain I forgot someone, and for that I apologize. I have 11 more of these to write, so hopefully I will remember to acknowledge those individuals at another time. To each and every one of you reading this, I am sincerely grateful to all of you, my MYC family. It takes a village! I hope you all have a cozy, tummy-filling day of Thanksgiving later this month.

Jessica Strecker  
Muskegon Yacht Club Commodore  
[jessicastrecker2021@gmail.com](mailto:jessicastrecker2021@gmail.com)



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## 2022 Capital Improvement Fund Update

**2022 Collected:**

\$ 39,322

+

**12/31/21 Balance:**

\$ 116,720



**2022 Expenditures:**

\$ 24,797

**Available Balance =**

\$ 131,245



### Winter Hours

	<b>Bar</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	4 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday	4 pm – 10 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Thursday	4 pm – 10 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Friday	4 pm – 11 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Saturday	12 pm – 11 pm	12 pm – 9 pm
Sunday	1 pm – 9 pm	1 pm – 8 pm



## MYC Committee Monthly Meeting Reminders:



- Dock & Yard Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:00 am**
- House Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 10:00 am**
- Membership Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:00am**
- Race & Regatta Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 7:00pm**
- Social Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:15am**
- Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00pm**



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## Treasurers Report:

Greetings!

After a lengthy discussion at the Annual Meeting on October 15, dues for the 2023 were approved by the board of directors. Annual Dues will increase from \$800 for full members to \$875. This equates to \$585 for Associate members and \$437 for Junior members. In addition, the Capital Improvement Fund contribution was increase from the current and original level of \$120 (\$100 if paid in lump sum) to \$150 (\$125 if paid in a lump sum in January).

The Capital improvement fund (CIF) was established nine years ago to provide much needed capital to address an aging and crumbling facility. The roofs of all of our buildings had been leaking terribly for years leading to significant water damage. Windows were old, rotting, and leaking, Systems were not up to code and the club house had no air conditioning. The Club has invested heavily in restoring the clubs structural and systems integrity with great result. We are warm, dry, much more efficient, aesthetically pleasing, and ecologically responsible now but, we still have much to do. Some of these projects have been behind the scenes. No one knows what “make up air” is but it is an important part of our kitchen ventilation system which we invested \$45,000 into it. All new tankless hot water heaters, new roofs, new AC units, along with more visible projects like new pool fencing, new windows, new bar, and bar coolers, and more are all a result of the CIF.

The original level of the CIF was \$120 per year per member. We increased it to \$200 for two years, and then reverted back to the \$120 level last year. We are facing significant projects in the coming years with decision on the leaking and decaying Octagon building, collapsing and under washed areas of the parking lot in the SE corner near the hoist, an aging parking lot in need of a complete resurfacing, renovation of our front entry, and other projects that are on the planning list. Cost of all if this has increased significantly in the last few years and an increase on our base CIF contribution to \$150 after ten years is fiscally appropriate to keep up with the inflating cost of repairs, maintenance, and improvements.

For a full member these increases equates to an increase in cost of \$100 per year, or \$8.33 per month This will raise approximately \$27,500 in additional dues revenue across our approximately 350 dues paying members and an additional \$10,000 per year into the CIF.

The board does not take the decision to increase dues lightly. Unfortunately, MYC is not immune to increasing cost of operations and inflationary pressures that we are all currently experiencing. Utility cost have nearly doubled in the last year. Pool chemical cost more than doubled. Labor cost have increased significantly, and debt service cost have also increased with the rising interest rates. As a not-for-profit club, we simply do not have margins to absorb these cost increases. We budget down to the last dollar. The choice comes down to either raising dues or cutting services. As a board, we decided that raising dues by \$8.33 per month was the lesser of two evils.

On a more positive note. I am pleased to report that we have closed on our required refinancing of the marina note and that this is our FINAL renewal (no balloon). We are scheduled to pay off this note in full in June of 2029 and the board is committed to accelerating that as much as possible with a goal of retiring the debt by the June of 2028.

In closing the Muskegon Yacht Club continues to strive, even in challenging times, to be the best value on the Great Lakes for a full service, year-round, yacht club. Your board and the outstanding staff of MYC have weathered the last few years challenges head on and have come through the storm successfully. Our membership levels have been maintained with more full members than ever before and our total membership close to an all-time high. We had 100% capacity in the marina this year for the first time ever. We the board look forward to the coming year with optimism as we continue to provide an outstanding experience to our membership.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Taunt  
Treasurer,  
Muskegon Yacht Club



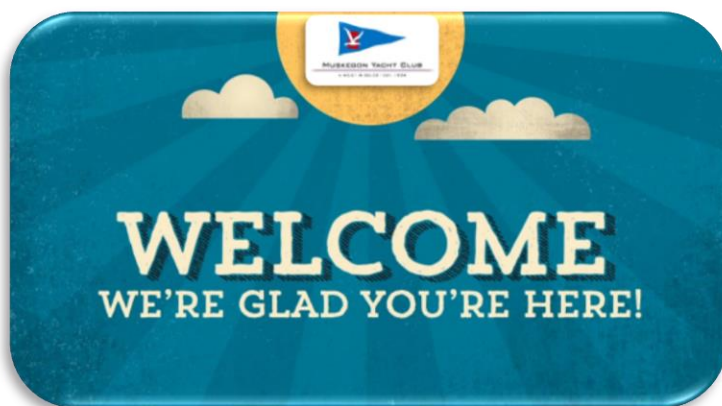


## Membership Committee Report:

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Craig & Molly Ressel – Full Members – Grand Rapids, MI  
Marc Strayer – Full Member – Linden, MI



## ATTENTION ALL NEW MEMBERS

You are cordially invited to a Muskegon Yacht Club New Member Orientation on Saturday, November 12, 2022, 1:00 pm.

The orientation will take place upstairs in the Lakeview Room, we begin by going over the materials that you received in your new member packet, familiarizing you with some of the procedures & information shared in the Red Book, and answering any questions that you may have. Afterward, you'll have the opportunity to get to know other members.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. You may contact Kim or me with your rsvp.

- Kim Nguyen, MYC General Manager, 231-755-141, email:  
[Kim@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:Kim@muskegonyachtclub.org)

- Melody Stenstrom, 269-240-8358, email:  
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We look forward to getting to know you & sharing the Muskegon Yacht Club experience!

Thank you,

Melody Stenstrom  
Co-Chair



### **Race and Regatta Committee Report:**

At our last RRC committee meeting Jon Ledsworth made his resignation official. We are endeavoring to fill his shoes and appreciate his years of service to our racers and Muskegon Yacht Club. Our next RRC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

Coming up in the 2023 racing season we are looking forward to two large events: the 84<sup>th</sup> Queen's Cup Race finish in June and the 94<sup>th</sup> Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship Regatta in August. There will be myriad opportunities for members to volunteer. More information will be forthcoming. The 2023 race calendar is being finalized. A tentative version will be published after the November RRC meeting. If racers would please review and notify myself or Eric

Bombery with questions or concerns, we will finalize the calendar in December.

In West Michigan PHRF news, the process of reconciling boat ratings between Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, and Western Lake Erie with Lake Michigan boat ratings may result in some ratings changes. I have been assured that nearly all of these changes have been an increase in rating. If your boat is affected, an email will be sent to you from the PHRF Regional Handicapper. Opportunities to protest any such changes will be explained in the email. Rating certificate prices have been reduced, with an early-bird fee of \$30, which will increase to \$50 after March 2023.

Thank you,  
Steve Garvey  
Interim RRC Chair



## **Basic Race Management Seminar**

02/04/2023

**Registration Link:**

<http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13497303>

**IN-PERSON Basic Race Management Seminar At Muskegon Yacht Club.**  
Instructors are Richard Reichelsdorfer.

The seminar consists of ONE session on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

The seminar will be held at Muskegon Yacht Club, 3198 Edgewater Street, Muskegon, MI

There is approximately 90-120 minutes of required pre-course work prior to the In-Person seminar. Attendance is required to complete and pass the course.

About 10 days before your course begins, you will receive an email from US Sailing inviting you to participate in the course through Canvas, US Sailing's online learning platform. Please click the "Get Started" link to complete your profile and access the required course materials.

The lead instructor will email you with course information.

Course fee: \$40. Lunch will be provided for an additional fee that will be collected at the seminar.

Registration closes Wednesday, January 25, 2023. Walk-In registrations are not allowed.



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## Dock and Yard Committee Report:

The ***December Slip Assignment meeting*** is coming soon. Please watch for announcements on how to attend in person or virtual.

As a reminder - If you rented a slip for the 2022 season AFTER the December 2021 Slip Assignment Meeting, your slip assignment was temporary for one year. As a temporary slip holder, you have the following choices:

1. Elect to get on the Club slip waiting list by paying the \$50 non-refundable fee which puts you next in line after the lateral shifts made by permanent slip holders. You must attend the Slip Assignment Meeting in person or by proxy per the *Dock and Yard Rules*. (If you have already paid the \$50 waiting list fee, your next step is to attend the Slip Assignment Meeting).
2. Forgo the slip waiting list by not paying the \$50 non-refundable fee. This move will put you last in line after the lateral shifts made by permanent slip holders and anyone on the waiting list. You should still attend the slip assignment meeting in person or by proxy if you would like to choose from remaining slips, if any.
3. Skip the whole process and hope for the best after the Slip Assignment Meeting. If a slip is assigned after the Slip Assignment Meeting, it is a temporary assignment for one year.

If you are a permanent slip holder and wish to move to a different slip you must attend the Slip Assignment meeting to see what is available.

Reminder - Each slip holder must provide a Slip/Dry Sail License Agreement and provide proof of insurance.

***Thank you to all the people who helped at the Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> work bee.*** Much was completed in a short amount of time.

The volunteers completed taking down the awnings, moving outdoor seating, pool furniture, and grills into the octagon building for winter storage, and pulling the Junior Sailing Team floating dock from the water.

Thank you to the Social Committee who provided a pancake breakfast to the volunteers. Our pancake chefs included Commodore Jessica Strecker, Kim Blum, a Linda Oestman.



Volunteers loading pool deck furniture onto a trailer to move to the Octagon Building.

Commodore Jessica Strecker and Linda Oestman cooking pancakes for volunteers.



Volunteers enjoying a breakfast break.

### ***Octagon Building News***

The Octagon Building roof is leaking, rotting, and only getting worse. The question that is going to be put before the membership is "Do we spend money to save the Octagon Building (install a new roof and complete other necessary repairs) or do we demo the Octagon Building and construct something new?"



Before you can answer that question you might ask, what is the Octagon Building and what is its purpose and does the club need it? Well, the Octagon Building is the white (non-Octagon shaped) building to the north of the clubhouse. It is home to the Junior Sailing program, sailing school, their boats and equipment. Secondly the Octagon Building is where MYC stores all the “behind the scenes” stuff. For example, holiday decorations, winter storage of the MYC furniture, summer storage of marina deicers, and much more I wish to not bore you with.

At the next Dock and Yard meeting (Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>) they will establish a date and time of a membership meeting to review the options, discuss cost, ask questions, and vote on a path forward. Stay tuned.

Thank you,  
Jeff Blum  
Co-Chair D&Y Committee



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# SLIP ASSIGNMENT MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2022 1 PM MYC LAKEVIEW ROOM



Reminder - If you rented a slip for the 2022 season **AFTER** the December 2021 Slip Assignment Meeting, your slip assignment was temporary for one year. If you want to slip at MYC in the 2023 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 3rd 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 2023 will be limited to whatever slips are left after the Slip Assignment Meeting, if any.

Please refer to the Red Book, pages 66-69 for more information.



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## Social Committee Report:

Battle of the Bowls!! The MYC annual Soup and Chili cookoff is coming up November 19. Sign up to bring your best dish and secure bragging rights for a year. [SOUP AND CHILI COOKOFF SIGNUP](#)

Attention Taste Testers!! We need your refined pallet for judging. \$5 to warm your belly. Drink specials to wash it all down.



## 2021 Winners



The night before Thanksgiving is also known as the biggest hometown bar night of the year. The night you are guaranteed to run into friends. Join them at MYC for drink specials, games, prizes and



*Remember that interest survey you filled out? Watch the club online calendar and your email for the things you are interested in. Didn't get a chance to give your ideas? It's not too late. Just click the link below.*

## INTEREST SURVEY

The MYC Social committee would like to add events and opportunities that interest our members. There are quite a few ideas and we would like to ask you to take a minute and tell us what you would like.

Is it a Cocktails and Canvas class? A dart league? Karaoke, Trivia and Pizza night, a Wine club, a business networking night, mixology class, cooking class, an escape room game night, fantasy basketball league, splicing class, floral arrangement class...

Please take just a couple of minutes to let us know by filling out this form. [Interest Survey](#)





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The Social Committee meets the second Saturday of each month at 11:15am.  
Please join us!!

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Thank you,  
Kim Blum- Social Committee Chair



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## Juniors Committee Report:

I'd like to start by acknowledging this year's racing coaches, Frank Frisinger and Ben Morris. Who in addition to coaching had their own accomplishments in racing this year. Both are avid Wednesday night racers with the Melges fleet.



Frank took first place in Western's this year in Traverse City in August.

Ben represented MYC at the New York Yacht Club's Resolute Cup

MYC Juniors had 14 kids competing this year.

Our Opti skippers are George Mueller, Tess Bombery, Ian Bombery and Teagan Wallace

Our Butterfly skippers are Lila Torresen, Jazmine Nguyen, Emery Price, Cole Blum, Brady Wallace, and Tommy Dahlquist. Crew, Owen Silvis, Elsie Torresen, and Kayleigh Shelagowski

Our Laser skipper is Gage Stasko





Starting with the Optimist division.

1st Place Opti George Mueller

2nd Place Opti Teagan Wallace

3rd Place Opti Ian Bombery

In the butterfly division we have:

1st Place Butterfly Lila Torresen

2nd Place Butterfly Brady Wallace

3rd Place Butterfly Jazmine Nguyen



This year our Ulrich Cup winner is: Lila Torresen



Most Improved Sailor

Donated by the Schiller Family. Awarded annually to the Junior Sailor who shows the most improvement in sailing by advancement in skills, demonstrated commitment to learning and proven dedication to becoming a better sailor. This year's winner of the Schiller Most Improved Sailor award started her first race competing against 20 other sailors and finishing....21<sup>st</sup> place. Her second race she finished in 20<sup>th</sup> place, her 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> place and the last race finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teagan Wallace



The School Bus program gives kids the opportunity to not only experience big boat racing but they have the opportunity to learn how to fly a spinnaker, multiple sail control, using wenches and skippering in a faster paced environment with the big boats. The kids do all of the work, the driving, bow, sails with the supervision of an adult.

Thank you to Kyle Vowels for once again loaning the J24 to make the program possible.

Huge thank you to Peter Vandenberg for the donation of a Santana 23 to the program to ensure future years.

**FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON [FACEBOOK](#) TO STAY UP ON THE LATEST NEWS!**

**Giving Tuesday is coming up on November 29, 2022 - Please consider making a tax deductible donation to support MYC Junior Programs 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. [Give Today!](#)



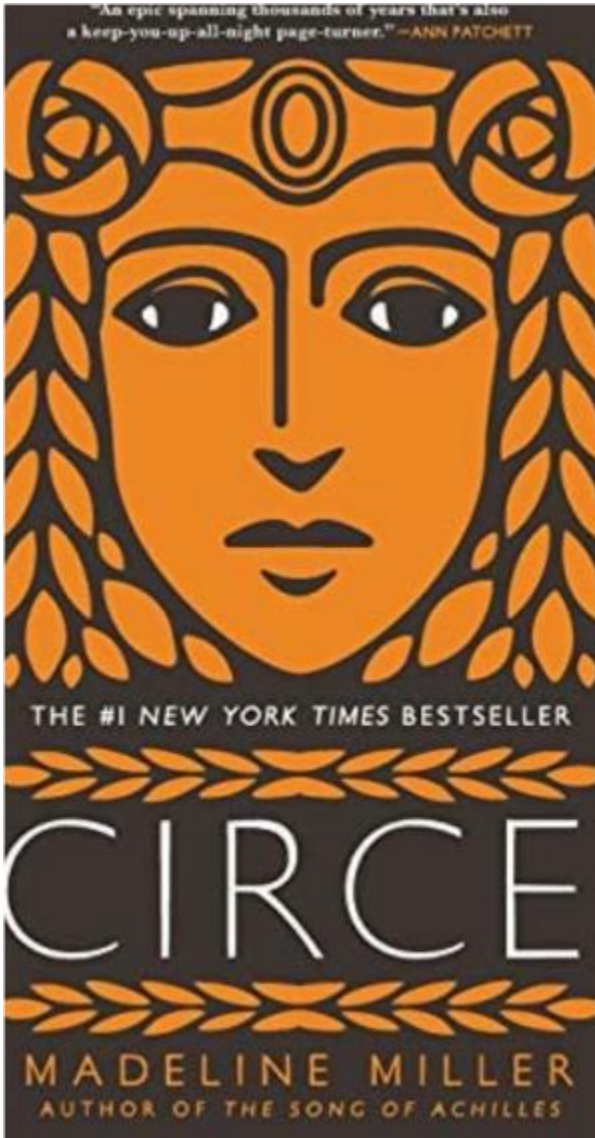
For more info on the program please click the link below:

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

Thank you

Kim Blum

Sailing School Chairperson



Thursday, November 10  
6 pm  
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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8	9	10 Book Club	11	12 Committee Meetings  New Member Orientation
13 Board Member Orientatio n	14	15	16 Wine Dinner	17 Board Meeting	18	19 Soup & Chili Cook Off
20 Elton John TV Concert	21	22	23 Bar Olympics	24 Happy Thanksgiving  Club Closed	25	26
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