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Portwatch

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Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Kim Nguyen
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Deadline for content
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month.



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

On Saturday, December 3rd at 3:30pm, after the annual slip assignment meeting, there will be an informational meeting at Muskegon Yacht Club about the future of our Octagon building. Please plan to attend in person, or virtually, to learn about the current condition of our Octagon building and our options for repair or replacement. There will be a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session.

After this meeting, a vote by the full membership will occur, and one of two options will be concluded about our dilapidated Octagon building; rehab and restore the building, or tear down and start over. Due to the significance of this commitment and potential financial impact to MYC, I felt it prudent to inform the membership about the gravity of this upcoming meeting and vote.

Reflections: As another year comes to a close, we often reflect on what the year meant to us. We recall our experiences. We reminisce about our adventures and the friendships we made along the way. We contemplate our choices and their outcomes. We review our skills and the knowledge we gained. Oh, the lessons I've learned this year. In quiet introspection, we look at how the year reshaped us. We take heed of the bad and rejoice in the good.

Just like driftwood found on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan, we too are sculpted by the nature and nurture around us. Each year is different from the last, and thus it distinctly changes us and shapes us into something new. During the bad years, we continue to learn and grow, maybe even more so in those years. Each piece of driftwood is like each of us, unique in its design, and perfectly imperfect. I'm going to do it again and use another quote. The Dalia Lama says, "There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called

Yesterday, and the other is called Tomorrow. Today is the right day to Love, Believe, Do and mostly Live.”

I wish you all a very happy holiday season! I hope this year’s reflections motivate you to “Love, Believe, Do and mostly Live” in today. For auld lang syne or, for the sake of old times, I hope I see you at the club in December, so we can reminisce old times, enjoy our club and share a beverage, a handshake, a hug, or maybe even a conversation to close out the year.

Wishing you all peace, joy, and prosperity in the New Year!

Jessica Strecker

Muskegon Yacht Club Commodore

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2022 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2022 Collected:

\$ 40,885

+

12/31/21 Balance:

\$ 116,720



2022 Expenditures:

\$ 24,797

Available Balance =

\$ 132,808



Winter Hours

	Bar	Kitchen
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 – 2nd Saturday
at 9:00 am**
- House Committee – 2nd Saturday
at 10:00 am**
- Membership Committee – 2nd Saturday
at 11:00am**
- Race & Regatta Committee – 3rd Wed.
at 7:00pm**
- Social Committee – 2nd Saturday at
11:15am**
- Board Meeting – 3rd Thursday
at 7:00pm**



Membership Committee Report:



***Grand Rapids
Boat Show
February 15 –
19, 2023***



From the Business Office:

2023 Membership Renewal

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

THIS MONTH (December Statement): 2023 Membership Dues are billed this month.

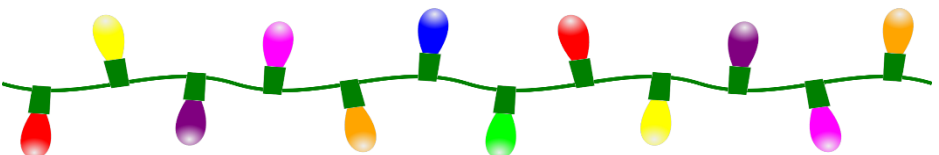
NEXT MONTH (January Statement): 2023 Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) billing starts next month at \$12.50 per month.

As always, you may choose to pay a \$125 lump sum for the CIF by January 31st to save \$25. Note the lump sum is \$125, not \$100 as in the past.

If you choose the lump sum option, please specify as such when making your payment – it helps clarify your intentions for me – thanks.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Sue Peters





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.



Race and Regatta Committee Report:

The 2023 Racing Calendar is near completion and being given a final edit. At this upcoming meeting the RRC will vote to publish the final version before the BOD meeting.

The next RRC meeting is on Wednesday evening, 12/14 (7 PM), the night before the board meeting. This meeting (and all future meetings) is open all MYC members. If you have any questions, please let me know at garveysteven8@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Steve Garvey



House Committee Report:

House Committee - December 2022 Portwatch

To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.

– Aristotle

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and “A Festivus for the rest of us”!

Winding down 2022 and looking forward to 2023 I have reflected on the changes that have happened in the Club over the past year, especially in the kitchen. Although it has been a challenge, General Manager Kim has once again come up with a creative, out-of-the-box solution to our temporary chef problem. Past MYC Chef Adam White will be helping us out with kitchen leadership and special events. Day to day operations will be handled by our wonderful team of Sam, Greg, and Josh. Next time you see them, please acknowledge their hard work and willingness to do whatever it takes to make food service at MYC successful.

At our November meeting, the House Committee passed a motion recommending the replacement of both sets of foyer double doors and sidelights to the Board of Directors as a CIF project to be completed in January 2023. The project was approved at the November Board of Directors meeting. The backroom tile was also recommended for replacement and approved.

We had a health department inspection in late November. The inspector checked the bathrooms, bar, bar coolers, back room, ice chest, bar walk-in cooler, kitchen, and Lakeview Room sink area. All went well, with one minor infraction in the kitchen that was corrected while she was here, so there is no need for follow up or reinspection. Way to go Staff!

Speaking of staff, over the past year they have once again pulled together through some difficult times to make our Club a wonderful place. If you have not already done so, please consider contributing to the annual bonus gift for our employees. Our Club is nothing without them.

We have some fun events planned for the month, including the Annual Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 3. The MYC

annual community giving will also kick off at this all-day event. This year Every Woman's Place, Inc. has been chosen as our designated charity. The shelter needs towel sets, twin bed sheets, pillows, and blankets. Donate one of the above items and receive a voucher for \$2 off your holiday meal. On Sunday, December 4, it's All Aboard the Polar Express Pajama Party from 4 to 6 pm for MYC Kids. On Christmas Eve the Club will be open from 12 to 8 pm. The kitchen will close at 4 pm and the Annual Christmas Eve Member Potluck will begin. The Club will close at 8 pm and be closed on Christmas Day. Watch for additional details for the New Year's Eve Party, which is open to the public. The Club will be open on New Year's Day from 1 to 9, so please stop down to watch the bowl games and have some fun.

The House Committee will be meeting next on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 am in the Lakeview Room. We welcome all MYC members to attend. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. My email address is kgarvey22@gmail.com.

Karen Garvey
House Committee, Chair



Dock and Yard Committee Report:

Thank you to all the volunteers who braved the cold, the wind, and the snow on Saturday, November 19th to install the deicers around the marina.



It's cold outside when Vice Commodore Kevin Moore shows up to the club wearing pants and helping install deicers.

The Dock and Yard Committee has moved its monthly meeting to this upcoming Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00am. All members are welcome to attend and get involved.

The Slip Assignment meeting will be held December 3rd at 1:00pm in the Lakeview Room. If you wish to attend remotely a link to that meeting was sent out via Newsflash and is below.

Also, Saturday, December 3rd at 3:30pm a Special Meeting for the membership will be held regarding the current ailing condition of the Octagon Building. This will be in preparation for a membership vote on the expenditure for repairs or expenditure for replacement.

Meeting Agenda

- Octagon Building Introduction
- Octagon Building Current Condition
- Option A - Repair Estimates
- Option B - Demolition and Reconstruction
- Question / Answer Session

The week following this meeting the membership will be asked to vote via Survey Monkey on a direction that the Dock and yard Committee and Board of Directors will pursue with the future of the Octagon Building.

Attendance at this special meeting and your contribution is important.

All meetings will be held in person in the Lakeview Room or for those who cannot attend in person a virtual attendance option is available. Please email Jeff Blum at jeff.blum213@gmail.com to receive the link to access the meeting.

Dock and Yard would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

[Slip Assignment Meeting if not attending in person:](#)
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 273 110 012 367

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[Octagon Building Meeting if not attending in person:](#)
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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ANNUAL MYC HOLIDAY DINNER!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022
12:00 PM – 8:00 PM



MENU

Country Ham Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Corn, Stuffing, Deviled Egg, Dinner Roll

PRICE

\$16 per person

DESSERT

Chocolate Tort – Whipped Cream
(Additional \$3 per person)

RSVP

Not Required

This year I spoke with Jillian Pastoor, Director of Development for Every Woman's Place, Inc. and asked her "what are the most needed items at the shelter this year?" She indicated the following: towel sets, twin bed sheets, pillows & blankets. Donate one of the above items and receive a voucher for \$2 off your holiday meal on Saturday, December 3rd.

Let's help spread some MYC
Holiday Cheer!

AT THE END OF
THE DAY IT'S NOT
ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE
OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE
ACCOMPLISHED... IT'S
ABOUT WHO YOU'VE
LIFTED UP, WHO YOU'VE
MADE BETTER. IT'S
ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE
GIVEN BACK.

DENZEL WASHINGTON



Social Committee Report:



HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Bring 4 dozen (or more) of your favorite home baked cookies to exchange for at least 4 dozen of a variety of Christmas cookies.

We will enjoy delicious holiday tea while you fill your container with beautiful cookies from friends. Freeze them for Christmas morning or serve them to holiday guests. Your baking is done!

Please bring a few copies of your recipe to share and a large container to carry home your goodies. Don't forget your Christmas sweater and jingle bell earrings.

Like to play Euchre? Or poker? Or board games? Come down to MYC on Wednesdays and find your likeminded friends to play a few games with. Euchre tournament every Wednesday throughout the winter.



MYC IS PUTTING ON THE RITZ!

Come as a flapper or come as you are. Dress as a gangster or a silent screen star.

It's going to be fun
No matter the dress.
Just bring yourself
And we'll do the rest.

MYC is open to the public so invite your friends. \$5 cover fee at the door. Ball drop at midnight!



We are looking for an Xbox, Wii or PlayStation system, accessories and games. Do you have a used gaming system at home collecting dust? Consider donating it so we can

add it to the activities for the kids while they are visiting. Email socialcommitteemyc@gmail.com with questions.

The Social Committee meets the second Saturday of each month at 11:15am. Please join us!! Our next meeting is Saturday December 10th. Drop in or email with



questions. We want your help, input and ideas!

Congratulations to our Soup and Chili Cookoff winners! Thank you to everyone that participated.

Thank you, Kim Blum- Social Committee Chair





Did you know your membership includes reciprocity to over 900 other Yacht Clubs in America?

To see a list of reciprocating Yacht Clubs, please visit the following website:

Click "Members Only" Section of the YCA's website
www.ycaol.com

For Access:
User ID: club1040
Password: y100446c





Juniors Committee Report:



The *MYC Sailing School* and *MYC Junior Programs* are made possible through the 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. Any amount is appreciated!

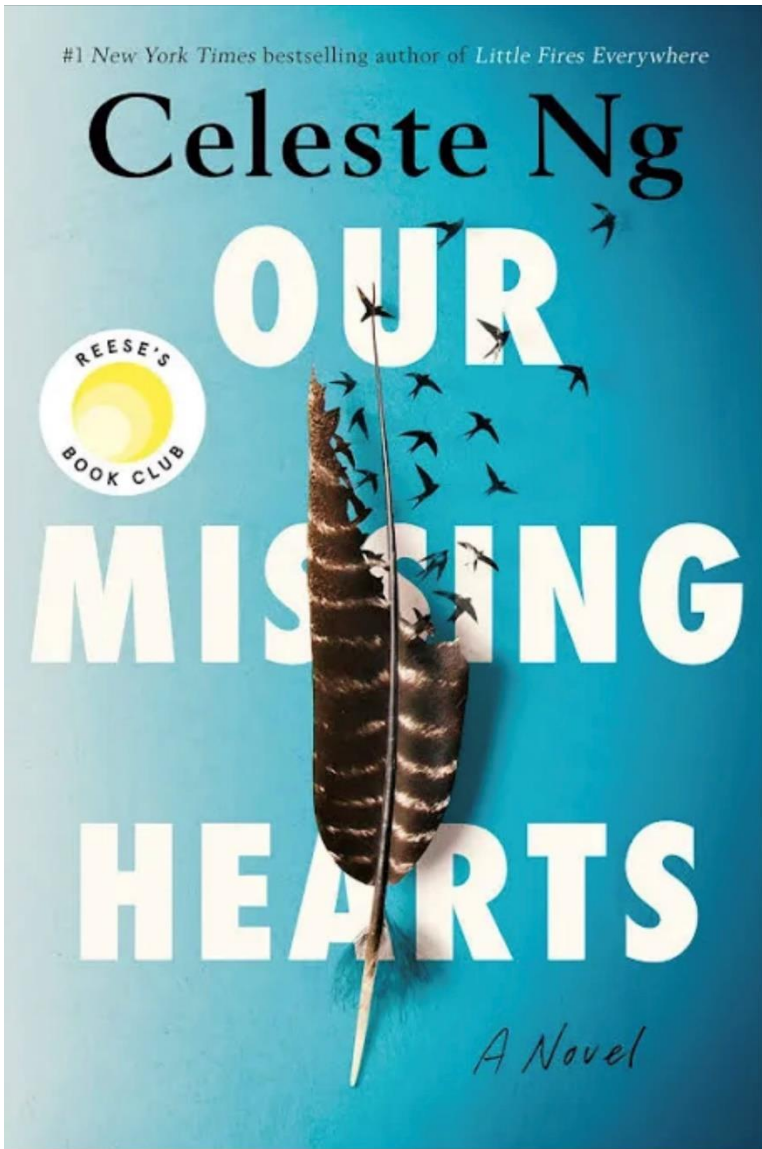
Checks can be made out to MJSA and mailed or dropped off to the Muskegon Yacht Club. Or follow the link for online donations. [Give Today!](#)

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, December 8
6 pm
MYC Round Room

Employee Holiday Fund
Happy Holidays!

The Muskegon Yacht Club is blessed to have reliable, hard-working, and loyal staff. Several of whom have been with us for many years, and I believe are deserving of special mention. Our business manager, Sue Peters, just celebrated 25 years! Our facilities manager, Nicky Anderson has been with us for 23 years. Our club manager, Kim Nguyen, and bartender Jersey Elizondo, both celebrated 10 years! Dianna King just passed the 9-year mark, As we head into this holiday season, it is important to keep all of our staff in mind.

Seven years ago, at the request of our membership, a new program was created to allow members to contribute to a Holiday Gratuity fund for our staff and have it put on their member account. This program has proven to be very popular with our membership.

The money generated from this program will be divided amongst ALL 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 greatly appreciated. This is a voluntary program and an easy way to show our staff gratitude with more than just words. They work so hard throughout the year to make your MYC experience a great one! Let us say "Thank You!" to all of them with a big display of gratuity.

Thank you,

Jessica Strecker
Muskegon Yacht Club Commodore

You may contribute online with a credit/debit card by selecting "Make A Payment" at www.muskegonyachtclub.org, or return the form below.

I wish to make a contribution of

\$200 \$150 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 Other

to the Muskegon Yacht Club "Employee Holiday Fund."

Please charge my account _____ -OR- Check enclosed _____

As you are considering your year-end giving, we invite you to support The Shoreline Foundation for High School Sailing. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit that oversees equipment upgrades for the High School Sailing Program which includes three of our MYC Junior Sailors, Lila and Elsie Torresen and Brady Wallace. Many of the current boats and sails are in need of replacing. The newest boats were purchased in 2015 and 2017 by Grand Haven. The Spring Lake boats and sails are in need of replacing as well. The Foundation's goal is to try to replace a couple each year and replace some sails in the meantime. For more information or to make an online donation visit <https://shoreline-foundation-for-high-school-sailing.square.site/> Thank you for your consideration – Amber Wallace



SHORELINE FOUNDATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SAILING

Dear Supporter of High School Sailing,

In 2011 the Shoreline Foundation For High School Sailing (SFHSS) was created to provide ongoing support to our local youth sailors. The passion and dedication our benefactors share for the sport of sailing is only rivaled by the collective desire to see our youth develop the traits that come with a growing understanding and appreciation for the sport.

Teamwork, sportsmanship, competition, and camaraderie are just a few of the life skills that these young individuals embrace as they navigate the challenges of the sport.

Recently, the Grand Haven High School sailing team merged with the SFHSS to consolidate resources and improve the experience for our local youth. Grand Haven's fleet of six Club 420s, which are newer and in better condition, brings the total fleet to 12 boats. The foundation supports teams from the schools of Grand Haven, Hamilton, Mona Shores, and Spring Lake.

In addition to helping our sailors compete in high school regattas, the fleet allows for team members to travel regionally to participate in various regattas. Many of our local youth receive exposure and instruction on the boats through the Spring Lake Junior Sailing program and sailing competitively at the Spring Lake Yacht Club.

Like any sport, keeping the program afloat is an ongoing endeavor. Since its inception, the fleet and operational costs have been supported by donations from loyal supporters like you. Today, 50% of our 12 boat Club 420 fleet is 12 years or older. One of the two current coach boats is 48 years old. To stay competitive and relevant, we are embarking on a fundraising initiative to replenish our boats on a cycle that is sustainable and prudent. The near-term plan is to acquire 3 new Club 420s and a newer rigid bottom inflatable coach boat. To support these purchases, the ongoing operational costs, and our long-term vision, we are seeking to raise \$50,000.

Help us continue our mission to promote the wonderful sport of sailing to our youth. You may donate online at <https://shoreline-foundation-for-high-school-sailing.square.site/>, by mail, or via the QR code below. Please consider a tax-deductible donation today and help our young sailors "Stay the Course"!

Sincerely,
The Shoreline Foundation For High School Sailing



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 D&Y meeting Octagon Meeting Slip Assignment Meeting Holiday Drive Kick Off
4 Kids Christmas Party 4 pm	5	6	7	8 Book Club 6 pm	9 Member Private Event	10 WMIYC Annual Meeting
11 Member Private Event	12	13	14	15 MYC Board Meeting	16	17
18 Jam Session	19	20	21 Centerpiece Class	22	23	24 Club Open 12-8pm
25 Merry Christmas Club Closed	26	27	28	29	30	31 NYE Party Open to the Public

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