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Portwatch

JANUARY 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023!

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Race & Regatta.....Steve Garvey
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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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:

Throughout most of January, MYC will be closed for a proper deep clean and to see the completion of a couple House projects. This is necessary time that our staff needs to maintain the clubhouse and keep operations running smoothly. We will reopen for regular winter hours starting on Friday, January 27th. Please see additional details in the House report.

Please also pay close attention to your MYC emails in January. There will be an important vote for membership to decide how we proceed with our aging Octagon building. This building has been MYC property for many years consisting of storage for MYC and its members, and more importantly, a classroom for our Muskegon Juniors Sailing Association. Please remember to vote! More details on this in the Dock & Yard report.

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I gained my love of inspirational quotes from my late grandfather, Dr. William L. Strecker. Last week, I came across his compilation of quotes, which he aptly titled "Quotations of Redeeming Value." These were things he captured from reading, from television programs, from movie characters or actual celebrities, from common people or famous antiquarians. He found them by listening carefully for words that carried motivational merit. At the end of each year, or often the beginning of the next due to some delay, he would share that year's quotes with close friends and family. As I glanced back through several documents and nearly 500 quotes, I came across some delightful reminders that were apropos of my December reflections. Despite the greats contained within these pages, the quotation that really struck me was from a document he penned himself titled, "BILL STRECKER'S PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE:"

"There will always be changes and challenges, and we need to be ready, both physically and mentally, to roll with the punches and maintain a sense of equanimity in order to stay on top and do our best with what we are faced with today. You can't let anything beat you down, because whatever is happening now will change at some point, and then you need to be poised to be ready to attack the next challenge that comes along."

As a physician, my grandfather was very pragmatic about life and death. He would often tell us that there are 3 constants: death, taxes, and change. He lived each day to the fullest without much regard for yesterday or tomorrow. He said, "the middle is where we live... learn from yesterday, concentrate on today and don't think too much about tomorrow."

Cheers to a New Year and living each day the fullest! I hope and pray 2023 is a boundless year for MYC, its staff and all its members.

Your Commodore,
Jessica Strecker

*Thank
You*

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who donated to the staff Holiday fund this year. Over \$10,800 was donated and split amongst our staff this Holiday season. Your generosity is heartfelt and appreciated beyond words.

Happy New Year!
-MYC Staff

2022 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2022 Collected:

\$ 42,319

+

12/31/21 Balance:

\$ 116,720



2022 Expenditures:

\$ 26,797

Available Balance =

\$ 132,242

*Projects Approved
Pending Completion:*

Backroom Flooring:

\$ 5,000.00

2 Sets Entry Doors:

\$ 30,000



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:

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

Joseph & Veronica Pritchard – Full Members – Spring Lake
Kara Komarek – Junior Member – Muskegon





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

**GRAND RAPIDS BOAT SHOW- VOLUNTEER
SIGN UP SHEET**

WEDNESDAY 2/15

2 PM – 5 PM	1. Kim Nguyen	2. Nicky Anderson
5 PM – 8 PM	1.	2.

THURSDAY 2/16

12 PM – 3 PM	1.	2.
3 PM – 6 PM	1.	2.
6 PM – 8 PM	1.	2.

FRIDAY 2/17

12 PM – 3 PM	1.	2.
3 PM – 6 PM	1.	2.
6 PM – 9 PM	1.	2.

SATURDAY 2/18

10 AM – 2 PM	1.	2.
2 PM – 6 PM	1.	2.
6 PM – 9 PM	1.	2.

SUNDAY 2/19

10 AM – 2 PM	1.	2.
2 PM – 5 PM	1. Kim Nguyen	2. Nicky Anderson

We need your help in promoting MYC! Contact Kim if you can help run the booth for a couple of hours. You will receive credentials to enter the show for free!



SALE



Don't miss out on your chance to **SAVE!**

New Junior Member

**Savings up to
\$218.50**

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**Savings up to
\$437.00**



Apply for Membership at the
Grand Rapids Boat Show and
Enjoy **HALF OFF** your initiation fee!

Don't Delay – Join **TODAY** and
make MYC your destination on
the lake!

Sale prices good through 2/15/23 – 2/19/23

Show Hours – Booth 31

Wed. 2-8pm, Thurs. 12-8pm, Fri. 12-9pm

Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun 10am-5pm



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From the Business Office:

2023 Membership Renewal

2023 Membership Dues were billed LAST month (December statement) and are payable.

2023 Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) billing starts THIS month (January statement) 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.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Sue Peters

Happy
New
Year



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 MYC Race and Regatta Committee wishes everyone a great holiday season and a "wicked good" New Year.

The committee meets again on Wednesday, January 18th, 2023, at 7pm. The location of the meeting is still unclear at this time, as the Club will be closed, but a notice will go out as soon as possible. All interested members are encouraged to attend.

The R&RC is anxiously looking forward to the new race season. Any thoughts or questions about the committee's work may be addressed to: garveysteven8@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Steve Garvey

One of my favorite things to do this time of the year is to drop off the items collected in our Holiday Donation Drive on behalf of MYC Members. It is a heartwarming moment for me, each time. Thank you



to the members who contributed to the drive. We were able to donate 4 large tubs of sheets, towels, blankets & pillows to Every Women's Place on December 23rd. Way to Go MYC!

-Kim Nguyen



House Committee Report:

To reach a port we must sail – Sail, not tie at anchor. Sail, not drift.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Happy New Year to all! Hoping that everyone had happy holidays and that you are looking forward to 2023. Our Club had several successful events in December, including the Polar Express Children's Party and New Year's Eve Party. Thanks to our terrific Social Committee for planning these wonderful celebrations. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the annual Christmas Eve Potluck due to Mother Nature not being very cooperative, with blizzard conditions for most of West Michigan.

At our December House Committee meeting, we discussed hourly wage increases that are set to go into effect in February. This large jump in salaries will affect the annual operating budget for MYC. There is pending litigation that could delay this increase. The House Committee is currently working on the Budget for the 2023 fiscal year, which begins on May 1. We are looking at some small expenditures to increase our efficiency and service, including a buzzer system for food orders, a new ice machine, and an update to inside restrooms.

The Club will be closed January 2, through January 26, for deep cleaning and repairs. The backroom floor will be replaced, all areas will be deep cleaned & sanitized, and the carpet will be cleaned. A new menu will be created by General Manager Kim and the kitchen staff, and ongoing staff training will take place. There are also volunteer projects that are planned for this time. We plan to reopen January 27 with a shiny, clean clubhouse. Please watch your Newsflash for updates.

The House Committee will be meeting next on Saturday, February 11, 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:



Slip 81

Last slip available for the 2023 season

***28' - \$2,035.00 – includes water,
electricity, and Wifi!***

Contact Kim for more details!



Dock and Yard Committee Report Cont.

A membership meeting was held on December 3rd where we provided a presentation about the Octagon building, its roof issues, and options to either repair of the Octagon building or tear down and replace the Octagon building. Either option will come at a cost to the club and membership therefore our next step is to hold a vote of the membership on which direction they see is the best direction for the club. However, we estimated that 15% of the membership had participated in the December 3rd meeting therefore we felt it necessary to get this information out to all before a vote is sent out.

You ask, “What is the purpose of the Octagon building?” It is used as a storage location for the yard furniture, equipment for club operations, holiday decorations, extra tables and chairs, kitchen equipment, and dock and yard tools and supplies. The Octagon has been an event venue for club celebrations and weddings. And the Octagon is home for the Junior Sailing program.

The Octagon’s History

The Octagon Inn was built in 1932 by Mr. Davis and later sold to Coleman Nugent and Bill Duchane. Around 1940 the large addition to the east was built behind the restaurant.



In the early 60’s the business was purchased by Steve Peliotes who had a marine supply store, boat repair business, and living quarters for his family on the south side of the building.



Steve later built Seaway Marine which is now Torresen Marine on the east side of Lakeshore Drive.

Following the opening of Seaway Marine, the building was purchased by MYC who tore down the southern portion of the building and made it the shape that it remains today.



Octagon Today



During a 2021 roof inspection the inspector's foot broke through the rubber roof and underlying rotted roof boards.



The top picture to the left shows where the inspector's foot broke through the roof. Rotting of the wood decking is evident by the black discoloring. Additional photos, primarily along the north wall of the Octagon show signs of water damage and rotting wood decking.



The three photos at the bottom were taken in the Junior sailing classroom. Water is leaking through the roof above the classroom thus causing the sheet rock ceiling to fall in. More sheet rock is anticipated to fall this spring.



There are three rooms in the Octagon building. The large room to the east where boats are stored, the



The membership will be asked to vote on one of the two following options:

- **Option A** – remove the existing membrane roof material, replace rotted sections of underlying roof decking, and install new membrane roof material.

- **Option B** – Demolish the 91-year-old building and build a new structure.

Option A is estimated to be the following based on 2022 contractor quotes and estimates:

- Roof repair - \$140,000. (based on a contractor proposal of \$110,600 plus an estimated \$18,000 for decking replacement time and materials plus a 10% inflation upcharge.
- Plumbing - \$20,000. This is an estimated contingency for roof drain repair and other future plumbing needs.
- Exterior masonry repair - \$12,600. To repair the masonry that is crumbling on the northwest corner of the building.
- Junior classroom ceiling repair - \$2,500. Drywall and paint.
- Electrical upgrade and repair - \$20,000. The junior classroom is the only room in the building with working lights. The current electrical panel is undersized for the electrical demands in the building.

Option A (*if chosen*) would have a phased approach over several years. The roof is the immediate need that would be completed in 2023 at an estimated cost of \$140,000 plus plumbing needs and junior classroom repair.

Option B – Demolish and rebuild would be a longer road for MYC and the membership. Cost to demolish, dispose, and pave over the location is estimated to be around \$70,000. Initial estimates received for a metal building similar to the size of the Octagon are around \$300,000. The final cost all depends on what MYC would desire to build as a replacement for the Octagon building.

The Octagon building currently sits in the right-of-way for Thompson Avenue (street to the north). If MYC decides to build new we would have to meet the setback requirement thus have to move (or rotate) the building closer to the club. One option that has been proposed is to rotate the building and move closer to the beach with overhead doors accessing the beach.



Option B could still have a phased approach to control costs but due to building codes the initial phase would come at an upfront high cost due to ADA, electrical, plumbing codes, etc. In order to fund Option B the MYC would have to look at

MYC has options available at this moment to fund the roof repair for **Option A** and the remaining projects would be phased and taken care of later. MYC would have to look at different resources to fund **Option B** such as a loan, membership special assessment, or other fundraising means. Something that would take time.

Why do we need this building you may be asking yourself now. Why does MYC need to spend this money. The answer - MYC needs storage and MYC needs the Junior sailing program.

Storage is straightforward – MYC has a lot of equipment, tools, and furniture that needs a place to go.

The Junior sailing program is the future of sailing and the future of MYC. Without the building the Junior program would not have a place to function. Over the two sailing seasons of 2021 and 2022 the Junior sailing program taught 273 kids and 100 adults how to sail through the sailing school. The Junior sailing program currently has 16 members in their sailing team. And over the course of these two years the Junior sailing program brought 2 new memberships to the club.

The final decision on how MYC should proceed with the Octagon building will rest in the hands of the membership when the ballot is sent out in the upcoming weeks.

Should you have any questions you can email them to Jeff Blum and jeff.blum213@gmail.com



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1 Happy New Year Club Open 1-9pm	2 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	3 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	4 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	5 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	6 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	7 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning
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22 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	23 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	24 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	25 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	26 Club Closed for Repairs & Cleaning	27 Grand Reopening 4pm	28
29	31					

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