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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:

Help our Muskegon Juniors Sailing Program! Are you a US Sailing member? Well, you should be! Did you know Muskegon Yacht Club is a US Sailing MVP Partner? Every time MYC members join or renew through this program, our club receives credits that will be utilized to provide vital resources and educational tools for our youth. If you are already a US Sailing member, you don't have to wait for your renewal time to do this; your membership will be extended for one year. When joining or renewing, you will need to communicate to US Sailing that you are a part of Muskegon Yacht Club, which can be done by following this link:

<https://www1.ussailing.org/membership/MPP/Default.aspx?ycid=100498S>.

You can also access our unique signup page directly through the MYC website under the membership tab, by clicking on the drop down "US Sailing MVP Membership". This will take you directly to that page. If you would feel more comfortable making the order over the phone, please call US Sailing at +1-401-342-7947. And don't forget to tell them you are from Muskegon Yacht Club.

Credits are dollar-for-dollar, add up fast, essentially acting as a gift card. If we can get 100 members to join at the Individual or Family level, we can earn the credits we need to provide our junior sailors with STEM workbooks this summer. Without this assistance, the workbooks will cost around \$1,000.

The MVP Partnership was created to support sailors and elevate the sport of sailing within organizations like ours. It also unlocks discounted membership pricing for all our members. See the following US Sailing ad to learn more about how the partnership gives back to our organization, and a few of the perks that come with being a US Sailing member. Thank you for your support!

Jessica Strecker
MYC Commodore

There are so many reasons to join US Sailing!



Join US Sailing and Support your Organization through the MVP Program

Did you know your organization is a US Sailing member and MVP partner? This means your personal US Sailing membership can give back to your organization! Being an MVP partner enables your organization to receive credits when you join or renew your annual US Sailing membership through the MVP Program. You'll have access to discounted membership rates, and your organization will build credits to help sailing in your community. Credits can be used to pay for nearly everything at US Sailing.

MVP membership pricing:

- Youth - \$25 (discounted from \$30)
- Individual - \$55 (discounted from \$65)
- Family - \$85 (discounted from \$115)

Ways MVP credits can support your organization's programs:

- Train instructors for the junior sailing program
- Host race management seminars to ensure race committee volunteers are ready for your summer racing series
- Purchase sailing program materials, supplies and prizes from the US Sailing Store

Your US Sailing membership will also give you exclusive member discounts including:

- 15% off \$100 or more at West Marine
- Access to *Racing Rules of Sailing* app
- Zim, McLaughlin, SailFlow, United Airlines, the US Sailing Store, and more!
- Access to exclusive marine insurance offerings from Gowrie Group including One Design boat insurance and SailorsHealth insurance

Join or Renew with US Sailing today!

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2022 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2023 Collected:

\$ 6,305

+

12/31/22 Balance:

\$ 136,380



2022 Expenditures:

\$ 2,034

Available Balance =

\$ 140,651

*Projects Approved
Pending Completion:*

2 Sets Entry Doors:

\$ 30,000

HOURS of OPERATION

Winter Hours

	Bar	Kitchen
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
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:

Please look for the MYC Booth (31) at the Grand Rapids Boat Show! The boat show opens Wednesday, Feb 15th and continues through Sunday the 19th. We will be offering a special incentive to NEW MEMBERS joining during the show - 1/2 off the initiation fee! Please stop by the booth and say hi and share this opportunity with anyone you may know who is interested in joining MYC.

Thanks so much to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the show and represent our club - we appreciate your

support 😊

Thanks!
MYC Membership Committee



SALE



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

New Junior Member

**Savings up to
\$218.50**

New Full Member

**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:

Capital Improvement Fund: Thank you to the 202 members who chose to pay the \$125 lump-sum for the Capital Improvement Fund by the due date of 1/31/2023. All others will be billed at \$12.50 per month for the remainder of the year.

2023 Membership Dues: If you haven't yet paid your 2023 Dues, please make sure to do so in the next few weeks to avoid a late payment penalty. Watch your mail for your new membership card! (Note to Autopay members – I will process your Dues payment on March 15, unless you have given me other instructions.)

Reminders:

- In accordance with our credit policy (on pages 47-48 of the Handbook), please make sure we have valid credit or debit card information on file for your account.
- Please update us with any changes in your contact information – address, phone, email, boat information, etc. Our 2023 Roster will be published in the Spring and we want your information to be accurate!
- We encourage you to consider using our other convenient options – contact me to sign-up:
 - Paperless E-mailed Billing Statements
 - Automatic Credit/Debit Card Bill Pay

I hope to see you all very soon at the club!
Sue Peters



Race and Regatta Committee Report:

Our January meeting was held at Pigeon Hill Brewery due to the Club being closed and was well attended. The chairmanship of the committee has now been split up with Steve Garvey heading up the on-water duties and Steve Schiller handling the on-shore administrative duties. The two Steve's were able to do an extensive inventory of our race committee boat the "Gordon Torresen" and are in the process of ordering needed equipment to assure a successfully run race season.

Also discussed were: The 2023 Race Schedule is now complete and will be posted at the Club and in the Portwatch. Kim Blum and Andrew Price are the MYC Co-chairs for this year's Queen's Cup that finishes in Muskegon and Kim Blum reported that entry opens Feb 2nd. Also approved at the meeting was a proposal from the Melges 24 class to hold their fleet racing on Tuesday nights. A US Sail Race Officers Training Session will be held on Saturday Feb 4, with several Club members attending. The Committee is always looking for additional crew on the RC boat on Tuesdays and Wednesday so if you are interested, please contact Steve Garvey.

Our next meeting will be held at the Club on February 15th at 7pm.

Steve Schiller
(231) 855-3189

US Sailing Certified Club Race Official, ID#218413Q
Co-PRO - Western Michigan Yachting Association
Co-Chair Muskegon Yacht Club Race and Regatta Committee



WMYA



Muskegon Yacht Club 2023 Race Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event (Black=MYC Blue=Non-MYC Red=Juniors)
5/3	Wed	6:30 PM	Wednesday Spring Challenge Trophy/Clipper Cup Series
5/19-21	Fri-Sun	See NOR	Midwest One-Design Spring Championship (MYC)
5/28	Sun	12PM	Commodores Cup*
6/7	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Clipper Cup Series
6/9-11	Fri-Sun	See NOR	NOOD Regatta (Chicago) Chicago YC
6/14	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of McKenzie Price Insurance Series
6/15	Thurs	See NOR	LMSS Double Handed Race (Muskegon to Port Washington)
6/17-18	Sat Sun	See NOR	Macatawa Bay YC Commodores Cup (Holland)
6/23	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Spring Lake YC
6/28	Wed	See NOR	Tripp Memorial Cup (Muskegon to Milwaukee) LMSRF
6/30	Fri	See NOR	Queens Cup (Milwaukee to Muskegon) South Shore YC
7/8	Sat	11 AM	Neddeau Cup* (Lake Michigan if feasible)
7/9	Sun	12 PM	Craig Powell Memorial
7/7	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Macatawa Bay YC
7/11-13	Tues-Thurs	See NOR	Butterfly Nationals @ Crystal Lake YC
7/14	Fri	See NOR	Opti "No Tears" @ Grand Rapids
7/15	Sat	See NOR	Jolly Roger Cup Cruising Race: White Lake YC to Muskegon
7/15	Sat	See NOR	GRSC 5th Annual Maiden Race
7/15	Sat	See NOR	Port Huron to Mackinac Bayview YC
7/19	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of McKenzie Price Insurance Series
7/21	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ White Lake YC
7/22	Sat	See NOR	Race to Mackinac Chicago YC
7/26	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of Bluffton Bay Sail Series
7/28	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Muskegon YC
7/28-30	Sat-Sun	See NOR	Ugotta Regatta (Harbor Springs) Little Traverse YC
8/1	Tue	6:00 PM	Ulrich Cup @ Muskegon Yacht Club



8/3-6	Thurs-Sun	See NOR	Westerns @ Muskegon Yacht Club
8/9	Wed	6:30 PM	Harbor Hospice Race (part of Wed Night Series)
8/11	Fri	See NOR	Lake Michigan Clipper Cup (Muskegon to Port Washington)
8/19	Sat	7:00 AM	MYC Pursuit Race to Grand Haven
8/19	Sat	12:00 PM	GRSC/MYC Commodores Invitational *
8/18-20	Fri-Sun	See NOR	Verve Cup Offshore Chicago YC
8/30	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Bluffton Bay Sail Series
9/2	Sat	See NOR	Governor's Cup*
9/6	Wed	6:15 PM	First Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery Series
9/9	Sat	See NOR	Anchorage Cup (Grand Haven to Holland) Anchorage YC
+ 10/11	Wed	6:15 PM	Fall Challenge / Last Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery Series
11/4	Sat	6:00 PM	Annual Awards Banquet

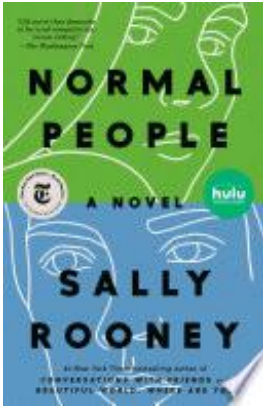


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Blacklock Cup Trophy Scoring:

The Blacklock Cup will be awarded for the Best Overall High Point score for the combined races marked above with a red *: MYC Commodores Cup, MYC Nedeau Cup, GRSC/MYC Commodores Invitational, and MYC Governor's Cup. There will not be a throw-out available for the Blacklock Cup Scoring.



February Book Club
Wednesday, February 8
6 pm
MYC Round Room



House Committee Report:

“There is no more thrilling sensation I know of than sailing. It comes as near to flying as man has got to yet—except in dreams.”

Jerome K. Jerome

Welcome back to MYC! Our fantastic staff worked hard over the January closure and our Club is shiny and bright and smells really clean! They had a very productive January and we have a fresh start to a new year. Much needed new flooring was installed in the backroom and improvements were made to that storage/work space. The kitchen was thoroughly cleaned and reorganized. The carpets and floors were cleaned throughout the building, all of the tables and chairs were cleaned and polished, and the windows were washed. A new menu for winter has been created, with some old favorites returning, as well as some delicious new items, including dessert. The staff underwent some additional training, and everyone is happy to be back to make our MYC experience the best that it can be. A huge thank you to General Manager Kim and her amazing team!

Jam Sessions will return for the winter on the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons each month from 3 to 6 pm. All musically inclined members are welcome to join in. Our youngest participant is 7-year-old Charlie, who plays a mean acoustic guitar and sings. His next stop may be the Grand Ole Opry! He truly is a wonderful young musician and worth it to come down to see him sing and play. Come down to the Club for Super Bowl LXII on the big screen with surround sound. Kickoff is at 4:30 pm. Please watch for additional information.

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

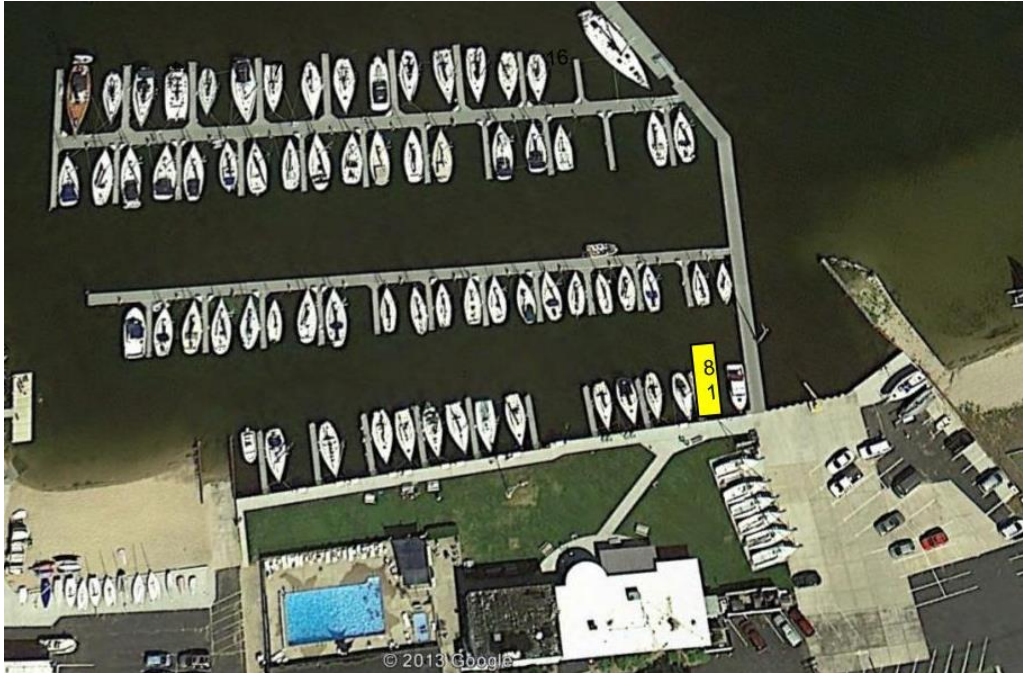


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**On the BIG SCREENS & SURROUND SOUND!
KICK OFF 6:30 PM**



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!

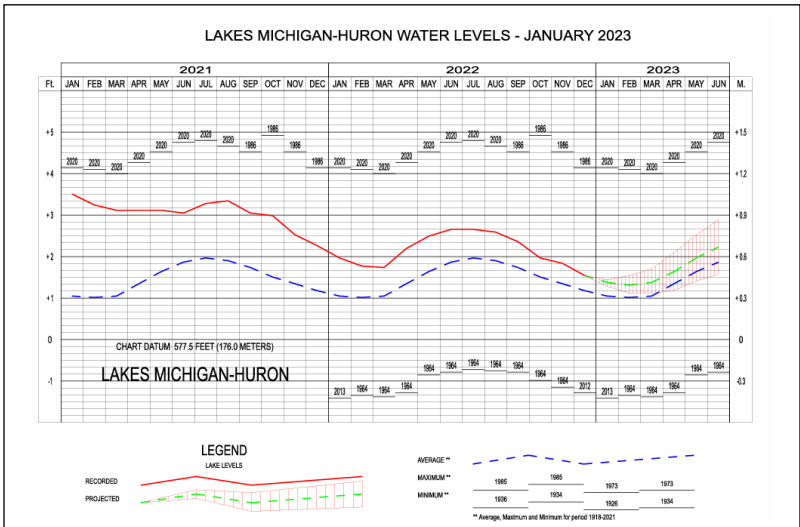


Dock and Yard Committee Report Cont.

It has been a busy couple of months leading into this February. Octagon building meeting, Slip assignment meeting, 2023-24 budget preparation, and the list goes on. At the close of the slip assignment meeting, MYC had only 4 slips remaining to be sold. At the time of writing this committee report MYC has every slip sold with the exception of Slip #81 (a 28-foot slip). My guess is that this slip will be sold not long after the Grand Rapids Boat Show.

2023 is going to be a busy season with the Queen’s Cup returning to MYC, the Melges spring regatta, the West Michigan Youth Association “Westerns”, the Clipper Cup, and of course the weekly MYC racing. In preparation Dock and Yard is going to need the support of many to get the marina and club ready. In April we plan to host several Work Bee’s to get projects completed such as removal of the deicers, power washing the docks, setting out yard furniture, etc. Dates and times will be published in the upcoming months. Please plan to lend a hand.

Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan water levels appear to be a little more than half a foot lower than this time last year and are predicted to bottom out about a foot lower than the previous year before it comes back up from spring rains. Even with that water levels could be a foot to foot and a half lower than the 2022 highs. Dock and Yard plans to perform depth soundings as soon as possible to get a read on areas that may need to be dredged this spring.





Juniors Committee Report

It's back and it's bigger!!



The "MYC Optimist S.A.I.L (Self Confidence, Adventure, Independence, Learning) Program" is an introduction to sailing outreach program using small Optimist sailboats, an indoor swimming pool, and industrial fans to create wind. This program reaches underserved youth in our community who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience sailing their own boat. This involves teaching the basics of sailing, including boat handling, safety, wind direction, and navigation, using the Optimist sailboats, which are small and easy to maneuver.

The indoor swimming pool is used as a safe and controlled environment for the youth to practice sailing, while industrial fans are used to simulate wind conditions. Participants also learn Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) concepts using sailing as an educational platform. This unique program is designed to introduce youth to the sport of sailing in a fun and engaging way to learn the basics of sailing, and potentially provide them with a lifelong passion.

On March 20, 23, 28 and 30th we will be at the Muskegon Heights Aquatics Center serving the children from The Boys and Girls Club as well as the students from Muskegon Heights Public School.

If you would like to be a part of this awesome program, please sign up using the link here. [Sign up sheet](#)





THANK YOU TORRESEN MARINE!!!

For the donation of 35 used sails to sailing school program. Thanks to this donation we were able to sell these sails to a company that will recycle them into totes, bags, purses and accessories. This earned \$1805 for the program!

If you have used sails that you would like to donate, we would appreciate them. MJSA is a 501c3 organization and your donation may be tax deductible.

THANK YOU WEAVER CONSULTANTS GROUP!!

For your donation of \$1,500 to the MYC Optimist S.A.I.L Program toward the purchase of the much needed industrial fans. These fans are used to create the wind for this indoor outreach sailing program.



THANK YOU, BRAD FISHER, JIM FRISINGER, DEANNA ENGELMAN AND FRANK KIST FOR YOUR DONATION TO THE SAILING PROGRAM FOR GIVING TUESDAY!!

REGISTER FOR 2022 SAILING SCHOOL CLASSES

The online registration for 2023 Sailing School classes will be available February 15th on the MYC Sailing School web site at www.mycsailingschool.com

Join the MYC Junior Race Team

In addition to the Learn-To-Sail opportunities offered by the MYC Sailing School, youth sailors can expand their sailing experience by joining the MYC Junior Race Team.

Weekly practices, youth regattas, and participation in the Wednesday night race series help young sailors improve their sailing skills, build confidence, and learn the importance of personal responsibility as part of a supportive, close-knit team.

Information and registration for the MYC Junior Race Team's 2023 activities will be posted February 15th on the MYC web site at <https://www.mycsailingschool.com/myc-race-team>



BAD NEWS FOR THE SAILING SCHOOL PROGRAM

The motor for our instructor boat was struggling to make it through the season last year. When the boats were taken in for service and winterizing we were told that the motor was at the end of its useful life and we will need to purchase a new one.

Replacing the motor will ensure that the instructor's boat runs smoothly and reliably,

allowing them to provide safe environment for sailing lessons.

We are planning a variety of fundraisers as well as a capital campaign in an effort to replace the failed motor.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO FOLLOW THE JUNIORS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/Muskegon-Junior-Sailing-Program-134232283314396/>

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 planned 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/>

Respectfully,
Kimberly Blum
MYC Sailing School Chairperson





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:

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MYC FEBRUARY 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 All Day Sailing Seminar
5 Jam Session	6	7	8 Book Club	9 Queens Cup Meeting	10	11 Committee Meetings Budget Meeting
12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day	15 GR Boat Show	16 Board Meeting 7 pm GR Boat Show	17 GR Boat Show	18 GR Boat Show
19 GR Boat Show Jam Session	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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

