

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

Portwatch

AUGUST 2023



"Souvenir" Skipper Steve Schiller & Crew
1st place Chicago Mackinac 2023

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Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Spotlight: MYC Junior Sailors, Coaches, and Instructors

Over the next couple of months, I'd like to call attention to some of our exuberant youth who are doing admirable things within the sailing community and right here at Muskegon Yacht Club. I've asked each of them to share with me a little about themselves, such as, how they became sailors, what their plans are for the upcoming year, and what they're learning in their new roles as teachers and coaches.

Jazmine Nguyen, who launched into her new role as a Muskegon Juniors Sailing Association (MJSA) Instructor, also launched into sailing back in 2017 when she enrolled in our beginner learn to sail class. Only three days later, she was competing in her first regatta with the MYC Junior race team. She

says her favorite part of this job, as both an instructor and coach for the race team, is "seeing the bright smiles of kids having fun on the water." The



most challenging aspect is when the weather is too treacherous for the kids to be on the water, but she knows so well, "safety always comes first." Her advice for next year's instructors is to "have fun with the kids, tell stories about your sailing experiences to inspire them so one day they come back, or in the future their kids come back."

Jazmine will be starting her senior year this fall at Oakridge High School with dual enrollment at Muskegon Community

College to begin her studies in business. She will also be playing Varsity soccer, clarinet in the marching band, saxophone in honors jazz band, and sideline cheerleading. She is the daughter of our enduring General Manager, Kim Nguyen, and father, Sonny Nguyen.

Cole Blum started sailing on his parents' Catalina when he was only a toddler. He enrolled in MYC sailing school and Junior race team roughly the same time as Jazmine, 7 years ago. This is also Cole's first year as a coach for the race team and MJSA instructor. His favorite thing about coaching is "getting to mentor young kids who love sailing, who fully dive into the sailing waters and will give it their all." He also works hard to help students with the occasional scary or stressful situation,

saying, "I put myself in their shoes and help them overcome their fears...and keep them safe and comfortable." This also coincides with his suggestion for the next group of sailing school instructors, which was to "keep your head up and really put yourself in the kids shoes...be friends with the kids." Cole will be entering Allendale High School



as a freshman this fall, and will be playing on the basketball team. Cole raced in his 2nd Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac (CYCRTM) this year on the boat Flight Risk. He says he enjoys "the family you create within your team." Cole is the son of our Dock & Yard Chair and Rear Commodore, Jeff Blum, and the MYC Sailing School

Chairperson and Rotary Assistant District Governor, Kim Blum.

As Past Commodore, Mort Kantor so effectively stated during his interview with GM Nguyen for the June Portwatch, "Don't raise hell, and help in any way you can." Mort's words of wisdom embodied in these youth is a genuinely beautiful thing to behold. I hope their positive influence will continue to inspire the next generation of sailors, just as Mort's words and actions have inspired all of us.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the MYC boats and crew who competed in what was a very trying and tactical CYCRTM. Your representation in the biggest Lake Michigan race of the year is held in the highest esteem by myself and your fellow club members. A BIG congrats goes to team Souvenir for their podium finish. Well done Steve Schiller and crew for your 1st in section!

Don't forget to stop down at the club this week/weekend to see all of the WMYA regatta action!

Jessica Strecker
Commodore



2023 Capital Improvement Fund Update

2023 Collected:

\$ 41,680

+

12/31/22

Balance:

\$ 136,380



2023 Expenditures:

\$ 90,872

Available

Balance =

\$ 87,188

Approved projects
(pending completion):

*Seawall repair

HOURS of OPERATION

	Bar	Kitchen
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	12 pm – 10 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Wednesday	12 pm – 11 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Thursday	12 pm – 10 pm	4 pm – 9 pm
Friday	12 pm – 12 am	4 pm – 9 pm
Saturday	12 pm – 12 am	12 pm – 9 pm
Sunday	12 pm – 9 pm	12 pm – 8 pm



Monday: 12pm – 9pm
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 Friday: 12pm – 9pm
 Saturday: 12pm – 9pm
 Sunday: 12pm – 8pm

MYC Committee Monthly Meeting Reminders:



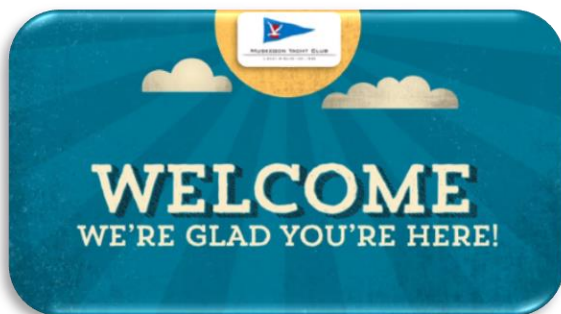
Dock & Yard Committee – 2nd Saturday at 9:00 am
House Committee – 2nd Saturday at 10:00 am
Membership Committee – 2nd Saturday at 11:00am
Race & Regatta Committee – 3rd Wed. at 7:00pm
Social Committee – 2nd Saturday at 11:15am
Board Meeting – 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm



Membership Committee Report:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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



John & Eva Backus – Full Members – Norton Shores
 Jeff & Kendall Musselman – Junior Members – Muskegon
 Emilee & Matthew Vanlinden – Junior Members – Muskegon
 Amber & Nick Vlietstra – Full Members – Norton Shores

Returning Members:

Tim & Susan Hans – Full Members – Cedar Springs

Reminder:

New applications for first time membership ONLY on or after July 1 of any calendar year shall be accompanied by a payment based on a month prorated basis plus the entire initiation fee. The prorated amount will be equal to 1/12 of annual applicable membership dues multiplied by the number of remaining months at the time of the application.



From The Business Office

NOW AVAILABLE – PAYMENT DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT!

MYC is pleased to offer ACH Direct Payments - a new, convenient, and secure way to pay your bill electronically.

Check it out by clicking this link:

<https://app.autobooks.co/pay/the-muskegon-yacht-club>

Or by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera:



Simply fill out the customized payment form and submit! Your payment will be transferred directly from your bank account to MYC's bank account. There is no cost to you.

ACH stands for Automated Clearing House, a U.S. financial network used for electronic payments and money transfers. Also known as "Direct Payments," ACH payments are a way to transfer money from one bank account to another without using paper checks, credit card networks, wire transfers, or cash.

This service is available to us from ChoiceOne Bank and is powered by Autobooks...both are Michigan companies.

Beginning this month, you will find the link and QR code on your monthly statements, and on the MYC website (on the home page under "Quick Links"). Of course, we will continue to accept all other forms of payment (cash, checks, debit cards, Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover.) Our previously announced 3% surcharge on credit card

transactions has not begun yet, but is coming soon and will be announced.

We hope you enjoy this new payment option!

Thank you,
Sue Peters



Race and Regatta Committee Report:

The Tuesday and Wednesday Night Series Races have been well attended during July with some spectacular racing taking place. The July 12th Wednesday Race was one to remember as a torrential rainfall hit the fleet, soaking all! A great race! Thanks again to our Race Committee Team for their hard work!

The Chicago to Mackinac Race is in the books and Past Commodores Steve Schiller and Eric Wynsma each won their sections. Eric's win was extremely impressive as his amateur status crew was able to win the professionally dominated TP 52 class.

The 2023 Jolly Roger Yacht Club Team Championship was a super fun regatta this year. 24 boats from the three yacht clubs, MYC, White Lake YC, and Lakeshore Yacht Harbor YC raced from White Lake Channel Pier to Muskegon Channel Pier in a brisk SW wind and lumpy seas on Lake Michigan. The 14.5 nm course included a buoy 4 nm west of White Lake Channel Pier. This year the fleet competed in two divisions, a cruising class (16 boats-5 from MYC) and a performance class (8 boats-3 from MYC). Unfortunately, the conditions were such that the performance class boats did not get to use their spinnakers, so they were jib and main just like the cruising class. In the Cruising Class, 1st place went to Sirenia (MYC), skipper Bruce Spencer; 2nd place to Falcon (LSYH YC), skipper Greg Vandenberg; and 3rd place to Wolly Bully (MYC), skipper Gary Marchido. In the new Performance Class, 1st place went to Ricochet (MYC), skipper Jeremy Cox; 2nd place to Caitlyn Christine (LSYH YC), Skipper Cliff Rinkle; and 3rd to Ping! (WLYC), skipper Chris Penn. In the yacht club team competition, the Cruising Class for the Jolly Roger Cup was a tie between MYC and WLYC. Sirenia (1), Wolly Bully (3), and Fenna Rose (11) for 15 points tied

with Tradition (4), Atlantis (5), and Menagre (6) for 15 points. The inaugural Performance Plaque went to MYC with Ricochet (1) and Passpartout, (4) for 5 points. The skippers meeting Friday evening at White Lake Yacht Club was well attended with several MYC boats overnighing. Lakeshore Yacht Harbor Yacht Club put on a terrific awards banquet with a Caribbean theme, rum punch and beer. A good time was enjoyed by all. The Jolly Roger Cup will remain at MYC for a ½ year and then go to WLYC for the balance of the year. Next year we would love to see more boats from MYC compete to bring the cup back to MYC!

Lots of great sailing coming up in August with the Western Michigan Yachting Association's 94th Championship Regatta being held at the Club on August 3-6 which will bring in over 150 boats. Classes include Optimist Prams, Butterflies, Lasers, MC Scows, C Scows, and E scows. WMYA Commodore Mark Burns and his committee have been working hard to prepare for this popular Regatta.

Following that will be the Lake Michigan Clipper Cup which will be racing their 37th annual on Friday, August 11th. Jointly hosted by the Muskegon Yacht Club and the Port Washington Yacht Club, it is 66.9 nautical miles of a fun family race! Partial proceeds from the race are used to support the junior sailing program each year.

That is all for now! Enjoy the rest of your summer everybody!

Steve Schiller
Race & Regatta Chair

WMYA Regatta – Photo Credit: Jayne Wallace





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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/Bluffton Bay Sail Series
5/16	Tues	6:30 PM	Tuesday Night Melges One-Design Racing Series - 1st race
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 Bluffton Bay Sail Series
6/9-11	Fri-Sun	See NOR	NOOD Regatta (Chicago) Chicago YC
6/14	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of Clipper Cup 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
7/4	Tues		No Tuesday Night Melges 24 Race
7/8	Sat	11 AM	Nedau 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 Clipper Cup Series
7/21	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ White Lake YC
7/22	Sat	See NOR	Race to Mackinac Chicago YC
7/25	Tues		No Tuesday Night Melges 24 Race
7/26	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery 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 *
8/30	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery Series
9/2	Sat	See NOR	Governor's Cup*
9/6	Wed	6:15 PM	First Race of Series
9/9	Sat	See NOR	Anchorage Cup (Grand Haven to Holland) Anchorage YC
9/26	Tues	6:15 PM	Tuesday Night Melges One-Design Racing Series - Last race
10/11	Wed	6:15 PM	Fall Challenge / Last Race of Series
11/4	Sat	6:00 PM	Annual Awards Banquet



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.



Dock and Yard Committee Report

This has been a very busy season for our marina. The Queen's Cup has come and gone, the WMYSA Friday Junior Regatta has come and gone, and by the time you read this the Western Michigan Yachting Association Regatta (Westerns) will have just taken place. Next up, the Clipper Cup. This is starting to sound like a race and regatta committee report but that is not my intention. All these regattas bring boats, boats with trailers, and people to MYC which impacts the normal operations and membership access to the facility. These events not only support MYC but they also support the growth of sailing. Thank you all for your patience as you struggle to find a parking space or find that the marina is full of boats everywhere or must wait in line for a beer. So, when you become frustrated with the crowded situation, please just remember to Enjoy the Wait and Smile as it will get over soon!

Moving on from the pep talk, the finger dock for slip 70/71 has been an on-going issue for several years. In the spring of 2021 Dock and Yard rebuilt the dock that had been severely damaged from the high water only to have it fail again this summer. The question that became a long struggle was "how do you span 36-feet from shore to piling and have a dock that will support weight, not fall in the water, or bend or warp?" Well, most structural engineers' responses were "you don't, it's too long of a span without a center piling". Dock and Yard did not like that answer so we teamed up with T.R. Ghezzi Marine to find a solution. Recently, Ghezzi Marine installed a new dock for slip 70/71 that was able to span 36-feet and maintain structural integrity. Dock and Yard will also continue working with Ghezzi Marine to discuss future innovations that can be made to the seawall slips to continue



making improvements. A goal being considered is to make these docks floating. We shall see what the future brings.

Dock and Yard wishes to also share with you a few Red Book reminders:

- Members tied up at any of the docks at the Club on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays may not have dinghies or inflatables in tow, since they occupy valuable dock space. Dinghies or inflatables are permitted only in rented slips if they don't obstruct the fairway. *(Dinghies should be tied up in your slip so that they also do not obstruct the neighboring boat's ability to enter or leave their slip).*
- All dinghies, boats, and trailers stored on MYC property are required to have a legible Club supplied sticker conspicuously displayed. Unless otherwise approved, storing a dinghy along any dock is not permitted (unless you are a slip owner storing your dinghy in your slip in front of your boat).
- Unleashed or unattended animals are not permitted on Club property. Members must clean up after their pets. All pets must be on a leash when on MYC property. Pets are not allowed to enter any part of the Club House and are not permitted on the patio.
- **Fishing is only permitted on the fixed outer dock facing south and away from the marina. Children should be supervised by an adult.** Dock and Yard also wish to remind everyone that fishing is not permitted from the junior docks or any other docks inside the marina. Also, dead fish must be disposed of properly.

Should you wish to get involved the Dock & Yard meets the second Saturday of every month at 9am at the club. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Please reach out to Dock and Yard should you have any questions.

Dock and Yard Co-Chairs

Jeff Blum – jblum@wcgrp.com

Rob Rafson – rob@charthouseenergy.com



Are you registered for the 16th Annual Harbor Hospice Regatta? Wednesday, August 9 – All proceeds support Harbor Hospice Foundation.

You do not have to race in the regatta to purchase merchandise, raffle tickets, or raise donations in the Judy Miller Memorial Skipper-to-Skipper Challenge.

All skippers and crew can easily register online at <https://harborhospicemi.org/ways-to-give/regatta/> or by scanning the QR code.



\$50 registration fee per qualified or non-qualified boat. MUST register separately from regular series.

Sponsor a race division in the annual Judy Miller Memorial Challenge can make an online donation until August 9 - Challenge

packets also available in club lobby.

4:30 PM - Skipper registration, merchandise sales, raffle sales and Judy Miller Memorial Challenge submissions

5:45 PM - Final registration for 16th Annual Harbor Hospice Regatta

6:30 PM - First signal warning by race committee

Awards and Announcements - following tally of race results & Judy Miller Memorial Challenge

Final merchandise sales and raffle ticket sales

Raffle winner announcement - need not be present to win.

Questions? Contact Amber Wallace, volunteer, and events coordinator at 231.728.6805.





Sailing School Committee Report:

I am thrilled to share that it has been another great season for the sailing school thus far. The enrollment numbers have been steadily growing, and we are overjoyed to see many happy and enthusiastic kids returning for additional weeks of sailing and more time on the water. It is a testament to the success of our program and the passion it instills in our young sailors.

SAILING SCHOOL AGENDA INTRODUCTORY TO SAILING

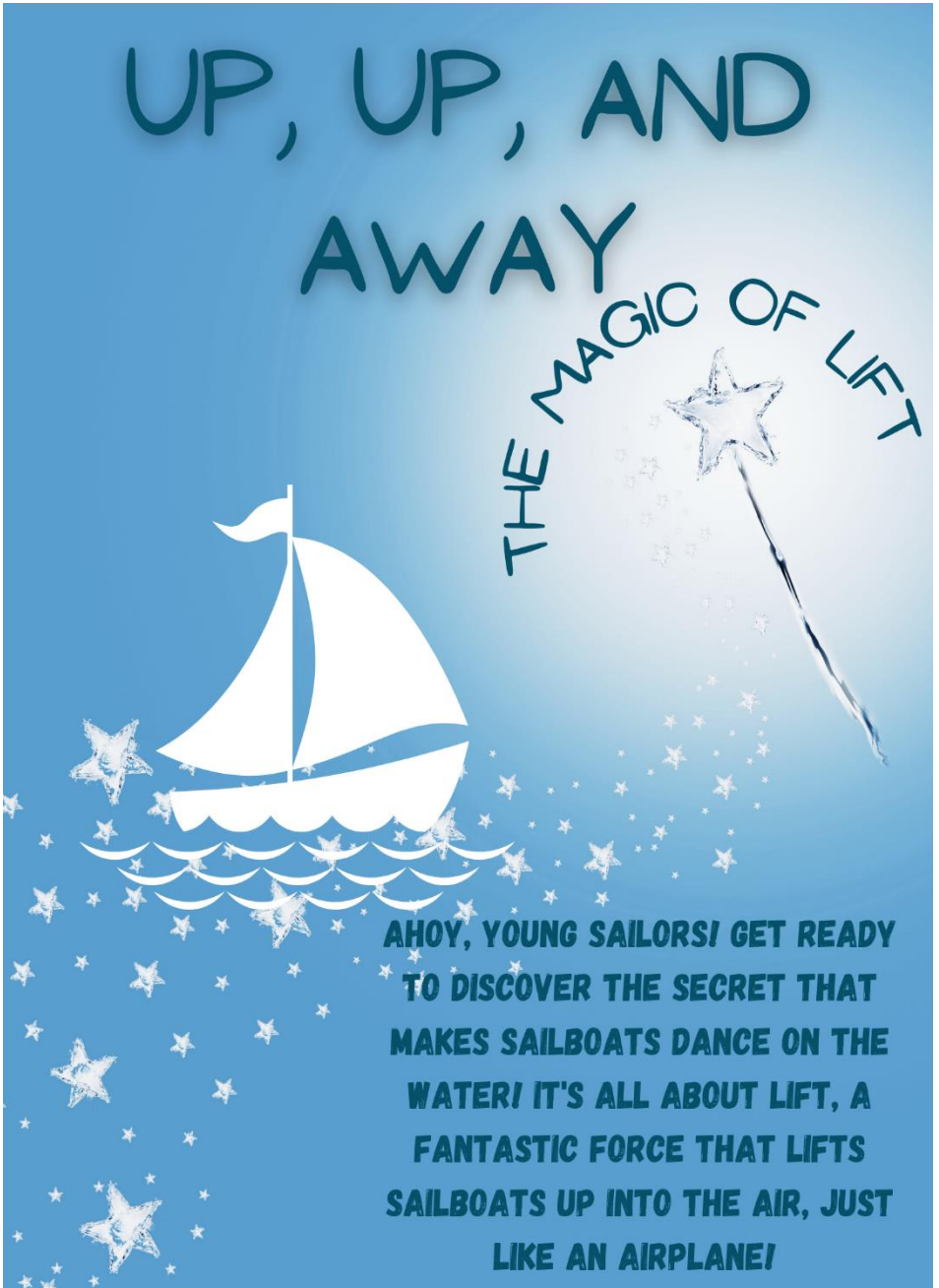
- **Day 1**
 - Learning the Boats
 - Points of Sail
 - Wind Direction
 - How do boats move (lift)
 - Swim Test
 - On the Water Sailing
- **Day 2**
 - Sailboat Parts Refresher and Simple Machines
 - Compass and Heading
 - On the Water Sailing
 - Sail Rigging
 - Tiller exchange
- **Day 3**
 - Buoyancy – Why do things Float?
 - On the Water Sailing
- **Day 4**
 - **Adventure Sail**
 - Learning Review
 - Sail Plan and Heading

We have introduced a STEM curriculum this year and have created a workbook for each child to use throughout the week and take home. It includes additional activities that they can complete at home or in class if there are weather delays that prevent them from getting on the water. I would like to give you a look at a typical week in our beginner class as well as an excerpt

from the workbook explaining lift. I hope you enjoy reading about the incredible experiences and achievements of our students throughout the season.



How do boats actually move? How do you explain this to a beginner youth sailor? Our average age of our student is between 8 and 11 years old.



UP, UP, AND AWAY

THE MAGIC OF LIFT

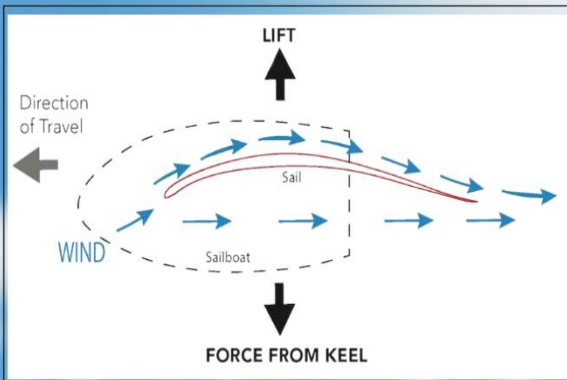
**AHOY, YOUNG SAILORS! GET READY
TO DISCOVER THE SECRET THAT
MAKES SAILBOATS DANCE ON THE
WATER! IT'S ALL ABOUT LIFT, A
FANTASTIC FORCE THAT LIFTS
SAILBOATS UP INTO THE AIR, JUST
LIKE AN AIRPLANE!**

Imagine how amazing it would be to fly on the water, and that's exactly what lift does. With the help of the wind and special sails, sailboats can sail against the wind and go wherever their adventures take them.



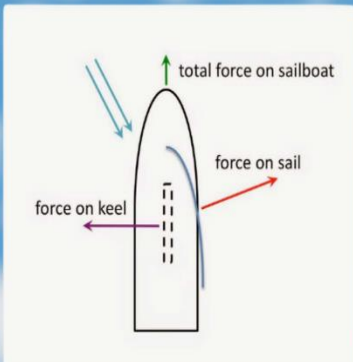
Let's imagine you're holding a piece of paper and blowing on it. Did you notice how it rises up in the air? That's because of lift! Sailboats have special sails that are shaped like wings, just like birds or airplanes.

A Sailboat gets lift from the wind like an Airplane:



When the wind blows across the curved sail, it makes the air go faster on one side and slower on the other. This difference in speed creates a magical force called lift.

Similar to an Airplane a Sailboat has wings. What are they?

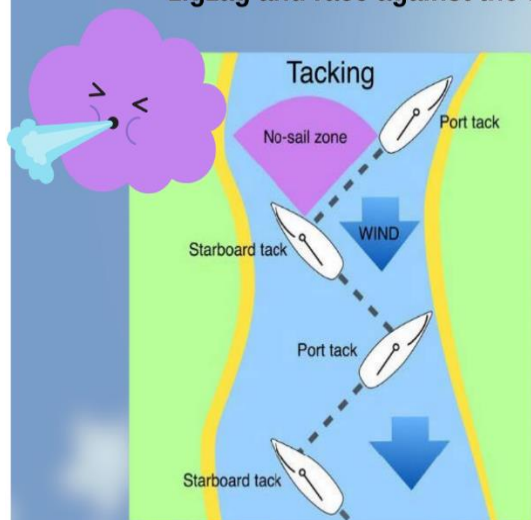


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Lift is like a helping hand from the wind that pushes the sailboat forward, making it zoom across the water like a super-speedy fish!

But wait, there's even more to lift! Sailors can do amazing tricks using lift. They can make the boat turn and go in different directions, even if the wind is blowing right at them! It's like a secret power.

They do this by moving the sails and changing their angle, just like you tilt a kite to make it soar high in the sky. This is called **tacking**. With a little twist here and a pull there, the sailors can make the boat zigzag and race against the wind like super sailors!



Sailing is a magical adventure where you get to feel the wind in your hair and ride the waves. Lift is the secret ingredient that makes it all possible.

So, the next time you see a sailboat on the water, remember that it's not just floating, but actually flying with the help of lift!

You are on your way to becoming a sailor and mastering the art of harnessing the wind to explore new horizons.

Set sail, young adventurers, and let lift carry you on exciting journeys across the vast blue waters!



We have an awesome crew of instructors this year!

Lila Torresen is our lead instructor and has such a passion to not only sail but to teach and inspire kids to become confident sailors. Lila's passion and drive for creating the best Junior Sailing Center for Muskegon Yacht Club are truly remarkable. Her unwavering commitment to fostering a safe, fun, and educational environment for young sailors has been the driving force behind the center's success.

Jazmine Nguyen has been sailing with her sister on the MYC Race Team for years and is a fantastic leader. Her incredible strengths are found in her dedication to classroom organization and teaching. Her engaging lessons in buoyancy, boat parts or knot tying reflects her commitment to providing the best possible learning journey for her young sailors both on and off the water. She is constantly working to organize and improve everything from the equipment to the classroom. She makes us look good!!

Cole Blum's deep love for the sport of sailing shines through in every aspect of his role as an instructor. With a calm and thoughtful demeanor, he effortlessly instills that same passion and excitement for sailing in young learners. Cole's ability to think and problem-solve swiftly has proven invaluable, particularly when dealing with frightened children or challenging weather conditions. His adeptness at handling such situations with grace and confidence has earned him a devoted fan club among students and their parents alike.

Tommy Dahlquist and **Brady Wallace** Our sailing school is incredibly grateful for the invaluable support and dedication shown by Brady and Tommy. As young sailors, their enthusiasm and willingness to lend a helping hand have made a significant impact on our instructors and the entire sailing community. Their positive attitudes and willingness to assist with various tasks, whether it's helping set up boats or encouraging their peers, have been truly inspiring. Tommy and Brady's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment has made our sailing school a better place for everyone. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for being exceptional role models and for making a difference in the lives of their fellow sailors.



Two More Weeks...

We still have 2 more weeks of classes lined up for our youth sailors. Information, schedules and registration for 2023 Sailing School Classes are available online at

<http://www.mycsailingschool.com>

The MYC Sailing School is open to the public. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. We also offer a shuttle service to and from Pointe Marine for those who live on the north side of Muskegon Lake!

Adult Sailing Lessons

Our adult sailing lessons for 2023 have undergone a complete revision and have achieved resounding success under the guidance of volunteer instructor Jeff Blum. Jeff's thoughtful classroom curriculum, including a pre-class review book, has provided a structured and enriching learning experience for all participants. With the generous donation of the Santana 23 keel boat by Dr. Peter Vandenberg last year, our students have had the opportunity to apply their knowledge and hone their skills on a top-notch vessel. The overwhelming response from our adult learners has been truly inspiring, with full classes every week. Due to the overwhelming demand and positive feedback, we are excited to continue offering these dynamic sailing lessons into the fall, ensuring more adults can embark on their sailing journey with us.

WMYSA YOUTH REGATTA 2023 & the MYC Junior Race Team



The Muskegon Yacht Club's junior race team has experienced an extraordinary year of growth and achievement. For the first time in our history, we proudly entered the 420 division, showcasing

our dedication to exploring new opportunities and pushing boundaries. Our youth sailors have made their mark in various prestigious events, including the Butterfly Nationals, Opti No Tears, and Westerns regattas, proving their exceptional skills and determination. Additionally, our team has actively participated in all four WMYSA Friday regattas, displaying their passion and commitment to competitive sailing.

As we look forward to the highly anticipated Ulrich Cup Regatta on August 20 at Muskegon Yacht Club, we celebrate the remarkable growth and success of our junior sailing team and the bright future that lies ahead for these talented young sailors.



Tommy
Dahlquist and
Cole Blum
sailing the 420
for Muskegon
Yacht Club



We want your used sails!! If you have used, even torn sails that have not delaminated, please donate them to the junior sailing program. We can exchange them with Sea Bags for cash to our program and provide you with a receipt for your tax deduction purposes.

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 non profit program please click the link below:

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

Our Junior Fleet is Growing!!



We are thrilled to announce that the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association (MJSA) has recently acquired three brand-new Butterfly sailboat hulls for our junior race team.

We are immensely grateful for the tremendous support from **Windward Boatworks**, who generously donated an additional Butterfly hull and two rudder assemblies to our program, for a total of four new Butterflies.

Just in time for Butterfly Nationals this year, we received delivery of two of these fantastic boats, allowing our team to compete at their best.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to Windward Boatworks for their generosity, as their contributions have significantly bolstered our ability to provide exceptional opportunities for our junior sailors. We look forward to continued growth and success, all thanks to the unwavering support of our community and partners.

Additionally, we are delighted to share that the program has been gifted a meticulously maintained Laser sailboat, a valuable addition that will undoubtedly further enrich our sailing offerings.

Respectfully submitted
 Junior's Chairperson
 Kimberly Blum

MUSKEGON, MI TO PORT WASHINGTON, WI

37th Annual Lake Michigan Clipper Cup Yacht Race

Friday, August 11, 2023

- ✦ LMSRF sanctioned race
- ✦ Yellow Brick tracking
- ✦ Open divisions from cruising to spinnaker
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A Blast from the Past Commodore:



It was my pleasure to sit and chat with Past Commodore Joe Schiller this month. Mr. Schiller was appointed Commodore for MYC in 1972. He has lived a very short distance from MYC since 1958 when he bought his lot and built his house.

Past Commodore Schiller had tons of memories to share with me during our short visit. Back in the 70's, MYC was stocked with scows and international 210 wooden boats. Joe owned a wooden boat himself – a 30 Square Meter – that once sank at MYC due to the planks shrinking. The Club, at that time, had to hire a crane to lift boats out of the water and they used it to lift his boat off the bottom. Once out of the water it was usable again as it soaked up water and made the planks swell to seal the holes. At the time, wooden boats had a short life and were subject to dry rot. Once fiberglass boats were developed it was a game changer for MYC. Fiberglass boats did not rot, or required much maintenance, but were very pricey back then. Joe helped transform the MYC dock system to help accommodate these new boats as slips became high demand. The steel sheet piling wall in the front of the Club was built under Joe's direction. It cost about \$200.00 for a seasonal slip at MYC in 1972.

Mr. Schiller created and ran the first MYC sailing school where Paul Wickland was one of his first students for juniors sailing lessons. Later he made buoys and racing flags, and was the race committee every Saturday morning for over 10 years hosting junior races on Muskegon Lake. He even allowed the kids to park their boats on his beach in front of his house. He bought his son, Past Commodore Steve Schiller, his first butterfly boat in 1964.

One of his most memorable races was the fun "Balloon Race." A committee would scatter balloons across Muskegon Lake after dark and see how many

each boat could retrieve in a certain amount of time. Whoever picked up the most balloons, won. This was a night race and was discontinued when safety became a priority.

As for the clubhouse and operations, Joe shared with me the process they used to vote on new member applications. He stated there was a wooden box stocked with white and black marbles with a trap door in the back. The box was passed around to all members. If a member did not want to accept that application, he would push a black marble to the trap door. Once everyone had a chance, they would count the marbles. If there were two (or more) black marbles in the trapped area that application was denied and they would have to reapply. Draft beers were 25¢ and a popular beer to serve was Schlitz. There was an active social committee that hosted fresh lobster, spaghetti, and shrimp dinners as well as a New Year's Eve party & Commodores Ball.

Mr. Schiller is also the keeper of the famous capstan that is located near the seawall. It was found by divers in Lake Superior around 1940 then stored at Torresen Marine with Gordon Torresen for a few years. Joes' friend, Austin Freye, knew the history of it and asked Joe if he wanted it for MYC. He accepted it and placed it in the front of the building. Since then, it has been moved here and there but has always been on MYC property since 1972. Just two short years ago, Joe asked his daughter to give it a fresh coat of red, white, and blue paint.

Joe's first boat was a 30 Square Meter wooden boat, later purchasing the original "Souvenir" (Morgan 30) in 1968, then the current "Souvenir" (PT32) in 1975. Joe placed 1st in his section during the 1978 Chicago/Mac race (John D. Kinsey Memorial Trophy) as well as being 1st overall in the Queens Cup race in 1976.

I asked Mr. Schiller, "What advice would you give to our current membership?" He stated, maintain the club as best as possible. His long time wish for MYC is to build a permanent break wall for the marina. He believes it will create more room and be more attractive for boaters all around.

Thank you to Past Commodore Schiller for inviting me into your home, our time together, and for giving me the inside scoop of MYC in 1972.

Kim Nguyen
General Manager



Sue Peters (8/1/1997) – 26 years

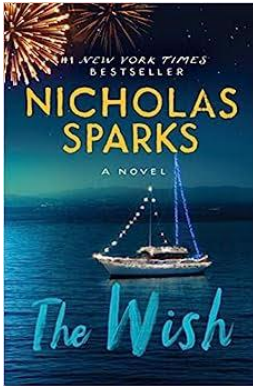
Nicky Anderson (8/16/1999) – 24 years

Katie Schmidt (8/30/2019) – 4 years

Thank you all for your dedication to MYC. Your contribution to our success does not go unnoticed.

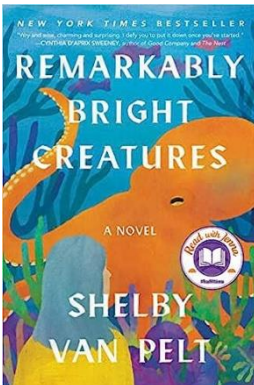
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MYC BOOK CLUB



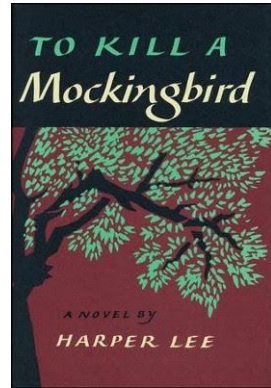
Thursday, August 3rd at 6 pm is our next book club meeting.

The Wish by Nicholas Sparks is our August selection



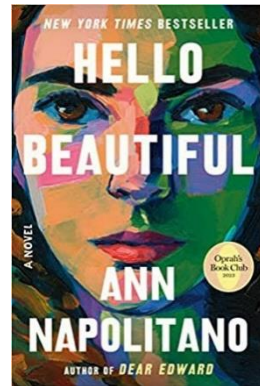
Thursday, September 14th at 6 pm is our September book club.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt is our choice.



Thursday, October 12th at 6 pm is our October date and time.

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee is our October selection.



Thursday, November 9th at 6 pm is our November date and time.

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano is our book for November.



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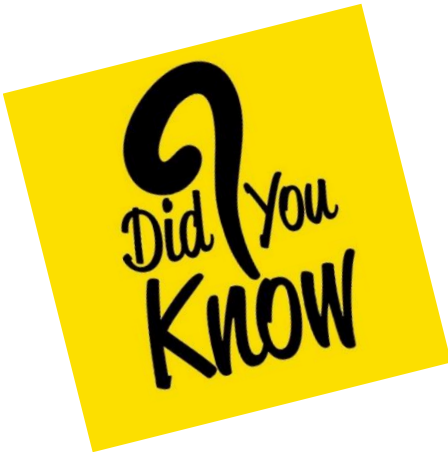
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		1 Member Private Event Melges Racing Sue Work Anniversary	2 Member Private Event Race Night	3 WMYA Regatta	4 WMYA Regatta	5 WMYA Regatta
6 WMYA Regatta	7	8 Melges Racing	9 Race Night	10 Clipper Cup Party	11 Clipper Cup Race	12 Committee Meetings
13	14	15 Melges Racing	16 Race Night Nicky Work Anniversary	17 Board Meeting 7pm	18	19 GRSC Invitational
20	21	22 Melges Racing	23 Race Night	24	25	26 Member Private Event
27	28	29 Melges Racing	30 Race Night Katie Work Anniversary	31		

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