

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

Portwatch

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House.....Karen Garvey
Juniors.....Kim Blum
Race & Regatta.....Steve Schiller
Membership.....Melody Stenstrom,
Craig Rozelle

MYC STAFF

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

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Portwatch Submissions:

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

What a remarkable year it has been!

In 2023, MYC hosted a couple major regattas and saw the return of The Queen's Cup after only one year away. The Midwest One-Design Spring Championship welcomed 26 Melges 24's this May. And in August, the 94th WMYA Championship returned for a very successful four-day regatta and celebration, followed closely by the 16th annual Harbor Hospice Regatta, which raised \$12,000 for that wonderful organization. Thank you, thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who worked these events! And thank you to our staff for putting in the long, hard hours. MYC knocked it out of the park!

Our Junior sailing program is as robust as ever in the very capable and energetic hands of Kim Blum. She continues to grow our fleet exponentially each year she's at the helm. Mick Homan graced us with his presence overseeing our pool again this summer and did an excellent job, as always. The Race and Regatta Committee really stepped up this year, and it was truly exhilarating to be a part of that collaboration. Several RRC members donated innumerable hours on the water this year providing exceptional race management for the nearly 60 races that MYC organized. I am grateful to you all.

Our Club finances are strong and continue to improve as we see signs of sales numbers returning to pre-pandemic levels. Although we have numerous upcoming projects, we are steadily addressing them. We will need to continue contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund to keep up that pace and our facilities up to par. Please remember to come down and spend money at the club this winter. Plan a holiday dinner party, bring the family down to watch a football game, or simply join your fellow members at the table for a Friday night dinner.

“The strength of a team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” Phil Jackson

Our club is our team and if you have not gotten involved in one of our many committees, or lent a helping hand at one of our work bees, then

I beg of you to reconsider and find your place within our organization. I promise you there is a place for each and every one of you, and we need YOU!

With introspection and wistful nostalgia, I submit my final Portwatch article as your Commodore. When I began this year, I struggled with wanting to make my mark vs simply keeping my head down and doing a good job. I feared I would face many challenges, and although there were a few, the triumphs far outweighed them. Upon the establishment of Muskegon Yacht Club, women weren't even allowed to become members, let alone the Commodore. I am grateful for how far we have come and being afforded the opportunity to serve the club that I love. Just as our sailing team becomes part of our extended family, you ALL are my team, my family. It has truly been an honor.

Jessica Strecker
MYC Commodore



2023 Capital Improvement Fund

2023 Collected:

\$ 45,481

+

12/31/22 Balance:

\$ 136,380



2023 Expenditures:

\$ 90,872

Available Balance:

\$ 90,989

Approved projects (pending completion):

*Seawall repair

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Starting week of October 9, 2023

	Bar	Kitchen
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	Closed
Wednesday	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Thursday	4pm – 10pm	4pm – 9pm
Friday	4pm – 11pm	4pm – 9pm
Saturday	12pm – 11pm	12pm – 9pm
Sunday	1pm – 9pm	1pm – 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:

Veronica Rumschlag & Tasha Merlington – Grand Rapids –
Full Members

Don & Ronda Stocks – Lafayette, IN –
Full Members



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

STARTING TODAY - credit card transactions at MYC will automatically have a 3% service charge added to offset the cost of payment card processing. **This change was first announced several months ago and it is ready to implement.**

If you wish to avoid the extra 3% when paying at the bar, you may pay with cash, check or MYC charge account.

Likewise, if you wish to avoid the extra 3% when paying your MYC charge account bill (house charges, dues, slip fees, etc.) you may:

- pay with cash at the bar
- mail a check
- use your bank's online bill paying services (usually no cost to you)
- pay online via ACH payment direct from your bank account at no cost using THIS FORM (available on the MYC website or by scanning the QR code on your statement)

MYC still accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover cards with a 3% service charge now added on.





Race and Regatta Committee Report:

Thanks to all of our committee members and volunteers for contributing to our successful season thus far! Here are a few highlights of our last meeting:

- Thank-you Commodore Jessica Strecker for making sure that we had a race committee staff schedule that has been successful all summer.
- A discussion was held about time limits and our plan to improve it in the future.
- The Jolly Roger Cup date has been set for July 13th 2024.
- Thank you to Clark Miller, Josh Wallace and Brady Wallace who have agreed to pull the Permanent Marks this fall.
- RRC Committee Member Karen Garvey graciously agreed to serve as the chairperson for the Awards Banquet. Thank you, Karen!
- The committee discussed adding a Junior Sailor to the RRC Committee and MJYC member Cole Blum was welcomed onboard.

That's it! Enjoy the last beautiful days of sailing this year everyone! REMINDER!! The MYC Awards Banquet is November 18th.

Steve Schiller
Race & Regatta Chair





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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	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 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



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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
11/18	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.



House Committee Report

*“To reach a port we must set sail—sail, not tie at anchor; sail, not drift.”
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Welcome to October! This month marks not only the transition of summer to fall, but the transition to our off season, boats being hauled out, and changes in the Board of Directors.

Off Season Club Hours Starting the Week of October 9, 2023

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 4pm - 10pm

Thursday: 4pm - 10pm

Friday: 4pm - 11pm

Saturday: 12pm - 11pm

Sunday: 1pm - 9pm

Kitchen closes at 9pm daily, except 8 pm Sunday

We have had many requests for non-alcoholic drink options. Following is our complete list of Non-Alcoholic Drinks:

New Flavored Syrups: Vanilla, Strawberry, Peach, and Blueberry; can be added to other things like Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coke, or Soda. We also have Grenadine that can be added to anything.

Bubly Sparkling Waters: Blackberry, Blueberry, Cherry, Grapefruit, Lime, Pineapple, and Strawberry, when available.

Canned Soft Drinks: Coke, Diet Coke, Caffeine Free Coke, Caffeine Free Diet Coke, Coke 0, Dr. Pepper, Fresca, Ginger Ale, Diet Ginger Ale, Lemonade, Mountain Dew, Orange Crush, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Root Beer, Sprite, Sprite 0, Squirt

Red Bull: Sugar Free or Regular

Ginger Beer: Gosling's, and Regatta Ginger Beer

Jones Sodas: Berry Lemonade, Green Apple, Orange Cream Soda, Strawberry Lime Soda

Juices: Apple, Cranberry, Orange, Pineapple, and Grapefruit

NA Beer: Athletic Brewing Hazy IPA, Corona NA, Bud 0, Heineken 0

NA Wine: Gruvi Dry Red Blend, Gruvi Dry Secco

The next House Committee meeting will be Saturday, October 14, at 10am, and is open to all members.

Have a pleasant October and "See ya at the Club!"

Karen Garvey
House Committee, Chair



Dock & Yard Committee Report:

Billing for 2024 slips will be going out soon. Payment in full is due by December 1, 2023. Slips not paid for by that date will be assigned to another member at the Slip Assignment Meeting to be held Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Reminder - If you rented a slip for the 2023 season AFTER the December 2022 Slip Assignment Meeting, your slip assignment was temporary for one year. If you want to slip at MYC in the 2024 season, you MUST be placed on the slip waiting list by paying the \$50 non-refundable fee and attend the Slip Assignment meeting. The list has already been started, so don't wait. If you elect not to get on the slip waiting list, your choices for a slip in 2024 will be limited to whatever slips are left after the Slip Assignment Meeting, if any. Please refer to the Red Book, pages 65-68 for more information.

Jeff Blum - Chair



Social Committee Report:

Fall is here! As sailing season winds down, we have several social events coming up. Please put these on your calendar, they are sure to be a good time and help you forget that Winter is around the corner:

October 21st—Michigan/Michigan State football game. Please come out and dress to support your favorite team. Game will be on the big screen with surround sound!

October 28th—Halloween Scavenger Hunt and party. More details to come, but dress to impress all ghouls and ghosts.

November 11th—Chili Cook Off. Bring your soups, stews, and chilis to compete for best in house. This event coincides with a Dock & Yard work day, help out if you can.

November 18th—MYC Awards Banquet

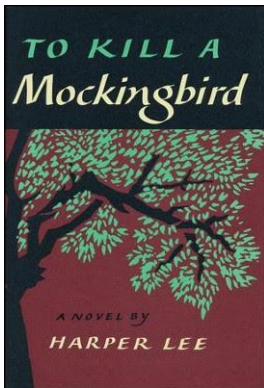
November 22nd—Bar Olympics. Spend the biggest bar night of the year at MYC. More details to come.

November 25th—Michigan/Ohio State football game. Cheer on the home team!

More details to come on a lot of these. The social committee is looking for creative ideas and suggestions. If you have a little time (or a lot) please join us at our next meeting on October 14th at noon. We would love to have you!

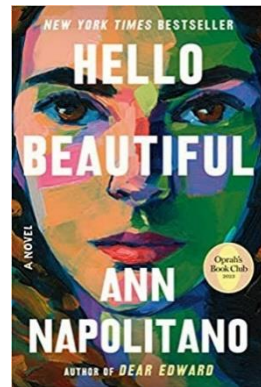
Emily Turek & Kim
Blum





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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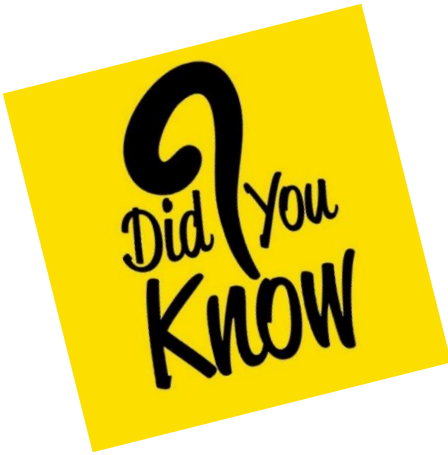
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MYC October 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Race Night	5	6	7
8	9 Off Season Hours Start	10	11 LAST Race Night	12 Life Member Lunch Book Club	13	14 Committee Meetings
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Annual Meeting - Noon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Halloween Party
29	30	31				

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

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See the bartender on duty for assistance!



