

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

Portwatch

DECEMBER 2023



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and the wonder
of the holiday season
stay with you
throughout
the coming year

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Business Manager.....Sue Peters
Facilities Manager.....Nicky Anderson
Chef.....Samantha Angelini
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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

Greetings!

Holy Cow! It is December already! As I sit at my desk, I can't believe that there are only 21 days of Christmas shopping left, procrastinators unite, you can get that perfect gift card at Meijers until midnight on Christmas eve and West Marine is open until 5:00 PM on Saturday the 23rd!

What a year 2023 has been, MYC hosted numerous regattas and sailing events including the return of the Queen's Cup to Muskegon! For those who have not signed up for the 2024 Queen's Cup you had better hurry there are only 207 days until the gun goes off for the start! 😊

As we begin the last month of the year I think it is a great time to take a moment and think about all the wonderful times each one of us shared together at MYC, whether it was around the pool, sitting on a boat in the slip, racing around a mark on a Wednesday night or helping a fellow member figure out what that strange sound was coming from the engine compartment as you motored around Muskegon Lake on a beautiful Sunday afternoon!.

It is also a good time to reflect and remember the friends and family each one of us has lost in 2023. Whether it was an MYC club member, a family friend, an old work associate or someone you had met on a boat years and years ago, do not forget to honor them for a moment even as the Christmas season approaches Defcon 5 and you still have not gotten that perfect gift for that perfect someone!

As we count down the last 28 days of 2023 don't forget to take time and be thankful for all the joy you have experienced in 2023 and think about how you can do one extra thing, whether it is big or small to share your abundance of joy with someone else you know or don't know.

It can be as simple as a smile to a stranger or taking that extra hour a week and volunteering for a favorite charity or organization that is near and dear to your heart!

Merry Christmas to all! Have a safe, happy, and fun Christmas Holiday!

Kevin Moore
Commodore
Muskegon Yacht Club



2023 Capital Improvement Fund

2023 Collected:

\$ 49,578

+

12/31/22 Balance:

\$ 136,380



2023 Expenditures:

\$ 92,826

Available Balance:

\$ 93,132

H URS of OPERATION

	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 – 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



House Committee Report:

“Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.”

~John Boswell

Hello December! The MYC Clubhouse is all decorated for the holiday season and looks beautiful. A huge thank you to the dedicated group of member volunteers who did a fabulous job. Shout out to Cathy Lindland Young, Christine Mattson, Emily Turek, Sarah Powers, Meagan Gassman, Casey Allard, Sue Bergmans, and all of those who helped hang garland, untwisted lights, and gave us general support.

The House and Social Committees are seeking new members interested in being part of a team. We meet on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 and 11:15 a.m., respectively.

Join your fellow members for the Holiday Potluck on December 24 from 4 till 8:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer to share; the kitchen will be closed. Please watch for upcoming information on New Years Eve and Day.

The next House Committee meeting will be Saturday, December 9, at 10:00 am, and is open to all members.

Have a pleasant December and enjoy the holidays. “See ya at the Club!”

Karen Garvey
House Committee, Chair



From The Business Office

2023 Membership Renewal

Hi everyone,
You will soon see the following items on your billing statement:

This month (December Statement): 2024 Membership Dues are billed this month.

Next Month (January Statement): 2024 Capital Improvement Fund (CIF) billing starts next month at \$15.00 per month.

As always, you may choose to pay a lump sum of \$150 for the CIF by January 31st to save \$30. 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





Race and Regatta Committee Report:

Race and Regatta Committee Thank you to RRC Committee Members Karen Garvey and Past Commodore Jessica Strecker for planning and hosting the MYC Awards Banquet that was held on November 18th. It was a fantastic evening and the MYC staff knocked the ball out of the park with their excellent service and delicious meal! The MYC Race and Regatta Committee also thanks the owners, skippers, and crew, for their continued support and valued participation. We are actively seeking feedback on how we can make next year even better! Happy Holidays!

Steve Schiller
Race & Regatta Chair



Social Committee Report:

A busy November is in the books! Social Committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with events this Winter. If you are interested in getting involved, please email socialcommitteemyc@gmail.com to get in touch. We meet next on December 9th, immediately following the House Committee meeting.

-Emily Turek



Juniors Committee Report:

The determination of the MYC 2023 Season Trophies' final standings was made by evaluating the scores of each sailor against their peers participating in the four WMYSA Friday regattas and the season-concluding Ulrich Memorial Regatta held at MYC.



OPTIMIST AWARDS

Newcomer Opti sailors embark on their sailing journey within what we fondly call the Green Fleet. This particular segment of races is designed to be less

high-pressure, offering a supportive environment with ample on-water coaching and motivational guidance.

This year, we were thrilled to have three sailors participate and compete in the Green Fleet. Two of which, a brother and sister, tied for second place.

- Tied for 2nd place are **Quinn Clouse** and **Alexander Clouse**
- 1st Place goes to **Ian Bomberry**

BUTTERFLY AWARDS

We had 7 juniors compete as skippers on Butterflies this summer.

- 3rd place goes to **Emery Price**
- 2nd place award goes to **Emilee Nguyen**
- 1st place award goes to **Elsie Torresen**

LASER AWARDS

- 2nd place awarded to **Tommy Dahlquist**
- 1st place awarded to **Lila Torresen**

420 JIB AND MAIN AWARD

This year marked an exciting addition to our sailing endeavors as we ventured into the realm of the 420 JAM division. The 420 sailboat, commonly sailed in high school and college competitions, became the focal point of our new challenge. Our dedicated sailors invested significant effort into meticulously repairing and polishing a 420 sailboat, transforming it into a vessel ready for competitive racing. Their hard work and commitment not only made the boat race-worthy but also opened a door to a whole new level of sailing experiences for our team.

- Skipper: **Cole Blum**
- Crew; **Tommy Dahlquist** and **Barrett Nance**

ULRICH MEMORIAL JUNIOR REGATTA

This trophy goes to the winner of the largest fleet at this season-ending Junior regatta held at MYC, which this year was the Butterfly Fleet. 10 sailors competed in the Butterfly and Opti divisions this year.

We actually had a 3-way tie for first place. After 6 races, the tie-breaker worked all the way down to who had the most 3rd place finishes. As a result...

- 3rd Place: **Emilee Nguyen**
- 2nd Place: **Tommy Dahlquist**
- 1st Place: **Brady Wallace**

SCHILLER FAMILY TROPHY FOR MOST IMPROVED SAILOR

Not only has Elsie grown in skill level, but also in confidence. Elsie used to be terrified to even touch the tiller. She was shy and uncomfortable when racing, but she has grown to radiate confidence with her skills on the racecourse.

Prior to the season, she did not want to skipper at all, but after putting in hours of practice, she gained the confidence to participate in any race she could. She participated in the Westerns, as well as the Butterfly Nationals, placing well in both. She sailed butterflies in the West Michigan Youth Regattas this summer and 420s with Shoreline High School Sailing this fall. Not only that but she has taken every opportunity to crew that has been presented to her. Everyone around her can see what an amazing sailor she is becoming, especially her coaches who have had the honor of watching her improve this past year.

Congratulations to this year's most improved sailor, **Elsie Torresen**.

We want your used sails!! If you have used, even torn **DACRON** 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.



As always, PLEASE SUPPORT MYC JUNIOR PROGRAMS
BY GIVING TO THE MJSA

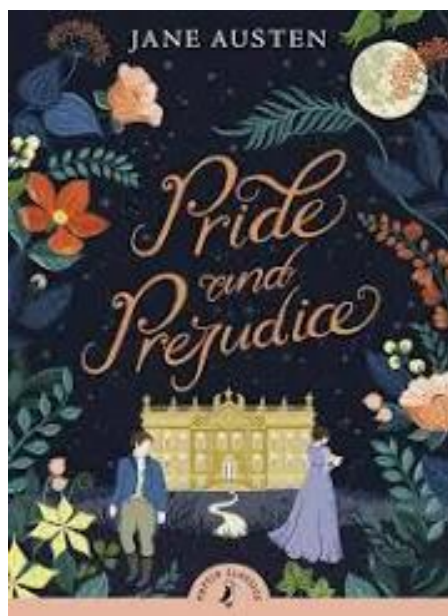
The MYC Sailing School and MYC Junior Programs are made possible through the generous support of the Muskegon Junior Sailing Association (MJSA) which is a 501c3 charitable organization.

Thank you,
Kim Blum
Chairperson

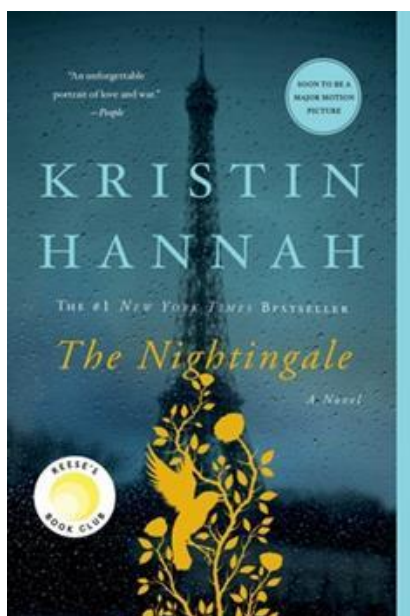




BOOK CLUB



December 14th at 6 pm




February 8th at 6 pm



Holiday Donation Drive at MYC!

Make it a Season of Giving!

Every Woman's Place needs the following: towel sets, socks, twin bed sheets, pillows & blankets. Please consider donating this year. Donations accepted until 12/21. I will deliver all items to the shelter on 12/22. Not going to be around town to drop off an item – no problem - you can have Amazon ship items directly to us!



All donated items will go to supporting families in our community.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

-Kim Nguyen

Employee Holiday Fund

Happy Holidays!

The Muskegon Yacht Club is blessed to have a dedicated, reliable, hard-working, and loyal staff. Sue Peters, MYC's business manager, has been with us for over 26 years! Nicky, our facilities magician aka manager has been keeping things running for over 24 years. Kim Nguyen, our general manager as well as bartender, kitchen helper, and event organizer, depending on who needs help with what has been with us for 11 years. Jersey Elizondo, one of our amazing bartenders, has been with us 11 years. Dianna King, our bar manager and bartender has been with us for 10 years and Chef Sam for 2 years.



Nine 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.

The money generated from this program will be divided amongst ALL of our staff members including Greg, Josh, Mingan, Katie and Becca 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 wish, all contributions are deeply appreciated. This is a voluntary program and is a great way to show your appreciation to the entire staff of MYC.

Thank you,

Kevin Moore

Muskegon Yacht Club Commodore

You may contribute online by selecting "Pay with Card" or "Pay with Bank Account" at www.muskegonyachtclub.org, or return the form below.

I wish to contribute:

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

To the Muskegon Yacht Club "Employee Holiday Fund"

Please Charge my account -OR- Check enclosed

Member Name

Member Signature

Date



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Charcoal Grey MYC T-shirts, Beach Towels, Women's Swim Skirts, **Hoodies, Full Zips Sweatshirts, Full Zip Vests, Long Sleeve Dry Wicking Shirts**, Hats, Stickers, Burgees, MYC stemless Wine Glasses, Iron on Patches, Youth T-shirts, Racerback Tank Tops.

See the bartender on duty for assistance!



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MYC December 2023 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Slip Assignment Meeting
3	4	5	6	7	8 Member Private Event	9 Committee Meetings
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Jam Session	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting Last Day for Holiday Drive Donations	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Pot Luck 4-8pm	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						

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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 ANYTHING
 BE KIND