

MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

# Portwatch

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## Portwatch Submissions:

Please email Kim Nguyen  
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Deadline for content submission  
is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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# COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:

## Opposable Thumbs

I was recently sitting in a bar and heard two patrons passionately discussing whether opinions are good or bad. Their conversation was centered on the fact that today it seems that when it comes to most current events, politics, sports, fashion etc. the people with the loudest opinions seem to dominate the dialogue of others. They loudly and constantly push their agenda without having anything factual to support their opinion.

Like most people I was intrigued by the conversation, because generally eavesdropping on someone else's conversation is way more interesting than anything I could possibly come up with.

As I was sipping on a big cup of suds and eavesdropping, I heard the one patron share with the other a monumental statement, an epiphany if you will. He said loudly and clearly that, and I quote.

**“Everyone has opinions, and everyone has thumbs!”**

SHAZAM! He had me hooked with his statement and I was captivated by what words were going to come out of his mouth next.

He went on to say that opinions and thumbs have much more in common than you would think. Thumbs, like opinions can be used to convey either a positive message or a negative message. Here I immediately thought of the time-tested use of the Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down signal.

I realized I was sitting at the bar listening to a wise sage, experienced in life and thoughtful in his conversation, using accurate facts to illustrate his point. He then continued his conversation and said, “Opinions are just like thumbs in that it takes years to learn how to use them properly.”

He continued to expound. “You always need to pay attention to where your thumb is so that it does not get into a position where it causes pain.” I was mesmerized by his rhetoric; I was visualizing how much a thumb in your eye hurts and more importantly if you aren't paying attention to your thumb or

somebody else's thumb, they can get smashed by the hammer. Darn, this guy is good I thought!

I waited with bated breath for him to speak again, what other nuggets of knowledge would he share with his friend? And finally, after taking a long swill of his drink, he spoke.

“You know, if you don't have thumbs your hands don't work so good and that is just like an opinion. Without opinions sometimes things don't work so good either, but just like your thumb if you use an opinion improperly you can end up causing more pain than good”

As I walked out of the bar that day awestruck by the knowledge this wise man had imparted on his friend it hit me! His message was simple, opinions just like thumbs need to be used carefully where ever you are.

Kevin Moore  
Commodore



# 2024 Capital Improvement Fund

2024 Collected:

\$ 30,737

+

12/31/23 Balance:

\$ 98,398



2024 Expenditures:

\$ 0

Available Balance:

\$ 129,135

# HOURS of OPERATION

	<b>Bar</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>
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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at  
9:00 am**

**House Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
at 10:00 am**

**Membership Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at  
11:00am**

**Race & Regatta Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.  
at 7:00pm**

**Board Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:*

Connor & Ella Baker – Junior Members – Grand Rapids

Ryan & Julia Chorny – Junior Members – Muskegon

Caroline Henry – Youth Member – Spring Lake

Shad & Barbara Petersen – Full Members – Lakeview

Edgar & Joanne Ramone – Full Members – Muskegon

Doug & Mary VanDerAa – Full Members – Byron Center

Kurt & Pam Witham – Full Members – North Muskegon

### *Welcome Back Previous Members*

Paul & Nancy Christie – Full Members – North Muskegon

Linda VanPortfliet – Full Member – Spring Lake

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help represent Muskegon Yacht Club at the GR Boat Show. Your dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

MYC's Annual Spring Open House will be held on Saturday, April 20th, more details to come. Please share this date with anyone interested in learning more about our club!

Thanks so much!

Melody Stenstrom & Craig Rozelle

MYC Membership Committee Co-Chairs



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*Saturday, April 20, 2024*  
*12:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

**OPEN HOUSE!**

Apply for membership at our 2024 Open House and receive **HALF OFF your INITIATION FEE!** Don't miss out on this special offer

(Valid 4/29 only)

*Come see what the talk is all about and make MYC your destination on the lake!*

\*\*Open to the public all day\*\*





## From The Business Office

### **2024 Membership Dues:**

If you haven't yet paid your 2024 Dues, please make sure to do so by March 15th 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 18, unless you have given me other instructions.)

### **2024 Roster Publication:**

Do you have a new boat? Address, phone, email? Please update me so our 2024 Roster will include the correct information for you!

Did you know...



...you can receive your MYC statement by email instead of paper mail?

Contact Sue in the business office to sign up!



...you can pay your bill securely online from our website? Visit [www.muskegonyachtclub.org](http://www.muskegonyachtclub.org). Under "Quick Links" select "Pay with Card" or "Pay with Bank Account"!



...you can pay your bill securely online using your bank's bill-pay feature?

Visit your bank's website to learn more about it!

Contact Sue with any questions!

[sue@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:sue@muskegonyachtclub.org) or (231) 755-1414 option 2



## Dock and Yard Committee Report:

For starters – Dock and Yard are working to resolve many of the maintenance items around the club and marina. The upcoming budget year is financially tight, and we will take care of maintenance items in order of critical importance. If you find an issue, please report it to Dock and Yard.

*Besides maintenance of the facility Dock and Yard would like members to focus on some self-maintenance. Let’s work together to make 2024 a year of positivity! Enjoy time with your friends and family. Rather than complain or share your negative thoughts we recommend that you get involved with the committees, attend board meetings, and become educated to understand why the club operates as it does, why prices are what they are, and volunteer and share ideas to help make this club a happy place for you and everyone else. Instead of complaining to the management and employees, attend the committee meetings to work through and address what issues you may have. Your membership is what you make of it! Choose kindness and seek joy daily!*

Six (6) slips remain available for the upcoming boating season! Hurry while supplies last!

	28, 30, and 34 foot slips	38 foot slips	46, 38, 30 foot slips
	REMOVED Board Aprv. Perm. 7-21-11 40	J CARLSON 19 1	D STOCKS
	K BOATMAN 41	C ROZELLE 20 2	J STRECKER
28 and 30 foot slips	A JOHNSON 42	M STRAYER 21 3	V JURGENS
	J SCHAFER 43		M STERNBERG
<b>Ramp</b>	M ROBERTS 44	<b>OPEN</b> 22 5	D SPAULDING
54 Jr's Board Aprv. Perm. 12-6-13	S HOHMEYER 45	T. SENTER 23 6	J ZENTNER
65 T. WALLACE	D WERNER 46	J PRITCHARD 24 7	C MATTSON
66 D KORTERING	B. SPENCER JR. 47	C BENNING 25 8	B MOE
67 <b>OPEN</b>	J WALSH 48	M. ARTHUR 26 9	M KURTZ
68 L. MCANALLY	P. VANDENBERG 49	M FULKERSON 27 10	J MOEGGENBERG
69 B. COX	G LIGHTFOOT 50	R DICKENS 28 11	T. TABOR
70 S. CORDER	M GRYZCAN 51	S PETERSEN 29 12	E BOMBERY
71 J. HOLT	<b>OPEN</b> 52		C. BOELKINS
72 J. ROLLINS	T GORBY 53	J. BLUM 30	
73 B. AINSWORTH	E MARKS 54	N SAUR 31 14	B HAMM
74 G. YOUNG	R. FREES 55		J LASCOLA
75 B. ALKEMA	<b>OPEN</b> 56	S COMSTOCK 32	
76 D. WEINER	T. LOMONT 57	J OSBORN 33	
77 R. SIMPSON	V RUMSCHLAG 58	T WILLIAMS 34 16	M MARCHIDO
78 K. MCDANIEL	R. MONTALBANO 59	J STARCK 35 17	K VOWELS
79 J. AUFFREY	K BETA 60	F TELEMAQUE 36	
80 P. DYBALL	D. CASTLE 61	L. TALINT 37	
81 <b>OPEN</b>	J JANUS 62	C. PETERSON 38 18	G MARCHIDO
82 MYC RACE COMMITTEE	<b>OPEN</b> 63	S. DIMENSTEIN 39	
A 28 and 30 foot slips	28, 30, and 34 foot slips B	38 foot slips C	46, 38, 30 foot slips D

As spring nears, Dock & Yard has a big list of “To-Do’s” that need to be completed before the marina fills up. Help will be needed with the following from many volunteers.

- Remove the de-icers (bubblers)
- Power washing the docks.

- Dock cleats need checked and bolts tightened.
- Bringing out lawn furniture, etc. from winter storage.
- And more!

Stay tuned for dates on work-bee's, etc. We plan to establish dates during March's Dock and Yard meeting.

In the near future Dock and Yard will also be sending out the new "Slip Holders Handbook" to all slip holders. This will be your handy guide to the "Need-to-know" while keeping your boat in the marina. Be sure to read it when you receive it.

Interested in becoming involved with the Dock & Yard Committee? We meet the second Saturday of each month at 9am. Attendance may be in-person or virtual. Contact Jeff Blum at [jeff.blum213@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.blum213@gmail.com).

## **NEW PARKING TAGS WILL BE SENT OUT SOON – BE ON THE LOOK OUT**





## Race and Regatta Committee Report:



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### Muskegon Yacht Club 2024 Race Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event (Black=MYC Blue=Non-MYC Red=Juniors)
5/8	Wed	6:30 PM	Wednesday Spring Challenge Trophy/Bluffton Bay Sail Series
5/14	Tues	6:30 PM	Tuesday Night Melges One-Design Racing Series - 1st race
5/18-19	Fri-Sun	See NOR	Midwest One-Design Spring Championship (MYC)
<b>5/26</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>12PM</b>	<b>Commodores Cup*</b>
6/12	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Bluffton Bay Sail Series
6/13	Thurs	See NOR	LMSS Double Handed Race (Muskegon to Port Washington)
6/14-15	Fri-Sun	See NOR	NOOD Regatta (Chicago) Chicago YC
6/19	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of Clipper Cup Series
6/22-23	Sat Sun	See NOR	Macatawa Bay YC Commodores Cup (Holland)
6/26	Wed	See NOR	Tripp Memorial Cup (Muskegon to Milwaukee) LMSRF
6/28	Fri	See NOR	Queens Cup (Milwaukee to South Haven) South Shore YC
6/28	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Muskegon YC
7/6	Sat	11 AM	Nedeau Cup* (Lake Michigan if feasible)
7/7	Sun	12 PM	Craig Powell Memorial
7/12	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Spring Lake YC
7/13	Sat	See NOR	Chicago to Mackinac Race
7/13	Sat	See NOR	Jolly Roger Cup Cruising Race: White Lake YC to Muskegon
7/16-18	Tues-Thurs	See NOR	Butterfly Nationals @ Glenn Lake
7/19	Fri	See NOR	Opti "No Tears" @ Saugatuck
7/20	Sat	See NOR	GRSC 6th Annual Maiden Race
7/20	Sat	See NOR	Port Huron to Mackinac Bayview YC
7/24	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Clipper Cup Series
7/26	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ White Lake
7/27-29	Fri-Sun	See NOR	Ugotta Regatta (Harbor Springs) Little Traverse YC
7/31	Wed	6:30 PM	First Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery Series
8/1-4	Thurs-Sun	See NOR	Westerns @ White Lake Yacht Club



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8/9	Fri	See NOR	WMYSA Regatta @ Macatawa Bay YC
8/9	Fri	See NOR	Lake Michigan Clipper Cup (Muskegon to Port Washington)
8/14	Wed	6:30 PM	Harbor Hospice Race (part of Wed Night Series)
8/17	Sat	7:00 AM	MYC Pursuit Race to Grand Haven
8/17	Sat	12:00 PM	GRSC/MYC Commodores Invitational *
8/18	Sun	See NOR	Ulrich Cup Regatta
8/31	Sat	See NOR	Governor's Cup*
9/4	Wed	6:30 PM	Last Race of Pigeon Hill Brewery Series
9/7	Sat	See NOR	Anchorage Cup (Grand Haven to Holland) Anchorage YC
9/11	Wed	6:15 PM	First Race of Adelaide Point Series
10/16	Wed	6:15 PM	Fall Challenge / Last Race of Adelaide Point 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.



**IN-PERSON Basic Race Management Seminar hosted by  
Muskegon Yacht Club.**

**3198 Edgewater St, Muskegon, MI.**

Direct Registration Link:

<http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13498808>

Seminar Description:

IN-PERSON Basic Race Management Seminar hosted by Muskegon Yacht Club.

3198 Edgewater St, Muskegon, MI.

3/30/2024

Instructor is Rich Reichelsdorfer.

The seminar consists of One In-Person session

Saturday, March 30, 2024.

8:00 to 5:00pm

There is approximately 90-120 minutes of REQUIRED pre-course work prior to the In-Person session. Attendance is required to complete and pass the course.

Please be sure to download the Racing Rules App at:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2021-2024/#the-rules> .

About 10 days before your course begins, you will receive an email from 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 additional course information.

US Sailing course registration fee: \$40. A discounted US Sailing special introductory membership is available for first-timers during the registration process.

Lunch will be provided for an additional fee that will be collected at the seminar.

Registration closes Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Walk-In registrations are not allowed.





**Social Committee Report:**

*JAM SESSION from 3-6 on St. Patrick's Day!*

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

# ST. PATRICKS DAY MADNESS

JOIN US FOR THE START OF MARCH MADNESS WITH  
A FAMILY FRIENDLY IRISH TWIST

JAM SESSION  
BIG10 CHAMPIONSHIP @ 3:30PM  
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MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB  
7PM, MARCH 23, 2024

THE 2024 BAYVIEW MACKINAC RACE PRESENTED BY NATIONAL FLEET SERVICES IS TOURING THE MIDWEST WITH A PRESENTATION THAT DETAILS THE HISTORY AND HIGHLIGHTS KEY PLAYERS IN THE WORLD'S LONGEST CONTINUOUSLY RUN LONG DISTANCE FRESHWATER YACHT RACE.

COME HEAR FROM CHARLIE TROST, THE 2024 RACE CHAIR. CHARLIE HAS SUCCESS IN HIS 27 COMBINED MACKINAC RACES INCLUDING A 1ST PLACE FINISH IN THE 2023 CHICAGO MACK GL52 CLASS



You can buy all the latest and greatest MYC gear at the Clubhouse, stop down today!

**NEW MYC BUCKET HATS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!**

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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<b>MYC March 2024</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
					1	2
3 Jam Session	4	5	6	7	8	9 Committee Meetings
10 Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward	11	12	13	14 Book Club 6pm	15	16 CYC/Mac Presentation
17 St. Patrick's Day Party with Jam Session	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 7pm	22	23 Bayview/Mac Presentation
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 US Sailing Race Seminar
31 Easter Sunday – Club Closed						

**If you have events or meetings you'd like added to the Portwatch or website calendars, please contact Kim Nguyen - [kim@muskegonyachtclub.org](mailto:kim@muskegonyachtclub.org)**