

Marquette Yacht Club
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Dear MYC members,

The advent of spring yachting may seem a bit distant right now, but the MYC Board is beginning to plan for the coming season before it is upon us. I list here some of the things that we are working on.

Dues notice Dues notices should be going out soon – Mid March. Dennis Nezich (Secretary) will be sending notices by email, and payment will once again be done through the MYC website. Some of the dues and fees were increased for 2021 and the website has been updated to reflect those changes.

Website Keeping the website current is a continuous effort. Matt leads the effort to keep the site organized and functional, but he depends on the rest of us to provide relevant content. Committee chairs, fleet captains, and anyone with good stuff to share are encouraged to forward such content to Matt for posting. Doug Tosa may also be helping out with this. Contact information for Board members will soon be updated on the website. The web site should look more current during the next month.

Member handbook The Member Handbook is being updated for 2021 and will soon be available online. The book contains all rules, policies, bylaws, dues and fees, committee assignments, names of Board members, and other useful information.

Ensign Nationals About this time last year the Ensign Nationals 2020 organizing committee made the difficult decision to cancel the regatta and reschedule it to 2021 due to growing concern over the emerging Covid pandemic. Planning for the 2021 regatta is again underway, but a somewhat different event is being contemplated; fewer shore-side group activities but still some great competition. We are optimistic that Covid limitations will not be as severe as last year, but will be prepared for any eventuality as things develop. The event will be fully compliant with whatever health measures are required and prudent. Neil Lynch has been leading the resumed effort for 2021.

**Interested in contributing to the 2021 Nationals General Fund? A “contribute” button will be made available in the online store that can be processed with your yearly membership dues; no interest in making a monetary contribution, no problem, information regarding volunteering will be available on the Ensign Nationals website soon (www.2021ensignnationals.com). Stay Tuned!!

Covid Again, we are optimistic that Covid limitations will not be as severe as last year, but will be prepared for any eventuality as things develop. The clubhouse is currently closed for the season. As we start to open up in the spring we will announce any new measures that are appropriate or required.

South fence The strategic planning exercise from last year indicated a high priority for improving the look of the south boundary and installing an attractive permanent fence in place of the current unsightly barrier. The Board is working on a phased approach beginning with the addition of about 50’ of fence

(roughly from pavement to adjacent to shed) that is identical to that on the north lot line. Future work would include something like a rolling fence that could be deployed across the driveway on occasions when large events in the harbor lead to our grounds being overrun by hapless event revelers.

Committees The club presently has four standing committees to facilitate our needs as a club. They are:

Communications - Keeps membership informed of current events, club initiatives, and key Board actions. Led by Mat Zavislak with help from club officers, fleet captains, and committee chairs.

Dock - Coordination of dock technical design and installation, and upland storage of boats. Led by Michael Twohey.

House - Plans for the stocking of supplies and upkeep of the clubhouse and deck areas. Led by Doug Tosa.

Grounds – Coordinates maintenance of the grounds including landscaping, fences, and signage. Led by Mike Potts.

Volunteers – There will be a great need for volunteers this season as we get the club in tip-top shape before the 2021 Ensign National Championship. Painting, landscaping, and various tasks of sprucing up will benefit from many hands. Additionally, help in staffing various activities of the regatta will be needed. It is a fun event for competitors as well as those helping to staff this premier community event. We will be sharing information on how you can help in the near future.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the club soon.

Michael Twohey
MYC Commodore