

West Michigan Ice Yacht Club

Since 1954

Iceboat lakes in our area: Bear, Fremont, Gun, Hess, Mona, Muskegon, Reeds,
Spring and White Lakes

Issue 1, 2015 - 2016 season



Commodores Corner by Dean Runk

FIRST THINGS FIRST –As you should recall, last year we adopted a change to our by-laws that did the following:

- **Changed our WMIYC Annual Meeting to the first Sunday in December.**
- **Moved our WMIYC General Meetings to the fourth Thursday in the months of January, February and March, with this last meeting set up as something special in calibration of a great season!.**

NOTE: Unless otherwise notified, all these meetings will be held at the Muskegon Yacht Club (MYC) at 3198 Edgewater Street in Muskegon, MI.

So as a reminder, our pending WMIYC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 06, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at MYC with sandwiches, salad, sides and some BEER for all!

What will the program be for this December meeting? Not certain yet, but we have asked Stan Jones to review what I understand as the recent stated intent of the IDNYRA to adopt long existent “options” used within the ISA community of the race courses available in the setting of “Darling” marks. These options were presented by Ron Sherry at the GLIYC swap meet back in November. They seemed to be well received by all those present.

We intend to shortly post a link to these recent course options on our WMIYC website as well for all to review.

The Same Old Issue of DUES

As requested by Chip in one of his earlier emails to the general membership, **PLEASE** mail him your WMIYC 2015-16 dues **PRIOR** to the meeting!

Mail to:

Chip Sawyer
4602 Bluff Road
Whitehall, MI 49461

IS EARLY ICE POSSIBLE!!

Let's hope so, unless we get it like we did last season and then get snowed out! According to a study done by Deb Whitehorse of Four Lakes, El Nino years have provided some of the best iceboating. Chip says he's ready....all you?!

About This Newsletter

Due to the time involved, I have found it necessary to distribute this newsletter via email. Some may feel this is an error, but I find it necessary. Unless there is a major objection or someone else is

desirous of taking on the responsibility, this is what you'll see in the future.

**West Michigan Ice Yacht Club
Statement of Operations
Courtesy of Our Scribe / Chip Sawyer
7/1/14 – 6/30/15**

Revenues

Dues	\$ 910.00
Merchandise	<u>290.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 1,200.00

Expenses

Meeting	\$ 941.75
Printing and Postage	100.56
Merchandise	- 0 -
Other	<u>313.29</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,355.60

Net Revenue \$ (155.60)

Fund Balance 7/1/14	\$ 6,946.97
Fund Balance 6/30/15	<u>6,791.37</u>
Net Change	\$ (155.60)

Based upon the above it is likely that we will NOT be increasing the dues for this year!

Something to Watch for

Back in August we were contacted by one of the staff writers for "MICHIGAN BLUE", a high end magazine that brands itself as "Michigan's Lifestyle Magazine, to contribute to an article they will be publishing in their winter issue.

During the ensuing conversations we suggested that they also contact several of the other ice yacht clubs in the state, and provided them with links to Gull Lake, Traverse City, Detroit and Toledo as possible sources. I believe Mark Hoeksema also provided them with some photos that they may include in the article. We extended them an open invite to monitor our website and show up at one of our venues when they see we are sailing, Be on the lookout for the Winter issue of “MICHIGAN BLUE” in stores and news stands when you are out and about. We should get a copy or two that we will share with the club upon receipt. It may even be online once published.

We have several new members who have recently joined our ranks, and they bring with them “ice yachts’ that increase the size and diversity of our fleet. We look forward to meeting these new members during our next meeting in December and hear about the boats they bring with them! Some of those new members are:

- **Isaac Leestma of North Muskegon, MI who just recently purchased a Skeeter. Sorry....no photo available!**
- **Jeff Mouw of Holland, MI who will be sailing a Spinter with the “Holland Mafia”**
- **Bruce Lowstuter from down around Jackson, MI who I believe comes in with a DN.**

Welcome to all!

Hey....what do you think about Tim Freye’s new toy! We look forward to seeing his new “Rumbleseat

Skeeter” on the ice this season!



Muskegon Surf Cam Reminder

We have the link to the webcam atop Balcom Cove condo alongside where we launch at Cottage Grove on Muskegon Lake posted on our website. It is very handy to check out the activity prior to departing for the lake if we are sailing on Muskegon Lake. If you want to check it out now use this link:

<http://www.muskegonsurfcam.com/muskegon-lake/>

Don't forget to check out and try to interact with our website. The only way you will ever overcome any difficulties is to try it and then bring your issues to a meeting and discuss them with Trevor, our webmaster!