



Lakeshore Yacht Harbour Member News

December 2015



About This Newsletter -

This newsletter is a joint effort made by the LYH Board and Harbormaster and is intended to be published four times per year with the objective of keeping association members current on all important plans and issues that involve LYH. If you have any items that you would like to see covered in future issues - please contact Secretary - Deann Kiely with specific details and we will try to accommodate all practical requests.

New LYH Board -



Board Meetings held in LYH clubhouse

Following the elections of the new board in September, the team has arranged a list of shared duties to get the best for LYH and maximize our team performance. Below is a list of board members and their contribution to LYH.

Jack Wolf ...	President	Bob Prins ...	Vice President
Deann Kiely ...	Secretary	Brian Scot ...	Treasurer
Tim Mead ...	Clubhouse Liaison	Dan Gavinski ...	Fuel Dock Liaison
Ross Michael ...	Basin Liaison	Gary Teat ...	Grounds Liaison
Steve Lasher ...	Webmaster		

Board meetings are normally held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse and all members are welcome to attend. If you have an item that you would like to bring before the board please advise the secretary one week before the meeting so we can be sure that we reserve time and add to the agenda.

Planned Reciprocal Services Offering to Visiting Yacht Club Members -

- Preferential reservation on transient slips with reciprocal discounted rental rates
- Unlimited access to clubhouse and all facilities
- Assigned parking space near to slip
- Usage of loaner bicycles based on availability
- Use of fuel dock at special member price and free pump outs

LYH-YC Update

As planned LYH has taken steps to register as a yacht club with the organization "Yacht Clubs of America" effective January 2016 for the calendar year. The reciprocal services program that is planned will be a cooperative program offered together with LYH and owner/members who wish to participate. Any member that would like to participate in 2016 or would like more information should contact the Harbormaster for full details on the program requirements and benefits.



Harbormaster's Update

Thank You - first and foremost to all of the members who took part in the recent closing work day. We had a record turnout compared to recent years with over 30 member owners being represented. This made the season closing much more efficient - thanks again to all. During this day over 20 finger pier ladders and low hanging wood were repositioned or removed to prevent winter pier damage. This was indicated in the earlier letter and members who were unavailable should see an added amount for this work on their next season membership fees invoice.



New timber on piers

As we look back on a very eventful season I hope that you have noticed many of the improvements and major projects that have been completed this year as we bring LYH into the stately marina that we would like it to be. The list is too numerous to mention here but some the major projects you may notice include the upgrade and painting of the lights and lamp poles, shrubs and trees on the property have been pruned and cut back, the controller board on our security system has been upgraded

Please notice that we now have a new thermostat control in the clubhouse that is monitored via WiFi for temperature protection - if you use the Club House this winter the temperature control buttons that raise and lower the temperature are the two buttons on the upper right side (*do not touch the three buttons along the bottom*). Please remember to turn the temp back down to 52 and make sure all doors are secure. Keep in mind that if it's windy the doors may not latch correctly unless you give them a pull/push.

Members should be aware of the piling work that will be taking place in the early spring. We have no way to judge what the winter might have in store for us and



LYH trees and shrubs trimmed ready for winter

while the contractor will try to have this work completed by the marina opening, we have no guarantee of this as the equipment is being moved up from Holland. In event of any delay, please contact me @ 231-773-1372 before you bring your boat just in case we need to arrange a temporary slip while final completion of the work is done.

All the very best for the holiday season, have a Merry Christmas and looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring.

LYH Basin News -

The LYH Board would like to keep all owner/members informed of the health and fitness of our channel, basin and gas dock at LYH. To do this we have been seeking professional advice from qualified experts on how to best maintain these areas at LYH.

Basin - With the harsh winter ice in recent years LYH along with many other marinas, have incurred some significant ice damage to our concrete pilings and piers that needs repair. A firm in Holland who is specialized in our type of concrete pilings and offered our best quotation has been selected and DK Construction will perform the straightening and repairs on over 20 pilings this spring and soon as the basin is accessible after the winter ice recedes. Jerry will be coordinating this and working to coordinate any boats wishing to come into the marina early in the season. To minimize future stress on our sea walls and pilings within the basin we are also investigating cost effective ways to possibly avoid major structural issues in future winter conditions and keep the ice thickness manageable within the basin such as using water circulation with the warmer water at the deepest areas, circulating toward the surface which will reduce the amount of ice from forming. We will be doing a pilot project this winter to strategically place several bubblers in the basin and monitor results. These will be placed deep enough to avoid damage to the bubblers.



LYH pilings awaiting repairs

Channel - Relentless natural forces continue to fill in our channel and this requires a solid maintenance schedule to stay one step ahead. In review with experts and taking soundings in the basin and channel, we seem to have a good stable foundation currently with minimal current activity and a sandy lake floor that stays compacted. Major work in the channel is not anything the board is anticipating, but with the combination of lake level fluctuation and major storm erosion history, staying ahead of the game is what we would like to do. Our dredging permits will expire before the 2018 boating season so these next two years will be the time to take advantage of our current authorizations. We do not expect that we will be required to dredge this spring or during the 2016 boating season.

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Fuel Dock - The LYH fuel dock facility is showing its age and is in need of major attention and repairs. In fact over the last two years this area has been a major source of lost revenue and negative profits for LYH. This is primarily due to two factors: 1) Low fuel sales combined with a need to keep larger stocks of fuel in the tanks to prevent floating in these high water conditions, and 2) the need for significant repairs to aging tanks, pumps and equipment.



Gasoline fuel damage to surrounding grass



Major crack in pad covering tank and collar

The 2016 season will require that we address the new issue of repair needed for the tank pad and grass area. This was caused by the gas tank floating during very high lake water levels which occurred in spite of maintaining higher than advised levels of fuel in the tank. Damage to the pad, tank collar and nearby grass occurred this fall. Inspection revealed that the concrete pad covering the tanks is not of sufficient size, thickness, weight or reinforcement to keep the tanks in position and prevent damage. To address this the board will be budgeting for required repairs in the spring and they will be developing a plan going forward on how best to deal with the disappointing fuel sales and costs.

Update on LYH Umbrellas -

Last year Bob Prins organized a neat upgrade for our picnic tables on the docks with new umbrellas and these were much appreciated by all. Bob felt that they could be improved with the convenience of a crank open mechanism and it seems that over the season the shafts expanded and then were very difficult to remove from the tables for storage. To solve these issues, Bob has negotiated a refund with the manufacturer and is arranging a replacement for the spring that will address these two issues. Thanks Bob for all of you efforts on this and for adding to our comfort in the summer. The replacement umbrellas will be in a neutral or beige color not the blue that is shown here.



What's happening at LYH -YC & In Muskegon

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Jan-16	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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	29	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Activities	2016
1 New Year Day Holiday	
16 LYH Board Meeting Clubhouse 7:00 - 9:00 pm	

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19 LYH Board Meeting Clubhouse 7:00 - 9:00 pm	

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18 LYH Board Meeting Clubhouse 7:00 - 9:00 pm	
21 21 - 31 Planned Piling Maintenance	

Some local recommendations from our Muskegon resident secretary Deann - As you travel to Muskegon why not consider a visit to Muskegon's Winter Sports Complex for luge, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating. The Frauenthal Center also has a fantastic event calendar that includes "The Fantastics (Jan 22-30) "To Kill a Mockingbird" (Feb 19-28) and our Symphony will be doing "Beethoven in Blue Jeans" (March 4). The Muskegon Farmers Market is still open on Saturdays 9-2 through April and if you are looking for a good restaurant to try - consider either the Hearthstone or take in the views at the Lake House Waterfront Grill.