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COMMODORE'S REPORT

We are now in April and the Dauphin Island Race will be at the end of this month. On race day, it would be great to have the harbor empty with all eligible boats in the race. With your help we can bring this great race back to the glory days it once was. If you have any questions, reach out to Rear Commodore, Casey Golemon.

Our club is in great shape! Thanks to everyone for their continued support. The Jr program is growing and has been very successful in recent regattas. It is wonderful seeing our young sailors practicing during the week and on weekends in front of the pier. If your child has any interest, please contact our waterfront director, Josh Deupree.

The bulkhead work in our marina is complete. The work to elevate and reinforce the crane should be completed before our next Thursday night fun race. Work to reinforce the jetty on the bay side is also complete. We will try our best to get grass down before the Easter Bunny arrives later this month.

Again, thank you to everyone for their continued support.

Keep Sailing,

Mike Reid
Commodore



The Club would like to express their sympathy to the families of the following members who have passed away in the recent months:

DR. FRED CUSHING

WILLIAM REGAN

KEN FORSYTH

TERRI BAYLOR, WIFE OF LONGTIME MEMBER JACK BAYLOR

BOB JONES

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



Rear Commodore's Report

The sailing season is now officially kicked off. Thursday Night Fun Races have started and we have already had many people out enjoying the water, wind, and sunsets. I encourage all of you to come down on Thursday afternoons, meet some new friends, and jump on a boat for an enjoyable sailing adventure.

The Winter Series has concluded and congratulate Kenny Kleinschrodt out of Buccaneer Yacht Club for winning First Over All in the series. I would also like to thank Randy Wendt for designing and making the trophies for the regatta. They were some of the best trophies that have been presented at MYC, and he is telling me he will do it again for future regattas.

Now on to the bad news for the Winter Series. We had a dismal turnout in participation for the regatta. Out of all the sailors on Mobile Bay we had FIVE boats sign up to race. This is not a good sign for the future of sailing. It was mentioned that we had 20 boats sign up for a Thursday Night Fun Race and five boats participated in the Winter Series Regatta. So, that being said, I am asking for your help and ideas on how we can encourage participation in future regattas. Please reach out to me with any suggestions that you think will help the situation. If you do not have a boat and would like to participate in the regattas and do not know how to get involved, please reach out to me and I will be glad to help you get on a boat.

Dauphin Island Race month is here. The racing events will start on Friday, April 26th with the Skipper's Meeting, along with good food and music and conclude at the Island on the 27th with the awards ceremony. We will have good food and music at the Island as well leading up to the awards. Registration is now open online at www.mobileyachtclub.com. If anyone needs any further information about the race please email us at dirace2019@outlook.com and we will get right back with you. The Dauphin Island Race brochure is almost ready to go. If you would like to place an ad, the deadline is April 5th, email the same address above.

I look forward to seeing all of you out on the water and around the Yacht Club.

Casey Golemon
Rear Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Thursday night sailing has begun. The weather is wonderful. Dave has his new menu out.

For the second Wednesday, April 10th, there will be an outside cigar party.

On Sunday, April 14th, the Easter Bunny is coming with an Easter Egg hunt. Chef Dave will serve a delicious Easter brunch. The club will be closed on Easter Sunday.

The riprap on the East side of the club is being improved to keep the bay at bay. The bulkhead improvement project is complete. The harbor Wi-Fi upgrade project is almost complete.

Tell Jeff Borten thanks for the improvements in landscaping around the club. He is working hard to beautify the grounds.

Make plans to sail the Dauphin Island Race on Saturday, April 27th. You can sign up on regattanetwork.com.

Come on down for some of Dave's delicious fare. Remember, it's best to make reservations on the weekends.

Let's go sailing
Vice Commodore
Julian Bingham

Bay Gales March

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 12th at 1 p.m. We will be finishing up the plans for the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 14th at 2 p.m. Parents do NOT need to bring plastic eggs for their children since the Bay Gales will be providing these for the egg hunt. I want to thank everyone who came to help polish the silver on March 20th and 27th. The trophy cases look great. The MYC is hosting the Dauphin Island Race this year on Saturday, April 27th. If you would like to volunteer to help, let me know.

Maureen Lowe

Welcome New Members:

Joseph Hosch (Active)
W. Lance Covan (Active)
Bruce Wagner (Active)
Franklin Holley (Active)

Ruth Austill (House)
Daniel J. Clarke (House)
Brian Rowell Bailey (House)

Entertainment Committee

We all lost an hour of sleep, but are so grateful for the arrival of Spring! March has been a month of fun with our St. Patrick's Day celebration and the return of Thursday Night Fun Races! Congratulations to our 2018 TNFR winner, the crew of Starfire and its Skipper Prince Turner! We wish all sailors and boats the best of luck and lots of enjoyment in the upcoming year.

April will be a busy month around the Club with the celebration of Easter and hosting of the 61st Annual Dauphin Island Race. The Easter Bunny will arrive for his annual visit about 2 pm on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Be sure to bring your kids to meet the Easter Bunny and participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Also, the Club will serve a brunch buffet of delicious items from Chef Dave that day.

We have lots of planning going on with the upcoming Dauphin Island Race festivities. Be sure to be at the Skipper's Meeting on Friday, April 26th for music from Ryan Balthrop, food, and fun! Make your plans to be on the water to enjoy a great sail to the Island on Saturday, April 27th with a fabulous celebration on the Island that evening! Watch your email, MYC Facebook Page, and the website for more details on our upcoming events.

See you at the Club,
Beth Hill
Entertainment Chair

Sailing School

The Mobile Bay Sailing School (MBSS) is now taking applications for Summer 2019 camp sessions. This year we are offering 7 full day regular class sessions and 2 half day special optimist sessions. Our first session of the season will be the week of June 3th. You may find more information about the sailing school and an application on our website at mobilebaysailingschool.org or, you can pick up an application at the club.

The MBSS will have a Spring Open House Saturday, April 13th from 3:00PM to 5:00PM in the picnic table area under the club. You will be able to meet the head instructor and learn more about the program. We will be serving free snacks and refreshments at this event. We will also have several boats for sale that have been donated to the Sailing School. Proceeds from the sale directly support the MBSS. Please check out our website and bring your family and friends to our April 13th open house. If you have any questions about the MBSS, please contact Josh Deupree at 251-209-1800 or Rick Spaulding at 251-300-0668.

Hope to see you at the Open House,

Rick Spaulding
President, Mobile Bay Sailing School



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