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## Mobile Yacht Club

Charter Member Gulf Yachting Association

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### Commodore's Report

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who came down to the club to help in the preparation process for Hurricane Ida. The prep went quickly and smoothly and by our way of thinking, with all the prep work we did, we helped keep Ida on track away from us. I would also like to thank the members that came in after the storm and helped get the club back in operational status. There was not as many people needed for this task but the work was just as important to have the club ready for the Thursday Night Fun Race. Thank you all for your help and support.

Although we dodged a huge bullet with Ida, our friends to the West were not so lucky. Whitney Adkinson is checking with our sister yacht clubs to see if we can help in any way. She will let us know what kind of donations they are looking for and we will pass this along to our membership to see if we can help.

We still have two months of hurricane season left and we have entered the busiest time for storms to develop. Stay alert and if another storm approaches the Gulf Coast, we will be reaching out to our membership to get the club ready for whatever comes our way. Hopefully, this was the first and last time this year we have to do anything.

I would like to encourage all of our membership to come down to the club and enjoy the afternoons on the deck. I have personally experienced sitting on the deck with cocktail in hand looking over Mobile Bay and I can tell you; it is very relaxing and peaceful watching the water float by. Give it a try, especially with all the stress in everyone's life now.

If you have not been down for dinner at the club lately, I would also encourage you to have dinner while looking over the Mobile Bay. Chef Ian has been serving up some excellent specials not to mention the rest of the menu. Please make your reservations today to join us. As your Commodore, I am standing by if there is anything I can do for you at the club.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the club and on the water.

Casey Golemon  
Commodore

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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Fellow Sailors,

After the activities of July, August saw a slower pace and a close to the summer sailing season with the Knot Around the Rig Race and Luau Party. Despite the race committee's best efforts to figure out the best time to start, we ended up with light air at the end. We ended up with nine (9) registrants for the race and congratulations to the winners and their crews.

PHRF Non-spinnaker

1. Beach Belle, MYC David Hickman
2. Akoya, MYC Julian Bingham
3. Seminole Wind, MYC Jim Patterson

PHRF Spinnaker

1. MYC Viper, Judd Chamberlain
2. Starfire, BucYC Prince Turner
3. CWhit, MYC Cecil Adkinson

Overall Winner: Judd Chamberlain

Special thanks to the race committee, Casey Golemon and Brian Barnett, for their usual reliable and solid help.

We have one race left on the calendar for this year and it is our MYC Charity Regatta which will be sailed on Sunday, October 24 and like last year, we will use the Thursday Night Fun Race course and format for this fun regatta. As we try to raise as much money as we can for this cause, we will NOT use Regatta Network. We will use standard paper registration which you can fill out and leave at the club or email to me @ [johnpobrien85@gmail.com](mailto:johnpobrien85@gmail.com). As this will be the last race of the year, I look forward to a good turnout and fun time afterwards.

We will be rolling the start of the Thursday Night Fun Races back by 20 minutes starting on September 9th as we do every year. This accommodates the season and allows our racers to not sail most of the race in the dark.

In closing, I want to thank all of the skippers and sailors that participated in this sailing season and the many folks that helped with Race Committee. I'd also like to thank the Entertainment Committee for the after-race festivities that were enjoyed by all. I look forward to a strong finish in supporting our MYC Charity Regatta.

See you all on the water,  
John O'Brien  
Rear Commodore

*Welcome  
New Members:*

Paul S. Barnett  
Bob Maceluch  
Lillie Torrans

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Bingo** is from 3:30pm-5pm  
(Sept. 26th., Oct 17th) Cards  
are \$5 each month, cash  
only event, no member's  
accounts can be charged for  
cards and markers are not  
needed. Come for the fun,  
prizes and food.

### 2021 Race Schedule:

**MYC Charity Auction &  
Regatta**  
October 22nd - 24th

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## Entertainment Committee

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Hey MYC, its September. We had a great month in August. I want to thank my Entertainment Committee for all their hard work decorating the club for the Luau party. I especially want to really thank Sue Bufkin for her creative idea with the backdrop.

We are going to postpone movie night until it cools off in October. Be on the lookout for the new movie schedule to come out at the end of the month.

We are also working on some awesome events to happen up at the club for football season. So, be on the lookout for Facebook posts and emails about it. We are ready to bring football to the club.

Here are the upcoming events at the club:

9/26: Bingo at 3pm  
10/9: Fishing tournament  
10/17: Bingo at 3pm  
10/22-24: Charity Regatta  
10/30: Trunk or treat

Let's Party  
Whitney Adkinson  
Entertainment Chairman

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## Vice Commodore's Report

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Well, it has been a minute and a lot of good things have happened at Mobile Yacht Club and that is directly related to Commodore Golemon's leadership and your support of the club. Thank you for supporting the restaurant. Chef Ian and his staff have worked hard dealing with the heat, refrigeration issues and COVID. Thank you to the Commodore for his quick response in bringing Alec Naman into keep the club going while our staff quarantined. The past couple of years have been difficult for the restaurant with staff turnover, equipment issues, food shortages and food prices. You name it and we've dealt with it, but we are moving forward. Chef Ian will be upgrading the kitchen over the holiday break and this will allow him to serve you better and expand our menu. Looking ahead, the club will be celebrating 175 years of sailing on Mobile Bay, that is special! So "Haul the sheet in as we ride on the wind that our Forefathers harnessed before us, Hear the bells ring as the tight rigging sings it's a 175-year-old chorus".

Thank you!  
Brian Barnett  
Vice Commodore

## NOTICES

- A New Member Brochure can be picked up at the bar.
- Per House Rules, all bar and galley tabs are subject to a 15% gratuity. Please remember to sign your ticket to ensure it is correct.
- Support the Mobile Bay Sailing School (MBSS) by signing up for Amazon Smile

Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate .5% to the MBSS. You can search for the charity and choose MBSS to start donating.

Any questions, please email [entertainment@mobileyachtclub.com](mailto:entertainment@mobileyachtclub.com)

- All completed applications for membership should be given to a board member.
- Next Board Meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Tuesday, September 21st starting at 6:30pm. All members are invited to the open session.

## Fleet Captain's Report

Storm related weather challenges plagued both the Meigs Regatta at Fort Walton Yacht Club and our own Summer Regatta at MYC in July. Only two races were sailed at each of these events and our finishes were not as good as we would have liked. Certainly, one of the highlights of the Meigs Regatta was the generosity of Past Commodore Steve Lange and his wife Ruby in graciously hosting and housing the team at their home in Fort Walton. We could not have been treated better and thoroughly enjoyed the time together!

The MYC Juniors traveled to Southern Yacht Club for the Jr. Lipton Championship. We finished with two (2) 3rd place finishes and only 2 points shy of placing 4th for the regatta. Special thanks to Coach Josh Deupree for his tireless efforts with our junior program. They are the future of MYC and essential to our success.

The Knost Women's Championship is the one blemish on our otherwise perfect participation to date and we look forward to correcting that next year. I've spoken to a few interested ladies and we will be organizing practices and participating in the other regattas starting this fall. Please contact me or Josh Deupree if you or someone you know is interested.

The Centennial Sir Thomas Lipton Challenge has been justifiably postponed to the last weekend in October. That means the next regatta will be the Wadewitz Regatta hosted by Fairhope Yacht Club. We plan to field both a Capdevielle and an open Viper as well as a support boat so there will be plenty of opportunity for participation.

Fair Winds,  
Judd Chamberlain  
Fleet Captain

### Website Member Only Access

Request Member Only Access on the Club's Website:  
[MOBILEYACHTCLUB.COM](http://MOBILEYACHTCLUB.COM)

#### DOCUMENTS POSTED

Club Bylaws  
Harbor Rules  
House, Bar and Galley Rules  
Pool Rules  
Membership Handbook  
Member Web Directory

## Bay Gables

Our next meeting will be on Friday, September 17th starting at 1pm. We will be planning the MYC Charity Auction and Race on October 22nd-24th.

Dues are due in November for the upcoming year. The dues are \$20 and given to our Treasurer, Valerie Creekmore.

Thanks again for all your support.

Maureen Lowe  
[jmmolowe@aol.com](mailto:jmmolowe@aol.com)

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## Coast Guard Auxiliary

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### America's Waterway Watch

With more than 95,000 miles of shoreline, more than 290,000 square miles of water and approximately 70 million recreational boaters in the United States, the U.S. Coast Guard and local first responders can't do the job alone! Many Americans have asked, "How can I help?"

The Coast Guard has developed a program called *America's Waterway Watch* and is asking boaters to help keep America's waterways SAFE and SECURE by being prepared to call **877-24WATCH** if they notice suspicious activity or behavior on or near the water.

Things to report include:

- Someone taking pictures, video, or making sketches of facilities like bridges, tunnels, ferry transport systems, fuel docks, power plants or military bases and vessels.
- Someone asking a series of questions about access to one of these facilities.
- Someone anchoring, fishing or diving in an area not typically used for that activity.
- Unattended vessels in unusual locations.
- Unusual transfer of personnel or cargo while underway.
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline.
- Lights flashing between boats.
- Unusual number of people (beyond capacity) on board.
- People showing uncommon interest in security measures, entry points or access controls.
- People attempting to buy or rent fishing or recreational vessels with cash for short-term, undefined use.

**Do not** take matters into your own hands. Call 877-24WATCH. In cases of immediate danger to life or property, call the Coast Guard on Channel 16 VHF-FM, or dial 911 for emergencies.

**Always remember that people are not suspicious, behavior is!**

Bill Fallin, FSO – Marine Safety  
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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**AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH**

To Report Suspicious Activity  
Call the National Response Center  
**877-24WATCH**

For Immediate Danger to Life or Property  
**911**

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## Mobile Bay Sailing School

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Fellow sailors,

Mobile Bay Sailing School had another successful season in 2021. We had 96 students this year. Many of our students joined MYC's Junior Program and will continue sailing after our sessions ended.

2021 was the last year for two of our instructors; Sage Sanders and Alli Kangal. They have done a great job over the years and they'll be missed. MBSS wishes them great success in their new endeavors.

We will continue our fundraising efforts to build a classroom for our students. In case you are interested, MBSS is a 501(c)3 corporation and all donations are tax deductible.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [semih@kangal.com](mailto:semih@kangal.com)

Semih Kangal  
President, MBSS



### MYC belt buckles and belts

(plain or with code flags) for sale. You can buy them at the bar. Soon, the belts will be available in the MYC merchandise display case. 100% of the cost of each belt and buckle sold goes to benefit the Mobile Bay Sailing School. Your purchase will help us build the Junior Clubhouse.





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