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Commodore's Report

June is upon us. Warm winds are blowing, Thursday night races are going again, and Dave is offering a "to go" menu at the club.

Dauphin Island Race has been postponed as well as the GYA Opening Regatta. It will take us a while to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, but our course is in that direction. New rules from the Governor and the health department will keep the inside dining capacity reduced for a while. We also have the issue of the government being so generous with unemployment benefits that it is challenging to restore Dave's galley staff. We will get there! However, it may seem slow. Currently, Dave is shooting for limited inside dining, by reservation only, beginning June 4th. I would like to repeat myself in saying; we are not a fast food restaurant. Please be patient as we adapt to new ways of running the galley. We would like to get back to normal as soon as possible.

It is nice to see the junior sailors enjoying Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions. We are also looking forward to summer sailing school which started on June 1st. Fortunately, the sailing school has acquired several new Opti's so each student can "socially distance" and sail singlehanded.

We have used the slow time to complete some much-needed repairs to the exterior and deck of the club. It really looks nice and will be well used for outside dining.

We have a new weather station at the end of the pier. The data it generates may be accessed through the Mobile Yacht Club's website. Give it a look! We have also added a merchandise link to the website. You can go online and get your Mobile Yacht Club swag!

The club is still planning to host the GYA Summer regatta from July 17th-19th. This is always a wonderful event with many sailors from Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana coming to race Vipers on the bay. I hope it does not get cancelled.

I am happy to announce that Brandy Lancaster has been selected by the Board of Governors to replace Kent Snell. Thanks to Kent once again for all the good work. Brandy will be an excellent addition to the hard-working team we currently have in place. I really want to emphasize how nice it is working with our board and volunteers. Everyone is pulling hard.

Thank you for your patience and support. As always, it is beautiful out on the bay.

Let's go sailing!
Julian Bingham
Commodore.

Vice Commodore's Report

I am excited to announce the new things happening around the Yacht Club.

First, I have been talking about the construction going on around the Club and we are in the final phases. All that is left is the painting. I encourage all of you to come down and try out the new porch and deck. Order a burger and beer and enjoy the bay as you dine outside. Please help me thank the members that made this happen: Chad Foster with Foster Contracting and Jim Henderson with Mobile Lumber.

Second, we have a new playground on the way. We had hoped to have it up by now, but we are trying to get the new grass to settle in around the playground. We should be able to have it in place within a week or so. Again, please help me thank Scott Godbold for his help in getting the playground in shape.

The third announcement has been in the works for a long time. Thanks to the efforts of Brandy Lancaster and Karen Marsal, we have launched the Online Mobile Yacht Club Store. The online address is: myc.orderpromos.com. You will be able to get to it from our website, which has also been updated, thanks to George March. I would like to encourage all of you to check these new additions to the Yacht Club out and let us know what you think.

We are in the process of getting the club back open, as you have read in the Commodore and Chef's report. Believe me when I tell you, we want the club to open as much as you do. We want our members to be able to enjoy the club as they have in the past. We are moving forward with this, but in a cautious way. Also, we need a few more employees to help with this process. If you know anyone looking for work, please visit our website under the employment link for the open positions.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Club very soon enjoying the good food and fine cocktails. I will definitely be there as your Vice Commodore making sure all of your Vices are in stock and ready for you.

Take care, be safe, and God Bless all of you.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and at the Club.

Casey Golemon
Vice Commodore

Welcome New Members:

Paul Conley
Charles Cox
Dr. Jay Dean
Jason D. Rose
Mike Weatherly

Bay Gables

Our next meeting will be Friday, June 19th at 1pm. I hope to see everyone there.

Thank you for your support,
Maureen Lowe
jmmolowe@aol.com

FOUND DIAMOND RING

A very nice diamond ring with a few distinct features, that the owner would recognize, was found in January on the grounds at the MYC. Please contact me, Maureen Lowe, at 251-367-3307 or jmmolowe@aol.com, if you think this ring could be yours.

Rear Commodore's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen raise your sails,

The Great Circle Race has been rescheduled to June 20th (Skipper's meeting is on June 19th). We look forward to seeing who can prove they know which way is the fastest way around the island! This race is great fun, so don't miss out, it is a 1:00 PM start so the sea breeze should start to fill in at just the right time. I am trying to put together a PHRF racing seminar that should be very informative and help get our level of participation up. Please thank Vice Commodore Casey for all the hard work he has done with the improvements to the club, he and Chad Foster (member, contractor) have worked together to deliver us a club that we can be proud of. Please thank Jim Henderson for supplying us the materials at a very member friendly price, go see Mobile Lumber for all your building materials needs, they have a great staff and are a locally owned business. I would also like to thank our Commodore, Julien Bingham, for his wisdom and leadership as we have navigated these confused seas, he makes the Mobile Yacht Club a better place for all. Please come out and race!

Thank you,
Brian Barnett
Rear Commodore



Junior Sailors

Entertainment Committee

We are starting off slow to make sure we are doing everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all want to thank you for your patience and your support of our club. On July 4th, we will be doing a picnic on the lawn again. Chef Dave and I are working out the details and will let everyone know via Email and Facebook. We are also looking into starting our Bingo games soon. We will keep you posted on progress to move forward.

We'll see you at the Club... soon!

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Manager's Notes

Hello everyone and welcome back. We started off our reopening with a Thursday Night Burger and Beer Special on May 14th and we quickly realized just how much everyone was anxious to get back to using the clubhouse. Unfortunately, we seriously underestimated the number of people and for that I personally apologize. On May 21st, we opened up for takeout with a limited menu and were able to open up in house dining on June 4th with limited seating in the galley and dining room by making reservations. As we are able to get both staffing and products available to us, we will continue to open up more and more tables for reservations. Again, I thank you for your patience and understanding. We will get back to normal, I promise.

Bon Appetit,
David Twachtman
Chef/Manager

NOTICES

- **Cleaning up after your pet**

Per the Board of Governors and City Ordinance, you must pick up any "solid deposits" left by your dog and dispose of properly.

- **MYC Merchandise** can be purchased on the link - <https://myc.orderpromos.com>. Any questions, contact merchandise@mobileyachtclub.com.
- You can **purchase the GYA Commemorative Book** celebrating the centennials of both the GYA and Lipton Challenge at <http://www.gya.org/?p=2034>.



The Reverend Patrick Hall Dunn Sr. passed away on May 24th. He was a long time member and his family has been involved in the club for many years.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Norton Brooker Charity Regatta

The Drawdown and Silent/Live Auction will be on Friday, October 23rd and Regatta on Sunday, October 25th.

The Dauphin Island Race

has been postponed to September 11-13.

The BucYC is sponsoring this year's race and their Facebook page is "The Dauphin Island Regatta hosted by Buccaneer Yacht Club."

Waterfront Report

With the past few months behind us we are finally able to get out and enjoy some time on the water! We have had to make some changes to our Junior Sailing program to accommodate social distancing guidelines. These changes include switching from double- and single-handed boats to just single-handed boats. This is not a bad thing as each junior sailor will learn more and acquire better sailing skills. Although most of the junior regattas have been cancelled, we will continue to train as if they were not.

Sailing School

The Sailing School Summer Program is filling up fast! We have room in sessions 3,4,6,7,8,9. You can visit the website at mobilebaysailingschool.com for more information or you can email us at sailingschool@mobileyachtclub.com.

Harbor

We have a couple of slips that will be available soon along the wall on the east end of the harbor. If you would like to move down, please let me know via email. These slips are assigned to the member that requests it in writing with the most seniority. Send request to sailingschool@mobileyachtclub.com.

We have brought in some rocks to fill in some potholes in our driveway. Please remember the speed limit in the harbor is 5mph. This will not only help with potholes but will help keep dust and dirt off your fellow Yachtsman's vessel.

Happy Sailing!
Josh Deupree
Waterfront Director

Scuttlebutt Ads

If you would like to place an ad in the Scuttlebutt, the prices are \$50 for half page and \$25 for fourth page. Please email Maureen Lowe at jmmolowe@aol.com for more information.



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