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Commodore's Report

I would like to start off by thanking the Membership, Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors for allowing me to become Commodore of The Mobile Yacht Club. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the Commodore of the Second Oldest Yacht Club in the United States. I would also like to thank Past Commodore Julian Bingham for the excellent job he has done over the past year. Julian's leadership has left us heading on a successful course and I plan to continue moving in that same direction.

As Commodore, I look forward to serving the membership and working with the Board in order to provide the best possible facility, grounds and harbor for our membership. My goal is to provide a Yacht Club that is clean and safe and that represents our 174-year tradition. If at any time, you have suggestions or something you feel needs attention, please let me know and we will work towards getting it resolved. If you would like to volunteer to help with Yacht Club events, please reach out and let me know and I will get you in touch with the right person.

I plan on focusing on our Junior Sailing and Capdevielle Programs. These programs are very important for the future and growth of the Yacht Club. Also, along with our five regattas and Thursday Night Fun Racing, we will maintain our mission to promote the sport of sailing, which has long been a tradition at Mobile Yacht Club.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your Commodore and I look forward to serving you throughout 2021. If there is anything you would like to speak with me about, please do not hesitate to let me know. You can reach me at: commodore@mobileyachtclub.com

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

Casey Golemon
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Thank you to the Membership, Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for allowing me to become Vice Commodore of The Mobile Yacht Club. Thank you past Commodore Julian Bingham and Vice Commodore Casey Golemon for your leadership and setting us on the right tack, in the confused seas we have sailed this year. Past Vice Commodore Casey did so much last year with new decking, painting the Club and getting us a new roof that will be installed after hurricane season. I will continue the course set by Casey in maintaining and improving our clubhouse, bar and galley. I look forward to working with Chef Tim and the Staff to make this the best culinary experience in Mobile.

Please let me know if you have anything that needs attention or you have a suggestion and I'll be happy to resolve it. The Charity Regatta was a great success, thank you to all those who worked so hard to put it on. Now that cooler weather is approaching and you begin to make your list of improvements for your boat; think speed, think sails, think bottom job, think RACING, that's right, start thinking about racing and winning now for next season.

It was great to see all the boats on the water this past year, let's keep it up. WE ARE A SAILING CLUB! I hope and want you to be proud of your club, I know I am and I want to see it grow and improve and I'll do my best as your Vice Commodore to make that happen, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Brian Barnett
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

Greetings,

I would like to thank the nominating committee for the nomination and the membership for their approval to allow me to serve on flag for the MYC Board. I truly look forward to the leadership of Commodore Golemon and Vice Commodore Barnett and the stewardship of this Board of Directors.

Of course I could start with COVID-19 but I'd rather look forward so I hope to address what Commodore Bingham commented on in October of 2019 when he wanted to stress sailing and a renewed commitment to that end. Unfortunately, he had to navigate a constantly changing course but did so admirably and we are all fortunate for him during this time. One of the charges that go with the office of Rear Commodore is to oversee the race programs of the club and to that end I will dedicate this year and my efforts to continue what he wanted to see during his time.

In the short term we will be hosting the Melges 24 Atlantic Coast/Gulf Coast Championship on November 13th-15th here at the MYC. The Notice of Race (NOR) and all other information is posted on our website – mobileyachtclub.com. We did this to support our sister GYA Club, Pensacola Yacht Club, as she was unable to host this year due to storm damage.

So more to follow...but let's go sailing...I hear COVID-19 doesn't like to swim or knows how to tack.

John O'Brien
Rear Commodore

Norton Brooker Charity Regatta

All I can say is WOW! about the great support that the members of the MYC and the community gave to the raffles, Calcutta Auction, Race and Harbor Party. Since we had to change things up a bit due to COVID-19, the Committee was hoping to raise at least \$10,000 to support USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital's renovation and upgrade for their Pediatric Emergency Room. I am happy to report that over \$15,000 was raised for this great hospital in our community.

I had a "Dream Team" for the volunteers who helped plan and execute all the events for the weekend of October 23rd-25th. I would like to personally thank my husband, Mike Lowe, Brandy Lancaster, Suzannah Weeks, Annette Patterson, Julie and Gordon Marsh, Jennifer and Steven Medeiros, Anne Glasser, Cecil, Whitney and Sheldon Adkinson, Valerie Creekmore, JoAnne Carey and Mary Claire Wacker. Also, I am wanted to thank Beth Mattei and Nancy Calhoun who work with the Development Office at USA Health. Each of these club members were essential in pulling off this fun event. Also, the Flag Officers, Board and Past Commodores provided immense support and donated all the booze for the 2020 Survival Booze Wagon raffle.

We raised over \$3500 from the 2020 Survival Booze Wagon and Traeger Grill raffles. Megan Robertson won the booze wagon and Brandy Lancaster won the grill. Tom and Janace Batty were excellent as the announcers for the Calcutta auction which raised \$2244. We can always count on both of them to help raise a lot of money for the hospital and everyone has a blast watching Tom get donations from the sailors.

Brandy Lancaster's vision for the 1st Annual Harbor Party was a big success. She has another article in this Scuttlebutt with the results of this event.

The MYC has committed to raising \$100,000 to name a Trauma Consult Room in the Pediatric Emergency Department at USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital in 5 years. We have raised over \$42,000 in the first two years. I am excited to see what we can do in the next three years.

Thanks again for all your support,
Maureen Lowe
Chairman, Norton Brooker Charity Regatta

*Welcome
New Members!*

Patrick J. Coffey

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No Bingo

in November and
December

Commodore Ball

in December, date TBA

Annual Christmas Party

December 20th

Entertainment Committee

Just a few updates this month.

YES! YEA! YOGA: Tuesday afternoons at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 7:30am. Come do yoga under the clubhouse. Cost is \$10 for the hour.

There will be no Bingo in November and December.

The George Crimale Annual Egg Nog Party and Santa visit will be on Sunday, December 20th.

The Commodore Ball will be in December; more information will be sent out in an email and posted on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you all for your help in advance.

Christie T Turner
Entertainment Chair
Mobile Yacht Club

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NEWS & NOTICES

- Members can now **get their MYC statements via email.** Please email the accountant, Nicol Byars, at accounting@mobileyachtclub.com from the email that you wish to receive your statement. Please don't call Nicol with the email address but send an email because this will ensure that Nicol gets the correct email for your statement.
- **We raised \$675 at the Maritime Yard Sale** for the Junior Sailing Program. Thanks for your support.

Bay Gables

I would like to have a meeting on Friday, November 20th starting at 1pm. The Norton Brooker Charity Regatta was a big success and we made over \$15,000 for the USACW Hospital. The Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 20th so we need to start planning this event. We also need to set a date to decorate the club house for Christmas. I hope to see you at the meeting.

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



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Membership Committee/Harbor Party

Membership,

I enjoyed watching my vision come to life for the 1st Annual MYC Harbor Party. The Norton Brooker Charity Regatta weekend, as a whole, was a huge success and we could not have pulled it off without the help of so many. Sweet Opal, the silkie hen, was able to 'drop' \$750 for USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital. Thank you to Cecil and Whitney Adkinson and their son, Sheldon, for doing such a good job selling the 100 squares. We put Anne Glasser's talent to work selling T-shirts as well as serving as the Event Photographer, both of which went wonderfully. A special thank you to Christina Hickman, as she was able to work some last minute magic to get the colorful Azalea Trail Maids to stop by for a visit. The always gracious Tom and Janace Batty allowed us to borrow their tent, which helped tremendously as our dinner tent. As for Annette Patterson, Steven & Jennifer Medeiros, Suzannah Weeks, Mike Lowe, Josh Deupree, Gordon & Julie Marsh and the entire MYC Staff, it's your hard work that made this event possible. Let's not forget the MYC MVP Maureen Ollinger Lowe; you're the hardest working retired women I know. Thank you for keeping us organized and on track, we'd be lost without you. The teamwork that was displayed by everyone was truly something to admire. I'm looking forward to seeing what next year's event has in store.

P.S. The SPF Dry Fit shirts have arrived and they look great! Keep an eye out for the email regarding pickup dates/time.

Kind regards,
Brandy Lancaster
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Cruisers of the Year
Morgan and Jayme Snellgrove



Member of the Year
Josh Deupree



Boat of the Year
Wild Child, Dennis Barnes