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## Mobile Yacht Club



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### Commodore's Report

I am honored to serve as Commodore for the Mobile Yacht Club this year. Thank you past Commodore, Mike Reid, for the excellent job done last year. Mike has left us on a good course that I would like for us to continue. I also appreciate all the hard work completed by all our committee chairmen and volunteers. It is rewarding to see how well everyone is working together.

We had a wonderful Norton Brooker Charity Silent Auction, Drawdown and Regatta on October 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Maureen Ollinger Lowe and Christie Turner planned the excellent charity event. It was so nice seeing the clubhouse full of enthusiastic sailors supporting a good cause. As always, Chef Dave fed us well. Sunday's weather cooperated for a nice race.

I intend to continue to promote the sport of sailing. I would like to see our junior sailing and Capdevielle sailing programs keep growing stronger. I also realize the importance of maintaining our clubhouse and harbor in a cost effective manner.

I think we are all happy with the job Dave and Nick are doing in the galley.

Please let me know what areas of the club you would like to volunteer to support as we always need enthusiasm and help. Looking forward to smooth sailing,

Julian Bingham  
Commodore



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## Vice Commodore's Report

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I would like to start off by thanking the Membership, Nominating Committee, and the Board of Directors for allowing me to become Vice Commodore. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this position as a Flag Officer of Mobile Yacht Club.

As the Vice Commodore, I look forward to serving the membership and transitioning from the Racing Chairman to the House Chairman this year. I will be responsible for your bar, galley and operations of the Yacht Club. I plan on evaluating the clubhouse, grounds, and pool to make any necessary improvements needed. My goal is to provide the membership with a club that is clean and safe and that represents our 173-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.

I have spoken with Chef Dave and he is preparing a new menu roll out very soon. I am sure with what he has done so far, he will continue to provide the membership with a great food experience. We will be working with him to get everything in place and keep the membership informed. I will be working with Nick to find out what he needs to continue providing the membership with the very best service and cocktail selection on the Bay. Again, if you have any ideas about what you would like to see from the Bar and Galley, please let me know and I will discuss with Chef Dave and Nick.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your Vice Commodore and I look forward to serving you throughout 2020. If there is anything you would like to speak with me about, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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

Casey Golemon  
Vice Commodore

## Bay Gables

First I want to thank everyone who helped with the Norton Brooker Charity Silent Auction and Drawdown. It was a great time and we raised almost \$26,000 for the Pediatric ER remodeling at USA Children's and Women's Hospital. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We will elect officers for 2020 and our annual dues of \$20 are due to the Treasurer, Valerie Creekmore. We will be decorating the club's Christmas tree on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 2 pm. Please bring a dirty Santa gift for under \$20 if you want to join the game. Since the club is open during this time, we are not able to bring our own drinks or food.

Thank you,  
Maureen Lowe

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## Rear Commodore's Report

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Ahoy MYC sailors, my name is Brian Barnett and I look forward to serving you as your Rear Commodore and Race Committee Chairman. I would like to start by thanking Past Rear Commodore, Casey Golemon, for such a great job. He leaves us well organized, with new flags, anchors and tetrahedrons and increased participation on the racecourse. He transformed the Norton Brooker Charity Regatta into a local fund raiser for USA Children's and Women's Hospital with incredible success and serves the club tirelessly. I look forward to the upcoming New Year in racing starting with Winter Series in March. If you would like to be a part of the Race Committee, please let me know and if there is anything else, I can help you with please don't hesitate to ask.

See you on the bay,  
Brian Barnett  
Rear Commodore

## Welcome New Members!

Terry Haven (Active)

Tyler Martin (Active)

## Manager's Notes

A quick recap of the past month: we had several parties booked here at the club plus our Annual Meeting, the Norton Brooker Charity Silent Auction, Drawdown and Regatta, our Halloween event and the last day of Thursday Night Fun Facing. Now what's in store for the month of November? We kicked off the month right away with our Commodore's Ball which was held on Saturday the 2nd. Then on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, be sure to join us for our holiday Hor D'oeuvres cooking class. You must call the club, 251-471-3131, and make reservations for the cooking class. During this time, look out for the winter menu to be released. Speaking of cold weather, you will be seeing more stew, roast and loaves arriving during the day so if you're looking for home style comfort foods to chase off the cold weather, be sure to make it into the club for lunch or dinner. A quick reminder that the club will be closed for Thanksgiving on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

I strongly urge everyone to book your holiday parties now by either emailing myself at [manager@mobileyachtclub.com](mailto:manager@mobileyachtclub.com) or to call the clubhouse and speak with either myself or Nick. If you have waited this long, I may or not be able to fill the date you want so please don't wait any longer.

We would kindly ask for you to make reservations if dining at the clubhouse, with parties going on and our guest "loopers" in town, seating can be limited.

Bon Appetit,  
David Twachtman  
Chef/Manager

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## Waterfront Report

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Mobile Yacht Club has a legacy of competitive and recreational sailing on the gulf coast dating back many years. In the past couple of decades, everyone on the gulf coast has seen a decline in participation. The devastation of Hurricane Katrina and an economic downturn have accelerated this decline. Over the past year, it has been our goal to try to curb this decline by making sailing more accessible to our members and bring in new sailors from our community.

Our goals were to provide a safe and informative Jr program that offers Jr Sailing year round with opportunities to attend regattas with our team. To also keep our club boats well maintained for ease of use by our members. We want to grow the depth of our Capdevielle Team by encouraging more and new members to join the team and experience high level competition and the exciting new technical aspects of sailing that the Viper 640 provides as the new Capdevielle boat and to provide support for UMS-Wright school's efforts to start a high school sailing team.

We started out this season with a great showing at Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans where we were represented in each class. Our Capdevielle Team finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall. In the 420 class, Reed Carpenter and Isabelle Gautier finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a highly competitive fleet. In the Optimist Class, we had three juniors compete: Noah Gautier in 5<sup>th</sup>; Mack Purvis in 6<sup>th</sup> and Jo Jo Dwyer in 9<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see MYC represented in so many classes in one of the GYAs premier events!

### **Juniors**

We have 15 juniors who are actively involved with our junior program that we will work with throughout the winter so that we can keep them engaged and learning for another strong showing for the spring of 2020!

Our Capdevielle team has attended 6 regattas in the GYA. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wadewitz, 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Summer Regatta and 7<sup>th</sup> in the Lipton Cup regatta. They are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> overall for the Capdevielle series with one regatta to go to try and climb a spot or two for the year's score. This year, we have added eight new members to the team which has allowed us to have both of our Vipers competing in several events. Next year, we hope to have both boats in as many regattas as we can, so if you are interested in high level competition on a high performance boat the please let me know.

The UMS-Wright Team competed in one High School regatta earlier in the year with a one boat team and are practicing for their first multi-boat regatta coming up on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Gulfport Yacht Club for the Gulf Coast High School Championship where they will be required to field a team consisting of two 420s and a laser. After that, they have been invited to compete in the Great Oaks Regatta in New Orleans which is the premier high school event in this area.

### **Fleet**

All Club boats are in good working order and ready for your use. If any of you would like to get checked out on one of the club boats, please let me know and I'll be glad to help you get going.

You can email me at [sailingschool@mobileyachtclub.com](mailto:sailingschool@mobileyachtclub.com)  
Josh Deupree

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## Entertainment Committee

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Again, I want to thank everyone for coming out to our Wednesday night events and monthly events. The club is so lively and full of buzz, it's great! We ask for your continued support for OUR Club.

Bingo has started!!!! Come join us the last Sunday of each month from 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Boards are \$5.00 each, you don't need markers and you get to win prizes! Who doesn't love BINGO?

We are looking at doing a Casino Night in March. This event will take a lot of planning to make it happen. We don't have a price set because we don't know how many people are interested in coming. There is the catch! How many people attending will determine the number of different tables we have. This is where we need your help. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS EVENT, PLEASE LET THE STAFF KNOW OR ON FACE BOOK. The staff and I are very excited about this event!

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 13th Holiday Hors d'oeuvres: Cooking Class.  
Doors open at 5 pm, event starts at 6 pm

Nov. 24th Bingo 3 pm, boards cost \$5.00 each

Dec. 11th Champagne Tasting  
Doors open at 5 pm, event starts at 6 pm

Dec. 22nd Visit with Santa

Dec. 23th - Jan. 8th Club closed

Dec. 29th NO Bingo

Jan. 15th Murder Mystery Dinner  
Limited seating, so sign up early by  
calling the club More information to  
come. Reservation only!

Jan. 19th Chili Cook-off.  
More information to come

Jan. 26th Bingo 3 pm, boards cost \$5.00 each

We look forward to seeing you at the club.

Christie T Turner  
Entertainment Chair  
Mobile Yacht Club

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