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Commodore's Report

Sailing is officially under way across the Gulf Coast. We attended the Opening Regatta at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club in Panama City, FL, on May 1st. This was a five-race series to get the season started. The MYC Team sailed a great series and showed that we will be a team on the move throughout the season. I also attended the GYA Board Meeting, and the major discussion was about the upcoming GYA Challenge Cup in Gulfport, June 17th.

On May 15th, the Mobile Yacht Club Junior Team and parents put on a fantastic harbor party. The idea behind it was to raise money for the Junior Sailing Center or Junior Sailing Loft. The name is still to be determined, but their efforts raised over \$10,000 to go towards building the Center. You will see the rendering of the clubhouse inside the bar at the Club and donations are always welcomed. The goal is to raise \$75,000 to pay for the entire construction process. If you wish to make a donation, please get with any of our staff or email entertainment@mobileyachtclub.com.

We just celebrated the Memorial Day Holiday in grand style. Chef Ian and staff prepared some delicious BBQ, several cold pops, and the Entertainment Committee provided a giant waterslide for the kids. The Grand Re-opening of the pool was a huge success, as it was full the entire day. There was fun to be had by all.

The USS Mobile is leaving out on June 10. The ship should be out in front of the Yacht Club around 9:30am. I would like to encourage anyone that is free that day to plan on going out to the ship channel to wish the ship and crew fair winds and following seas. You will also be able to see the ship from the pier, but it will be better to get up close and wave the MYC Burgee and let them know we support them.

Many of you saw the alligator email that came out on a Club announcement. This email was designed to show what could happen if the alligators are fed. Yes, it is true that most years, alligators come and go in our harbor, but we had a problem last year with someone feeding them and of course the gators keep coming back for more and following people around. Please do not get caught feeding the gators as it is a \$500 fine, but we shouldn't have to discuss that, it should be common sense. For the safety of all of our members, leave the gators alone.

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I would like to thank all of the members using the harbor. It has been a great improvement on the 5 MPH speed in the harbor. As you can see, there are no potholes starting and the driveway looks in great shape. Thank you for your efforts and let's keep the focus on maintaining our resources and taking care of our Club.

I encourage all of you to come down and enjoy your Club. The deck, the pool, the grounds, and the pier are all in good shape and ready for use. The staff is here to take care of you and your guest's needs. If there is anything that I or the Flag Officers can do for you, please reach out to us at: commodore@mobileyachtclub.com.

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

Casey Golemon
Commodore

Vice Commodore's & Harbor Master's Report

The sailing season is here and so is Hurricane Season so PLEASE put your Tropical Storm/Hurricane plan together NOW. If Josh and I must attend to your boat, you will be fined. Thank you for going the speed limit in the harbor, it keeps potholes from forming. Also, never-ever feed an alligator, if one swims toward you or follows you, please let Josh or I know. I would like to say thank you to Kevin for all the hard work he does in the harbor and thank you to Josh for all his hard work too. From what I understand the USS Mobile will be leaving on Thursday, June 10th, and it should be in front of the Yacht Club around 9:30am. I know I am going to try and ride out and wish them well and I would encourage you to do the same. Memorial Day at the club was great, thank you to Chef Ian, his staff and the Entertainment Committee for the good food and fun. We are looking forward to the 4th of July. Since it is on a Sunday, the club will be open till 10:00pm. CLUB RULES state that ALL FOOD and BEVERAGE MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE CLUB! HOWEVER, on the 4th, we will allow WATER AND SODAS to be brought to the club but ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MUST BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE CLUB. Thank you for allowing me to be your Vice Commodore and we have a lot to be thankful for. Please feel free to reach out to me at Commodore@mobileyachtclub.com.

Thank you!
Brian Barnett
Vice Commodore

Welcome New Members:

Tom Bailey
Joe Crow
Douglas Johnstone
Trey Jones
John Keahey
Max Rogers
Greg Sand

Bay Gables

Our next meeting will be on Friday, June 18th starting at 1pm. The Memorial Day Party was a big success and I thank everyone that helped Whitney and her Entertainment Committee make this another fun event at the club. Whitney has some great events coming up as the Entertainment Chair and will update us at the meeting.

Don't forget to pay Valerie Creekmore your annual dues of \$20.

Thanks again for all your support.

Maureen Lowe
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Rear Commodore's Report

Fellow sailors,

I hope everyone is enjoying this sailing season and the spring like conditions late into the year has been a pleasant surprise. As we all know, this will end soon enough and we will be into our summer patterns shortly.

May has been a quiet month on the water but June promises to be busy and will kick off a busy few months. Starting with our Challenge Cup Team heading to Gulfport Yacht Club on Father's Day weekend, June 18th-20th. After last years' cancellation, we are looking forward to a tough competition with the best skippers and crews from around the GYA. Good luck to the team from all of us here at Mobile Yacht Club!

The weekend after that will be our Great Circle Race and the NOR is published as well as the registration form. You can find it at both at Regattanetwork.com. We will also have registration forms and NORs at the club. As it was during our B&B Race, we will be looking at a minimum number of boats to register (15) in order to host this race but we are optimistic that we will reach this number. The date of this race is Saturday, June 26th with the Skipper's Meeting the night before. Party and other details will be forthcoming. We're looking forward to this year's race and who will go the "wrong way".

Of course, one of our legacy races is coming in July and that is the Summer Regatta and we are looking forward to making this regatta a memorable one. Stay tuned.

Summertime brings one of the things that I look forward to every year and that is our club hopping to the sounds and sights of Summer Sailing Camp and this year is no exception as we have totally sold out all the slots. This is due in no small part to the reputation of our previous camps and the excitement growing in our Junior Sailing Program. This is the life blood of not only our club, but of our sport. Make sure to take a few moments to thank the instructors and parents who support these efforts.

Finally, next year marks an important milestone in our Club's History as it will be the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Mobile Yacht Club. Your Flag Officers have started planning for this pretty important milestone so please be watching out for ways to celebrate and ways to help if you are so inclined. The members of MYC always enjoy a good party and celebration and certainly this is a very special one. Stay tuned!

Thanks again to all for your help and support and we'll see you on the water!

John O'Brien
Rear Commodore

NOTICES

- A New Member Brochure can be picked up at the bar
- We would like to remind all members to sign their bar/galley tabs to ensure there are no errors.
- The Mobile Bay Sailing School is full for Summer 2021.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bingo is from 3:30pm-5pm (**June 27th, July 25th, Aug. 29th, and Sept. 26th**). 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:

Great Circle Race

June 26th

Summer Regatta

July 17th-18th

Knot Around the Rig Race

August 7th

MYC Charity Regatta

October 22nd - 24th

Entertainment Committee

May was a good month at the club. Thank you to everyone that came out to the Harbor Party on May 15th for the Junior's fundraiser to build a clubhouse for their use. We raised \$10,000 at that one event. Thank you so all the Jr parents for all their hard work. Also, thank you to Steve Zito for the rendering of the clubhouse. The rendering is up in the clubhouse by the bar if you want to see it.

We also had a great party for Memorial Day/ Grand reopening of the pool. Thank you, Ian, for all the great food.

During June, we will have a few movies by the pool nights as our events.

We have made a decision to push our MYC Inshore Fishing tournament to the end of September. We will have a date soon. We know that everyone is busy with summer activities and fishing is better around the club at that time of the year.

Get ready for our annual 4th of July party. We will have good food, a water slide and dress the ship competition. Come out with your family and have a great time.

Upcoming Events:

June 26th: Great Circle Race
June 27th: Bingo
July 4th: Independence Day Celebration
July 25th: Bingo

If you have any questions or any ideas, please feel free to email me: entertainment@mobileyachtclub.com

Let's Party!!

Whitney Adkinson
MYC Entertainment Chairman

Membership – Scuttlebutt – June 2021

As members may know, the club has reached its quota for House members, but applications for House membership should still be submitted for consideration. Upon receipt of a completed application, the prospective member will be placed on the wait list and the applicant will be contacted when a slot opens up. The House initiation fee can be paid when the slot opens up. If any member wants to upgrade from House membership to Active membership, simply send a letter to the board requesting the change.



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Are You And Your Boat Ready?

I can't believe it's already time to bring this up! It's time to remind boaters that the official start of hurricane season is June 1 and, based on lessons learned from past hurricanes, here are some preparation tips. Now is the time for you to start taking steps to protect your vessel from what could be a very busy summer storm season along the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf coasts, according to NOAA:

- 1. Make sure your boat is insured.** A boat damaged by a hurricane can cost far more to fix than an insurance policy costs annually.
- 2. Review your marine insurance policy,** especially its hurricane season provisions. Boat owners whose insurance requires them to relocate their vessels out of a hurricane zone should do so by the date specified in their policy.
- 3. Make a Storm Plan.** Most insurance providers require a formal written plan detailing where and how your boat must be secured during a major storm. Ask a responsible person to execute the plan if you will be out of town.
- 4. Check with your marina** or storage facility to be sure the vessel can remain there during a hurricane. And know the procedure for securing not only your boat, but those docked around it. A boat that breaks loose in a hurricane can wreak havoc on neighboring vessels.
- 5. Pick a haul-out provider.** If you must move your boat in the event of a storm, decide where to have it hauled if you cannot trailer it yourself. Don't wait until a storm is imminent.
- 6. Monitor local and national weather services** including NOAA Weather Radio and the National Weather Service's National Hurricane Center at www.nhc.noaa.gov.
- 7. Make an inventory,** preferably by video, of all valuable fixed items such as marine electronics onboard your boat.
- 8. Store all the boat's important documents,** including your marine insurance policy, in a secure place off the vessel.
- 9. Once a storm is forecast for your area,** remove all detachable items from your boat, such as canvas, sails, cushions, fishing rigging, radios, electronics and antennas. Lash down everything that you cannot remove, including booms, tillers, wheels, etc.
- 10. Deflate your dinghy** and store it and its outboard motor off the boat. If it's a fiberglass dinghy, have it stored in an indoor facility.
- 11. Lash your boat down securely** if it is on a trailer. Use tie-downs to anchor the trailer to the ground, let the air out of its tires, and weigh down the frame.
- 12. Disconnect from shore power.** Be sure all power is turned off and all shore power cords are stowed securely.
- 13. Center your boat in its slip** if it is docked in a marina or in a private berth. Double-up all dock lines and make sure they are of sufficient length to compensate for excessive high water.
- 14. Do not stay with your boat** or try to ride out a storm on board. Please, no matter how valuable your vessel is to you—both financially and sentimentally—it's not worth your life!

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

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