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Commodore's Report

Well, the Easter Bunny visited Mobile Yacht Club, Palm Sunday and it was my pleasure to deliver him by boat to the pier. It really is a spectacular event to see all the children and families cheer and celebrate as the Bunny moves toward the Club. If you have not witnessed one of our events when we team up with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, you are definitely missing out on a good time. These are treasured moments by friends and families around the Club. Look for the event in December and again in April next year and plan to attend.

I would like to send a very special Thank You to Bruce and Cathy Wagner for their generous donation of a brand-new Smoker/Grill/Fryer/Boiler to the club. We have needed one of these for many years to conduct our outdoor parties appropriately and now we can. I am not sure if you know, but we have tried to borrow these types of smokers in the past for our outdoor events and have not had much success. Bruce and Cathy have answered our call with their donation, and we will definitely put it to use, especially for our new pool opening party coming up. Please join me in thanking Bruce and Cathy Wagner when you see them around the club.

Speaking of the new pool, we have finished the construction and it looks better than ever. We have added bull nose coping around the edges now so it is not so rough on your legs. We have accented the pool with nice blue tile and new cool decking around the sides. My favorite addition to the pool is the Mobile Yacht Club Burgee in the center of the shallow end. I encourage all of you to stop by and check out the pool and keep an eye out for the announcement of the up-and-coming pool re-grand-opening party.



Many of you know that we are a sailing club and this of course means that we have to race each other as often as we can. This goes back to the first recorded regatta in 1661 between Charles II and the Duke of York, "when there are two sailboats on the water a race ensues". We are not the first people to take the slowest mode of transportation and race it, but we are the latest to enjoy it. My concern is that participation is way down. We just hosted our Winter Series Regatta and a total of "4" boats showed up to race. It is making it hard to continue to support racing on Mobile Bay like this. There is a lot that goes into putting a race on; from the trophies to the volunteers and from the racecourse to celebration afterwards. I do not want to see this sport and tradition fade away from the Bay. Mobile Yacht Club's mission is "to promote the sport of sailing" and we intend to do this. I want to ask for your help and ideas. Please reach out to me with any suggestions that would help get more people out on the water sailing, including yourself.

Commodore's Report Continued

You may have noticed that we have added new rocks to the parking lot and to the harbor area. This is a major improvement to the grounds and our driveways. We do however have a problem now. Speeding has become an issue in the harbor. I am not sure if you know, but when you drive on rock driveways fast, it destroys the path and creates potholes. We just invested several thousand dollars to fix our driveways and we would like to keep them looking good for a while. That being said, I am going to have to get serious for a minute. The speed limit in the harbor is "5" MPH and it will now be enforced. The Harbor Rules state that speeding is subject to a \$25.00 fine. After that, Article III, Section 6 will be followed by the Board. Please keep in mind that members are responsible for their guests. If a guest speeds through the harbor, the fine will go back to the member. Please notify anyone that is invited to the Club to follow the speed limit.

Please understand that we are not trying to become Colonel Klink and the Gestapo here. We like to have fun just like Hogan's Heroes and Sergeant Schultz. So please help us take care of your club in every way possible. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Moving on to some more good news. I would like to let the membership know that we have hired Chef Ian Nicholson as our Food and Beverage Manager. Ian has come to us through some good recommendations and an extensive culinary background. Please look for his bio in the Scuttlebutt this month.

I would also like to thank Alec Naman for all his hard work and consulting efforts. He has really helped us through some difficult times and has been there when we needed him. Please join me and thanking Alec the next time you see him.

I would like to congratulate all of our Juniors who participated in the Dogwood Regatta in Fairhope on March 27 & 28. It was an honor to see how well the kids performed and stood out among the other Junior sailors. Forgive me if my pride shows through, I know all the kids that participated in the regatta worked hard to get there, but I am biased when it comes to a Mobile Yacht Club Junior. Please congratulate the Juniors whenever you see them around the club. Remember they are the future of sailing and MYC.

Those of you who have sent in updated information for the MYC Membership Directory, thank you. If you have not sent in your membership information, please send it to Nicol or email it to gordon.d.marsh@gmail.com. We are hoping to publish the new directory this summer.

As the Commodore of Mobile Yacht Club, I love the positive energy going on around the Club right now. We have many events coming up for everyone to join in. There are several regattas on the horizon and many new ideas in the works. If there ever was time that you were thinking of coming down to the Club, now is that time. Great things are happening and we are going to continue to move forward. If there is anything you would like to speak with me, the Vice Commodore, or the Rear Commodore about, please do not hesitate to let us know. You can reach all three of us at: commodore@mobileyachtclub.com

Thank you and I am proud to be your Commodore.
I look forward to seeing you at club and on the water.

Casey Golemon
Commodore

Welcome New Members!

Tripp Baldwin
Todd Drummond
Erich Holderer
Mike Finlen
Frank Terrell III
Debra Wehmeyer

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.

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Vice Commodore's Report

Support Your Local Commodore

My wife and I like to watch western movies and TV shows, and one of our favorites is Support Your Local Sheriff. James Garner is just passing through town and gets roped into being the sheriff, single handedly taking care of the bad guys and winning the affection of the town in the process. Your C, Casey Golemon, is just that kind of guy! He is always working hard for the club and you, the member. His finger is on the pulse of everything going on, and he wants things right. So, support him in his efforts to better our club. Obey the speed limit in the harbor of 5 MPH, clean up after your dog, get out there and race your boat, enjoy your club! Speaking of enjoying the club, thank you to Bruce and Cathy Wagner for the incredible new smoker/fryer/grill/boiler that they donated to the club. Please be sure to thank them when you see them. Also, please welcome new chef Ian Nicholson. The pool looks great and should be open soon. Thank you to our Waterfront Director, Josh Deupree, for coaching our Junior Sailors. They did well in Fairhope's Dogwood Regatta. Congratulations! Thank you to John O'Brien for running the Winter Series Races and kicking off Thursday Night Fun Racing. Things are looking great around the club. Make sure you're a part of what's going on. And, remember... Support your local commodore!

See you at the club!

Brian Barnett

Vice Commodore

Membership

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.

Manager's Notes

I am excited to be the new Food and Beverage Manager at the MYC. I wanted to let you know a little bit about myself. I moved to Mobile just under two years ago. I live in the Skyland Park neighborhood (Everyone has asked me what neighborhood). I grew up in Southern California. Most recently, I lived in White Salmon, Washington. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 17 years. I spent 10 years working on charter boats and commercial fishing boats in the beautiful channel islands off of Southern California. For the past 12 years, I have been running farm to table restaurants in the Pacific Northwest. In those 12 years, I had the joys of the Northwest seafood bounty. I am looking forward to cooking all that the Gulf of Mexico offers. I also look forward to meeting each and everyone of you and making your experience at the club a great one.

Thanks,
Ian Nicholson
Food and Beverage Manager
manager@mobileyachtclub.com

Rear Commodore's Report

Fellow sailors,

The sailing season is now in full swing with the completion of the Winter Series and the commencement of the Thursday Night Fun Races (TNFR). The Winter Series was sailed in great conditions and we were able to get three races in over two days. The results were:

PHRF Non-Spinnaker: 1. Wave Dancer, Ryan McKee; 2. CWHIT, Cecil Adkinson; 3. Beach Belle, David Hickman.

PHRF Spinnaker: 1. Akoya, Mike Reid.

Overall Winner for the 2021 MYC Winter Series: Wave Dancer.

Thanks to the sailors who registered and raced and a special thanks to the members that served on the Race Committee; Commodore Golemon and Jerry Champion on the Signal Boat, Guy Miller on mark set and special thanks to Rear Commodore Brian Barnett for the use of his boat for the committee.

The Thursday Night Fun Races started back up although the first two Thursdays presented some unique weather conditions to say the least. As we all know, it will work out throughout the season and I look forward to good times and good sailing as well as some "good eats" afterwards in the club house. We had our TNFR awards on March 18th and the comradery and laughs were a welcome sign of some return to normalcy. Congrats to Bill Whiston and his crew of "It's On!" for their overall trophy for 2020.

The Opti's are continuing to blaze their way through the season with outstanding participation in both numbers and results at the Fairhope Yacht Club's Dogwood Regatta. There is a more detailed report in the Scuttlebutt, but I know that I speak for the membership in our support and sincere appreciation for Coach Josh and his support network of parents. It is great to see the young sailors and their enthusiasm.

Another important event for us here at MYC is our GYA Challenge Cup Team and I am very pleased to announce that Bill Whiston has agreed to serve as Captain for this year's campaign. This is a benchmark event for sailors in the GYA and we are looking forward to once again fielding a strong team. Captain Whiston will be formulating his plan and I will support him in whatever he needs so stay tuned for announcements. Given the postponement of this event last year, it makes this year's Regatta a highly anticipated event.

As you may be aware, this year's Dauphin Island Race will not be held and its' cancellation has led to a hole in our sailing schedule. That being said, Whitney Adkinson, Entertainment Chair and the race committee, have been working on holding our own race on April 24th so please watch out for announcements and the race NOR coming out soon. I understand there may even be some festivities planned...

Last but certainly not least, you may have seen info going out about taking sailors from the USS Mobile out sailing with members for TNFR or even a weekend sail. We have gotten an excellent response from membership and if all goes as planned, we should start seeing these young men and women at the club. Please take a few minutes to talk to them. I know how much a young sailor appreciates these touches of home while being away from their own. Many thanks to Bill Haffner who has worked hard to coordinate this wonderful gesture.

In closing, I want to again thank the membership for their support of all of our sailing efforts and I know we are all looking forward to a summer of returning to the water. And hopefully, I will see you all on the water.

John O'Brien

Rear Commodore



The Club regrets to inform its members of the passing of long time member **John L. McLean.**, last month.

Mobile Bay Sailing School

LEARN TO SAIL & JOIN THE FUN!! Students will develop basic nautical knowledge, boat handling skills, and respect toward the sea, weather and wind. All sessions are led by USSA certified instructors. Boats and other miscellaneous equipment are provided. Students must know how to swim (swim test is required).

MBSS offers week-long sailing camp summer sessions throughout June and July. There are two different session types depending on the student's experience level and age. The regular class type includes day-long sessions (9am-5pm). Students must be ages 8-18 to be in the regular session, during which the students will learn to sail a small boat called a 420. The second type of class option is a special Opti class. This class type is available to beginner and young sailors (ages 7-9). Special Opti sessions are organized into half days (9am-12pm and 1pm-5pm).

We will have an instructor present on the premises from 8:30 am until 5:30 pm every day of camp when students are not on the water. Parents can drop off our students at MYC as early as 8:30am for the morning session and can pick up afternoon session students as late as 5:30pm.

MBSS offers a 20% discount from base rate for:

- Each child beyond the first in a family
- Each additional session per child

Classes will go on rain or shine. During inclement weather, students will be trained onshore about theoretical aspects of sailing, knots, rigging, etc.

Registration form located at mobilebaysailingschool.com

Classes	Class Type	Class Dates	Class Times	Base Rate	Seats Available
Session 1	Regular	June 7 - June 11	9:00AM - 5:00PM	\$300.00	14
Session 2	Regular	June 14 - June 18	9:00AM - 5:00PM	\$300.00	14
Session 3	Special Opti	June 21 - June 25	9:00AM - 12:30PM	\$150.00	10
Session 4	Special Opti	June 21 - June 25	1:30pm - 5:00PM	\$150.00	10
Session 5	Regular	June 28 - July 2	9:00AM - 5:00PM	\$300.00	14
Holiday	No Classes	July 5 - July 9	No Classes		N/A
Session 6	Special 13+	July 12 - July 16	9:00AM - 5:00PM	\$300.00	14
Session 7	Regular	July 19 - July 23	9:00AM - 5:00PM	\$300.00	14
Session 8	Make-Up	July 26 - July 30	9:00AM - 5:00PM	TBA	14

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Bingo is from 3:30pm-5pm (**April 25th, May 23rd, 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:

Boats and Bugs Regatta
April 24th

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

Hey MYC, March was a busy and fun month at the club. I loved seeing how busy the club has become lately with the nice weather.

We had a great turn out for the kickoff party for Thursday Night Fun Races on March 11th. The food was great and Brian, the bartender, made a great Rum Punch for us to party with and keep the blood warm.

Thursday Night Fun Race awards for last season on Thursday, March 18th was amazing. Man, did we have a packed house and a lot of fun. I would like to thank Dr. Jim and Anne Glasser for their donation for the live music that we enjoyed. Marcus was great entertainment. At one point that night, the whole club was singing.

Thank you to everyone that comes out to BINGO every month. We have the best time at Bingo. If you not made it to one yet, you need to come to the next one on Sunday, April 25th starting at 3:30pm.

Our Jr. Sailors participated in their 2nd regatta on March 27th at the Dogwood Regatta which took place at the Fairhope Yacht Club. The MYC had seven of the 20 boats participating in the regatta so we were well represented. Then we had one boat in the white fleet. Our Sailors knew what they were doing and looked good on the water.

On Sunday, March 28th, we had an amazing turnout for our Annual Ellis Ollinger Jr. Easter Egg Hunt. Another packed house with a ton of kids ready to see the Easter Bunny and find Easter Eggs. I was so happy to see so many happy kids out there. Also, thank you to Christina Hickman for lining up the Azalea Trail Maids to be present during the event. The maids made the Easter Bunny pictures absolutely BEAUTIFUL.

Starting on Monday, April 5th we will have Yoga every Monday starting at 6pm. Susan Kangal will be our instructor. Make sure you bring plenty of water and a yoga mat. Each session is \$10.

Go ahead and mark your calendar for these upcoming events that will be happening at the club:

- April 10th: Golf Tournament MYC Masters- get ready for tons of fun and watching the Masters on TV under the Clubhouse.
- April 24th: Boat and Bugs Regatta - Please email me if you are interested in racing. We are trying to get a count on participants.
- April 25th: Bingo at 3:30 pm.
- May 15th: Spring Harbor Party-more information to come. This will benefit the Jr Sailing team to get a clubhouse built
- May 23rd: Bingo at 3:30 pm.
- May 31st: Memorial Day Cook out.
- June 12th and 13th: MYC 1st Annual Inshore Fishing Tournament-more information to come.
- June 27th: Bingo at 3:30 pm.

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

Let's Party!!

Whitney Adkinson
MYC Entertainment Chairman

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Fleet Surgeon

The Board of Governors of Mobile Yacht Club are pleased to announce that Dr. Cesar M. Roca, Jr. has agreed to serve as Fleet Surgeon for MYC. In his role Dr. Roca will serve as an adviser to the board to determine responses and best practices as it applies to membership and club operations.

Dr. Roca is a graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine and is a Board-Certified Orthopaedic surgeon with a specialty in sports medicine.

Dr. Roca is also an avid sailor and a longtime member of MYC and because of this, brings a perspective especially relevant to his role as MYC Fleet Surgeon.

Thank you, Cesar, for accepting this role and we look forward to working together!



Bay Gales

Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 16th starting at 1pm. The Ellis Ollinger Jr. Easter Egg Hunt was a great success and thank you to all the Bay Gales who helped me with the event. My Dad would be so proud and as always, a big thank you to my Mom, Regina Ollinger for making sure all the eggs were hidden and each child received a present. The Azalea Trail Maids were a big hit and thank you to Christina Hickman for making this happen. As one member commented on Facebook, it was nice to see some normalcy returning to the club with the Easter Egg Hunt. I hope to see everyone for the next meeting. 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
jmmolowe@aol.com

Fleet Captain

The Gulf Yachting Association 2021 Capdevielle Championship series kicked off at the Mardi Gras Regatta hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club on March 13th and 14th. Eight clubs sent 13 boats with Zane Yoder, Julian Bingham and yours truly representing the home team. Saturday presented us with a light but consistent breeze and we started off on a great note with Zane leading the race almost till the end, dropping to second on the final leg. In the two races that followed, we didn't get off the start line like we would have liked but still felt competitive, especially downwind and we were sitting in fourth after three races. Sunday, the breeze was more moderate which should have helped a team like ours who was a little on the heavy side but we weren't able to keep the pace quite like we had on Saturday. Post-race analysis led us to believe rig tune may have been the culprit so that is something we will continue to learn from and work on. MYC ended up sixth in this event and we are looking forward to the remaining schedule.

Additionally, Zane represented MYC well in Fairhope Yacht Club's Dogwood Regatta finishing second even with equipment challenges in the form of a broken tiller. Did I mention these boats can be a bit on the fragile side?

The next event is the GYA Opening Regatta hosted by Saint Andrew's Bay Yacht Club in Panama City, FL on May 1st and 2nd. We will be sailing and practicing in the coming weeks and are always in need of building out our team. Vipers are fast and fun to sail and anyone interested can contact me or Waterfront Director Josh Deupree and we will get you involved!

Thanks,
Judd Chamberlain
Fleet Captain

Coast Guard Auxiliary

DRESS FOR THE WATER, NOT THE WEATHER!

Hypothermia does not only occur in extremely cold water. In fact, it is not just a winter danger. It can, and does, occur even in the warmer waters of Mobile Bay in the spring, summer and fall!

With temperatures well into the 80s, hardly anyone gives a thought to hypothermia while cruising our back bays and rivers, or heading out on a day trip to the deeper waters of the Gulf. The fact is, water temperatures could be well below the air temperature and an unexpected wake or loss of balance while setting a spinnaker pole or fishing line can land you in that colder water with disastrous results.

To guard against the potential for succumbing to hypothermia as a result of a summertime boating accident, the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary suggest:



- 1. Know the weather conditions before you set out. Don't leave your port or dock if the weather may turn rough.**
- 2. File a float plan to tell your friends and family where you were going and when you plan to return.**
- 3. Always wear a life jacket while boating.**
- 4. If you wind up in the water, try not to panic, as it can increase heat loss from your body and shorten your survival time. Remain in a curled up, heat-retaining position.**
- 5. Stick with your capsized boat and try to get as much of your body out of the water as possible.**
- 6. Avoid consuming alcoholic beverages while boating. They allow heat to escape from the body more quickly because alcohol dilates blood vessels.**

Bill Fallin, FSO-Marine Safety

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

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