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COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a year 2018 has been for our MYC! My goal, with your help, is to keep our ship moving in the right direction. If you would like to get involved next year, reach out to me or one of your board members and let us know. As a volunteer club, your input and skills are welcome.

I want to encourage all sailors to participate more in our 2019 sailing season. Casey Golemon, your Rear Commodore, will have next year charted out on the GYA Calendar before the end of the month. Be sure to mark all local races and make every effort to participate.

I will leave you with a quote:

"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending!" - Carl Bard
Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Michael F. Reid
Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

Its getting cooler outside and its time to enjoy the holidays. This Wednesday December 12 there will be a champagne tasting at the club. Sunday the 16th, Santa will visit along with the annual eggnog party. Many holiday parties are planned so it is always a good idea to make reservations prior to coming for dinner.

The club is closing for the holidays and associated maintenance chores on Monday December 17 and reopen Thursday January 3. I believe a rum tasting is scheduled for Wednesday January 9. So plan on coming then.

Merry Christmas and season's greetings!

Vice Commodore
Julian Bingham

Rear 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 Rear Commodore. It is an honor and a privilege to serve in this position as a Flag Officer of Mobile Yacht Club.

I would like to thank everyone who made the Norton Brooker Charity Regatta possible this year. Without all of the volunteers it would have been very difficult to make this year as successful as it was. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Charity Regatta Committee, Beth Hill, Maureen Lowe, Karinda Foster, Nancy Champion, John O'Brien and Beth Mattei with USA Children's and Women's Hospital. Without these key people involved, the charity regatta would never have left the starting gate. Also, a very big thank you to Chef Dave and his staff that overcame several obstacles to help pull off the good food and set up at the club. The Bay Gales were a very big help in getting everything setup for the regatta party, thank you. The total amount raised this year was \$25,073.00 of which we will be donating after expenses \$19,457.02. This was the most successful charity regatta and by far the most money ever donated in the 20 plus years we have had the charity regatta. We are now planning for next year's charity regatta and hope to make it even more successful. Thank you all again.

Future outlook for the upcoming sailing season. I am planning on attending a Race Management Seminar in February in order to learn how to run and organize the regattas within our yacht club. Our first race of 2019 will be the Winter Series and will be the first weekend in March. Then, the Dauphin Island Race is back at Mobile Yacht Club this year. This will be a huge event for the club and we will need lots of help to pull it off on and off the water.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be your Rear Commodore and I look forward to serving you throughout 2019. If there is anything you would like to speak with me about, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Casey Golemon
Mobile Yacht Club
Rear Commodore

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*Welcome
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John Keebler (Active)
Keith Peevy (House)

**The Club will be closed
from December 17th
through January 2nd.
We will reopen on
Thursday, January 3rd
for regular hours.**



MYC Junior Sailing Report

As we near the end of the year, I'd like to take some time to thank members of MYC and, in particular, the parents of our Junior Sailors and adult volunteers for their support of Junior Sailing this year. Our new Sailing Director, Josh Deupree, and Lee Creekmore have done an excellent job creating a program consisting of chalk talk discussions and on the water exercises to grow the knowledge of our junior sailors. Please remember to say thanks to Josh and Lee when you see them at the club.

Our junior sailors continue to practice on most weekends, weather permitting, and during the month of November, junior sailors attended regattas in Gulfport and Pensacola. Josh is planning to hold two Optimist green fleet clinics this winter with Pensacola Yacht Club. Josh Deupree is working details with the Pensacola YC Sailing Director. Look for flyers in the coming weeks on this event. The Mobile Bay Sailing School has begun to put together plans for its 2019 sailing school program and we expect to issue a schedule some time in December.

Remember Mobile Bay Sailing School is a nonprofit organization and donations made to the School are tax deductible. If you are interested in making a tax deductible financial donation or if you are interested in donating a boat in usable condition to the MBSS, please see Bill Haffner or me at any time and we will be happy to provide you a receipt. Also, if you are interested in participating on the MBSS Board, please send me a note or give me a call. We are always looking for new members to provide fresh thoughts on ways to improve and grow our program. The continued health of our Junior Program and the Mobile Bay Sailing School is due to the donations and support we get from members of MYC. Thank You!

Rick Spaulding

Manager's Notes

With the holiday season upon us, this is a very exciting time here at the clubhouse with everyone coming and going. As we gear up to our final Sunday brunch with a visit from Santa Claus during our Annual Christmas Party on December 16th, we will be hosting a very large brunch buffet featuring something for everyone.

During the holiday break, my staff and I will be here at the clubhouse giving it the love it deserves and trying to add a few new touches to the place to make your visits even better. When we reopen on January 3rd, we will be rolling out our winter menu which will feature a few new items but keeping your favorites.

For the December and January monthly raffles, we are raffling off a Gift Voucher for IP Casino Resort and Spa which includes a one night stay and dinner for two valued at \$250.00, so come in and grab your raffle tickets for only \$1 each.

Wednesday, December 12th is our champagne tasting and I hope to see as many of you as possible. If you love rum, please stop by and see Nick about our Rum tasting on January 9th and pick out your top five from our listing. This will be a wonderful event featuring your choices of unique rums to try.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, you can always find me here at the club or reach out to me at manager@mobileyachtclub.com.

Thank you,
David Twachtman
Chef/Manager



Entertainment Committee

The weather has turned cooler, and the Club is in full holiday style for December! We are looking forward to our next 2nd Wednesday event on December 12th consisting of a Champagne Tasting with light cuisine. The bar will open at 5 p.m. and the event will begin at 6. Seven specially chosen varieties of bubbles will be featured. The cost is \$25 per person, and reservations are available through MYC staff at 251-471-3131 or manager@mobileyachtclub.com.

Please make your plans to join us for one of our favorite events of each year, the Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 16th. This day is always the highlight of the season with the traditional eggnog of Commodore Criminale being consumed along with scrumptious desserts from the Bay Gales. Chef Dave will have a delicious buffet available beginning at 11 a.m. in lieu of our regular menu. The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Don't miss the grand arrival of Santa Claus in the afternoon, who is making his annual visit to wish us all a very Merry Christmas!

Our 2nd Wednesday event to start the new year will be a Rum Tasting on January 9th. Additional information will follow on the website and by email blast, so stay tuned! We are also planning a Chili Cook-off with teams to compete for the Best Chili on Mobile Bay. Watch for more info to come. Get your team and recipes ready!

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Beth Hill

Entertainment Chair

Bay Gales

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 13th at 6 p.m. The Annual Christmas Party is Sunday, December 16th. Bay Gales are asked to bring a dessert to share with the club members during the party. Please bring a wrapped gift for your own child. Also, if you would like to bring an ornament for the tree, that would be appreciated. The Bay Gales will be updating the decorations for Club in the coming years. The bulletin board is updated routinely with upcoming activities for both the Club and the Bay Gales. We would love to have everyone join us for a meeting to enjoy the food and meet new friends.

Thank you,
Maureen Lowe



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