



Member Handbook

Mobile Yacht Club

Established in 1847



*The Oldest Private Boating & Sailing Club on the Gulf of Mexico
2nd Oldest Yacht Club in America
Charter Member of the Gulf Yachting Association*

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Preface

This booklet was originally created with the inspiration and participation of Arch McKay, John K. Robinson and Charlotte Eichold with the hope of serving a long-recognized need. It has been revised with the passage of time to provide an introduction and quick reference tool for new Mobile Yacht Club members.

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Welcome to Mobile Yacht Club

The Flag Officers, Board of Governors, staff and members of the oldest private boating and sailing club on the Gulf of Mexico would like to take this opportunity to say “**Welcome Aboard.**”

Mobile Yacht Club (MYC) is a private club, owned by and for the benefit of its members, and is not open to the public except by referral or invitation. All of the amenities and services of the Club are available to you, your family and guests, and we encourage you to make full use of everything your club has to offer.

The operations of MYC are low-key, with the majority of the non-Bar & Galley functions of the Club performed by volunteer members. We encourage you to support your club by frequenting the clubhouse, making full use of the Bar, Galley and Member services, enjoying the swimming pool and bayside pier, and getting involved in member committees and sailing activities. Our Club has endured for over 175 years through the involvement, volunteer efforts and financial support of our membership. Please, don't just send your monthly dues. Your involvement, while not required, will help us make Mobile Yacht Club a stronger, better Club for everyone.

On Mobile Bay, the sailing season is a full twelve months long. If you do not own a boat, you will find members anxious for you to join their crew, so let it be known if you wish to lend a hand. If members of the family want to learn, classes are held in the summer. (Please refer to page 14 in this handbook).

Mobile Yacht Club's member newsletter, *Scuttlebutt*, is published monthly and circulated to all MYC members and posted on our website. Copies are also available at the club. Events, stories, photos, news, etc. can be submitted to Scuttlebutt, 4925 Marina Drive N, Mobile, AL, 36605 or via e-mail to manager@mobileyachtclub.com.

This publication is intended as an introduction to MYC, our amenities and our rules. As we are constantly changing and growing, your best source for the most current and detailed information is our website at www.mobileyachtclub.com, which also contains contact information for the staff, Flag Officers and Board of Governors. Any member of these groups will be glad to assist you in getting acquainted and getting the most out of your MYC membership.

Again, thank you for joining the oldest private boating and sailing club on the Gulf of Mexico and the second oldest yacht club in America.

Commodores of Mobile Yacht Club

Mobile River 1882 ~ 1906

Harry Pillans
 Dan Lay
 J. S. Woodall
 W. L. Pettis
 Gilbert M. Van Liew
 William B. Curran
 Charles H. Hall
 T. Green
 John C. Bush, Jr.
 T.G. Bush
 Frank E. Overall

Monroe Park 1906 ~ 1916

David R. Dunlap
 LeBaron Lyons

Eastern Shore 1919 ~ 1934

E. B. Overton 1920 ~ 1927
 Alfred Staples 1928 ~ 1933
 Eugene Malone 1934



Western Shore 1935 ~ 1953

Eugene Malone 1935
 William J. Wall 1936 ~ 1937
 Jerome Van Liew 1938 ~ 1939
 Larry G. Beauvais, Sr. 1940 ~ 1942
 Thomas P. Kroutter 1943 ~ 1945
 Larry G. Beauvais, Jr. 1946
 Cal Weiss 1947 ~ 1948
 Edward M. Beauvais 1949 ~ 1950
 Charles O. Bingham 1951 ~ 1952
 Frank J. Andrade 1953

Western Shore 1954 ~ Present

Larry G. Beauvais, Jr. 1954
 George C. Criminale, Sr. 1955 ~ 1956
 Thomas O. Christy 1957 ~ 1958
 David F. Dabney 1959 ~ 1960
 John J. Bush 1961
 E. Bruce Trickey 1962 ~ 1963
 George R. Brothers, Jr. 1964 ~ 1965
 Charles Pearce 1966
 George C. Criminale, Sr. 1967 ~ 1969
 Gregory L. Smith, Sr. 1970 ~ 1972
 John T. Murray, Jr. 1973 ~ 1974
 Dr. Samuel Eichold 1975 ~ 1976
 Frederick Haidt, Jr. 1977 ~ 1978
 Fred C. Brock, Jr. 1979 ~ 1980
 John K. Robinson, Sr. 1981 ~ 1982
 George R. Brothers, Jr. 1983 ~ 1984
 Norton W. Brooker, Jr. 1985 ~ 1986
 Paul S. Tipton 1987 ~ 1988
 J. Anthony Dees 1989 ~ 1990
 John A. Roberts, Jr. 1991
 William M. Moore 1992
 Dr. John LaFleur 1993 ~ 1994
 Charles S. Willoughby 1995
 Robert T. Kurzweg 1996
 Earl S. McLaughlin, D.M.D. 1997
 Thomas A. Batty 1998
 Dr. John S. Yeager 1999 ~ 2000
 R. Wallace Killcreas 2001 ~ 2002
 Semih Kangal 2003
 Judith Anthony 2004
 James P. Green 2005 ~ 2006
 Randall Boudreaux 2007
 Stephen E. Lange 2008
 Bernard E. Moseby 2009 ~ 2010
 S. Vincent Arbour, III 2011 ~ 2012
 Richard E. Carpenter 2013
 Steve Zito 2014 ~ 2015
 Brad Broadus 2016
 Mike LaSarge 2017
 Josh Murray 2018
 Mike Reid 2019
 Julian Bingham 2020
 Casey Golemon 2021
 Brian Barnett 2022
 John O'Brien 2023 ~ 2024

History of Mobile Yacht Club

Mobile Yacht Club members are proud of our club's long and oftentimes colorful history. Established in 1847, *Mobile Yacht Club* is the oldest private boating and sailing club on the Gulf Coast and the second oldest club in the United States. Throughout its long and distinguished history, the club has been known as *Mobile Regatta Club*, *Eastern Shore Yacht Club* and *Mobile Yacht Club*.

As early as the 1830's, local "boat clubs" were holding organized yacht races on Mobile Bay and in 1847, Mobile sailors organized the *Mobile Regatta Club* at Howard's Landing, Daphne. Large regattas held on the Eastern Shore at Point Clear, Battles Wharf and Howard's Landing attracted racing yachts and high stakes from all along the Gulf Coast and competition among cities like Mobile, New Orleans, Pass Christian and Biloxi was fierce. Smaller races, particularly one-on-one match races, were usually held closer to downtown Mobile.



The Civil War and the presence of the Union Fleet on Mobile Bay successfully discouraged yacht racing, and the activities of the club were suspended for several years. Challenging sailboat racing began anew as early as 1867 when a meeting was held above Jenkin's Royal Street Bar in Mobile, again establishing regattas between Mobile and New Orleans. The races were primarily held at Point Clear or between Mobile and Point Clear. After Reconstruction, sports of all kind began in earnest and it was in 1882 that interest in sailing and boating had again developed to the point that the *Mobile Regatta Club* was reorganized with a clubhouse on the east

bank of Mobile River opposite the foot of Dauphin Street. This site was selected primarily because of its accessibility to the city and the protected harbor for the boats.

A burgeoning membership soon outgrew this small clubhouse and at the 1897 annual meeting, the Commodore appointed a committee to consider a new building. The original structure was torn down and a second one, considerably larger, was built near the old location on Mobile River. The clubhouse was a grand sight viewed from across the river. Yachts were often tied up on the wharf out front, and small boat races were held on Mobile River. But activities at the second *Mobile Yacht Club* on Mobile River came to an abrupt end when the hurricane of 1906 struck Mobile as south winds on top of a high tide swept huge waves inland for a distance of a mile and a half. While the clubhouse weathered the storm without appreciable damage, the club site and river conditions were no longer conducive to mooring and sailing. The clubhouse was abandoned and a search began for a new location.



By then, electric streetcars had lured the focus of the city away from the downtown waterfront to the parks, theaters and beaches that lined the western shore of Mobile Bay. At the end of a 600-foot wharf at Monroe Park, *Mobile Yacht Club* built a lavish two-story clubhouse, comfortably furnished and decorated. This clubhouse was completely destroyed by the hurricane of 1916. Only its pilings were left standing. By the end of WWI, the members had re-established the club on the Mobile Bay's eastern shore and on November 13, 1920, the *Eastern Shore Yacht Club* was host for the Gulf Yachting Association's first regular membership meeting. In 1928 the *Eastern*

Shore Yacht Club changed its name to *Mobile Yacht Club* and in 1934 moved to Barrett's Beach on the western shore of Mobile Bay.

In 1940 a new 2-story clubhouse was built just north of the mouth of Dog River on the site of the existing *Mobile Yacht Club*. The addition of a harbor in 1959 began a gradual change in the character of the club with a trend toward privately owned boats that continues to this day. Hurricane Camille struck in 1969, and although Mobile was only at the edge of the storm's path, the flood-tides and storm driven waves played havoc with the club building. Water was three feet deep in the Great Hall, and the clubhouse was shifted off its pilings. The clubhouse was rebuilt and continued to operate until September 12, 1979 when Hurricane Fredric damaged the clubhouse beyond repair and left the harbor in shambles.

The current clubhouse was built in 1980. It commands a spectacular view of Mobile Bay to the east, and a forest of masts in the Dog River harbor to the west. *Mobile Yacht Club* sponsors and participates in numerous club regattas, as well as races in affiliation with the Gulf Yachting Association. The club and its individual members have fared well in local, regional, national, and international sailing competitions, and continue to be some of the finest sailors anywhere. For more information, please refer to our website at www.mobileyachtclub.com.

History & Photographic Library

Much of our written and photographic history has been lost over the years to hurricanes and time. In an effort to preserve what remains, and build a permanent record of our club from this point forward, the management and staff of Mobile Yacht Club are in the process of digitally copying as much of what remains as possible. We would greatly appreciate our members' assistance in this process by loaning or donating old MYC publications and photographs so that they may be copied and preserved. And please forward copies of new photographs of interest as they are taken. For more information or to forward digital images, please contact the Club Manager at manager@mobileyachtclub.com.



USA Archives is the source of a portion of the historical images contained herein and requests for copies of these images should be directed to the Archives at www.southalabama.edu/archives.

Flag Officers



The Flag Officers of MYC consist of a Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Life and Active members may be nominated for these positions and are voted on during the Annual Membership Meeting. Their responsibilities are defined in the Bylaws of Mobile Yacht Club. A complete copy of the official Bylaws is available to all members upon request.

The annual meeting and election of officers is held on the fourth Tuesday of October at 7:00p.m. Special meetings of the club are held upon notice to the members. Only Active and Life members may vote or hold elective office. All members of MYC are encouraged to attend this meeting during which the affairs of the club are reported to the membership by the Board of Governors. During this meeting the Flag Officers and Board of Governors are elected and the membership votes on important issues affecting the club.

Board of Governors

The affairs of the Club are managed by the Board of Governors which consists of the Flag Officers, the immediate past Commodore and six (6) Board members elected at large. Life and Active members may be nominated to the Board of Governors and are voted on during the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board of Governors holds regularly scheduled monthly business meetings. Notices of these meetings are routinely published in Scuttlebutt and posted on the MYC website calendar. Interested members may attend these meetings and may ask to be given an opportunity to address the Board of Governors.

Member Committees

All MYC members are encouraged to serve on at least one committee. As a member owned club, the involvement of our members in the affairs of the club are vital. Please remember your Club is an all-volunteer organization, by and for our members. The donation of your time, special talents and input will be shared by all, and greatly appreciated. You can make a difference!

Fleet Captain: The Fleet Captain has charge of any and all sailboats owned by the Club or under its supervision, care or custody. He sees that the Club owned sailboats are kept in good condition and shall qualify and restrict members to sail Club owned sailboats.

House, Bar, And Galley Committee: The Vice Commodore serves as Chairman of The House, Bar and Galley Committee. This Committee has the power to make all rules for the proper management of the clubhouse and appurtenances, to maintain proper order and protection of the property of the members and of the property of the Club, and to suspend any member who violates any of its rules.

Entertainment Committee: Plans parties, dances or other entertainment for the members.

Race Committee: The Rear Commodore serves as the Chairman of the Race Committee. The Race Committee is responsible for all racing activities of the club.

Cruising Committee: Plans and coordinates the cruising activities of the club.

Junior Committee: Considers all rules and regulations applicable to the use of the club and its facilities by the junior members and determines the equipment needed for the operation of the junior facilities. It has charge of and supervises all club entertainment involving the junior membership.

Harbor Committee: The Harbormaster supervises the operation of the club's yacht harbor, assigns all berths, and keeps an accurate record of all contracts for harbor space, and plans improvements and maintenance to the yacht harbor.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is composed of the Treasurer as Chairman, House, Bar and Galley Chairman, Harbormaster, Racing Chairman, Cruising Chairman and Entertainment Chairman. It is the duty of the Finance Committee to plan and make recommendations of expenditure of all club funds, plan a budget for the current year and make recommendations to the Board on fiscal policy.

Hurricane Evacuation Committee: Plans and implements the protection of club assets in the event of a hurricane and recovery following an event. This committee is responsible for preparing for a storm, boarding up the clubhouse, removing selected assets to a safe location, safeguarding Club records and archival files and generally ensuring that the club's assets are protected.

Special Committees: The Commodore appoints such special and sub-committees as necessary to conduct the affairs of the club. The powers and duties of these special and sub-committees are defined by the Board.

Membership Application Guidelines

If you are aware of a person interested in joining the Mobile Yacht Club and are a current ACTIVE or LIFE member and are willing to sponsor the interested individual you can sign out a numbered new member application from the club business office for the prospective member to complete. A HOUSE member cannot serve as a sponsor or sign out a membership application.

The application form is straight forward; however, it MUST be signed by two ACTIVE or LIFE members. After verifying the accuracy and completeness of the form you or the applicant then turns it back into the business office along with the appropriate application fee. The application is posted on the club bulletin board and considered by the MYC Board of Governors at their next meeting following the two-week posting period required by the club bylaws. The applicant will receive notification from the MYC Corresponding Secretary and Business Manager when they are accepted or if there is a problem with their application. All approved new members are subject to a one-year probationary period.

Applicants for HOUSE membership may find that they are placed on a waiting list following approval by the Board, since the total number of HOUSE members is fixed as a percentage of ACTIVE members by the bylaws. The waiting list can only be cleared as new ACTIVE members join or current HOUSE members resign

Initiation Fees & Membership Dues

Initiation Fees: The current initiation fee is \$500.00 for active membership and \$250.00 for house membership. The Board shall have the power to change the amount of the initiation fee as they may deem necessary for the benefit of the Club and may, in its discretion, waive the initiation fee for a prior member returning to active membership, or for the surviving spouse of a deceased member of any class.

Dues: The annual dues for the different classes of membership are as follows:

1. Life Membership	No Dues
2. Active Membership	\$960.00
3. House Member	\$1020.00
4. Junior Member (12-24, Non-Member Parents)	\$120.00
5. Junior Member (12-21, Member Parents)	No Dues
6. Junior Active (12-29)	\$480.00
7. Associate Member	\$720.00
8. Non-Resident Member	\$300.00
9. Military Member	\$960.00

Member Class	Initiation Fee	Monthly Dues	House Minimum	Certificate Required	Wet Slip	Dry Space	Vote	Hold Office
Life	N/A	-0-	-0-	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Active	\$500	\$80	\$60	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
House	\$250	\$85	\$60	No	No	No	No	No
Junior	-0-	\$10	-0-	No	No	Yes	No	No
Junior Active	\$250	\$40	\$30	No	No	Yes	No	No
Associate	N/A	\$60	\$30	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Non-Resident	-0-	\$25	-0-	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Military	\$166	\$80	\$30	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
All Fees Are Subject To Change.								

Payment of Dues:

The annual dues for members shall be payable in equal monthly installments in advance. Bills are due 30 days after the issue date. The member is Past Due on day 31 and a finance charge of 5% will be applied to the outstanding balance. If the bill is not paid in full by the end of next billing cycle, the member loses charging privileges and will have their name posted in the club. If the bill is not paid in full by the second billing cycle, i.e. 90 day, the member is suspended and loses all club privileges. Members with boats in the harbor will be billed at the nonmember rate if their bill is not paid before 90 days.

House Minimum Charge: There shall be a House Minimum Charge payable by all members except Life Members who have no House Minimum Charge. The House Minimum Charge for Active and House members will be \$60.00 per House Minimum Period. The House Minimum Charge for Junior Active, Associate and Military will be \$30.00 per House Minimum Period. The House Minimum Period will be three months, constituting a calendar quarter, at \$20.00 per month. The House Minimum Charge will be applied at the end of any House Minimum Period where a member's purchases, excluding sales taxes and gratuities at the Mobile Yacht Club Bar and Galley facility have not exceeded the House Minimum Charge of \$60.00 per House Minimum Period ending the previous month. Purchases of flags, car tags, clothing and other such non-consumable items and rental of harbor or dry space from the Club shall not be included in such computations.

Certificate of Membership: All Active Members are required to hold a Certificate of Membership immediately after being accepted for membership. Certificates can be acquired from the Club, a member, or a former member who has resigned in good standing. NOTE: Before purchasing a certificate from a former member, please check with the Corresponding Secretary if the certificate is valid.

Classes Of Membership

Life Members: Life members pay no dues and are not required to own a certificate of membership. Life members enjoy all of the privileges of Active members. Any member of the Mobile Yacht Club may be eligible for Life membership upon recommendation of the Board and the unanimous vote of the membership at any annual meeting. The spouse and minor children of a deceased Life member retain all the same privileges of the Club that they would enjoy, if that member were living, until such time as the spouse remarries.

Active Members: Active members are those members who do not fit within any of the classifications of other types and forms of membership as set out in Article VI of the Bylaws and must own a certificate of membership, pay full dues, pay full initiation fees and are entitled to full voting privileges, the right to rent wet or floating harbor space, to rent dry storage space, to use the Club launching facilities, to use the Club boats, to use the pier, to use the Clubhouse and to hold elective office.

House Members: House members have the privileges of the use of the Club house, pool and piers only and no other rights whatsoever. House members pay one-half (½) initiation fee and are not required to own a certificate of membership. It is intended that this class of membership be available to non-sailors or persons who would not ordinarily apply for the benefits of Active membership.

Junior Members: Junior members, whose parents are not members, may be male or female between the ages of twelve (12) and twenty-four (24) years and are not required to pay initiation fees or own a certificate of membership. They may not rent wet or floating harbor space or vote on any matter affecting the Club, but have the right to rent dry storage space, use the Club launching facilities, the piers and have use of the Clubhouse, provided however, that Junior members, who do not pay Junior member dues, are limited in their privileges to those of their parents. No Junior member shall enjoy any privilege from which he or she is barred by law. A child of any Life, Active, Junior Active, Associate or Non-Resident member may be a Junior member without the payment of any dues until their 22nd birthday or their 24th birthday if they continue to be a full-time student. An eligible person may join as a Junior member so long as that person's application is signed by a parent or legal guardian who releases the Club from any liability and who agrees to accept the financial responsibility for that child. All Junior memberships terminate at the Junior member's 24th birthday and any application for transfer to any other class of membership must be made in writing to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to such birthday.

Junior Active members: Junior Active members have all the privileges of an Active member, except voting rights, holding an elective office, or the right to rent wet or floating harbor space without approval by the Board. Junior Active membership is open to those under thirty (30) years of age. Junior Active members pay dues and initiation fees that are one-half the amount paid by active members, and are not required to own a certificate of membership. Upon a Junior Active member attaining the age of thirty (30) years, he will have the allowed period of time to pay for a certificate of membership as set forth in Article VIII of the Bylaws.

Associate Members: Associate members have all the privileges of an Active member, except the right to hold elective office and the right to vote. An Associate member is not required to own a certificate of membership. Associate membership is open to any Active member sixty-five (65) years of age or older, who has been an Active member for ten (10) or more years. Any Associate member who held this status prior to October 12, 1976 is not affected by the requirements as stated above for admittance to this class of membership and will continue to hold such status and the privileges and duties they held on such date.

Non-Resident Members: Non-Resident members are those members who do not reside in Mobile, Baldwin or Washington Counties. They are not required to hold a certificate of membership or pay initiation fees. Such members may rent wet or floating harbor space and dry boat storage at non-member rates. Such members are not entitled to vote or to hold elective office. They have the right to use the Club launching facilities, the piers and the Clubhouse.

Military Members: Any member of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard on active service and assignment to duty in Mobile or Baldwin Counties of Alabama may be admitted as a Military member. Military members have all the privileges of an Active member except voting rights and the right to hold an elective office. They may serve on various committees to which appointed. A Military member is not required to own a certificate of membership, but will pay House full dues and one-third (1/3) of the current initiation fee. This class of membership is limited in number to five percent (5 %) of the Active members and is automatically terminated upon transfer or release from active service.

Honorary Members: The Board, by unanimous vote, may elect persons to honorary membership in the club. Honorary members shall have the privileges of the use of the clubhouse and a membership card designating them as an "honorary member", but pay no dues and membership will expire at the end of the fiscal year of the club during which the honorary member is elected, but may be renewed by continued annual unanimous vote of the Board. In order to be elected to honorary membership, the person or organization being so elected must have made a significant contribution to the welfare of the club, its members, its physical plant, and the like. Persons holding any other classification of membership may not be elected to honorary membership.

Provisional Membership: There will be a one-year provisional membership period for all classes of new members. Provisional membership will mature into full membership at the end of one year, unless upon re-evaluation, the Board of Directors rejects the provisional member by at least four votes. Provisional members have all rights afforded full members of their particular class of membership. A provisional member having completed his provisional term will not again be subject to the provisional member requirement.

Transfers: Unless otherwise provided herein, a member may transfer from one class of membership to another class of membership only upon application to the Board which shall determine if such transfer complies with this Article and after making any financial adjustments as may be necessary due to transfer.

Membership Resignation: Resignations may be accepted at any time after one year of membership in good standing and shall be effective as of the last day of the last month of the calendar quarter during which delivered provided that all amounts due the Club have been paid. Any resignation must be in writing and delivered to the Recording Secretary of the Club. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Board in the event of death, illness, disability or other good cause. No resignation will be accepted if the resigning member is indebted to the Club.

Member ID Card

Each MYC member is issued one official MYC membership card that should be presented as identification when requested and will serve to validate your official status as a Mobile Yacht Club member at reciprocating GYA clubs.

MYC Boat Harbor

Located west of the clubhouse in a protected bayou off Dog River, the harbor offers a well-protected anchorage for 140 boats of varying sizes. The harbor has been dredged to a depth of 8 feet at low tide, and amenities include city water, 110 volt/30amp electrical power, a small boat hoist and security lighting.

Slip Request & Assignment: Request for slip rental, assignment, changes, or cancellations must be made to the Harbormaster. Slips are assigned to individual owners, not to their boats. Owners may not transfer, assign or sublet slips or dry storage spaces. When a vessel is sold, the current slip assignment ceases. The new owner may apply for slip assignment, however there is no guarantee that the same slip will be assigned or space will be available. Slip assignment and availability will always be in favor of MYC members. Non-MYC members may be required to vacate harbor space to accommodate MYC member needs. Space is rented solely at the discretion of the Harbormaster and the Board of Governors.

Rental Agreement & Rates: Rental rates are reviewed and adjusted by the Governing Board as they deem necessary. Wet slip and dry storage rentals are payable in advance, and continuing until the Harbormaster receives a written request to vacate. A written rental agreement signed by the tenant is required for all boats stored on MYC property.

BOAT LIFT RENTAL RATES			
Space Type	MYC Member	GYA Member	Non GYA / Transient
Boat Lift	\$250.00 per Month	Not Available – MYC Members Only	
DRY STORAGE RENTAL RATES PER BOAT – MYC Members Only			
Space Type	Powerboat	Sailboat over 20 ft.	Sailboat 20 ft. and under
Dry Storage	\$60.00 per Month	\$30.00 per Month	\$20.00 per Month
WET SLIP DAILY RENTAL RATES			
Space Type	MYC Member	GYA Member	Non GYA / Transient *
Wet Storage	\$10.00 per Day	\$12.00 per Day	\$1.00 per Foot/Day
Visiting yachtsmen registered in a MYC sponsored regatta shall be given free harbor privileges, subject to available space for a maximum of nine (9) days.			
*Non-GYA / Transient Vessels will be charged a daily rate (no free days) and extended harbor privileges for a maximum of nine (9) days.			
WET SLIP MONTHLY RENTAL RATES PER FOOT			
Space Type	MYC Member **	GYA Member	Non-GYA
Wet Storage	\$5.50 per foot/month	\$6.75 per foot/month	\$10.25 per foot/month
** MYC Member Live A-boards require prior Board of Governor Approval and shall pay an additional \$50.00/month for utilities and facility usage.			
MONTHLY RATES ARE PER BOAT FOOT OR SLIP FOOT, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.			

Bar & Galley

The Bar and Galley serves a variety of daily and weekly lunch and dinner specials. The kitchen has the ability to make a snack for one, or create a fine dining experience for 100. Our Galley can also provide a to-go snack or sandwich for any boating events or just cruising the Bay. Please place your order in advance by calling (251) 471-3131. In addition to the kitchen, our bar stocks some of the finest wines and beverages available. Whether it's by the bottle, or glass, we're sure to have the drink to quench your thirst.



The Bar and Galley official operating hours are Thursday from 11:00am to 9:00pm and Friday and Saturday from 11:00am to 9:00pm and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00pm. When there are Thursday Night Fun Races, the Bar and Galley will stay open until 10:00pm.



The clubhouse will generally be open earlier and/or later than scheduled during MYC sponsored regattas and special events. Please contact the club for special events hours. The clubhouse may be open longer than the posted schedule at the discretion of the manager on duty. At the discretion of the Manager, hiring family members of Club members will be decided on a case by case basis.

Private Parties & Meetings

The house and restaurant facilities are available to members and to the guests of members for private parties and other special events. We offer excellent prices, great food, outstanding service, and a flexible schedule that allows members to schedule events during club hours, after club hours, and even on days when the club is closed. The MYC staff has years of experience in catering such events, and makes each party a unique experience.

Minimum Orders: All food and beverages for any event must be purchased from the club during hours when the club is open. The only exception is cakes and desserts which can be brought into the club during open hours.

Planning: It is not uncommon for us to have two or more groups or events in one day. When combined with the normal club sponsored events and activities, your clubhouse is often a very busy place. All special events and meetings must be approved in advance by the Manager. We request 2 weeks' notice of an event so other members can be informed that the facility will be in use and possibly closed depending on the size of the event. A catering menu is available.

Payment: All charges will be billed through your membership account. If you sponsor an event for a non-member, their charges will appear on your monthly statement unless payment for the function is received immediately following the event. Please note that Bar & Galley charges can be paid via major debit/credit card (MasterCard and Visa).

Alcoholic Beverage Policy: Please review the MYC House Rules and the Alcohol Rules and Policies.

Disclaimer: The Club is not responsible for lost, misplaced or damaged personal belongings. The Club will supply all trays, plates, silverware, etc. necessary for your event. You may bring personal items if you choose, but the Club will not be responsible for these items. Please make arrangements to have all personal items removed from the Club immediately after your function.

Smoke-Free Environment

Due to the acknowledged hazards arising from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke and the increasingly adverse public perception of smoking in the marketplace and with the overwhelming support of the membership, the Board of Governors has declared the interior spaces of the MYC clubhouse as a Smoke-Free Environment. This policy covers smoking of any tobacco product and applies to all persons including members, visitors, employees and vendors. Vaping of any kind is also prohibited.

Smoking is allowed outside on the decks, piers, grounds and harbor.

Bay Gales – Ladies Auxiliary



Founded in 2002, Bay Gales is a group of women organized for the purpose of getting to know one another and having fun, building a sense of community, enhancing the Club's growth and development by increasing social involvement and activities, offering education opportunities and promoting sailing among women.

We encourage MYC ladies and spouses to join the Bay Gales. Any female is welcome to be a part of Bay Gales provided she or her spouse is a member of Mobile Yacht Club.

The Bay Gales are part of the Entertainment Committee effective 2023.

Small Boat Fleet



MYC encourages recreational and competitive sailing, and maintains a fleet of Vipers, 420s and Optimist dinghies for the use of its members and guests. MYC members interested in sailing one of the MYC boats may do so after qualifying and should contact the Fleet Captain for additional details and instruction. Any member sailing a MYC boat assumes responsibility for any damage incurred. It is incumbent upon the member to notify the Fleet Captain of any damage that has been incurred so that prompt repairs can be made and the member can reimburse the Club.

The official boat for interclub Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) racing is the **Viper 640**. It is a fiberglass hull with a standing rigging that can be readily lowered for trailering. It lends itself to being readily moved by land from one club to another as an official interclub regatta boat. The **Viper 640** replaced the Flying Scott, a centerboard boat. The original official GYA boat was the **Fish**, a gaff rigged sloop with a fixed keel that enjoyed a period of 50 years of GYA competition.

The **Viper 640** is used for team sailing as well as racing throughout North America. As a one-design, all Viper boats are built to the same specifications and thus have equal chances in winning a race, no matter when the boat was built. This makes the boats especially appealing to amateur racing associations since this type of construction strives to eliminate variables other than the skill of the crew. The Vipers are used by the MYC sailing team in local, regional and national competitions. When not in use for this purpose they are available to MYC members for pleasure sailing.

Mobile Bay Sailing School, Inc.

The Mobile Yacht Club through Mobile Bay Sailing School has taught hundreds of children to sail. Many of these young sailors have gone to interclub competition in various classes of boats. **Club 420** dinghies are used as training boats for the Mobile Bay Sailing School. Vanguard developed the Club 420 in response to the growing need for a more durable, high-performance, double-handed racing dinghy that could stand up to the rigors of club and collegiate programs. Ideal for crews ranging in size from 220-310 lbs., the Club 420 is manageable for sailors coming out of the Optimist class.



The **Optimist** is a small, single-crew sailing dinghy. The Optimist is a pram, meaning a boat with a flat bow. Although the Optimist breaks many of the principles of good boat design, it has surprisingly good handling characteristics. Clark Mills built the boat on a commission from the local Optimist Club as a boat which a youngster could build himself. Mills claimed that it was the largest possible usable sailboat that could be built from two 4ftx8ft sheets of plywood.

The Mobile Bay Sailing School holds training sessions in June and July. These sessions are structured for junior participants from Beginner to advanced sailing techniques. For more information, contact Bill Haffner at (251) 421-2033 or e-mail wchx@wchxrail.com or Josh Deupree at (251) 209-1800.

Visitor Identification & GYA Club

Reciprocity



Visitors must identify themselves by presenting a valid reciprocal yacht club membership card and club number to the MYC staff. Reciprocity is granted to all GYA members.

A member may introduce a non-resident of Mobile County and extend to him the courtesies of the Club. The privileges of the clubhouse may be accorded a guest or prospective member when the prospect is accompanied by a Club member or spouse of such member in good standing. The Board shall hold all members responsible for the acts or violations of the Club rules on the part of any visitor they shall introduce and such member shall also be

responsible for all charges incurred by such guest or prospective member.



GYA Affiliate Member Clubs



The following GYA member clubs offer reciprocity to Mobile Yacht Club members. However, you MUST pay by cash or credit card at the time of your purchase for goods and services. For more information, please visit www.gya.org or the GYA member yacht club's website.

Apalachee Bay
Bay-Waveland*
Biloxi***
Birmingham
Buccaneer
Cypremort
Davis Island
Fairhope
Fort Walton
Grand Lagoon
Grande Maumelle

Gulfport
Houston
Jackson
Lakewood
Long Beach
Mobile***
Navy
New Orleans
Ocean Springs
Pass Christian*
Pensacola Beach

Point
Pontchartrain
Sarasota
St. Andrews Bay
St. Petersburg
Singing River
Singing River
Southern***
Tammany
Texas Corinthians

Charter member yacht clubs of the Southern Gulf Coast Yachting Association organized in 1901 and reorganized in 1920 under the Gulf Yachting Association. ** Charter member clubs of Gulf Yachting Association. *** Both.

Alcohol Rules & Policies

Intoxication: Alcoholic beverages will not be served to an intoxicated person. Bartenders and wait staff have been instructed to refuse service to anyone who is questionable. If you, your family, or guests are affected by this rule, you must be responsive and cooperative with the staff. The staff has the full support of the board.

Minors: Alcoholic beverages will not be served to anyone under the age of 21 years. Identification will be required for anyone who appears to be under the age of 21. Those under the age of 21 will not be permitted to sit at the club bar.

Suspension: Any consumption, purchase or attempted purchase of an alcoholic beverage for someone under 21 on the club's premises will result in an automatic suspension of club privileges for that person and/or their parents for not less than sixty (60) days.

Participation with a Minor: Any person (including a parent) who gives an alcoholic beverage to anyone under the age of 21 on the club's premises is subject to automatic suspension. This rule includes wedding parties and any other private party.

House Beverages: No alcoholic beverages shall be served or consumed on the club's premises other than those supplied by the club. This rule prohibits members bringing beer or other alcoholic beverages from off-premises to the club. This applies only when the club is open.

End of Operations: No alcoholic beverages will be sold after 1:00 a.m. on any night. Exceptions to this rule may be prearranged with the governing board.

Enforcement: The Board of Governors and Flag Officers of MYC will enforce these rules. Any member of the board or any officer may file a written complaint with the board regarding a violation of these rules. Any member of the club who so wishes may file a written complaint with the governing board.

House Rules

Attire: All members and guests must observe the dress code while in the upper deck of the clubhouse. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Tank tops and other extremely casual wear are not acceptable in the clubhouse dining room.

Operating Hours: All members and guests must observe the stated opening and closing hours of the club. Although there may be employees inside the building or elsewhere on the premises, members are not to request access to secured facilities. This rule can be suspended only when an emergency has occurred.

Deportment: Obscene or otherwise offensive language or conduct is not acceptable at MYC. The governing board is empowered to discipline violators of this rule. Disciplinary procedures and actions are defined in the club bylaws. They include, but are not limited to: censure, the levying of fines and expulsion of any member found guilty of violating this rule.

Guests: All guests must be accompanied by a member. The Board of Governors may waive this requirement when certain conditions are met. In advance of the occasion, the host member must identify the guest and notify the club manager that he will be unable to accompany the guest. Further, the host member must identify what specific privilege of the house is being requested for his guest and the host member must acknowledge that he will be responsible for the actions and charges of the guest. Members will always be responsible for the conduct and charges of their guests.

Previous Members: Any previous member of the club, who has left the club, not in good standing, cannot use the club as a guest of a member.

Pets: Pets are not allowed in the clubhouse. The only exception to this rule would be an actively employed seeing-eye dog that is assisting a visually impaired member or guest of the club.

Children: Members are responsible for the safety and conduct of their children at all times, including those children that may be junior members of the club.

Grounds: Members are requested to assist in keeping the grounds, pool deck, pier, common areas and harbor clean. Please do not litter. Do not leave fish or bait on the pier. Please use the strategically placed large refuse containers or the small refuse containers near your finger pier, do not put oil in any refuse containers and please do not fill any container to over-flowing.

Pier: The MYC pier is restricted to members and their guests, as in **Guests** above.

Firearms & Weapons: No firearms or weapons, except those firearms being used as starting signals in club sponsored regattas are permitted on the club premises at any time. These restrictions include air powered rifles, pistols, BB guns and paintball guns.

Harbor Rules

Registration/Documentation and Insurance: Owners/tenants must keep their vessel registration and insurance current as long as their vessels remain on MYC property. Failure to do so will void their agreement and may result in the owner/tenant being directed by the MYC Board to vacate their slip.

Hold Harmless Agreement: Docking or storing boats, trailers, accessories and equipment in the harbor or on MYC premises and use of MYC hoists, rigging tower and other equipment is at the sole risk of the user. By making use of the harbor, MYC premises and equipment; all users expressly agree to release and hold harmless MYC, its officers, board members, agents and employees from any and all liability of whatsoever kind, character and description, including for their own negligence, whether to the user or others.

Sole Risk of Loss: Boats and equipment shall be docked and/or stored at the owner's sole risk and any damage or loss incurred to the same by the elements, theft, vandalism or otherwise shall be borne by the owner alone. Any work performed on owner's boat while on MYC premises either by the owner or outside contractors shall be at the sole risk and expense of the tenant.

Tenant Responsibility for Damage: Members and tenants agree to keep their boats properly tied at all times and to prevent same from damaging MYC property and/or adjoining boats. If the MYC Harbormaster has to add additional lines to a boat to prevent it from damaging MYC property or an adjacent boat the owner/member will be assessed \$50.00 plus the cost of the lines. When Hurricane Warnings are issued, it is *strongly* recommended that all boats be removed from the harbor. Boat owners assume responsibility and liability for damage to other vessels and MYC property caused by tenant's boat. All members and tenants agree to pay any/all costs associated with removing the owner's sunken, destroyed or damaged vessel. Members and tenants agree to reimburse MYC for any costs incurred by MYC for damage to MYC property caused by their vessel and refloating and/or removing an owner's vessel from MYC property.

Extended Absence: Tenants vacating their slips/assigned spaces for an extended period and wanting to retain them should notify the Harbormaster. Fees must be kept current during this time or the slip/space may be permanently reassigned.

Eviction and Removal of Vessel: In the discretion of the Board, any vessel whose rent is 90 days past due may be removed from the harbor and MYC may take any and all steps or avail itself of any and all remedies to recover all past due rents. Owner agrees to hold MYC, its Board, Officers, Agents and Employees free from any liability or claims arising from the removal, storage or disposition of any such vessel and further agrees to be responsible for all costs, charges or expenses, including Attorney fees, imposed or incurred by MYC in and about the removal, storage and disposition of any such vessel, collection of rents or the enforcement of this agreement.

Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) Requirements: Vessels having installed heads are required by Alabama Department of Conservation to have an annual head inspection and display a current inspection decal on the vessel exterior. MYC has been authorized to conduct the inspections and issue the decals. Members needing to obtain / renew their decal should contact the MYC Harbormaster.

Waste Discharge: Local and federal law and these rules strictly prohibit waste discharge into the yacht basin. Violators will be reported and prosecuted. MYC has contracted with the Sundowner Marina, which lies immediately to the north of the harbor, to allow its members to use their pump-out station as a convenience.

Trash Disposal: Trash cans in the Harbor are conveniently provided for tenants to dispose of small amounts of trash. Bulk/large quantity items should be taken directly to the main dumpster to the north of the clubhouse. Waste oil, batteries and other hazardous materials must be removed from MYC property. Violators are subject to a minimum fine of \$25.00 to be imposed by the Harbormaster or the MYC Board.

No-Wake Zone and Speed Limit: The speed limit for the harbor drive and all other club launching facilities is 5 mph. The MYC harbor is a No-Wake Zone. Violators are subject to a \$25.00 fine to be imposed by the Harbormaster, Club Manager or member of the MYC Board.

Conservation & Utilities: Tenants are urged to conserve water and electrical utilities. Damage to dockside utilities should be immediately reported to the Harbormaster or Club Manager.

Improvements & Structures: The Harbormaster and/or MYC Board must expressly approve any improvements, additions, or alterations to harbor structures or utilities. Dock boxes may be installed after approval by the Harbormaster. Boxes may not extend beyond 18 inches on to the pier. Dock-boxes left in a state of disrepair and/or without lids will be removed and disposed of at the owner's expense.

Prohibited Activities: Sandblasting and spray-painting activities are prohibited in the harbor.

Pool Rules

The MYC swimming pool is for the enjoyment of MYC members and their guests only. Use of the pool and adjacent common areas are at the sole risk of the user and by making use of the pool, MYC premises and equipment, all users expressly agree to release and hold harmless the MYC, its officers, board members, agents and employees from any and all liability of whatsoever kind, character and description, including for their own negligence, whether to the user or others and further to defend and indemnify said MYC, its officers, board members, agents and employees from any and all such liability.

- Swim at your own risk.
- Lone swimmers are not permitted.
- Two persons are required at all times. One or both may be swimmers.
- Children less than 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Swimmers and/or guests must be club members or dependents of a club member. Swimmers, if a guest, must be in the presence of the sponsoring member.
- No personal food or drinks are allowed on MYC premises during galley hours of operation.
- Please do not move pool furniture outside of the pool deck area.
- The pool is closed on Monday for cleaning. Please do not attempt to use the pool on this day.

Showers & Restrooms Policies

Restroom facilities and showers are located on the lower level of the Clubhouse and are available for use by all MYC members, guests and visiting yachtsmen. Since the restroom facilities are kept locked at all times, those wishing access should inquire at the Bar for the code. All users are requested to turn off lights and lock all doors after each use. Your cooperation in controlling energy costs and securing our facility will be greatly appreciated.

Sponsored Sailing Regattas

Notice of Race Events and race results from MYC sponsored events can be viewed on our website. Also see www.gya.org for GYA member yacht club races and the annual GYA sanctioned race schedule.

Thursday Night Fun Races: These fun races are open to all sailors, they are casual and there is no entry fee. This is a great time for all people interested in sailing, amateurs and experienced sailors alike, to enjoy racing at a leisurely pace and watch beautiful sunsets on the bay. The race features a "Bermuda start", which is a start based on the boat's handicap rating and ensures exciting finishes since all boats (theoretically) should finish at the same time! The course is approximately six (6) miles around established channel markers. Races are held each Thursday beginning and ending with Daylight Savings Time. Weekly winners receive a prize, and at the end of the season the overall champion is announced.

Winter Series Races: The GYA's premier winter racing is a best-of-5 series, usually over three weekends in January and February. This Series offers some of the best competitive and challenging racing on Mobile Bay. The Series offers trophies for each race and an overall winning skipper in each fleet will have his or her name placed on the Perpetual Trophy.

Great Circle Regatta: This fun race provides skippers with relief from onerous sailing instructions. They are: "After the start, sail around Gaillard Island – any direction you choose - then finish."

MYC Charity Regatta: This regatta is our premier charity fund raising event. A silent auction is held the night before this regatta, which annually raises thousands of dollars for a local charity.

Knot Round-the-Rig Regatta: This regatta, usually beginning at 4:00 P.M and is the only potentially overnight race on Mobile Bay. The course is simple; race from a start near MYC to around the Exxon Mobile Bay #63 Natural Gas Rig, near the tip of Dauphin Island, and back.

Mobile Yacht Club Summer Regatta: A fixture in the GYA Capdevielle series for **Viper 640s**. Also, the venue for the Bobby Hankins Memorial Regatta for the Fish Class.

Dauphin Island Race: Arguably the largest single day point to point sail race in the U.S.A., this regatta has endured since 1957 through the continuous support of the three Mobile Bay yacht clubs that rotate as host. Annually, hundreds of boats with over a thousand crew members participate in this weekend regatta. The activities begin with a warm-up race held the Sunday before the regatta. Typically, the actual race starts in the middle of the bay and finishes at Dauphin Island. The Saturday evening events feature a party on the island highlighted by the race awards ceremony. A return race on Sunday usually concludes the regatta.

Calendar of Scheduled Events

MYC is much more than a yachting organization; we are truly a community. Throughout the year the membership schedules social events for all to enjoy. We recommend checking the calendar page on our website for the exact dates and details for the current year and additional events. The website calendar page contains advance planning calendars for up to twelve (12) months.

JANUARY

Winter Series Regatta
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

FEBRUARY

Valentine's Dinner
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

MARCH

Thursday Night Races
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

APRIL

Thursday Night Races
Dauphin Island Race
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Bunny Visit
Board of Governors Meeting

MAY

Thursday Night Races
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

JUNE

Hurricane Season Begins, Plan Ahead
Thursday Night Races
Great Circle Races
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Sailing School

JULY

Thursday Night Races
MYC Summer Regatta
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Sailing School
Board of Governors Meeting

AUGUST

Thursday Night Races
Knot Round the Rig Regatta
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Thursday Night Races
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Board of Governors Meeting

OCTOBER

Thursday Night Races
MYC Charity Regatta
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials
Annual Membership Meeting
Board of Governors Meeting

NOVEMBER

Board of Governors Meeting

DECEMBER

Board of Governors Meeting
Santa Claus Visit
Egg Nog Christmas Party
Sunday Brunch & Daily Lunch Specials

