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Commodore's Report

Fellow Members,

As we head into the heat of summer and all that it brings with it, I really enjoy this month as it brings us to one of the premier race events for us and that is our Mobile Yacht Club Summer Regatta and Bobby Hankins Memorial Fish Class Regatta on July 13th and 14th. I've always looked forward to this event as not only is it our Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) Regatta and a chance to show off our club to the other clubs on the Gulf Coast, but it is a chance for our membership to come together and whether it be through race committee, volunteering on shore or participating in the races as a club member, really enjoy the competitive sailing aspect of our club. Our Race Committee, Entertainment Committee and Staff have been putting together a great weekend of entertainment and sailing so please come out and enjoy the fun and cheer our Capdevielle Team on!

In preparing for this year's race, former Commodore Casey Golemon did, by all accounts, an excellent job in presenting a Race Committee Training Course on June 22nd. While this class was well attended, it certainly will not be the last. If you have any interest in seeing if Race Committee is for you, then please let Casey know so he can include you in the next class.

In addition to our Summer Regatta, we have an important date dialed up as our Juniors have been working hard in anticipation of the GYA Junior Lipton Challenge to be held on July 19th -21st at Fort Walton Yacht Club. We were "oh so close" last year and I know our Juniors have been working hard. Good luck to all our Juniors!

Our summer sailing camp has had another banner year in both numbers of campers and quality of instruction. Thanks to not only our Waterfront Director Josh Deupree, but to his staff. I would be remiss not to recognize the board of the Mobile Bay Sailing School as they have continued to show leadership and stewardship. Thank you all.

In closing I encourage you all to enjoy all the club has to offer be it the pool, sailing on the bay or just the A/C in the clubhouse. The staff works hard to keep you happy, fed and hydrated so....

See you all on the water and at the club!

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Vice Commodore's Report

Our Annual 4th of July Party is at the club. The upstairs bar will open at 2pm. The buffet will be served upstairs from 3pm - 7pm. Live music by Fat Lincoln will be playing downstairs from 4pm - 8pm. The Kona Ice Truck will be here from 7pm - 8pm with free shaved ice for the members. The fireworks will start at the end of the pier at 9pm. The waterslide will arrive on the 4th and will be here all weekend for the kids to enjoy.

We are doing a Basket of Cheer raffle for our bartender, Meaghan, while she takes some time off for medical issues. The raffle tickets cost \$10 each and will be available at the bar from July 4th until July 21st. Thank you for your support.

The Entertainment Committee is hosting a MYC Kid's Olympics on Saturday, July 27th from 5pm - 7pm. It will have relay type games for the kids, they will be in teams and rotate through several stations. If you would like to help, let me know.

Our monthly bingo game continues to be a big success and I really enjoy getting to know all the members who participate in the event. Our next Bingo is Sunday, July 28th with cards being sold starting at 3pm and bingo starting at 3:30pm.

There will be no First Saturday Brunch in July due to the Holiday weekend. Our next Saturday brunch is August 3rd from 11am-2pm. We will have live music during the Brunch hours. The regular lunch menu will also be available during this time.

If you are looking for anything that you may have left by accident under the clubhouse or at the pool, we place found items in the wooden boat which is located under the clubhouse on the side near the pool. The wooden boat acts as the Club's Lost and Found for items found outside the club. There is also a Lost and Found upstairs in the Server's Station if you left something upstairs by accident.

I am mailing out the new Membership Cards with the appropriate 2024 and GYA stickers when the cards arrive at the club so there is no need to ask a staff member if there is a card for you at the club. If you need a Membership Card for yourself or your spouse, please let me know and I will get it ordered for you.

If you would like your spouse's email to be added to Clubspot, please email either myself or Nicol at manager@mobileyachtclub.com.

See you at the club,
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July 4th

Upstairs Bar opens at 2pm,
Buffet served upstairs from
3pm-7pm, **Live Music** by
Fat Lincoln from 4pm-8pm,
Kona Ice Truck from 7pm-
8pm, **Fireworks** at 9pm,
Waterslide all weekend

July 13th-14th

**Annual GYA Summer
Regatta** - more information
in upcoming email

July 27th

MYC Kid's Olympics from
5pm-7pm, there will be relay
type games, kids will be
put on teams and rotate to
different stations.

July 28th

Entertainment Meeting at
2pm, **Bingo** at 3:30pm, cards
will be sold starting at 3pm,
no bingo dauber needed,
cash only and Reservations
Recommended

Rear Commodore's Report

From the Racecourse

June has been a busy month for racing for MYC both at home and away and even off the racecourse. MYC hosted the annual Great Circle Race on June 15th to a stronger 11-boat turnout than we've seen recently. Thanks to everyone who came out to sail (and swim while waiting for enough wind to start) and enjoy the live entertainment and after-party! It was interesting to see that the entire fleet chose to sail the course clockwise this year. Congratulations to the winning skippers and crews below on a great race.

PHRF Spinnaker: Joe Ferguson - Kai

PHRF Non-Spinnaker: Ryan McKee - Wave Dancer

Portsmouth Spinnaker: Danny Robertson (BucYC) - Sea-ing Triple

Special thanks to Past Commodore Casey Golemon for conducting the well-attended Race Committee Training Class on June 22nd. This was an in-depth look at all that goes into the regattas that MYC hosts each year. Serving on the race committee is a great way to get involved even if you're not an old salt and can be a great way to spend the day on the water and around the club.

MYC's sole representation at this year's 75th Gulfport to Pensacola Race was Akoya co-skipped by Past Commodores Mike Reid and Julian Bingham finishing 3rd in their class. This year's race was a quick one for sure with several boats finishing the 100.0 nm course before midnight and Akoya crossing the line at 1:23:10.

The Capdevielle racing season is in full swing with MYC hanging near the top of the fleet in the events that have been sailed so far. July is stacked with four events including the MYC Summer & Bobby Hankins Memorial Fish Class Regatta on July 13th-14th. This is our annual event where we host the Gulf Yachting Association's (GYA) best sailors representing their clubs from throughout the GYA. The club is always buzzing this weekend and it's a great opportunity to see up close how MYC can put on a first-class racing event. There are always plenty of volunteer positions available to come to be a part of one of MYC's great traditions.

Our Junior Racing Team will travel to Fort Walton Yacht Club for the Junior Lipton Championship on July 20th-21nd. You may recall MYC only missed winning this event last year by way of a tiebreaker so they'll be looking to settle a little unfinished business and we wish them the best!

See You Out There!

Judd Chamberlain

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Waterfront Director's Report

June was a busy month on the water at MYC.

Sailing Camp is in full swing, and the weather has been great for the kids learning to sail! In the month of June, we put 80 kids through the camp. All of the campers are having a blast and learning the basics. It is such a joy to watch kids who are a little apprehensive at first but by the end of the week they love it. This is our club's future. The success so far can be attributed to the hard work of our fully homegrown group of volunteers and instructors. If you see these kids around the club, please let them know how much we appreciate them! The instructors are Marc Leyk, March Tremayne, Chloe Parker, Alexander Bridges, Anne Margaret Bridges. The volunteers are Noah Gautier, Mayer Briskman, Walt Hamil, Henry Murphy, Warner Sheppard, Hunter Miller, and Joshua Deupree. Many Thanks!

Starting in July, we will have Viper Regattas every weekend so after camp many of these young sailors will be back on the water practicing. We will keep you posted as to their progress.

See you on the water!

Josh Deupree

Waterfront Director, MYC

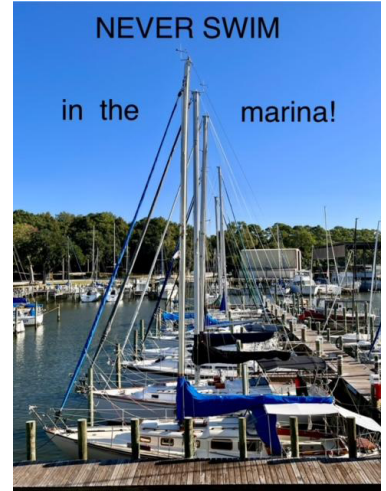
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It's important to avoid swimming in marinas or other areas where boats are connected to shore power. Stray electrical currents in the water can pose a serious risk of electric shock.

Semper Paratus!

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THE GREAT CIRCLE RACE JUNE 15TH

