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Mobile Yacht Club

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Commodore's Report

Fellow Mobile Yacht Club Members,

I'd like to thank the membership for their trust and confidence in assuming the role of Commodore. This is a tremendous honor, I am humbled and looking forward to the year ahead. I'd also like to thank Brian Barnett for not just his recent work as Commodore, but for the many years of solid service he has given to the club and membership.

The Nominating Committee led by past Commodore Casey Golemon did an outstanding job in finding a very deep and talented board that represents a lot of facets of our club. From one design to big boat sailing, to general membership and our youth sailing programs, I believe we have the keys in place for another outstanding year and together with some plans that we will unveil in the coming future, we will have a remarkable year.

The 2022-2023 board is as follows:

Flag Officers and Board of Governors:

John O'Brien	Commodore
Maureen Ollinger Lowe	Vice Commodore
Jud Chamberlain	Rear Commodore
Curtis Polk	Treasurer
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In the coming weeks I will be announcing the appointment by Commodore positions as outlined in our Bylaws.

Again, this is a strong board and with good planning and execution, we should not only address some issues that need attention, but we work on getting them done.

Thank you and see you at the club and on the water!

John O'Brien
Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

I would like to thank all the members for allowing me to be your Vice Commodore for the next year. I am honored to continue to follow in my father's (Ellis Ollinger) footsteps by being involved in the club's activities by working hard to make this club enjoyable for every member.

We hired a new chef in October, Steve Griffin. He has over 30 years of experience and started his career working with Alec Naman. Steve is from Mobile and attended Murphy High School. Alec is helping Steve make a smooth transition in the kitchen. Abel Anaya-Lucca left the club due to personal and health reasons and we wish him much success in his future endeavors.

Also, it is time to start booking for holiday parties. Call the club to make your reservations.

I look forward to working with John, Judd and the rest of the board to make this year a great time to be a member of the MYC.

See you at the club,

Maureen Lowe
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

It is certainly an honor, privilege and thrill to be installed as the Rear Commodore of the Mobile Yacht Club. For those that don't know me, I am a proud alumni and former instructor of the Mobile Bay Sailing School, graduate of and past sailing team captain at Spring Hill College and have since proudly represented the Mobile Yacht Club at hundreds of GYA, regional, national and international regattas over the last 40 years. It has been amazing and somewhat humbling to see the dynamic growth that MYC has experienced of late. The unique opportunities and challenges that present themselves now are the likes of which our club has never seen. As part of your leadership team, I hope to help steer the Mobile Yacht Club in a way that we can take advantage of those opportunities and continue to be a responsible haven for sailing, racing and all matter of boating that we can all be proud of. I've never been more excited about the future of MYC and I am committed to making that future as bright as possible.

For the last two years, I've had the pleasure of serving as the GYA Capdevielle Coordinator & MYC Team Captain. We will soon be announcing a plan to hand the reins of that position over once this year's schedule has played out. MYC currently sits in fourth place in the 2022 standings with two important championship events remaining on the schedule this month. Our team is growing, our performance is improving, and I look forward to racing and still being heavily involved with the team into next year.

Lastly for now, our 2022 Mobile Yacht Club Charity Regatta was held in pristine conditions over the weekend of October 21-23. The Friday night gala, Saturday's Junior Racing as well as Sunday's race and lawn party were all well attended and seemingly enjoyed by all. As a first time Chairman of the event, I was blown away at the outpouring of both donations as well as the time that our members selflessly contribute year after year. We feel it was a resounding success and while there is still some accounting to be done, we are proud to say that our final figure will be in excess of \$20,000 raised for the USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital. As Rear Commodore, I hope to continue to grow this as well as our other racing events including the 2023 Dauphin Island Race over the next year and will be looking to you for support and assistance in shaping and realizing those dreams too.

Thank you all again and here's to a great 176th year for the Mobile Yacht Club!

Judd Chamberlain
Rear Commodore



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

SCAN 360°

Think distracted driving only applies to cars? Is it easier to avoid distractions while piloting a boat compared to a car? No, it's probably harder. There are no white lines to follow, other vessels approach from all directions at all speeds, sea conditions get lumpy, channels narrow, harbors turn crowded, calls come in on the VHF or cell, fish strike trolling lines, and people move around the boat. The list of on-the-water attention diverters goes on and on.

Experienced skippers have learned to pay attention around their boats while underway, but how can new boaters get that experience as safely as possible? And is it possible for experienced skippers to sharpen their situational awareness? Absolutely!

It's all common sense, isn't it? Sure, but can it be scientifically proven to help? According to the 2021 Recreational Boating Statistics, "Operator Inattention" was the number one contributing factor to boating accidents. A simple acronym called **SCAN** is a great help for keeping a proper lookout.

Search the area all around your craft. This is a **360-degree examination** of everything on the water around your boat. Distances away will close or open depending on your speed or the speed of the observed boat or object. The faster you are operating, the farther out you will need to search.

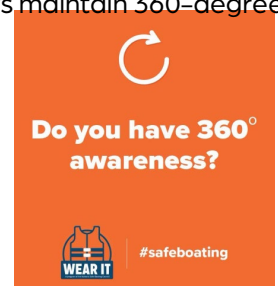
Concentrate on what you are seeing with your eyes and on your electronics. Is it a boat? What type? What is it doing? What is its relative speed? Is it a stationary object? Drifting or anchored? These are questions you must consider while you look at the various observed boats or objects.

Analyze what you are watching. Is it closing in on your position or going away from you? Remember, if the object you are observing is at a constant bearing with decreasing range (you are getting closer to it and its relative position to you is not changing), it is on a collision course.

Negotiate What are you going to do? Slow down, turn away from the boat or object, and head in a different direction? Remember the Navigation Rules. (<https://uscgboating.org/regulations/navigation-rules.php>) Know the proper action to take while meeting head-on, crossing or overtaking another boat. Make your adjustments obvious. It is crucial to always maintain 360-degree awareness while boating.

Semper Paratus!

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Bay Gables

The committee was very busy again in October helping decorate for the Commodore's Ball/1847 Gala on October 8th. The club never looked so good and it was a great time. All the Charity Regatta events on the weekend of October 21st-23rd ran smoothly thanks to the many members of the committee who spent hours getting ready for the auction, drawdown, Junior Sailing races and the Lawn Party on Sunday the 23rd. We made over \$20,000 for the USA Health Children's and Women's Hospital to expand their Pediatric Emergency Department.

The Trunk or Treat was cut short on October 29th due to the weather and the many tornadoes that were spotted in Mobile and Baldwin Counties. The kids still had a great time dressing up in their costumes and collecting candy.

The Bingo on October 30th was another success. We have some serious bingo players in the club. The next Bingo will be Sunday, November 20th with cards being sold starting at 3pm and games start at 3:30pm. Each card is \$5, only cash accepted and no bingo dabber needed. Reservations are highly recommended.

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Waterfront Director/Harbor Report

For those of you who missed the Annual Membership Meeting, we had several things come up that I would like to share with you.

The club has been gifted a really nice Sterling Silver Platter from the family of Banc Marshall to be a perpetual trophy that will be kept in the trophy case at the club. This trophy will be awarded to the Junior Sailor of the Year. The Deed of Gift states the it should be awarded to the junior sailor who represents MYC the best through their behavior on and off the water, as well as their race results and efforts to promote the sport of sailing. This year it was awarded to Marc Leyk. Marc has been a great help with our program this past year. He got his US Sailing Instructor certification and was one of our instructors for our Sailing School over the summer as well as a big help with our junior sailing practices.

We have two more Capdevielle events in November, after which we will start our Fall/Winter Junior Sailing Program. We have decided to do our recruiting from the Sailing School in the spring this year in hopes of more favorable weather for the new sailors.

In the Harbor

If you see anything in the harbor that needs to be addressed, please send me an email and I will get it taken care of as soon as possible. sailingschool@mobileyachtclub.com

Josh Deupree
Waterfront Director

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Nov 8** - Election Day
- Nov 11** - Veterans Day
- Nov 12-13** - Sugar Bowl Race of Champions - **Southern Yacht Club**
- Nov 13** - MYC Chili Cook-off
2pm-5pm
- Nov 19-20** - Lipton Challenge
Bay Waveland Yach Club
- Nov 20** - Bingo Card sales **3pm**
Bingo Begins at **3:30pm**
- Nov 24** - Thanksgiving Day
Club Closed
- Nov 29** - MYC Board Meeting
6:30pm