

Scuttlebutt



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Charter Member Gulf Yachting Association

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Commodore's Report

Fellow Members,

I hope everyone is getting their boats cleaned and sail inventory checked out as the first harbinger of the sailing season is near upon us and that is daylight savings time and Thursday Night Fun Races. While it may take a few tacks and jibes to shake out the cobwebs, I'm sure we'll all be in the swing of things soon enough. In that vein, the first club regatta of the year was the Winter Series and despite poor showings in recent years, we had four boats participate with some great racing. I know Rear Commodore Judd Chamberlain worked hard to put together a good two-day event and the race and other events during the weekend was enjoyed by the sailors.

As you can see by our social media accounts, our juniors have been out and sailing already. Besides our strong high school sailing programs, I'm really pleased to see our Opti team putting in the work and I look forward to seeing them participate in regattas especially at this early stage. It adds to the culture of sailing that we have been working hard to continue to instill here at Mobile Yacht Club. Thanks to Josh Deupree and our Junior Captain Marc Leyk for their efforts and leadership in all of our sailing efforts.

Chef Nate and our kitchen continue to spin the magic and give us terrific fare for our membership. I think everyone that attended the Valentine's Day event can attest that. The service went hand in hand with the food so thank you to the entire team for a memorable day. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Christina Hickman for her work as she made sure that everything went as planned and personally checked the tables make sure the membership who were in the second seating got the same presentation as the first. We are truly lucky to have her serve as our Entertainment Chair.

In closing, we are gearing up Easter and we will roll right into spring and soon enough, the summer months will be here. This is a very busy time for our house committee and I know that Vice Commodore Maureen Lowe will be on top of her game and that means making sure I stay on top of mine and that's no easy chore but I'm glad she's here. She is a valued member of our team.

So happy Easter and to those are fortunate enough to have some linkage to Hibernia, "Erin go bragh"

See you all on the water and at the club!

John O'Brien
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Vice Commodore's Report

Our next big event for the club is the Annual Ellis Ollinger Easter Egg Hunt. The brunch will start at 11am and the Easter Bunny arrives at 2pm followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be divided into appropriate age groups so all the kids can enjoy hunting for eggs. I recommend reservations for brunch.

We have started having Saturday brunch on the first Saturday of each month. Our next Saturday brunch is April 6th from 11am-2pm. The regular lunch menu will also be available during this time.

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, April 21st with cards being sold starting at 3pm and bingo starting at 3:30pm

If you would like to plan a private party at the club, let me, Nicol or Chef Nate know and we can help you plan a wonderful event. We require at least a 2 week notice for all private parties.

The projects for this month include painting the deck rocking chairs and painting the bathroom vanities in both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms.

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

Happy Easter,

Maureen Lowe
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Mobile Bay Sailing School 2024 Vacancy List

The MBSS has only the following vacancies for this Summer:

Nine spots in Session 5 - June 24th -28th

Four spots for Full Day Optimist Dinghy - June 24th - 28th

Twelve spots in Session 7 for Grades 9th to 12th - July 15th - 19th

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 14th

First Thursday Night
Fun Race and Awards
Ceremony for 2023 Races

March 16th - 17th

Mardi Gras Regatta at
New Orleans Yacht Club

March 16th

Cruiser's Sock Burning on
Dauphin Island at Sunset

March 19th

Board Meeting at 6:30pm

March 23rd - 24th

Optimist Gulf Coast
Championship at Gulfport
Yacht Club

March 24th

Ellis Ollinger Easter Egg Hunt
Brunch from 11am-3pm and
Easter Bunny Arrival and Egg
Hunt at 2pm

March 31st

Club is Closed for Easter

NEW MEMBERS

- **Jacqueline Higdon**
- **Jerrime Kitsos**
- **David Lampley**
- **Steve Mask**

Rear Commodore's Report

The 2024 MYC racing season opened the weekend March 9-10 with our affectionately known "End of Winter" Series. We were able to race two races on both days. I will post the results in next month's article.

The first Thursday Night Fun Race of 2024 is also upon us and will be March 14th. We will continue to use the ORA handicapping system and encourage anyone interested to try the option of flying a spinnaker (with the appropriate rating of course). Rumer has it that it certainly has its advantages on the right night!

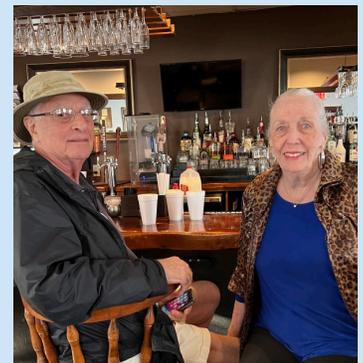
The MYC Race Team will begin the effort to defend our first ever Capdevielle championship when New Orleans YC hosts the Mardi Gras Regatta March 16-17. We certainly want to wish them the best of luck and a great season to follow!

As we gear up for an exciting season of sailing ahead, we're on the lookout for dedicated volunteers to join our esteemed Race Committee for the upcoming events. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, make a difference and play an integral role in ensuring the success of our racing events. The Race Committee is the backbone of any sailing race, responsible for a myriad of tasks essential to the smooth execution of each event. From setting courses and managing race starts to recording finish times and ensuring fair play, there's no shortage of important responsibilities to tackle. But fear not - no prior experience is necessary! We welcome sailors of all skill levels, from seasoned veterans to newcomers eager to learn the ropes.

Volunteering with the Race Committee is not only a great way to give back to the sailing community, but it's also a fantastic opportunity to deepen your understanding of racing dynamics, gain valuable experience, and forge lasting connections with fellow sailors. Plus, it's a front-row seat to all the action - what's not to love? So, if you're passionate about sailing, enthusiastic about lending a helping hand, and eager to be part of something truly special, we want you on our team!

Judd Chamberlain
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BINGO ON FEBRUARY 25TH



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

2024 Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)

Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard / Auxiliary Decal that informs:

- Coast Guard / Auxiliary
- Harbor Patrol
- Sheriff's & Police
- other boating law-enforcement & safety agency's

that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for that year. Best of all every VSC is 100% Free of charge!



What if I Don't Pass?

If your boat does not pass, no citation is issued at that time. Instead, you are provided a written report in how to correct any discrepancies.

Find an Examiner

Are you ready to get started on your path to safer boating? Simply type in "vessel safety check" in your search field on your phone or computer and click the USCGAUX link and then click at the bottom to get started. We will locate the closest volunteer vessel examiners within 30 miles of your location and request that they contact you and set up your VSC for your boat. Or give me a call.

Semper Paratus!

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