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Commodore's Report

Fellow Members,

I hope everyone had a great Easter Holiday and that those of you with little ones were able to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt here at Mobile Yacht Club. Once again, our Entertainment Chair Christina Hickman and Vice Commodore Maureen Lowe did a typically outstanding job in getting the club ready. Special thanks to Maureen for making sure the Easter Bunny made his appearance. Some say she has connections with both the bunny and even Santa. She does indeed have friends in high places and the membership is glad for it!

The weather has been great for our Thursday Night Fun Races and turnout has been increasing. I had the pleasure of sailing with club members recently and the weather couldn't have been better. I hope that many of you are planning to sail in the 2024 Dauphin Island Race hosted this year by our neighbors at Buccaneer Yacht Club. The date will be as always, the last full weekend in April (April 26-28). Besides hosting the race, they promise a great after party sponsored by Michelob Ultra with thanks to Budweiser and our member Kyle Oliver for his continuing support of sailing on the Bay. Let's turn out and support the Bucs to help them have a successful 2024 DI Race.

Of course, it wouldn't be April without crawfish here at Mobile Yacht Club and I hope that all of you will be able to join us for the Commodore's Crawfish Boil on April 20. I know we had a great time last year and hopefully the Commodore can once again replicate his tried-and-true recipe. For those not inclined towards the bugs, we will have other great food offerings from Chef Nate and his merry band of kitchen mates. I know we will "pass a good time".

The Capdevielle season has already kicked off and Rear Commodore Judd Chamberlain has already one sail under his belt in this new season with a solid 4th place showing. I know how much excitement was generated last year in our pursuit of the Capdevielle Cup and this year should prove to be no different. Best of luck to our team this year and to our Juniors who will be pushing to capture the elusive Junior Lipton Championship. Stay tuned!

Sadly, we lost a treasured member of our club, Mr. Bo Palmer. To all of us that knew him we lost one of those folks that you were just happy to see when he showed up. He was a former Commodore of Jackson Yacht Club and his son-in-law, Richard Carpenter, is a former MYC Commodore. His daughter, Amy, is an accomplished sailor as well as Bo's grandson Reed Carpenter. We will miss Bo on our Thursday night "America's Cup" races as he so affectionately referred to it as. Godspeed Bo.

As usual, I hope to see you all at the club and on the water!

John O'Brien
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Vice Commodore's Report

We are working on updating our menu with new items and it should be ready for the dining room in the next two weeks. Chef Nate has some new items for the members to try that will be delicious.

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.

We have completed painting the deck rocking chairs and painting the bathroom vanities in both the upstairs and downstairs bathrooms. The new paint looks great. We are working on railings for the handicap ramp for the downstairs bathrooms and a covered awning from the portico to the elevator.

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,

Maureen Lowe
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NEW MEMBERS

- **Andrew Bernard**
- **Jack Cunningham, III**
- **John Cutts**
- **Christopher Esfeller, Jr.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 6th

Brunch from 11am-2pm with
Wooden Nickel Duo playing music

April 6th

Party to celebrate the Capdevielle Team
winning the Series for 2023 from 4pm-7pm

April 13th

Annual MYC Golf Tournament
more information to follow

April 20th

Commodore Crawfish Party
more information to follow

April 21st

Entertainment Meeting at 1pm

Bingo - cards sold at 3pm
and Bingo starts at 3:30pm,
cash only and no daubers needed,
Reservations encouraged

April 25th-27th

Dauphin Island Race sponsored by Buccaneer
Yacht Club

Rear Commodore's Report

Congratulations to Prince Turner, Justin Ross and crew aboard Starfire for winning the 2024 MYC Winter Series! After two windward-leeward style races on Saturday March 9, Starfire was locked in a three-way tie for first with Eddie Howard's Kai and Jennifer Stanley steering FNG. Sunday's single fixed-mark race would ultimately determine victory for Prince and crew, taking line honors as well as the overall victory. Special thanks to Past Commodore Casey Golemon & Fred Walch for the use of their boats for the Race Committee as well as Jerry Champion, Annette Patterson and Rhonda Brunt for helping out! Even with Saturday's breezy conditions starting out, two great days on the water were enjoyed by all.

The Capdevielle racing season also kicked off in March at the Mardi Gras Regatta hosted by New Orleans Yacht Club. MYC sent a small team consisting of Marc Leyk, Haley Chamberlain and yours truly and finished 4th out of 7 teams in the event that was shortened to three races in one day due to threatening weather predicted (and correctly so I might add) for Sunday.

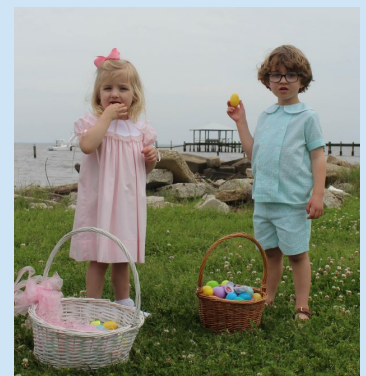
Sailing and Racing season continues to build in April with our neighbor Buccaneer YC hosting the [former Olympic] Finn Class Gulf Coast Championships. This is sure to be a fun event to spectate from the water as the Finn is a physically demanding single-handed boat and has resurged as of late as a class packed with excellent sailors.

Fairhope YC will host their Dogwood Regatta April 20-21, 2024 and Buccaneer YC will be hosting this year's Dauphin Island Race on April 27, 2024. We hope and encourage all members, sailors and racers to support and enjoy their efforts to host a great event starting with the Skipper's Meeting on Friday night, Race on Saturday and Awards on Sunday!











See You on the Racecourse!

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EASTER EGG HUNT ON MARCH 24TH



Vessel Safety Gear Checklist

<p>Life Jackets (USCG approved, fit properly, and are being worn)</p>	 <input data-bbox="1286 577 1377 667" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Fire Extinguisher</p>	  <input data-bbox="1286 787 1377 877" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Sound Producing Device</p>	  <input data-bbox="1286 997 1377 1087" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Navigation Lights</p>	   <input data-bbox="1286 1207 1377 1297" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Visual Distress Signal</p>	  <input data-bbox="1286 1417 1377 1507" type="checkbox"/>



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