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Commodore's Report

The 2014 Annual Membership Meeting is now behind us. The Officers and Board Members appreciate the confidence you have in us to keep us in office for another term. Casey Golemon has elected not to return to the Board this year, but we appreciate the time and contribution he has given the Board during his term. The Nominating Committee replaced Casey with Mike Reid. We look forward to Mike's participation.

The Annual Meeting attracts only a small percentage of the membership, yet we had enough for a quorum in order to vote on an amendment to the By-laws. The amendment was to increase the number of House Members from 120 to 150. We had reached the limit set in the By-laws for House Members, but have folks waiting. The amendment passed unanimously, even after being amended itself at the meeting to allow up to 175 House Members. The Board favored this amendment as we see this trend in membership growth becoming more and more important to us.

The best part of the meeting was being able to talk so favorably about all of the improvements we have seen in the Bar and Galley since the hire of our new Manager, Suzannah Weeks last March. New events, lunch and dinner specials, service improvements and a welcoming attitude have brought many members back to the Club and is improving participation.

The Clubhouse and grounds are being well maintained, yet improvements remain on waiting lists. Harbor is in good shape and with help from the expanded Harbor Committee, the facilities are steadily being monitored and repairs made. There remains at least a 25% vacancy in the Harbor, as it has for the past few years. The lack of that revenue continues to create a shortfall in the annual operating budget. The Finance Committee is looking into ways to generate revenue and decrease expenses.

Sailing at the Club and participation in regional sailing events remain on the rise with very respectable results. Cold weather is going to slow down our outings on the water, but the fireplace in the clubhouse is warm and the food is good.

Keep in mind your Club when it comes to scheduling business and family parties, particularly during this Christmas season. Many good dates remain available. Schedule early to obtain the date you want. Look for the flyer in your invoice for our contribution to the Staff Bonus program. The money you donate will be distributed to the Staff at the Christmas Party.

On behalf of the Board for the upcoming year, we look forward to another successful and growing year at the Club and appreciate your participation and support.

See you at the Club and on the water,
Steve Zito, Commodore



Vice Commodore's Report

This has been a busy year for the House, primarily the Bar & Galley. We have seen infrastructure and Staff changes, and have added amenities like poolside service and deck service, which have been well received by the membership. Our Manager has scheduled several special events at MYC that have been highly successful.

The majority of our infrastructure improvements have been associated with our information technology systems, including hardware and software. We were forced to do this due to increasing bandwidth requirements and obsolete systems running on platforms that are no longer supported (e.g., Windows XP).

The first major initiative was installation of the new Point-of-Sale system. This system reduces food and drink delivery times and enhances order and billing accuracy. Additionally, components of the new system permit closer tracking of food and liquor inventories. Although we did initially experience a few issues, the system is now fully implemented and we are recognizing the benefits thereof.

We have also installed a new network server, new PCs for the office and a new credit card processing system. This work was accomplished primarily by three individuals; Board members Josh Murray and Randy Wendt and our "Formadore" Semih Kangal. These individuals have donated countless hours of installation, de-

bugging and system optimization work. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their service to our yacht club.

We are in the final stages of development of our new Mobile Yacht Club website. The new website is loaded with features and details that were not available on our existing website. We hope to have the new site in operation within the next month.

Please note that our House Rules state that outside beverages are not to be brought into the Club. We have had a couple of occasions recently where entire groups have come

into the Bar & Galley with full beverages. We must ask that beverages consumed in the B&G are purchased at the Club. I appreciate your cooperation.

I would also like to ask that you strongly consider donating to the MYC Staff Christmas Bonus fund. These folks have been doing a great job for us and the Christmas Bonus they receive helps to offset the income loss they incur each year when the Club is closed for two weeks around the holidays.

Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing,
Brad Broadus
Vice Commodore

BAY GALES NEWS

NBBTR was a great success! The Silent Auction had wonderful items and opportunities for travel and leisure activities! Congratulations to ALL winners, especially to Ann Stein, who chaired the Silent Auction and was the first winner of the new perpetual trophy for the person who brings in the most money for the American Diabetes Association, the beneficiary of the event.

- Celebration and Annual Meeting at MYC Thurs., Nov. 6, 2014
at 6 pm.
- Christmas Party at MYC Date & time to be determined
- Decorate MYC Christmas Tree Sun., Nov. 30, 2014
at 2 pm.
- December Luncheon Meeting Fri., Dec. 5, 2014
at 12:30 pm.

And that brings us to the end of the year! Hope to see you soon!

Mary Jane Cobb, President
(251-454-9904)



Rear Commodore's Report

Thank you for the honor of being your Rear Commodore last year. I hope I have served you well.

This was possible only with much help with registration, scoring, on the water race committee, protest committee, boats and handlers, trophies, the manager and staff, and of course the special Calcutta committee for the Norton Brooker Broken Triangle Regatta.

The regattas throughout the year were well run. We tried to make the Summer Regatta more entertaining for the kids to keep them at MYC. We also reached out to both Fairhope Yacht Club and Buccaneers in an effort to eliminate some of the interclub competi-

tion and get the clubs working together to promote sailing by sharing Facebook resources. In addition, we created a new perpetual trophy for the Broken Triangle Regatta to honor the person who does the most to raise funds. And we raised over \$12,000 for the American Diabetes Association.

The overall winners for the Norton Brooker Broken Triangle Regatta were: Spinnaker class, Lee Creekmore in Scoundrel, Non-Spinnaker class, Ken Loftin in South of 10, and the winner of the fund raising trophy was Ann Stein.

Mike LaSarge

Manager's Notes

It's Still HERE! We are into the final few weeks now of football season. The final four play-off changes every week. Make plans to watch all the games at the Mobile Yacht Club

We have the SEC Network, join us every Saturday this fall! Club opens at 11:30am

We have been offering some amazing lunch and dinner specials, make sure you follow us on Facebook for daily updates.

Thank you to Bill Haffner for hosting an event at MYC this past month. Keep the Mobile Yacht Club in mind when hosting your next event. Plan your holiday party now! December is just around the corner.

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed our Napa Cellars wine dinner this month, stay tuned for more upcoming special events.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 14th – Fairhope Brewing Company beer tasting. FBC will be coming over to sample some of their craft brews; we'll have giveaways and a chance to speak with the Brew master.

Welcome New Members: Dr. Richard Esham (House) Timothy Claiborne (House), Michael P. Cambre (House), Edith Collins (Non Resident)

See you in the Galley!
Suzannah Weeks
General Manager

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Nov. 2nd – Chicken jambalaya, pork tenderloin, mixed veggies, potatoes au gratin

Nov. 9th – Chicken Marsala, pasta, steamed broccoli, sautéed carrots with mushrooms

Nov. 16th – Fried catfish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, baked beans

Nov. 23rd – Thanksgiving buffet; turkey & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, sweet potato casserole

Nov. 30th – Fried chicken, mac and cheese, fried okra, biscuits

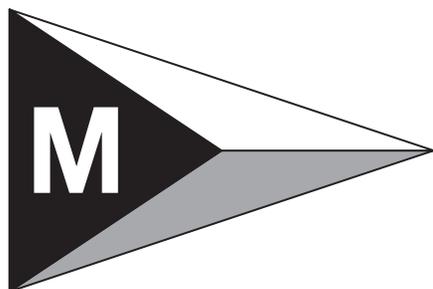
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