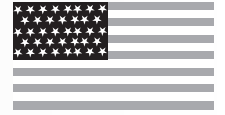


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Commodore's Report

We certainly hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and your New Year has started well. The Annual Egg Nog Party held on December 21st was another great success and well attended. Mr. Ollinger served the Egg Nog in tradition and we were blessed again by the attendance of Mrs. George Criminale, the wife of the late Past Commodore George Criminale in whose honor our Christmas Egg Nog Party is named.

Santa showed up by fire truck. He pleased many youngsters with gifts and lent an ear to those brave enough to discuss their further Christmas wishes with him. There was also a jolly lady elf who seemed to know everyone and helped Santa pass out so many of his gifts. She looked a little familiar. The Staff enjoyed Christmas and New Year's off, but we will reopen January 8th.

Many Members had family and business Christmas parties at the Club this year, including me. I know for a fact our meal could not have been any better if we had it at Ruth's Chris. Suzannah, the servers and the chefs did it up well for us. They presented the freshest grilled red snapper and most tender filets you could find anywhere. I even had a side of the chicken piccata to go with my filet. Parties are already planned in January, so be sure to look here first for your special event. Much appreciation is due our Manager, her Staff, Vice Commodore Brad Broadus, the House Committee and your Board for all their efforts in making the Club such a great place to spend your time this past year. Food, beverage and activities were good and plentiful.

By the time you receive your copy of the Scuttlebutt, college bowl games will likely all be over except the NCAA Championship Game. Hopefully Alabama will recapture the SEC dominance of this Championship, otherwise we'll have plenty of disappointed folks to contend with. Those of us who are Saints fans have little or nothing to cheer about as the NFL moves into selecting its champions without them. Football wraps up soon and we're left with just the coldest part of the winter. But then there's Mardi Gras.

The good news is the thaw will come and our boats will again begin to emerge from the harbor. The nicer days of winter are great to work on the

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boats and begin tuning them up for the Winter Series. Rear Commodore Mike LaSarge will be letting you know soon about the upcoming racing schedule, after the GYA winter meeting in January. Not unlike the late fall, the late winter can have some really great days to get out on the water. Hope we get some.

As I write this article a few days before Christmas, I recall recently hearing John Lennon's "Happy Christmas" on the radio. Though he was not truly religious in nature, his words give us something we can reflect on in many ways, personally, professionally and in our other interests. "Another year over and a new one just begun". That's about how our Club lives. We have completed another year, like we have since 1847 and a new one has just begun. Our structures and locations have changed. We gain new Members and some leave us. We select new ones to run the business of the Club from time to time, but look around. On the wall are photos of people, some we never knew, but had the same interests as us, just in another time. Our MYC has been here a long while and will still be here for a while. It is us, the Members, who are MYC. We each get to contribute to it, enjoy its presence and hopefully we leave it even better for those who will follow us.

Hope you have a wonderful New Year. See you at the Club and on the water,
Steve Zito, Commodore

BAY GALES NEWS

New Officers elected at our Annual Meeting in November:

- Valerie Creekmore.....President
- Becky Dakovich.....Vice President
- Mary Jane Cobb.....Secretary
- Regina Ollinger.....Treasurer

Rear Commodore's Report

First of all, we will be finalizing the 2015 schedule this month, but the schedule will be basically the same as last year with minor date changes.

Secondly, we are planning to have a work party to re-nail the deck boards on the pier in the next couple of weeks. If you can help, give me a call at 421-3089. I may be calling on several people to help, so don't be too surprised to get a call. If someone has a small to mid-sized gas compressor we can move out onto the pier it would be extremely helpful. Also framing guns and a couple more air lines.

Mike LaSarge

Mike LaSarge
Rear Commodore



Manager's Notes

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a safe and wonderful holiday and new year.

2015 is sure to be an outstanding year at the Mobile Yacht Club; I and the staff look forward to seeing everyone down at the club this year for lunch and dinner.

As members, you are the integral part of this club – so please join us for one of the many events we will have planned. Last year brought many 'firsts' to the club and we hope to have many more but need everyone's support!

December was a busy month at the Club! I'd like to thank the following members for hosting events this past month: Mrs. Margie Van Antwerp, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Lasecki, Mr. Richard Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Claiborne, Commodore and Mrs. Steve Zito and Mr. Joel Hoffman and Josh Edwards. Everyone had a wonderful time! Please keep the Mobile Yacht Club in mind when you are planning future events and parties.

These past few months we have added some new activities for Thursday nights! Trivia night and Bingo were a huge hit, look for more nights like this; please join us for the fun, we need your support to continue more club activities.

If you have not been to Sunday lunch in a while, please come check out our new omelet station. Every Sunday we have staff preparing fresh made to order omelets!

Welcome New Members: William T. White, III (House), Frederick Langworthy, Jr. (House), Timothy James Kirkman (Non-resident).

January 16th – Private party dinner (Club will be open)

The Bar and Galley will be closed December 22nd – January 8th. We will re-open for lunch on Thursday, January 8, 2015. Have a safe and happy holiday to everyone!

See you in the Galley!
Suzannah Weeks
General Manager

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

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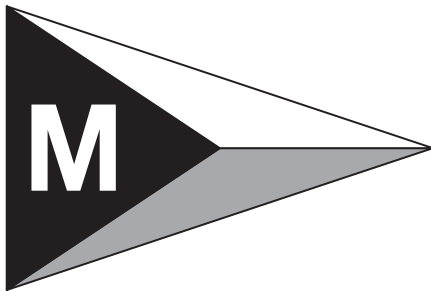
January 11th Fried catfish, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw

January 18th baked chicken, wild rice, sautéed carrots with mushrooms, green beans

January 25th chicken and dumplings, steamed broccoli, fried okra, bacon and cheese grits



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