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The Mainsheet

From the Commodore

January was certainly busy with the GYA Winter Meeting, Chili Bowl Race Series, a historic southern winter storm with beautiful white snow for a couple of days and the Junior Commodore's Ball. Finishing out the month with good times and a great turnout for the Chili Bowl Cookoff. Thank you to all the staff, Bridge, Board, committees, and volunteers that make all these events possible.
February will bring in a Valentine's Dinner and Dance that will please the palate and get your dance feet moving with the Doc Rogers Band - RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. There will be a monthly porch social, and Mardi Gras will be getting into full swing as well, so stay tuned for more to come.
Dave is currently putting the final changes on the spring menu that everyone will surely enjoy!!
See you soon,

John Adams
Commodore

ATTENTION MEMEBERS – please note that we are requesting reservations for the dining room to provide you with the best dining experience possible. There are too many times reservations show 30 guests and by the end of service that day, we have served 80-100 guests. Staff scheduling, ticket times and table service are all affected when this occurs. Please help us better serve you by always making a reservation.

Welcoming January to the SOUTH!

We may not see snow very often but we know what to do about it-play! Thanks to the members who checked on the boats in the harbor and the beauty and quiet of new unwalked on snow!

Sailing season has begun and we are in the midst of planning, scheduling, and preparing the clubhouse, the boats, the meetings and the confusion that will last, spring, summer and fall until we dive into the holiday season. We have plenty of room for everyone to join in our fun!

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The Layline ~ *Holly Murray*

The first Winter Series of the Gulf Coast proved to be an exciting event, drawing eight boats from around the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA). Saturday greeted sailors with cold temperatures and a light to moderate breeze on Pensacola Bay, allowing for four practice races to be completed. However, Sunday presented a different challenge as temperatures dropped and a front moved in, bringing gusts of up to 32 MPH. Only one race could be counted towards the Winter Series, but it was a memorable one. Congratulations to Nate Hartwell and Cruz Dabney for their impressive victory!

In addition to the Winter Series racing, both Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC) and Fairhope Yacht Club (FYC) hosted an Opti clinic for advanced sailors. Guest coaches Harrison Menszer from Southern Yacht Club and Joe Comer from FYC led the clinic, which ran from 10 AM to 6 PM over two challenging days. Despite the adverse weather, our sailors—Ty Nichols, Elsie Hollingshead, Heather McNair, Ethan Montgomery, Louis Spry, Cooper Williams, and Jude Walker—showed great determination in improving their skills both on the water and in the classroom.

Lastly, we wish the best of luck to our sailors heading to St. Petersburg, FL, for the St. Valentine's Regatta, a crucial USODA qualifying event for the 2025 Team Trials. I'm thrilled to be coaching this dedicated group: Ty Nichols, Jude Walker, Elsie Hollingshead and Cooper Williams.

Below you will find a schedule of our spring clinic to start March 1. This will be on the website soon for registration.

Advanced and Green Fleet:
Saturdays. 9am-3:00pm Tuesdays. 4pm-6:30pm

March: Saturdays: 1, 8, 15,
* 29/30 Dogwood Regatta
Tuesdays: 11, 18, 25
April: Saturdays: 5, 12, 26
Tuesdays: 8, 15, 29
May: Saturdays: 3,
*10 Children's Cup,
*17 (Last Spring Saturday)
Tuesdays: 5, 12 (Last Spring Tuesday)

Learn to Sail:
Fridays. 4pm – 6:30p
March: Friday 7, 14, 28
April: Friday 4, 11, 25
May: Friday 2, 9, 16

MELGES 15 GULF COAST SERIES
January 18/19 Pensacola Yacht Club - Regatta Network
February 1/2 Fairhope Yacht Club – Regatta Network
March 15/16 Pontchartrain Yacht Club – Club Spot
For club boat reservations contact Holly@fairhopeyachtclub.com

SAILING CAMP

We know everyone will start looking for our camp dates as we plan our summer vacations. Below I have posted the dates, they will be online this month with a place to leave your email for notice of open registration. Member registration will open the end of March, dates will be announced later. Please pay close attention to the dates we are offering camps. They have changed a bit from previous years due to the fact we are hosting the Sunfish Nationals.
SESSION 1: MAY 26 - JUNE 6
SESSION 2: JUNE 16 - JUNE 27
SESSION 3: JULY 7 - JULY 18
SESSION 4: JULY 21-AUGUST 1
Camp Fees: $400 member.
$450 non-member
Bay Buddy Camp is the last week of each session 8am-12pm only
Questions or concerns:
Holly Murray 228-363-0073.
or Holly@fairhopeyachtclub.com

ORANGE BOWL

Heather MacNair and family traveled to Miami over the Christmas break to participate in the 2024 International Orange Bowl Regatta. She sailed alongside 225 other opti sailors on beautiful Biscayne Bay. Heather did a burgee exchange for a Coral Reef Yacht Club 50th anniversary burgee. Way to represent FYC!

FYC Junior Report

February, 2025

From the Junior Commodore

Our Junior Bridge for 2025

From left: Jude Walker (Opti Chair), Emmie Kuhn (Jr Fleet Captain), Cruz Dabney (Jr Commodore), Joe Comer V (Jr Vice Commodore), Axel Jackson (Treasurer)

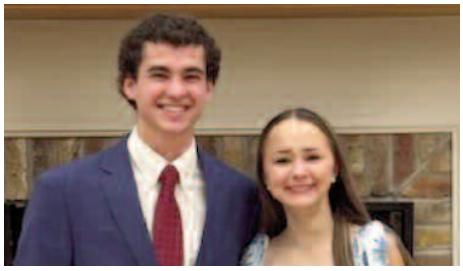
It's already February, during the month of January many exciting things happened within the Jr Yacht Club. The Jr Commodore's Ball was a great time as always. The Melges 15 Winter series was a fun event with a solid fleet. The Melges Event at Fairhope Yacht Club is on February 1-2 and the event at Pontchartrain Yacht Club is on March 15-16. I hope to see all the juniors at the meeting on Wednesday as some exciting news will be announced.

Cruz Dabney
Junior Commodore

Junior Commodore's Ball

The Seniors who are leaving us!

Fairhope High School



Saint Michael High School

Bayside Academy High School

the 2024 Junior LiptonTeam

BayShore Christian High School

Optimist Advanced Team

The Marty Cup Winners (Aidyn James and Lanee Imperato) photoed with Coleman Kennedy 2024 Jr Commodore and Randy Fitzpatrick Wainwright 2024 GYA Commodore

2024 Stuart Adams's "I Love to Sail" Award winner Elsie Hollingshead photoed with Coleman Kennedy 2024 Jr Commodore and Past Commodore Stuart Adams

2024 Boat Cohen Award winner Jude Walker

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February~2025

						1 GYA FYC Melges 15 winter series
2	3	4	5 6:00 JrYC 7:00 General Membership Meetings	6	7 Aux Lunch Meeting 11am	8
9	10	11	12 Membership Committee	13	14 Valentine's Day Dance!	15
16 Stan Foster Trio Porch Social	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Regatta Committee	27	28	

What's Happening at OUR Club!

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

★3RD SUNDAY: PORCH SOCIAL outside when the weather permits!
★TUESDAY: POT LUCK returns in March!
★1ST WEDNESDAY: JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 6pm in the Boat Barn.
★1ST WEDNESDAY: MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7pm in the Ballroom.
★2ND WEDNESDAY: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: By invitation, meeting, 6:30pm
★LAST WEDNESDAY: REGATTA COMMITTEE: Meeting, 6:30pm in the Jubilee Room, anyone interested is welcome!
★1ST FRIDAY: FYC AUXILIARY: Luncheon at 11:00, meeting follows.
★2ND SATURDAY:VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP: beginning again on March 8,

SPECIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY 14: VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE

Come dine and dance with your true love. A meal has been planed to make your evening start with the best and ends with our own Doc Rogers and the Rock Dodgers Band! Reservations are required!

BOAT AMERICA 2025,
a course on responsible boating

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.

Your local USCG Auxiliary (Flotilla 081-03-06) will be offering this much needed course on safety equipment, boating laws, safe operation and navigation, boating emergencies, trailering and more.

Please email or call Ken McGrew at kenmcgrew@bellsouth.net or 251-583-9445 and reserve your spot for one of the following dates: February 15, March 15, April 12, May 17, June 14, or July 19.

All classes will be held at the Daphne Fire Training Center - 25250 Bailey Yelding Jr. Dr., Daphne.

BOAT AMERICA 2025
. . . a course on responsible boating
Semper Paratus!
Bill Fallin
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March 2025

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2	3	4 Mardi Gras	5 6:00 JrYC 7:00 General Membership Meetings	6	7 Aux Lunch Meeting 11am	8 Volunteer Clean-up10am
9	10	11	12 Membership Committee	13	14	15 GYA Melges 15 winter series PontYC
16 Porch Social	17	18	19	20	21	22 FYC Wet n Cool Jr Regatta
23 Wet n Cool Jr Regatta 30 Dogwood Regatta	24 31	25	26 Regatta Committee	27	28	29 FYC Dogwood Regatta

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★ Safety Pins — to hold bandages or slings in place
★ Tweezers — to remove splinters or small foreign bodies in the skin
★ Syringe (without needle) — to flush dirt from a wound
★ Saline Solution (or bottled water)— to flush wounds prior to applying bandages
★ Fabric Tape — to secure bandages
★ Elastic Bandages/ ace wraps
★ Triangular Bandage — to support and immobilize a damaged arm or shoulder
★ Large Adhesive Pads — to cover large wounds
★ Instant Cold Pack
★ Foil Space Blanket — reduces shock by retaining body heat
★ Disposable Gloves — to wear during contact with bodily fluids
★ Sterile Absorbent Pads — to cover wounds and abrasions
★ Rolled Gauze — to cover wounds
★ Adhesive Bandages — keep a selection from small to large.
Burn Cream — treats sunburn or galley burns
★ Individually Wrapped Common Medications — for treating stings, heartburn, seasickness, diarrhea, and so on: aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, dramamine, Benadryl, Pepcid, Imodium, antibiotic ointment, electrolyte drink mix packets, etc
★ Alcohol Wipes — to clean scissors and tweezers before/after use, or to gently clean a wound
★ Cotton Swabs
★ Sam Splint — to immobilize a suspected fractured limb
★ Vinegar for jellyfish stings
★ Eye Wash/bottled water— for flushing chemicals, fuel, dirt, and grit out of the eye. can offer relief in cases of severe pollen allergies
★ Storage Container — keeps everything organized, easily accessible and DRY

Dr. Parag Mahatekar
Fleet Surgeon

FYC Auxiliary's 13th Annual åChili Cook-Off Cooks & Tasters

The ***ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF*** was a huge success on the heals of the historical snow storm that hit the Eastern Shore. Seventeen contestants participated to gain recognition by the panel of judges, prizes were awarded to first through third place. The abundance of attendees voted for peoples choice which was taken by "Queen Bean" aka Ann Carter Cowart, Lawren Reaves, Cameron Allen, Megan Leevent.

Your participation and support to FYC is always appreciated.

In spite of the cold and threat of snow, the juniors sailed!

The FHS VX2 program kicked off on January 26 with the first of three winter practices. After a rare four-day snow streak across the Gulf Coast, the day was beautiful for sailing. Thirteen enthusiastic sailors participated, testing their skills on these fast and fun boats. Our next practice is scheduled for February 9th, focusing on identifying sailors committed to mastering this vessel. As we secure more resources, we plan to open this opportunity to other high schools associated with FYC.

PYC and FYC co-hosted an Advanced Opti Clinic this month! The weekend before the snow storm our juniors sailed in very cold temps in Pensacola Bay. Coach Joe Comer V assisted with this clinic.

Sailors experiencing the joy of sailing cold are Jude Walker, Louis Spry, Ty Nichols, Heather MacNair, Elsie Hollingshead, Ethan Montgomery and Cooper Williams.

FYC Melges Winter at Merritt Island, FL

Holly & Maddy Murray, Lanee Imperato, and Nate Hartwell traveled to the Melges Watersports Center at Merritt Island, FL to participate in the second event of the 2025 Melges 15 Winter Series. Even in Florida, it was chilly and blustery on Saturday, with calmer conditions on Sunday. The fleet was very competitive, and both teams had a great experience. Go FYC!

Chili Bowl Races and Winners!

Ten boats competed in the annual Chili Bowl Regatta Series on January 12 and 26. We had good winds both days, but the last race was the best – with winds out of the SW at 10-15. Bay temperatures were 50 degrees,

so it was CHILI indeed!

Race results can be found at: https://nextsailor.com/regatta/820. Summary below::

Non spinnaker class

1. *Damn Yankee II*, S2 6.9, Rick Byrne
2. *MOJO*, Lindenberg 22, Teri Loftin
3. Tied for third place:
   - *Tigress*, J22, John Buzia
   - *Alouette*, Beneteau 35s5, Eddie Manes
4. *Dances With Wind*, Capri 22, John Helmstedter

Spinnaker class

1. *Electric Oyster*, Lightning, Stuart Adams
2. *Phatty*, J22, Tony Chavers
3. *FNG*, Melges 24, Wes Stanley
4. *Flying Scot #1*, Sam Krivacs
5. *Hermione*, J29, Gabe Tipton

Spring Sailing Series is next!

The Series begins February 2 and continues through the end of May.

Anyone interested in sailing their boat or in crewing, contact Joe Donelan at joe@donelan1.com, or come down the club any Sunday at 12:30 p.m. and look for the sailors under the southwest corner of the clubhouse.

Harbor Report

The 2025 Harbor committee is as follows:

Chair: **Chris Faircloth**
Wet Slips: **Bob Knapp**
Dry Slips: **Steve Delahunty**
Kayak Slips: **Rob Hangen**
Maintenance: **Carl Wegener**
Maintenance: **Coy Moore**

We look forward to working with you in the future and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

If you would like to be removed from this distribution list, let me know.

On January 29th Greg Elmore Construction began work to replace our boat ramp. The work is expected to take a month to complete and once completed the ramp will be an improved longer ramp that will ease in the boat launching process and will accommodate launching larger vessels. If you need any accommodations as the work is being completed please contact the harbor committee. Thanks,

Chris Faircloth
Harbor Chair
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