



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

April 2019

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

From the Commodore & the OSYC Board



Hello there, Members!

Well ... it's April and it's already been time to spring forward. We hope that you have been able to include some of the time in your longer hours of daylight enjoying your Club!

To start, and I hope that I am the first of many people to wave this particular flag, a huge thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Club Work Party. We needed all the help we could get to spruce up and making things nice for the month of April.

Activities at the Club for the month Ocean Springs Ice Breaker Regatta (The event formerly known as Mid-Winters East/North) taking place over the weekend of April 5 - 7, followed by the **1699 Regatta *and* our Club's fiftieth (50th!) anniversary the weekend of April 27, 2019**. Please save that date and prepared to come celebrate that weekend; all of the plans are being finalized shortly.

We had the back steps re-done this past month so it is a lot safer, and the front steps cleaned and painted with a nonskid surface for safety. There have been several people that almost slipped down the stairs recently; we do not want that to happen to anyone.

On a serious note, we recently had two issues with guests that said that they were with members, but the

members weren't there, and both times the guests were not the nicest people in the building. We are going to post the guest policies again; please, and we need your help with this policy which clearly states that the member has to be with the guest, and that all guests have to be checked in and signed in. If the individual is an in town guest, then that person is only allowed to visit the Club with a member two times a month total. The official approved policy per the board is included later in this edition of the newsletter.

Please do not hesitate if there are any questions regarding our guest policy, or any other aspects of the Club, and feel free to discuss it with me or any of our board members. Everyone wants to enjoy their own Club, and you as members deserve that respect.

Thank you very much -

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Neal Olive, 2019 Commodore

2019 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Neal Olive
Vice Commodore - Joe Pocreva
Rear Commodore - Tim Fortney
Fleet Captain - Jay Williams
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From the Vice Commodore, Joe Pocreva



Last month, the voyage of the OSYC left us in the backyard of Dr. Kenny Davidson. Because of storm damage and shallow waters, the OSYC was moved to Point Porteaux in Gulf Hills.

With that move, the Club now was a registered Sunfish Fleet, and hosted their very first regatta in the Regional Sunfish Championships in 1970. According to the memoirs of Bache Whitlock, they began looking for a permanent location and considered a number of options, including the end of Lover's Lane and two prospective sites on East Beach.

Eventually, Harry Rehage leased property to the OSYC inside of the Ocean Springs Harbor. The site was at the end of the northwest branch of the harbor. It was located on La Fontaine Street, just before the left turn as you are leaving the harbor. The original building was washed away, but an addition to the original structure still stands.

A member, Matt Grace, produced modular homes out of Bay St. Louis. He was contracted to build a clubhouse on pilings and delivered the OSYC in two halves. Yes, the original building was to be a 'doublewide'.

Here's where the story really gets interesting though. The newly arrived doublewide was too big for the crane they planned to use, so the final fabrication had to wait a few days. The Club was negotiating with the city on the details of the installation, and found some resistance to their presence by some of the local homeowners. Imagine their surprise when the unfinished building halves 'exploded into flames and was totally destroyed'. Everyone knew it was arson, but no one was ever identified as the culprit.

However, out of the ashes (or from down the coast) rose another doublewide that quickly replaced the original crispy OSYC remnants. Bache described the Club in its new location as 'topsy, partying and racing every weekend'. Drive through the harbor now, and imagine trying to host a crowd every weekend.

Next month we'll describe early life in the harbor.

Until then, Cheers!!

Vice Commodore Joe Pocreva

Tuesdays are Guys Night @ OSYC



**Wings @ 50 cents each
3:00 PM - close!**

"Per the Board"

New OSYC Guest Policy

"Guests may join members up to two times per month, regardless of the member he/she visits with; all guests must be checked in. The only exceptions would be Regattas and [the special] Sunday Brunch. At all times, guest charges will be on a member's account with no exception."



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From the Fleet Captain, Jay Williams
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Greetings from your Fleet Captain!

Sailing season has started! It's exciting to see a growing number of boats on the beach and sailors taking advantage of the warmer days and spring winds.

To kick-off the year OSYC is hosting the Ocean Springs Ice Breaker Regatta on April 5th, 6th, & 7th. This regatta is 3 full days of competitive buoy racing right off the beach. This regatta will be a HCA points event and is open to Hobie one design classes including Waves, H16, H17, H18 and H20s. The attendance for this event is strong every year with national and world class sailors competing.

On the evening of April 4th, we are having a regatta race management seminar from 6-8 pm. Mark Santorelli, a former HCA-NA Race Director, US Sailing Regional Race Officer, and 4-time Hobie 16 National/North American Champion will host the seminar. This is an excellent opportunity to learn what it takes to provide a safe, successful, and fun regatta. Please come join us!

Next up is the annual 1699 Pro-Am Regatta on April 27. This is an excellent opportunity to experience the thrill of catamaran racing. No experience is required and we have able skippers at the ready! This is a fun no-pressure regatta everyone can participate. Please see me if you are interested in joining the fun.

Finally, please see the OSYC website for details on Sailing Education. The 2019 Summer Youth Sailing dates are posted complete with registration information. In addition, youth Adventure camp and Adult Sailing class dates are posted. Sign-up soon as classes are filling up.

Our summer sail camps and Adventure Camps have been set:

Sail Camp (two weeks)

Session 1: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, June 3-14, Mon - Fri
Session 2: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, June 24 - July 5, Mon - Fri ** NO CLASS JULY 4TH**

Adventure Camp dates (1 week)

June 17-21, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
July 8-12, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

We always support and welcome your help and involvement. I welcome you to get involved with the sailing community at OSYC. It's fun, rewarding and a great way to support your club!

2019 Regatta Schedule

April 5 - 7 Ocean Springs Ice Breaker Regatta

April 27 - 28: 1699 Regatta (buoy racing Saturday & distance racing Sunday; Pro-Am boats only this year)

May 25 - 26: Slip to Ship (distance)

July 6 - 7: (Horn) Island Hop (Distance, Buoys)

August 24: Katrina Memorial (buoy racing)

September 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day Sorta-Regatta

September 28 - 29: Formula Wave Deep South Regional Regatta

October 19 - 20: Shearwater (buoy racing)

Jay Williams
Fleet Captain



1699 Regatta, April 27, 2019

Racing right along the beach, in connection with the City of Ocean Springs' 1699 Historical Society's reenactment and celebration of the 1699 landing of Pierre LeMoyne Sieur D'Iberville, his befriending the Biloxi Indians, and the official establishment of Ocean Springs. For 2019 this continues as a Pro-Am only event aimed at getting less experienced sailors on the water for a race. Experienced skippers will take novice crew members along so folks new to the Club and sailboat racing can experience the thrill of catamaran sailing. Come on down and check it out! There will be cool trophies:)



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Social Committee Update & News

THE OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY IS IN APRIL AND WE'RE HAVING A PARTY!

April is going to be a very busy and fun-filled month at the Club. In addition to our official 50th anniversary celebration, there are several other sailing and social events that will be taking place at the OSYC. Details for each one are as follows; also, please stay tuned for e-mail updates from the Club.

Ice Breaker (Hobie Mid-Winter Nationals) Regatta:

The Ocean Springs Ice Breaker Regatta (formerly known as the Hobie Mjd-Winter Nationals Regatta) is on April 5 – 7 this year. The Social Committee will be cooking a great breakfast for the sailors on Friday and Saturday mornings. There will be a crawfish boil on Saturday evening, and members are encouraged to attend. Everyone should receive an e-mail with the time and cost of the crawfish boil.

1699 Regatta:

The 1699 Regatta will be on April 27th & 28th this year. In conjunction with that Regatta is the 50th Anniversary of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCEAN SPRINGS YACHT CLUB:

We hope everyone will attend the party, which is going to be held on Saturday, April 27, from 6 pm until 10 pm. Dress is casual. We plan to have a dinner that includes a whole pig, boiled shrimp, and an assortment of sides. All members are welcome to bring a side if you would like. The cost per person is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. We will have a band for dancing and a photographer to memorialize the party.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite ALL PAST COMMODORES and their significant other to the party, free of charge, as the club's way of saying "thank you" for all you have done for us. I would also

like to invite any spouses of those Commodores who have gone on to the great yacht club in the sky to come and enjoy the party as well, free of charge.

We are hoping to set up an e-mail address for members to send their old photos so that we can set up a display of memories of days gone by. We hope to make the party fun for all and hope to see you all there. Please check your e-mails for more information as it comes available.

Birthday Party:

We are going to start having a monthly birthday party to celebrate members' birthdays on the second Saturday of every month after the Saturday evening drawing. I hope everybody can come out and celebrate the April birthdays on Saturday, April 13.

Kentucky Derby / Thunderbirds / Cinco de Mayo:

The Thunderbirds will be here on Saturday, May 4, so we will not be hosting a formal Kentucky Derby party this year. It is still in the planning stages, but we are considering have a Cinco de Mayo party on Sunday, May 5, instead.

The Social Committee will be meeting this month on the 16th of April at 6:00 pm and thereafter will meet on the first (1st) Tuesday of each month. Everyone is invited to join in.

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Dawn Smith

Social Committee Chair



Le Moyne de Bienville



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From Your General Manager,
Chris Walton
OSYachtClub@cableone.net



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Happy 50th Anniversary OSYC!!!!

The Galley winter hours are:
Tuesday, Thursday from 3:00-8:00 pm, Friday 3:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-8:30 pm, and don't forget about our Sunday Breakfast from 10:30 am -1:00 pm. Once a month we will continue to do a Special Brunch; this month we will have a very special brunch on Easter Sunday on the 21st; please, please make a reservation.

Our Club Hours are: Tuesday thru Thursday, 10:30am – 9:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:30am – 10:00pm, and Sunday 10:30 am – 9:00pm.

April events on the calendar:

We will continue the Friday night steak and Lent specials through Easter.

- Apr 4-7 Hobie Mid-Winters Regatta- Live music and Crawfish/Shrimp/Chicken Boil Saturday the 6th – Price TBD based on Market. Please let us know if you will attend, we want to have enough for everyone. Side dishes/pot luck would be greatly appreciated.
- Apr 11th, Ladies' Night- Ocean Springs Feral Feline Coalition
- Apr 12th Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast 7AM-7PM, Galley will be closed
- Apr 18th Ladies' Night – Carol Hill Jewelry
- Apr 20th Grill Your Own Steak Night **Please note the change due to 1699 Regatta on the 27th**
- Apr 21st Easter Sunday—Special Brunch
- Apr 27th and 28th - 1699 Regatta

- *****Apr 27th OSYC's 50th Anniversary Party*****

“Happy Hour” at OSYC is from 3 – 6 pm Tuesday through Friday, offering house wines, well drinks, and select draft beers at half price.

Don't forget about our weekly Bar Bucks Drawing every Saturday at 6:30 pm (must have a minimum of 12 members present, If the name drawn is not present, we have a consolation drawing of \$50 in Bar Bucks.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve, as your manager and I will continue to work hard to ensure your Club is everything you expect.

Please let me know how I can make your club better for you and your family -

Chris Walton

General Manager

OSYC

**Special Events
Reminder**



Please RSVP for all advertised
Club events to

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or by phone at **228-875-1915**

Thank you!



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“Member’s View”



“Casting After Hours”
(Submitted photo — Bob Effinger)

For additional pictures from events at the OSYC,
please visit the OSYC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanSpringsYachtClub/>

Photographs from past events can also be seen on the OSYC website in album format:

<http://www.osyc.com/index.php?module=pictures>

Please consider submitting your own photographs to be included as a part of our monthly OSYC newsletter.
Send them to our Club manager, Chris Walton, at OSYachtClub@cableone.net. Thank you!