



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

March 2017

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

From the Commodores & the OSYC Board

Greetings from your Board of Governors!

As evidenced by the numerous committee and Board meetings this past week your volunteers are working diligently to keep the doors open, the lights on, and everyone having fun! If you get a chance let your fellow member volunteers know how much you appreciate their time and efforts. The committee structure for 2017 is coming together nicely with new 'Chairs' and many excited participants. **Don't let them have all the fun!**

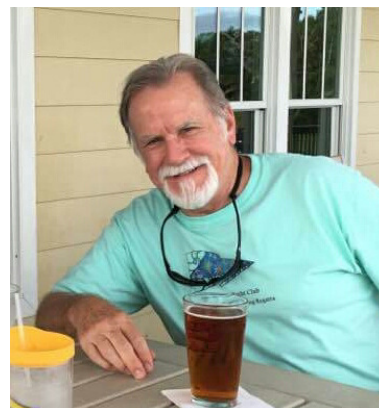
The many agendas this week included social event planning, regatta event planning, financial planning and the general state of affairs for which your Board of Governors is responsible. I will be brief here and encourage you to inquire about "What's going on?" at the club when you speak with the leaders of the committees and their members over a crisp, refreshing, chardonnay on the deck watching the sun set!

Speaking of chardonnay, the second quarterly *WALK-AROUND WINE TASTING* is scheduled for 10 March 2017 from 6:30-8:30. We only have room for 50 participants so get signed up soon! You may also be aware that a second 'Sunset Cruise' has been scheduled for 18 March and it filled up rapidly. If you did not get on but would like to go, let Darlene put you on the 'wait list'. The capacity is only 24 for the ship, but there may be someone who can't make it that evening. The last sailing we did add some folks from the list with short notice. The Board is working on scheduling more frequent opportunities to enjoy the experience and also better ways to communicate the events. Stay tuned, we are going to do this again soon!

Our "burger burn" at the Ocean Springs Elks Mardi Gras parade was a success! Mark Carter did the heavy lifting and you can see what you missed, if you didn't make it, by checking out his article in this newsletter. Who knew that building cheese burgers could be so much fun?

OSYC has sponsored a curriculum for acquiring a Mississippi Boating Safety Certificate that is required to operate a power boat if you were born after 1980. I was born just a little before 1980 but I am excited about the information and the applicability of the course to anyone who operates a boat on Mississippi waters. Captain F.J. Eicke is our fearless leader for this course and even though the first of three sessions is in the books you can easily catch up if you would like to participate. The next session is 04 April 2017 at 0830 at the club. Let our club manager know if you would like to join in. If there is enough interest in additional courses we may be able to twist F.J.'s arm and schedule it again.

Lastly, come on out to the club on Friday evenings for the **now famous** SUN DROP competition! We are planning a twist or two to increase the excitement!



Chris Minke, 2017 OSYC Rear Commodore



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2017 OSYC Parade Day Open House



Hello, Everyone! I hope you all are enjoying this mild winter so far. It certainly played a huge part in the success of our Club's annual OSYC Parade Day Open House on Feb 11th, as we were able to hold the event curb-side on Front Beach, with no rain or wind to deal with.

Everything was in place for the start at 11:00AM, and although sales were modest in the first

hour, we encountered quite a surge of customers as parade time approached. Sales of burger and hot dog plates really took off, as did the beverage purchases when the sun peeked out from the clouds to warm things up. It seemed like no time before the three-hour outdoor festivities were moved to inside the Clubhouse.

As with all Club special events, this would have never been a success without the efforts of a dedicated, enthusiastic group of member volunteers teaming up with our Club Manager and service staff:

Bruce Williams (new member!) and his daughter Hannah

Steve Collins

Ron Rivard

Elizabeth Lewis

Tommy Burrell

Sandra Gagliano

Patti Hughes

Marilyn Minke

Dee Smelley, Past Commodore

Roger Gardner, Past Commodore

Stopher Haug, Commodore

Shannon Smith, Vice Commodore

Chris Minke, Rear Commodore

Jay Shuman, Fleet Captain

Ray Hughes, 1st Term Board of Governors

Darlene Smith, Club Manager

Kristina, Lexie, Rachelle, and Trisha; Beverage Service

Cookie Lafayette, Executive Chef

Carl and Gordon, Operations Support Staff

It was a special privilege for me to serve alongside these people on behalf of our Club; my sincere apologies if I have missed recognition of anyone, so don't hesitate to provide those names for an extra "thank you" in the next Newsletter.

As Spring takes full bloom and sailing season returns, many more special events will soon be upon us. Please consider taking the opportunity to enjoy fellowship, camaraderie, and a down-right fun time lending your talents as a Club volunteer!

Event dates will be posted in the Newsletter; on the OSYC website, and via Constant Contact email messages from our Club Manager, Darlene Smith. Feel free to contact any Club staff or Board member if you want to participate as an OSYC volunteer. Until next time, may fair skies and fresh (warm!) breezes greet you every day!

Mark Carter, 2nd Term Board of Governors



Ray Hughes, Chris Minke, and Mark Carter
2017 Grilling Team Members
OSYC Parade Day Open House



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



Greetings Everyone!

Another month, another Sail Committee meeting – we have now remembered and executed two committee meetings in two months. For those of you paying attention that is way better than I did last year☺ The major themes this time around were similar to last time: 1) Effectively

communicating the things we have going on and 2) Making it easier for members to get involved in sailing. I suspect if we get the communications worked out it will be easier to get people involved. My usual comms modality is via e-blasts, this newsletter (which you are notified about via e-blasts) or by word of mouth at the club. Word on the street is that e-mail is becoming less popular at home and y'all may not be seeing my missives. I am open to suggestions on how to better get the word out – it seems like The Facebook has become quite popular. Do many of you follow OSYC's Facebook page for news and info about Club goings-on? I might be willing to stop being one of the last 20 or so people not on Facebook if that will better serve The Membership – drop me a line, let me know!

Upcoming events: **Saturday, March 11th** Spring Sailing Work Day! Please come on down and help us put the club boats back together, clean up the sail locker, fix some tiedowns, and whatever else we can dream up. Bring 5 bucks to throw in a hat and we can finish up with pizza☺ It is important that the work day be a success because **Sunday, March 12th** is the start of the Club Boat Sailing Season (and when the boats need to be assembled. **Thu-Sun April 6-9th** is the start of regatta season with Alter Cup/Hobie MidWinters East-North. I always have room for volunteers and workboats. Let me know if you are interested. **Saturday, April 29th** is the 1699 Regatta and our first try at the Pro-Am format. If you want to see what it is like to race a catamaran, we'll have skippers looking for crew for the day – here's your chance to try it out. Come on down, experience the thrill first hand!

Last year we set up the Supervised Sail program so our young sailors who had been through sail camp could continue to sail afterwards with some oversight. Those sessions ran 3 days/week (Weds, Sat, Sun) but were not very well attended. I am running that program again this year and want you to know it is open to both youth and adult sailors. If you want to sail but would like some help getting the boat to/from the water my Supervised Sailing

kids will be happy to help you. Just ask! We also have Joey Pocreva signed up as Summer Bosun this year. He also can help you with boat launching, pointers, arranging Adult Private lessons, etc. He'll be there 5 days/week – make use of him! Also, don't forget the sailing kids work hard and you are welcome to tip if they take good care of you.

Speaking of Youth Sailing Lessons, the Summer 2017 dates are: Sessions 1 & 2 are June 5-16, sessions 3 & 4 are July 11-21. We will be running our 2 week, half-day, Monday-Friday program again. I have enough instructors this year to increase class size from 10 to 15. There is a \$30 early registration discount before May 15th. 2017. Youth lessons are open to non-members as well so your kids can bring a friend. Registration is live. Go to OSYC.com, click on Sailing Education and you'll see the dates. Click the links for registration. We had excellent participation last year – let's keep that going & get more kids on the water!

Beach registration goes well – thanks for those who have signed up! As of this writing I still have 2 front row spots available. There is plenty of Kayak/SUP space available as well. For registration go to OSYC.com, click the Info for Members tab, then scroll down to the Sailing section for registration links.

That's it for now, The weather is unseasonable warm – go sailing!

Jay Shuman
Fleet Captain . . . still
H16, H17, H20



2017 OSYC Regatta Schedule

- 6-9 April US Sailing Multi-Hull Championship / Alter Cup – Hobie 17
- 7-9 April Hobie Mid Winters – East
- 29 April 1699 Regatta (one day this year)
- 27-28 May Slip to Ship Regatta
- 8-9 July Horn Island Hop Regatta
- 26 August Katrina Memorial Regatta
- 21-22 Oct Shearwater Regatta

Other possible events on the horizon ...

High School Sailing Fleet Championships
October/November of 2017



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**From the Club General Manager, Darlene Smith
Manager@OSYC.com**



Hello to the Members!

I'd like to welcome our new and returning members and say a huge OSYC hello to them:

Joseph Mitchell, Sr
Wendy Webb
Tim & Roxanne Callahan
Patrick Sheehan

Reminders:

Grill Your Own Steak Night will be on Saturday, March 25th, so make your reservations! Other March events include the America's Boating Course on March 4th, a Wine Tasting on March 10th, and a Sunset Cruise on Mystic Charters on March 18th.

"Happy Hour" at OSYC is from 3 – 6 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday, offering House Wine, Well Drinks, and Domestic Beer at half price. The Café Grill is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3pm till 8pm, Saturday Noon till 8pm, and Sunday 1pm-6pm; don't forget about our Sunday Breakfast from 10:30am-1:00pm. Our Club Hours are: Monday Closed, Tuesday thru Thursday 10:30am – 9:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:30am – 10:00pm, and Sunday 12:00pm – 9:00pm. So come down to the club and enjoy the Sunday Breakfast or a Homemade Burger or Po'boy.

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

We request that members do not enter the kitchen area, please see Management or the bartenders for food orders or questions about food.

State ABC Laws prohibit outside Alcohol being brought on property (please don't be the reason we lose our Liquor License).

As always when you have a concern or a question please ask myself or Elaine so that we can work to resolve issues for you in a timely manner.

So ... see ya at the club!

Darlene

OSYC Special Events Reminder

Please RSVP for all advertised Club events to



manager@osyc.com

or by phone at 875-1915

Our staff wants to ensure that you have the best Club experiences as possible and we want to know to expect you!

Thank you!

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