



Breezes AND Blows



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Ocean Springs Yacht Club

August 2016

From the Commodores & the OSYC Board

Greetings from your Flag Officers & Board Members –

Hello, OSYC! On behalf of the Board, we hope this edition of the OSYC newsletter finds you all happy, healthy, and well! Incredibly, we find ourselves saying hello to August and getting the kids ready for going back to school—where has the summer gone!?

The summer may be fast disappearing, but the nice, sunny, warm days and evenings at the Club have not! As usual, the team at the Club—from the management to the staff and the various volunteer committees, including the House, Social, Pool, and Decorating Committees, among others—have been working very hard to ensure that everything at the Club is ready for you to enjoy!

On that note, as we're still in the busiest season at the Club, please be mindful of how hard our management and staff are working to provide the most positive possible experience at the Club for all of us. Whenever the Club is busy, it may take a bit longer for service, but try not to get frustrated. Instead, look at it as a good thing for the Club, and an opportunity to see if there is anything you can do to pitch in, and help out—maybe tidy up the chairs or tables, help bring empty glasses back to the bar. Little things will go a long ways! But most of all, please remember to be patient, respectful, and courteous to the staff. As always, any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to the management or the Board.

Also, as a heads up, be sure to pick up your tickets for the drawing at the Club for the "Tailgate" fundraiser package that the Social Committee has worked hard to

assemble. The total value of this three-part package is approximately \$750.00! Drawing for it will be on Steak Night, and tickets are \$5.00 - with proceeds going towards purchasing additional pool furniture.

Looking ahead even farther, it isn't too early to make plans for the Club's Annual Meeting on November 7, 2016. **SAVE THE DATE!** One issue that is likely to be addressed at the Annual Meeting relates to potential changes to the Club's guest policy. The Board has received comments and concerns about excessive use of the Club by non-Club members who come as "guests" on a regular basis. In light of the concerns we've received, the Board wants to hear from our Members. Please send any and all comments, concerns, feedback, or suggestions, or issues on that topic to any manager or Board member.

Looking ahead even farther than that, the Social Committee has set this year's Drawdown for November 12, 2016. SAVE THE DATE!

Two quick reminders on the pool and pool area: be courteous to and respectful and mindful of your lifeguards, and be sure that your children and guests are as well, and please be sure that everyone in your group is wearing a wristband whenever you're in the pool or the pool area.

As always, if you have any questions or issues with any facet of the Club, please don't hesitate to let the Board know or management know. Otherwise, thank you for all that you do for the Club!

Sincerely,

Your 2016 OSYC Flag Officers & Board Members



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



Hello from the Sailing World!

Last month was magnificent for Club sailing! Our instructors worked through the second two sessions of youth sailing camp for the summer, did the occasional quick private lesson, and ran a few well attended sessions of Supervised Sailing for the new sailing kids.

Friday Night Races have been well attended and the competition has been entertaining (when there has been wind). The racing will continue into August, probably until racers lose interest.

We held this year's iteration of the Horn Island Hop Regatta July 9 and 10 and were graced with good sailing weather, 27 registered boats and great fried chicken on the island (Thanks, Cookie!). As ever, it took a village to make this all happen. The sailing instructor/supervised sail cadre includes: Nathan Bolner, Ethan Pettis, Joey Pocreva, Emily McAvoy and Sammy Patt. Kudos to all of you and thanks for all the good feedback I've received from happy parents and students. Island Hop was a success due to the hard work and professionalism of our PRO, Chris Brown and his able timekeeper/ process overseer Linda Shuman. We couldn't have done it safely without powerboat support from Chris Walton, Tim Fortney, Benton Howie and Robert Wiygul. Thanks to Darlene, Elaine and Cyndi for keeping things organized on the beach and the Social Committee for hosting a lovely BBQ dinner party Saturday night (great beans Marilyn M☺). Special thanks to former Commodore O'Shaughnessy for weather/comms/safety overwatch and to Chris Minke for organizing the power boaters and also striving to insert some process discipline to our regatta planning (go to his Regatta Experience meetings if you want to be involved in putting on the races). I know I'm missing a few volunteers here, not because I don't value your contributions, but instead because my brain is a sieve sometimes.☺

The beach has been very active, and there is more on the horizon: Supervised Sailing cuts back to just

weekends (Sat/Sun) once OS schools start Aug 4. I'll staff it for as long as I can keep the supervisors interested and as long as there is interested. If your child went thru camp and wants to sail more we have this venue – until nobody shows up then we'll secure it for the year. If you liked having Nathan as our Bosun this summer, please let me and the Club know, and we'll see who we can round up next year.

There are two races left on the schedule: Katrina Memorial Regatta on 27 August and the Shearwater Regatta 22-23 October. We'll need volunteers, boats and racers for both. Katrina Mem is just like a big Friday Night Race so if you want to try racing that's a great event for you.

As we look towards next year we'll strive to continue the gains we've made with our youth sailing program. I think the O'pen Bics were a success with the sailing camp kids and if we get a few who show interest and aptitude we'll see if we can round up some competition with one of the other near-by clubs with Bics. On the big Regatta front we'll host our usual races plus a strong likelihood of Hobie Midwinters – East returning again in the spring. These are all good things . . . and all things we need club volunteer support to be able to do. If you want to get involved be on the lookout for e-mails about the Regatta Experience meetings and come on down. You don't have to be experienced or even knowledgeable, just willing to have fun and help out. You are all members of a Yacht Club – why not get involved in the Yachting side of things a little more? Who knows, could be fun☺

That's it for now – sail more, have fun, be happy!

Jay Shuman
Fleet Captain
H16, H17, H20





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**From the Club General Manager, Darlene Smith
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Hello to the Members!

Can't believe it is time for school to start so soon! I'd like to welcome our new members and say a huge OSYC hello to them:

Tina Sullivan, Terry Evans & Luvena Meigs, Wesley Mertz & Angeline Skinner, Jaclyn & Bill

Kilduff, III, Brandi Howard, Marcus & Danielle Neuffer, Susan Kulick, Dave & Kelly Pitalo, Butch Thurman, and Russell & Simine Reed.

Reminders: Grill Your Own Steak Night will be on August 27th, so make your reservations now! Also, don't forget to get your winning ticket for the Tailgate Cooler and Accessories (valued at \$750), the drawing will be on August 27th during Steak Night. "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, Friday, and Saturday from Noon till 8pm, Sunday 1pm-6pm, and don't forget about our Sunday Breakfast from 10:30am-1:00pm. Our Club Hours are: Monday Closed, Tuesday 10:30am – 9:00pm, Wednesday, Thursday, 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.

A few more reminders: 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 (don't be the reason we lose our Liquor License). Please remember to wear your Pool Wristbands when entering the pool area and when using the pool.

As always when you have an issue, 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 advertised Club events to



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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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2016 Island Hop Regatta Boating Rundown & Recognition

Well, if you weren't there, you missed out!!!

The Horn Island Hop Regatta with 26 registered competitors was a big success for the sailors, volunteers and club members who participated. Once again the professionalism and gallant efforts of our power boaters was displayed when one of the catamarans had a structural failure and lost its mast just off the beach at Horn Island. The safety boats were immediately on the scene and the sailors were insured safe transportation back to the club. The boat was towed in by our new hero Tim Fortney and his crew, Tim's grandson JJ, Ron Rivard and Kim Ferrari.

While the power boat squadron was on site sorting out the best course of action for our disabled catamaran competitor, our PRO for the race, Chris Brown, transferred his Signal Boat staff, flags, and equipment to Chris Walton's Cobia chase boat and crew, Chris Minke and JP Fancher. Chris Brown with his crew, Morgan Brown and Darrell Atwood then proceeded to rescue another club member having lost propulsion a good distance from home and the Cobia became *Air Force One!* 'Chris-need-for-speed' Walton deftly out ran the catamaran fleet to set the buoys and finish the sailors' competition with Linda Shuman and Missy Atwood recording the times.

Benton Howie with Bill Russell as crew played an indispensable role by being the first chase boat on the scene to assist the broken catamaran near Horn Island. They made certain that everyone was okay and reassure the sailors that help was on the way.

On Sunday, for the race around Deer Island, two very committed volunteers stepped up to help with the safety duties. Robert Wiygel brought his Cape Horn out and worked as chase boat as well as the tedious duty of setting and holding the mark at the east end of Deer for the turn home. Additionally, Andrew Loquett opted to put his catamaran on the shore and put his power boat in the water. He assisted in chase duties, providing cover and support for a couple of catamarans who decided to turn back to the club due to ominous looking weather, and became the Signal Boat with the PRO for finishing the race. Chris Walton returned with his crew for day two and followed the fleet around Deer.

The importance of having fleet communication and weather monitoring was exemplified at this Regatta. Our Communications and Safety Officer, John O'Shaughnessy, stepped up as he always does and provided the necessary information to all of the sailors and volunteers on the water, assisted as needed by Tommy Burrell and Chuck Power. He was crucial in the efforts to rescue both the disabled catamaran and the disabled power boat on Saturday coordinating the logistics from the base station at the club. For the third race around Deer Island on Sunday there were numerous thunder storms in the area. John maintained communications and kept a close eye on the storms insuring that if they had come off shore we would have ample warning to seek shelter.

These events amplify the need for power boat volunteers and also describe the fun of participation in the OSYC regatta season. Please come out and volunteer!

2016 Island Hop Regatta Thanks and Kudos

The Island Hop Regatta was held on the 9th and 10th of July and I am proud to say it was a total success! Check out the Fleet Captain's report for the play by play of the action on the water.

Our club distinguished itself by putting on quite a party. Cookie prepared her usual outstanding breakfast for the sailors and volunteers both mornings and they raved about it. Her crew got assistance from Commodore Ron and Mary Haaf of the Social Committee who helped serve and volunteer JP Fancher, a former member and friend from Martindale, Texas, who helped organize the crowd by taking tickets and keeping the head count. Saturday after the catamarans were put away for the evening Ron Haaf and Mark Carter grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the sailors, volunteers, and club members. The cook out was served downstairs near the 'boat bar' by our *most wonderful* Social Committee members, Helen Effinger, Katherine Williams, Dawn Smith, Neal Olive, and Mary Haaf. Marilyn Minke provided her secret recipe 'I could tell you but I'd have to kill you' baked beans and the report is there were none leftover! Cookie and her staff made potato salad and coleslaw and there was even some of her famous fried chicken served. Hope you didn't miss the meal!



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Chris Walton DJ'd the evening party and a good time was had by all!

OSYC is very proud and thankful for our volunteers and superb staff who have made a reality of our reputation as ***THE Premier Catamaran Club on the Gulf Coast!*** To give y'all an idea of what it takes here is an account of how our most appreciated volunteers helped out:

- Mary Haaf, Chair of the Social Committee and her volunteers mentioned above ... put on the party!
- Benton Howie and Bill Russell ... Chase/Safety boat duties
- Tim Fournety and his grandson JJ ... Chase/Safety boat duties
 - Ron Rivard and Kim Fararri ... Chase boat crew for Tim Fournety
 - Ron did double duty by organizing all of the coolers for ice, beverages, and food for the Horn Island shore lunch: nobody can do this like Ron!!
 - Kim did double duty by performing the photographer duties on the island.
- Andrew Luquet ... Chase and Committee boat volunteer
 - Bailed us out at the 11th hour when we were sorely short of power boats on Sunday. Thanks, Andrew!
- Robert Wiygul ... Chase and Mark boat volunteer
 - Also volunteered when tapped on the shoulder by our fearless and resourceful Fleet Captain. We couldn't have accomplished the Sunday race without you, Robert!
- Chris Walton ... provided different boats for each day that suited the particular needs of the race committee. JP Fancher and I were honored to ride along with Chris for the two days! He also is THE BOMB as a DJ!
- Chris Brown and his daughter Morgan ... outstanding Primary Race Officer (PRO) and Crew. Chris ran a great race! It is not apparent until you see it done how much work goes into being responsible as the PRO. Chris brought his Grady White for Saturday and rescued disabled boaters in the process. Where would we be without our power boat volunteers?
 - Missy and Darrell Atwood and Linda Shuman also crewed with Chris on the Signal Boat and facilitated not only the race statistics but also the rescue of the disabled boats.
- Marilyn Minke ... assisted Linda Shuman with checking in and registering sailors on the first day of racing and she made a delicious side dish for the cookout!
- John O'Shaughnessy ... Communications and Safety Officer took care of notifying the Coast Guard that we were having an "on the water" event and with the help of Past Commodore Cyndi Moncreiff we got the registration for the regatta approved with short notice.
 - John also designed communications forms for the power boaters to document participation and provide reliable contact information.
 - John took care of all radio communications and kept an educated eye on the weather to insure our chase boats and sailors would be safe.
 - Chuck Power and Tommy Burrell helped John with holding down the fort on radio communications as needed
 - Thanks John for your hard work and diligence!
- Cyndi Moncreiff spent hours each day in support of every function at the club from insuring the fried and baked chicken was properly distributed to fixing just about every 'glitch' in the process that came up. She registered late comers, made copies, distributed coolers to the boats, you name it, Cyndi was involved!
- Joe Pocreva used his magic formula and expert design skills to provide the most incredible commemorative T-shirts. If you didn't get one, I'll bet you wish you had one!
- Although not technically volunteers, where would we be without our outstanding OSYC staff and our 2016 flag officers and board members?
 - Our Commodore, Ron Haaf, welcomed the sailors and volunteers, served breakfast, and with no small effort brought his monster cooker to the club to grille burgers and dogs. He put in a full two days+ of hard work for the cause!



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- Our Club Manager, Darlene Smith, jumped in with both feet to organize the club's staff in support of the Regatta Experience!
 - She secured donations for beer, and water and managed the meals and bar staff to guarantee the sailor's experience would live up to our OSYC reputation.
- Our OSYC staff who worked early on both mornings during the weekend event, Cookie and Kristina, both received Island Hop Regatta T-shirts compliments of the event

Last but certainly not least, I'd like to recognize the efforts and hard work of our Fleet Captain, Jay Shuman and his wife and very special Sailing Committee partner Linda Shuman.

Jay organized and conducted an outstanding Horn Island Hop Regatta! Not only was he able to secure the Horn Island permits, advertise the event, register boaters, secure much needed last minute power boaters, and conduct the event he also sailed admirably on his H20 for all three races. Jay employed his artistic skills to fabricate the trophies for the event, acquired the T-shirts at the last minute, picked up the ice for the coolers, and got his mainsail hoisted on time to start with the fleet!

Linda Shuman has become absolutely indispensable going forward with the organization and execution of the annual events that make us so proud. Everyone on the Regatta Experience Committee appreciates her hard work and organizational skills. We will see exciting regattas in the future with Linda's documentation and ideas being employed.

As you can see, Regattas are a labor of love and definitely worth the effort. I haven't had a volunteer yet tell me that they did not have a great time!

Come out and volunteer for the next regatta. On August 27, 2016 we will have the annual Katrina Memorial Regatta. It is a one day buoy racing event. Mark your calendars.

If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the members of the Regatta Experience Committee:

Ron and Mary Haaf

Jay and Linda Shuman

Chris and Marilyn Minke

Cyndi Moncreiff

Ron Rivard

Darlene Smith

John O'Shaughnessy

Chris Walton

Thanks again to all who participated!

Chris Minke

Power Boat Wrangler &
Regatta Experience
Committee Chair



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