



Breezes AND Blows



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Ocean Springs Yacht Club

June 2016

From the Commodores & the OSYC Board

Greetings from your Flag Officers & Board Members –

Summer's heat has officially set in, even though the official start of the summer season will be on the solstice later on this month - Monday, June 20, 2016, at about 5:30 PM – time for a Solstice Party on the Club's deck?

School is out, and activities at our Club are in full swing, from sailing to relaxing in the breeze on the deck and spending time in and around the pool. We hope that you'll make the time to stop by the Club to enjoy the amenities if you haven't been there already.

Slip to Ship Regatta and the OSYC Luau to celebrate the start of sailing, the end of the school year, and our pool opening are all in the books. A wonderful weekend was had by members and sailors alike. Be sure to check out the Fleet Captain's report for regatta results, and if you missed the Luau, be sure to ask your friends who attended about the fantastic food! Special thanks go to Ray & Patti Hughes for providing the music, and to our OSYC staff for the extra work in putting on this event.

Sailing and summertime events at the Club happen on a weekly basis, including use of the pergola and the Boat Bar and area under the building. Please remember to check with our office if you have any last minute plans. The space you may want to use is likely to have been reserved by another member. Reservations take precedence; don't let your fun get cut short by having to leave to make room for another member who has requested that space for their own event.

Volunteerism is part of what makes our Club unique (it also helps to keep your dues as low as possible). As always, we ask that you please consider volunteering to help out

with sailing events, social activities, and Club work parties as they are announced.

Summer hours and activities mean a busy Club and a full parking lot. Please park to maximize spaces available.

Hobie 20's will be here to sail from June 8 through June 11 – about 20 boats are registered, including a few of our own members. Come and watch the fun!

Bring any Club-related problems to the attention of our Club Manager or one of our Flag Officers – that will help all of our staff and our hard-working House Committee and Pool volunteers to keep the Club ready for everyone to enjoy.

Have you had a chance to sign up for one of the sailing lessons taking place this summer? Have you been to the awesome breakfast brunch offered every Sunday? Make the time to visit your Club and take advantage of what it has to offer.

Thanks to Chris Walton, Bill Curtis, Chuck Power, and Roger Gardner for their work on cleaning and rolling the Eisenglass panels that surround the Club deck and help to create more space for fall and winter events at the OSYC. The panels are now ready to come down and go to off-site storage for the summer.

WRISTBANDS: Everyone MUST have a wristband ANYTIME he or she is in the pool area, whether or not he or she is in the pool. OSYC 2016 member wristbands are silicone and are good for the entire summer. Per visit Tyvek guest wristbands are required for each of your guests each time they come to the pool with you per our Club By-Laws. Both types of wristbands are available at the Club Bar, and are \$1.00 each.

We'd like to share with you a set of reminders from our Club Manager (they are all worth repeating):



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Darlene's Reminders from 2015:

As we move forward into summer I would like to ask all members to please remember the 7 simple rules listed below. As always when you have an issue, concern, or a question, please ask myself or Elaine so that we can resolve thing for you in a timely manner.

I know that these reminders are in my article every month and you probably get tired of seeing them, but please do pay attention. It is imperative that members place all food and drink orders with our bartenders and the kitchen staff. It is also equally important that members and their guests do not go into the kitchen area especially when we are cooking!

So, please adhere to these simple rules to help us make your time at OSYC more enjoyable:

- 1. Lock Your Vehicle**
- 2. Wear Shoes and a Shirt or Beach Cover when entering the Club House**
- 3. We request that members do not enter the kitchen area, please see Management or the bartenders for food orders or questions about food**
- 4. Walk, don't run, especially around the Pool, the Upper Deck, and under the Club**
- 5. Wear Sunscreen when outdoors and on the water**
- 6. State ABC Laws prohibit outside Alcohol being brought on property (don't be the reason we lose our Liquor License)**
- 7. Last but not least and most important have fun and be safe**

As always, thanks to all of you for choosing the Ocean Springs Yacht Club as your Club.



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



Greetings & Hooray!

The Slip-to-Ship Regatta is successfully behind us and y'all pulled it off in great fashion. The critical need for power boats was demonstrated in all its glory! Kudos goes out to Steve White and his crew for their rescue of one of our cats with a structural failure. Way to go Steve!

Also, critical is the *number* of volunteers. Chris Walton, our Signal Boat skipper, had an unfortunate mechanical failure and the signal crew missed Cookie's "to die for" fried chicken on the island. We ended up short on Saturday but, fortuitously there was a trawler at the island that volunteered to fill in as our signal boat for Race #1 (thank you Suzanne Hawkins and husband!). Our chase boat skippers, Eddie Hughes, Benton Howie, and Tim Fortney, bravely and with great boat handling and navigational skills, covered the fleet "to" and "from" Ship, kept the sailors informed about the finish line changes, and diligently watched the fleet with the ominous dark clouds off to our west. Chris Brown, the PRO, commandeered the club's Boston Whaler which functioned as the signal boat for Race #2, and with Jamie Herring as crew the day was a success! Thanks, Jamie, for jumping in to help out!

Being short of power boats on Sunday for Race #3, our Fleet Captain Jay Shuman dug deep into his bag of tricks. Andrew Luquet came through with a power boat and Nick Gault graciously volunteered to man the helm. Eddie 'Hercules' Hughes put in his second full day protecting the fleet as did Chris 'Iron Man' Walton with his unlimited special resources by coming up with another boat for the Signal Duties.

It takes a lot of volunteer work to put on a successful day on the seas! I especially want to thank our radio crew members John O'Shaughnessy and Chuck Power for their selfless dedication to insure the sailor's and power boater's safety by manning the communication for "OSYC Base" and keeping the weather watch for the duration of the Regatta. Their efforts guaranteed we launched and recovered all of the sailors and power boaters safely and no one was left behind! Equally appreciated was the heavy lifting done by Ron Rivard, Cyndi Moncreiff, and Joe



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Pocreva ensuring the sailors and power boaters would have ice, beverages, and lunch on the island. I promise to work hard to keep your volunteer positions secure for you for the upcoming events☺!

While we are thanking our volunteers please make sure to pat a few more on the back!

- Joe Pocreva acquired a “most outstanding t-shirt” to commemorate the Regatta that OSSS was able to gift to our skippers and their crew! Thanks Joe and the OSSS!
- Speaking of the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron (OSSS), Jay and Linda Shuman spent quite a lot of stomach lining and heart muscle on behalf of the OSSS by coordinating the regatta: all of the sailor’s and power boater’s functions including but not limited to, the planning, the registration, and the troubleshooting throughout the weekend. Also, from the OSSS please thank Chris Brown for volunteering to be the Primary Race Officer for the two day event. If you haven’t done it, you would be amazed at the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes in addition to the “out front” work.
- The sailors and power boaters were provided very tasty nourishment on Saturday morning thanks to Roger and Brenda Gardner, Ron and Mary Haaf, Shannon Ford, and Dee Smelley. Your breakfast burritos rivaled anything I have had in Texas!
- Kenny Boudreaux provided the ‘monster smoker’ and with help from his friends I understand the pulled pork at the Luau was exceptional. Sorry I missed that; next time, Kenny!
- Last but certainly not least, please make sure to thank our OSYC staff for all of their hard work taking care of all of the members and guests! They all put in a couple of very long days to ensure everyone had a good time. The food and beverage service was and is second to none.
- If I have forgotten someone, please forgive me! I can’t tell you how important your volunteering is to our success!

Slip-to Ship is in the books and no one enjoyed it more than me! Sunday’s race around Deer Island was a super fun day!! Getting to drive a Hobie 20 on a broad reach is kinda like C6 Vette on a winding country road with no cops!

Thanks to all who participated!

Chris Minke
Power Boat Wrangler
(on behalf of Fleet Captain Jay)



**Please update my preferences.
I wish to have my OSYC Newsletter mailed to me
on a monthly basis:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

OSYC Pool Reminders

Pool Season officially began
on Memorial Day Weekend!



2016 Wristbands for Members ~ \$1.00

Daily Pool Use Tyvek Bands for Guests ~ \$ 1,00
(as required per our OSYC By-Laws)

Please secure any umbrellas
and clean up after yourselves
when leaving the pool area.

Thank you!





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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 members and say a huge OSYC hello to them:

Myra Ancheta, Jared Cannon & Leslie Ramon, Nathan & Ginny Sumner, Patricia Hogan, Nadia & Justin Arnold, Bob & Jackie Howie, Christine Roy, Matthew & Ann Williams, John Keogh &

Angela Fornea, David & Ashley Peto, Deborah Phillips & Kristie Griffin, Jackson Hughes (Y), Sam & Katie Rhinehart, Christopher Green, Dr. Junius & Betty Oates, Shawn & Holly French, Linda & Benjamin Willhoite, and Paul & Vonda Moshenrose.

Monthly Reminders: Grill Your Own Steak Night will be on June 25th, so make your reservations now! "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. 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).

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



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!

2016 Slip to Ship Regatta



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