



Breezes AND Blows



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Ocean Springs Yacht Club

October 2016

From the Commodores & the OSYC Board

Greetings from your Flag Officers & Board Members –

As a reminder to the membership, we have our annual OSYC General Membership meeting coming up at the beginning of November. If you're a relatively new member, or if you've never attended a membership meeting before, please come out at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Monday, November 7, 2016, and learn about the "State of your Club" from your Flag Officers and OSYC Board members. If you are a Class A or Class A/C member, you'll also have the opportunity to vote on the proposed slate of OSYC officers and board members for 2017; your vote does count! If you're unable to attend, and wish to have your vote tallied, there are details later in this newsletter about voting by proxy.

Fall is in the air, kids are back to school, and it's a prime time to watch sunsets from the Club deck. Come on down; you may even see a few 'Cruisin' the Coast' cars go by. That also means that it's time for our annual Club Drawdown on November 12th – tickets are on sale now! This is the largest event put on by our Social Committee, and they are all working very hard to make it a success. Please contact OSYC Board or Social Committee members if you want to volunteer or donate. Also, Darlene & her staff are working on weekly Club Menu Specials; look for those email blasts advertising them.

Kudos for the past month go to our Social Committee for their Tailgate Basket fundraiser, which netted \$2,530 towards the purchase of some new pool furniture. We are also happy to announce some pier Improvements – thank you to OSSS for partnering with OSYC and HOSSFly Fish Fry – and the Club is now able to dock at least two power boats at the end of the pier.

In closing, please make every effort to attend this year's meeting, and remember that the OSYC is first and foremost yours club as members. Your ideas and especially your participation at this meeting as a member will help us to be the best possible club for you, your family, and your friends. We hope to see you next month at the General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 7th ... and even sooner than that at the Club.

Your 2016 OSYC Flag Officers & Board Members

From Your OSYC Board Secretary, Katina Seymour Demoran

OSYC Members:

As mentioned by the Board, our annual meeting as called for in our by-laws will be on Monday, November 7th, 2016, at the OSYC. In addition to electing your OSYC Board for 2017, we also have a By-Laws revision for you to review and hopefully approve. An official meeting agenda is included at the end of this newsletter. The slate of Flag Officers and Board of Governors for 2017, approved and presented to you by your current OSYC Board, is available for your consideration at www.osyc.com through the "Information for Members" tab on the left side of the page, as are links to PDF files containing the current By-Laws, and the proposed by-laws change. If you would be able to arrive a little earlier than the published start time for the meeting, you will help us with getting everyone checked in on our current membership list. If you are a voting member in good standing but unable to attend, you may complete and submit a Proxy This form is included in the October newsletter, and also available on the OSYC web site (www.osyc.com).

We hope to see you at the meeting in November -

Katina Seymour Demoran, OSYC Secretary



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

Greetings from the Beach Yet Again!

As I write this September is nearly over and I'm looking back on our sailing season. Our emphasis this year was on Youth Sailing. The 4 sessions of Youth Sailing Instruction were fully subscribed and attended. The kids enthusiastically took to the Hobie Waves, Sunfish and the new O'Pen Bics. We saw a few of them exercise their skills in the Friday Night Races series and had light usage of the Supervised Sailing sessions. What can we do better to achieve more full utilization of the sailing program? Might the Supervised Sail program see more use on different days? Should we have advertised them differently? We want our kids to continue using the skills they picked up at sail instruction so let me know what we can do better – if we are going to maintain OSYC's sailing tradition we need more sailors!

The Friday Night Race series was generally well attended and the weather was kinder to us this year. Here are the points standings at the end of the year:

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| 1. Sammy Patt | Hobie 14 (mostly) | 50 points |
| 2. Chris Walton | Hobie Wave (mostly) | 95 points |
| 3. Haley & Sam | HS Sail Team | 420 98 points |
| 4. Ken Altman | Hobie Wave | 125 points |
| 5. Robbie Holstead | Hobie Wave | 149 points |

Congrats to Sammy Patt for being our FNR Champion two years running, and also for making the transition from his Sunfish to the Hobie 14! Additional congratulations go out to Robbie Holstead for his performance in the 2016 running of the Katrina Memorial Regatta; his skill and sailing savvy netted him the number 1 spot in that regatta. Well Done Sir!

Speaking of Regattas, this year's running of the Shearwater Regatta will take place October 22-23. My hope is that by moving it to a week earlier this year will maybe prevent the weather impact we had last year. I am developing the racing schedule for 2017. The first event of the year will be the 2017 Hobie Mid-Winters East in early April. Mid-Winters were held in Tampa this year and the organizers tell me the most prevalent question at that event was, "When are Mid-Winters going back to OSYC"? The competitors travel from far and wide to race at OSYC because of our hospitality,

the charm of Ocean Springs, the strong support from the club, the fantastic sailing venue of the Mississippi Sound and the professional race management. Help us repeat our stellar performance again this year. The event will run for 5 days this year and we'll need volunteers to help put on the parties, on-water support in the form of committee and course boats, organizing of beach parking and donations for door-prizes. If you want to be part of one of our prestige events get in touch with me or Chris Minke and the Regatta Experience Committee. It's not too late to volunteer for Shearwater either ☺

Speaking of volunteerism, we can't put on our 6 or so regattas a year without support from you, The Membership, in the form of shore and on-water support. I know there are more powerboaters on the OSYC membership list than we see coming out for the races. If you want a good reason to get your boat off the trailer and out on the water for a great day or two of regatta management we'd love to have you out there. Be on the lookout for our solicitation e-mails.

One of my challenges over the last two years as FC has been race management. The two key people in executing the regattas are the Regatta Chair and the Principal Race Officer (PRO). The Regatta Experience Committee is ably stepping up to fill the Regatta Chair duties by organizing the volunteers and social events. Chris Brown and I have been PRO for the Regattas and Chris is finding that he wants to spend more time actually sailing with his family of racers – good for him! That leaves me to officiate at the regattas . . . which I'd also like to sail in if at all possible. If there is anyone out there who has some experience with Race Management and would like to volunteer to help fatten up the rotation I welcome any assistance! Please let me know if you want to participate in either capacity.

That's enough for now. Remember, we run the sailing program for your benefit. Tell us how we can better meet your sailing needs – we want to see you out on the water!

Yours in Sailing,

Jay Shuman
Fleet Captain
H16, H17, H20





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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 member and say a huge OSYC hello to them:

Wilson Kahlmus, Elizabeth Aptekar, T. David & Drea Tarity, & Scott Blair

Save the Date for our Annual Kids Halloween on October 29th, more information will be sent out by email. Adult Costume Contest will be the same day during Grill Your Own Steak Night.

Reminders: Grill Your Own Steak Night will be on October 29th, so make your reservations now! Please make a reservation if you plan to attend any functions that we have at the club. If you do not have a reservation we may not be able to accommodate your request as a walk in.

"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 and Thursday 3pm-8pm, Wednesday Family Day Buffet 5pm – 8pm, 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 thru Thursday 10:30am – 9:00pm, Friday and Saturday 10:30am – 10:00pm, and Sunday 10:30am – 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.

One last but important reminder: 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!

View pictures from OSYC events on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/OceanSpringsYachtClub/photos>
and at OSYC.com ~ Photo Albums

If you wish to have the OSYC Newsletter mailed to you on a monthly basis, please complete the information below and drop it by the Club or mail it to the OSYC office:

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2016 Annual General Membership Meeting Proxy Rules

Section 4. Only Class A, A/C, and Class H members in good standing may vote at a general membership meeting, except that:

- (a) In the absence of a Class A voting member from a general membership meeting, the voting privilege may be exercised by the spouse of such member.
- (b) In the absence of both member and spouse, a member in good standing may designate a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing, which does not include the spouse of any such designated Class A member.
- (c) The written proxy must be designated as a general or special: In the absence of such designation, the proxy shall be considered as special, and restricted to voting on specific matters in the published agenda of any such meetings.
- (d) No member designated to vote a proxy for another member may transfer or sub designate such proxy.
- (e) To register a proxy, a voting member must complete the form provided in the formal announcement of the scheduled meeting and return it to the Club Secretary no less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

2016 General Membership Committee Proxy

I/we, _____ (Print Name), Class A, A/C, or H member in good standing, do designate _____, also a Class A, A/C, or H member in good standing as my/our Proxy for the Ocean Springs Yacht General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 7th, 2016, to be held at 7pm.

This proxy is:

_____ (initial one) General – all items at the meeting

- OR -

Specific:

_____ (initial) – By-Laws Change

_____ (initial) – 2017 Board of Governors Election

Must be signed and delivered to Club Secretary by Friday, November 4th, 2016.

_____ (Printed Name) _____ (Date)

_____ (Signature)



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NOTICE

October 1, 2016

Official notice, pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the OSYC By-Laws, the Annual General Membership meeting will be held on **Monday, November 7, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the OSYC.

The primary order of business at this meeting is for the election of OSYC Flag Officers and Members of the Board for the year 2017, and to report to the membership on “The State of the Club” as of this point in time in the calendar year.

We request your attendance at this meeting.

As required, notice of this called membership meeting is being announced to the members no less than two (2) weeks, nor more than six (6) weeks, in advance of the meeting, and includes the purpose of the meeting. Additional announcements of the meeting and a proxy form will be included in the October and November OSYC newsletters, posted on the OSYC Bulletin Board, and also posted on the OSYC web site and other related web pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Katina Seymour Demoran
2016 OSYC Board Secretary



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Proposed By-Laws Change - 2016 General Membership Meeting

Current OSYC By-Laws (approved by the Membership on November 12, 2013):

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, Inc. (OSYC), shall be a Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer and Fleet Captain who shall be Class A and A/C members in good standing, elected annually by the membership at the Annual Meeting. They shall be members of the Board of Governors (Board). The Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Rear Commodore should be boat owners and each shall have served at least one (1) year on the Board or as Chairman of a standing committee within the previous five (5) years before taking office. The spouse of a Class A member may serve as an elected officer, provided that such member is not an elected officer or member of the Board of Governors at the same time.

Section 2. The Commodore, with the approval of the Board of Governors, may appoint additional officers. Such officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined by the Board, but their terms of office shall terminate no later than December 31 of the year appointed.

Section 3. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office. No member of the Board of Governors shall serve more than four (4) consecutive years, except that any period of time in which a member of the Board is an elected officer or is the immediate Past Commodore shall not be counted therein.

Section 4. The Duties of the Officers Shall be as Follows:

(a) **Commodore:** The Commodore shall be the Chief Executive Officer ...

Proposed change in Section 3:

Section 3. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office except that at the discretion of the Commodore, and with the approval of the Board of Governors, the Fleet Captain's term of office may be extended beyond the consecutive two (2) year limit for Board officers. No member of the Board of Governors shall serve more than four (4) consecutive years, except that any period of time in which a member of the Board is an elected officer or is the immediate Past Commodore shall not be counted therein.



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Proposed Slate of 2017 Officers and Board Members

Stopher Haug, Commodore

Shannon Ford Smith, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore – Chris Minke

Fleet Captain – Jay Shuman

Secretary – Kathrin Williams

Treasurer – Tina Seymour Demoran

First Year Board – Ray Hughes

First Year Board – Brian Cooley

Chris Walton, Second Year Board

Mark Carter, Second Year Board

Ron Haaf, Past Commodore



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AGENDA - OSYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 7, 2016, Ocean Springs Yacht Club
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Club Dining Room

1. Call To Order
2. Financial Report
3. Commodore's Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a) By-laws Change
 - b) Election of 2017 Board of Governors
6. Member discussion
(Please limit statements to 3 minutes or less)
7. ADJOURNMENT