



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

December 2019

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

From the Commodore & the OSYC Board



Early Merry Christmas!

I want to thank everyone for a great November. I feel that the annual General Membership meeting went well, and I want to thank all that participated in helping the Club by coming to the meeting. I also feel like our drawdown was a huge success and a lot of fun, even though I didn't

win anything.

Next we have December's events. I hope everybody comes to the Christmas Bazaar and invites all their friends to join in.

Please don't forget that New Year's Eve is also the Commodores' Ball. And a big thing is don't forget our staff. It is Christmas and we want all to have a nice Christmas so please donate to the annual gift for them.

Probably my most important thing to address is that this will actually be my last official report to you as Commodore. I have thoroughly enjoyed the year, and I am wonderfully happy with our staff/employees, and my 2019 OSYC board members for their service to the Club. I want to thank everybody profusely. I considered it a true honor that y'all selected me as your OSYC Commodore for this year. Thank you all!

Your friend,

Neal

Neal Olive
2019 Commodore

P.S. You all have my phone number and my card So you can certainly find me all the time!

From the Vice Commodore, Joe Pocreva



I am honored to be selected as your next Commodore. Neal Olive has served our club with distinction and I have a great example of how things should be done.

Neal, Tim Fortney, and I have been meeting weekly throughout 2019 as your Flag Officers in the hope that we can better manage the club affairs. The nice side effect of this is the seamless transition to the next OSYC Board.

Our club has always depended on volunteerism to be able to support and maintain the activities we all enjoy. I'm remain committed to this ideal. I hope you feel the same and can dig in and find a way to contribute to the upcoming great year known as 2020!

See you at the Club -

Joe Pocreva
Commodore-Elect and 2019 Vice Commodore

2019 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Neal Olive
Vice Commodore - Joe Pocreva
Rear Commodore - Tim Fortney
Fleet Captain - Jay Williams
Secretary - Patti Hogan
Treasurer - Todd Coulter

Board of Governors:

2nd Term Board - Brenda Gardner
2nd Term Board - Mike Tosch
1st Term Board - Glenn Hughes
1st Term Board - Ron Rivard
Past Commodore - Shannon Smith



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



Greetings from your Fleet Captain!

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We are having some beautiful sunsets this time of year and I hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy the view from our deck!

The 2019 sailing season has come to an end and we've ceased all operation of club boats until Spring of 2020. Next year promises to be an exciting year with our traditional slate of regatta's plus many extra fun sailing opportunities. I encourage all of you to join the sailing community and enjoy one of the great features of our club. Sail Committee meetings for 2020 will kick-off in January so be on the lookout for how you can be involved!

An email reminder to renew your beach storage spot for your boat, kayak, or SUP will be coming out in the next few weeks. Now is also a great time to give your boats some TLC and make sure your insurance is current.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Joyous and Happy Holiday season!



2019 Regatta Schedule

- April 5 - 7 Ocean Springs Ice Breaker Regatta.
- April 27: 1699 Regatta (buoy racing, one day, 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)
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**Tuesdays are
Guys Night @ OSYC**



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



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Social Committee Update & News



Season's Greetings from your Social Committee Chair

As I write this on a Sunday afternoon, the day after the annual drawdown, I have to say that I think it was a tremendous success last night. Thank you to all of those who donated and participated. We couldn't have

done it without you. Thank you.

So, on to December. We have three events coming up in December. On December 7th, we have the first ever Holiday Bazaar, on the 15th we have Breakfast with Santa, and on the 31st we have the Commodore's Ball. We also have an unofficial event on December 8th, the Ocean Springs Christmas parade. It rolls from the yacht club through downtown. There will be a toy drive associated with the parade and a box will be placed at the yacht club for your donations. They have requested toys at a cost of \$5 or more and unwrapped. Some appreciative child will thank you for your generosity.

The Holiday Bazaar on December 7th is open to the public, so please bring all your friends. We have many vendors with lots of different items to sell.

The Commodore's Ball is on December 31st, and we are going to have the theme of the "Roaring Twenties" since we're going into the year 2020! If you would like to dress in costume, feel free to do so. If you don't want to, no pressure. We just want you all there!

Finally, this is my last letter as the Chairman of the Social Committee. I want to thank everybody who helped me this year, I could not have done it without you. You know who you are, and if I were home with my list I'd name each one of you, but please know how much I appreciate all of your efforts and support of our Club's events.

Neal and I look for to seeing you all at the club next year, not in any official capacity, but as the friends that so many of you have become this year!

Love you all, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dawn

Dawn Smith
Social Committee Chair



Gumbo Cook-Off Winners Steven "Buzz" Bussard, Jackie & Gerry White, and Pat Stout



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From Your Club Manager

Trisha Callahan

OSYachtClub@cableone.net



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Happy Holidays! A BIG Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the 10th Annual Drawdown such a great success! Teamwork makes the dream work, and OSYC is lucky to have amazing members and a wonderful staff. Thank you all for working together to host such enjoyable event. We

were able to raise a good bit of money which will be used for more improvements for our Club. A special thanks goes out to everyone who supported their Club by purchasing a ticket.

Congratulations to the winners of the Gumbo Cook-Off on Saturday November 16th - Jackie & Gerry White, Pat Stout, and Steven "Buzz" Bussard. We appreciate all of you guys and gals for investing your time and energy into this cook-off, and hope it will become a yearly tradition. A photo of the happy winners is included earlier in this newsletter.

Please do what you can to help our OSYC staff have a Very Merry Christmas this year by donating to the OSYC Holiday fund. Your generous contribution will be divided among all of our staff to help make their own families holidays a little brighter. Think of this as a special way to thank them for everything they do for us all year long.

Galley winter hours:

Tuesday, Thursday from 3:00-8:00 pm, Friday 3:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-7:00 pm, and don't forget about our Sunday Breakfast from 10:30 am -1:00 pm.

Club Hours:

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

December events on the calendar:

- December 3rd Social Committee Meeting
- December 5th Ladies Night & Parrot Head Meeting
- December 7th Holiday Bazaar
- December 10th Hossfly Meeting
- December 12th Ladies Night
- December 15th Breakfast w/Santa
- December 17th Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- December 19th Ladies Night & Parrot Head Meeting
- December 24th & 25th CLOSED
- December 28th Grill Your Own Steak Night
- **December 31st Commodore's Ball & New Year's Eve**

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

Make sure to attend the 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 serve as your manager. I will continue to work hard to support all aspects of our club and the best interest of the membership. Please feel free to drop suggestions into our suggestion box or stop by and talk with me personally about ways to make our club better!

Trisha Callahan
General Manager

"Holiday Mode: ACTIVATED"





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“Member’s View”



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“... and a Merry Christmas to You!”
(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, Trisha Callahan, at OSYachtClub@cableone.net.

Thank you!