



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

June 2020

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



The annual Slip to Ship Regatta had a twist this year. As we approached the date of the regatta it was not certain only where we could go but IF we could go. COVID-19 and the specter of the unknown has paralyzed many people and most

certainly the National Parks. Days before our race, the National Park Service (NPS) opened up all the Gulf Islands except for Ship Island. We made a hasty decision to sail past Ship Island and land on the open Horn Island. The trip to Horn was

spectacular. The wind was steady 10 knots out of the Southeast. The first boats made the trip in 2 ½ hours and it was not long before all the sailors were enjoying hard earned fried chicken and beer on the beautiful beaches of Horn. It was impressive to see how many of the regular crowd of power boats had made the trip and filled the beach as well. All was grand until.... The NPS showed up and asked if we had a permit. Now for perspective, we been sailing to the islands for 40+ years. To my knowledge we've never been approached by the NPS. Also, while we have obtained permits in the past we certainly haven't submitted for permission every year. This year we quietly approached the shore with 23 sail boats and four support powerboats. We passed by hundreds of powerboats already on the island. We did not request a permit this year since in the end we were unable to make a final decision until the day before the race. So, with all that said, we were told if we had mad a request for permit, we would have been denied. However, since were there already we could stay but be fined \$100. Ironically, the NPS official was intrigued by our group and asked where he could learn how to sail!!!! Well, as you can likely perceive by this submission I'm still a little salty over the fine; however, in the end we all had a brilliant time at the island.

We have so much to be thankful for in Ocean Springs. This story will be remembered in a positive light. We'll all remember the day we paid \$100 to go to a forbidden island and had unbelievably beautiful day.

Your Commodore,
Joseph Pocreva





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From Your Club Manager

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Ahoy There from Your Club!

Thank goodness, things are finally starting to feel normal again! We are now open and already in full swing. You can definitely tell that summer has arrived.

I would like to ask all of you to be patient when ordering from our kitchen. We are running out of many items and this is not

because we are not ordering adequately for summer. Our vendors simply cannot keep up with supplies in demand.

This month we will be introducing our new summer menu; Bangin' Shrimp Tacos and Quesadillas are back! I'm sure that makes a lot of you extremely happy. We are also introducing some wraps and other goodies that will be a surprise!

Pool wristbands are in, so please pick yours up at the bar. Member bands are \$2.00, If you bring guest you can purchase a daily band for \$1.00. We will attempt to keep the Boat Bar open every Saturday all summer, unless we have a special event downstairs or bad weather.

We have made some new great changes - when you order food from the pool area a food runner will bring it to you. No more running up and down the stairs with the kiddos! We will be using an order number system so that when you place your order a bartender will give you a number; please place the number at your table so that it is visible to the food runner. Although we have employees that help keep OSYC clean, please help them out by tidying up your area at the pool before you leave.

Summertime OSYC Club hours are: Monday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 10:30 AM-9:00 PM, Friday & Saturday 10:30 AM-10:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM-9:00 PM. Galley hours are: Sunday & Monday 12:00-7:00 PM, Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 pm-8:00 pm.

June events on the calendar:

- June 1st –Board Meeting
- June 2nd –Social Committee Meeting
- June 4th – Ladies Night
- June 11th –Ladies Night

- June 18th – Ladies Night
- June 20th – Round Horn Island Regatta
- June 21st – Father's Day
- June 25th –Ladies Night
- June 26th - House Raffle
- June 27th – Grill Your Own Steak Night & Island Hop Regatta
- June 28th –Island Hop Regatta

Thank you all 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 email or call and talk with me personally about ways to make our club better!

Trisha Callahan
General Manager

"Half a year is nearly gone. Welcome, June!"

For pictures from past events at the OSYC, please visit the OSYC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanSpringsYachtClub/>

Photographs from recent and past events can also be seen on the OSYC website:

<https://www.osyc.com/>

Remember to check your email for "This Week at the OSYC" for special updates.

2020 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Dr. Joseph Pocreva, Commodore
Tim Fortney, Vice Commodore
Ron Rivard, Rear Commodore
Andrew Luquet, Fleet Captain

Secretary - Glenn Hughes
Treasurer - Dr. H. Todd Coulter

Board of Governors:

2nd Term Board - Mike Tosch
1st Term Board - Nicole McClendon,
Janie Rayner, & Lloyd Hebert
Past Commodore - Neal Olive