



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

September 2020

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report

## From the Rear Commodore, Ron Rivard



We lament the tragedy of another hurricane landfall on our Gulf Coast. Our hearts ache for our Louisiana and Texas neighbors to the west as many of you remember our own fateful day 15 years ago. Our own Ocean Springs Yacht Club community would never be the same. The sweaty, humid, waterlogged reality of those days lives on in many of

your minds.

We know how important all of our neighbors are to recovery. This fall will challenge the southern Louisiana community and all of those in the LA/TX Gulf Coast border towns. The devastation of Hurricane Laura will continue to spur us to reach out with our time, treasures, and prayers as they struggle to lift their feet out of the water.

The OSYC strives to create a welcoming getaway for our members. The friendly atmosphere and beautiful vistas greet each of us every day as we enjoy our Club. We have a lot of fun activities planned over the next months as we prepare for the cool fall weather. Keep the faith! We shall have something approaching normalcy in our lives. Stay connected with your friends and don't let yourself get isolated from your OSYC family.

Your Commodore,

Joseph Pocreva



Hello, Everyone -

We have had a great summer in spite of the Corona virus. There were many projects completed, and several more that remain to be done.

We are working on quotes for replacement of the upstairs deck ceiling and ballroom ceiling tiles. As everyone knows, our Club is getting older and there many projects to be tackled to keep

our Club building itself in good condition. We have also ordered more tables and chairs for use out on the deck, and we are just waiting on shipment.

The Social Committee is working on many fun events for the fall, so we will have many more fun days to come. Please check your emails for all of the details and date for these events.

Also, a we have a special request that goes out to any of our older members. If you have old pictures or documents we can add to our history database, please let my wife Kim Rivard or I know. We can scan any old pictures or documents and return them to you.

Looking forward to a great fall, and can't wait to see you all at the Club -

Ron Rivard  
2020 Rear Commodore



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From Your Social Committee Chair,  
Nicole McClendon



Hi there! We have a full social schedule ahead. I have my fingers crossed that we can enjoy all of them throughout this "pan damn it"! Which brings me to my next thought... If you are new to our yacht club and have a passion for parties, please contact me personally! I would love to have you on our team. We always

welcome fresh ideas, tech savvy, decorators skilled or unskilled, event planners, and people who just want to have fun. The more the merrier! Look at our future events and complete descriptions. Let me know if you have any talent you would like to share or anything that may spark your interest.

September 5 - Derby Day Bourbon Tasting: There will be a bourbon tasting (\$25 per person) sponsored by Maisano's Fine Wine and Spirits gathered under the deck with Derby festivities playing on the big screen starting at 4:00 PM. Inside will be a Derby Day dinner special with mint juleps. We will also have a Derby Day Hat contest, so wear your best hats ladies and gents!

September 26 - Golf Cart Drive In: Drive in movie night with your golf cart. Join us for some drive-in fun! Sing-a-longs and Caddy Shack as the main showing starting at 7:00 PM. If you do not have a golf cart, bring your blankets. We will have a designated sitting area for blanket viewers. We will also have concessions and a bar set up under the deck.

Future planned events by month and date include:

**October:**

- 9 - New Members Wine & Cheese/ Meet & Greet
- 17-25 - Shearwater Regatta & Hobie Mini Mega
- 17 - Chili Cook-off

October 31 - Yacht Monster Bash

**November:**

14 Fallapalooza Annual Fundraiser & Drawdown

**December:**

5 Holiday Bizarre with Bloody Mary Bar

31 Commodore's Ball

Hope to see you at all of these!

Nicole McClendon

1st Term Board Member & Social Committee Chair



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:

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





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From Your Club Manager, Trisha Callahan  
OSYachtClub@cableone.net



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Ah, September! The month of wonderful weather has finally reached us. I hope that you all are staying happy and healthy throughout this pandemic, it has been hard on us all and I can't wait for this mess to be over. A few of our members did test positive for Covid-19, but luckily and thanks to

social distancing, we were able to keep it from spreading. Our main goal is to keep everyone safe.

We have some amazing events coming up this fall and we still have plans on having our New Member Night wine tasting and Chili Cook-Off coming up in October too. I'd like to encourage the membership to take part in as many as possible. If you feel comfortable, get out of the house, come sit on the deck and get some fresh air. If you think you have been exposed, please mask up or stay home to help keep everyone else safe.

Club hours: Monday 12-8:00 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: Monday 12:00-7:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 12:00-8:00, Friday & Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm-8:00 pm

September events on the calendar:

- Sept 3rd – Ladies Night
- Sept 5th – Kentucky Derby Day 4:00 PM & Ladies Night
- Sept 16th – Kelley (Bartender) Baby Shower
- Sept 17th – Ladies Night
- Sept 24th Regatta Check-In & Ladies Night
- Sept 25th-27th– FWC Championship Regatta
- Sept 25th – House Raffle
- Sept 26th - Golf Cart Drive Up Theatre & Grill Your Own Steak Night

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

“Make it a September to Remember.”





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### Death of a Former OSYC Member

Fellow Members, It is my sad duty to announce the passing of one of our very significant, hard working, and dedicated Yacht Club members, Mr. Mitch Parker. Mitch passed away the morning of August 26th, after several days of battling congestive heart failure.

Mitch's involvement with Ocean Springs Yacht Club began back in 2007 while we were still in the trailer. One day a car pulled up and a distinguished gentleman got out and introduced himself to me. He told me he had come to help us with getting our new Yacht Club off the ground (literally) if we needed help. At that time this was like asking a drowning man if he needed a life preserver. For the next several months, at least, Mitch Parker became a daily fixture around the trailer and for another year or more in the new Club. He helped design and layout our kitchen working with other Club members. He wrote procedures on how to setup and run a kitchen, including how to get staff certified for SAFESERVE. He, along with Robbie Holstead, ordered all of our kitchen supplies, equipment, dishes, etc. Mitch then moved into the office and ran the office until we could hire our first manager for the new club. He did all the liquor and beer inventories; ordered the liquor from the State liquor sales people. He then setup our new bar, taught us how to do inventories, cost of goods sold, and he showed me how to order the liquor from the state each week.

There were not many tasks at the Club in 2008 and 2009 that Mitch Parker did not have his hand in. Needless to say he made a significant and lasting impression on our club and will be remembered by many of us as a fine man and a true Christian. May God bless and rest Mitch Parker's soul. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife, Jan and the rest of Mitch's family at this sad time.

Barney Banks

Commodore, 2008



### 2020 Flag/Corporate Officers:

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