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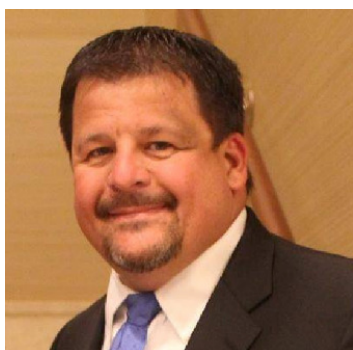


Ocean Springs Yacht Club

December 2022

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



As the month of December starts, so does my last month as Commodore. The last eleven months have presented many challenges at the club. With the help of the Board and the staff we have been able to advance many

processes and procedures at the Club. We aren't where we need to be yet, but we are making great progress. As Nicole moves into her role as Commodore I look forward to participating in a supporting role for to make her year the most successful yet.

Soon I will announce a Commodore's Ball and hope that you can all make it. In the meanwhile, please have a very happy and safe Holiday season. Give generously to our Staff, and I hope that the New Year brings your family as many blessings as you can handle!

As always, I am available to any member that needs to contact me by emailing commodore@osyc.com.

Until I see you at the Club...

Lloyd



2022 Flag/Corporate Officers:

- Commodore - Lloyd Hebert
- Vice Commodore - Nicole McClendon
- Rear Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich
- Fleet Captain - Robbie Holstead
- Treasurer - Michael Ramsey
- Secretary - William Buchanan

Board of Governors:

- 2nd Year Board Member - Kay Lynn Beemon
- 2nd Year Board Member - James Van Leer
- 1st Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick
- 1st Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard
- Past Commodore - Tim Fortney



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From the Vice Commodore,
Nicole McClendon



As soon as the cool air rolls in, you know the holiday season has just begun. Rather than indulge our inner Scrooge (which is easy to do) let's go the route of Buddy the Elf and embrace the Christmas cheer full on.

This holiday season we have some great social events and one of my faves is Tea with Santa! December the 18th Everyone is invited! Big or small! Bring your favorite stuffy and have your picture made with Santa while pointing your pinkies up!

This year, to spread holiday cheer, we are going to have another friend visit from the North Pole. Hank, our Elf on the bar shelf, will be headed to the OSYC to spread good fortune while being a little mischievous. So watch out... you might get ELFED! Who says the kids get all the FUN for Christmas!!

I encourage all of you to spread Kindness this holiday Season. You would be surprised how many of our yacht club friends are grieving during the holidays. Reach out! As Frank Cross in Scrooged said "It's Christmas Eve. It's the one night of the year when we act a little nicer, we smile a little easier, we cheer a little more. For a couple of hours out of the whole year, we are the people that we had always hoped to be."

Smile Big!

XOXO
Nicole



From the Rear Commodore,
Carroll Kovacevich



As the end of 2022 approaches and the beginning of 2023 appears on the horizon, I would like to thank and commend my fellow Flag Officers and The Board of Governors for a very prosperous year. A lot was accomplished!! The future is bright!! Thank you

for your time and dedication to the OSYC. It has definitely been a team effort and it has been a privilege to serve with all of you. The club is headed in the right direction and it will be the responsibility of the new board to keep it on course.

Also I would like to thank our Club Manager Trish, her Managers Carl, Nikki, Bobby and our entire staff for their hard work efforts and dedication. No one has contributed to the success of the club this year more then they have. They are the reason people want to be here. And for that I am greatly appreciative.

And finally the Membership. Thank all of you for your support, understanding, patience, participation, and input through out the year. But most of all thank you for being members of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club!! Always remember this beach house belongs to all of us!!

I'll leave you with this thought.....

WISHING ALL OF YOU A HAPPY, BLESSED AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!!!!

Carroll



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From the Fleet Captain, Robbie Holstead
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Greetings from your Fleet Captain!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Fleet Captain and serving on the OSYC board. Although challenging at times, especially during the busy summer sailing camps and regatta season, I have enjoyed all the wonderful people I've worked with and appreciate your help in making OSYC sailing a success. My thanks go out to all volunteers, OSSS and all of our staff at the club for their help. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve.

Beach Storage

Watch your email for a reminder to sign up and reserve a beach storage spot. Existing spot holders have first chance at renewal, but when spots are available after 1/1/23 all members have a chance to get a spot.

The sailing committee and OSSS have exciting plans for 2023 and are looking forward to another great year of sailing at OSYC. Amanda Romano will be our Fleet Captain for 2023. I have offered any help I can give her and hope all of you, as members, will do the same. We always support and welcome your help and involvement. I encourage you to get involved with the sailing community at OSYC. It's fun, rewarding and a great way to support your club!

I hope all of you have a Joyous and Happy Holiday season!

Robbie Holstead
Fleet Captain

2023 Tentative Regatta Schedule

March 30 April 1 & 2 2022
Midwinters East and April Fools Regatta

April 29 & 30
1699 Regatta

May 27 & 28
Slip to Ship Regatta

June 17
Round the Horn

June 20 - 24
Potential Hobie National Event

July 8 & 9
Island Hop Regatta

August 26 & 27
Katrina Memorial Regatta /
OSYC Club Wave Championship

October 14 & 15
Shearwater Regatta





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Past Commodore's Corner

The Commodore's New Boat

I need a new boat. The Nacra Inter 20 was officially first produced in 1999, my Inter 20 red boat had a VIN ending in 98, and was first owned by the venerable catamaran sailor Matt Struble. After some exchanges, I became her owner in 2008, and thus began a 14 year sailing affair, which included two paint jobs, one ill-fated but glorious vinyl wrap, countless Regattas, and who knows how many sailing lessons or just life changing joy rides aboard The Red Boat.

This particular vessel was designed to sail the gut wrenching coastal race named the Worrell 1000, a crazy, mad event running from Miami Beach to Virginia Beach, but that's a story for another time. While this boat never sailed the Worrell it saw over a decade of beatings, including multiple Juana's Regattas, Round the Island (Santa Rosa), Round Horn Island, Slip to Ship, Horn Island Hop, plus countless more, and so many capsizes its not worth recounting.

But now I need some new hulls. Shortly after deciding it was time to retire the red boat, a Nacra 20 came up for sale in New Jersey and I jumped. It turns out I have family that live nearby. But with 1200 miles looming I was still hesitant until my daughter Caroline chimed in and offered to road trip with dad. I was sold!

We left Auburn at 0600 hrs and embarked on our journey. 10 hours later the first stop was Harrisburg, VA, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. The first week of November had the trees in all their deciduas fall glory. Every mile provided a brighter and richer view as we rolled up and down the foothills of the Appalachians. We stayed the first night with family sharing old stories that Caroline declared she never heard before. At 0330 hrs the next morning we were on the road traveling through the Monday morning traffic of Baltimore, pulling an empty trailer longing for a new set of hulls. As we pulled into the Jersey shore six hours later we found our prize at the Spray Beach Yacht Club. Quickly wrapping up the transaction, we headed back to my sister's farm in Pedrickstown, NJ,

where we could finally relax and enjoy a slower pace of life. We communed with the horses and chickens and forgot about the boat. That afternoon we all traveled to South Philly (40 min away) to my other sister's house where we had a fun "costume" Halloween party (only Caroline and I had costumes; we dressed as Dwight and Pam from "The Office"). "You dressed up?", Sister said. "I was only kidding!", she said.

The next day was spent with my nephew and niece getting the tourist version of Philadelphia, which included pics with the Rocky Statue (of course), and a visit with my brother.

Off to Virginia Beach the next morning! Upon arriving it was clear the parking garage was not going to accommodate our boat with a mast extending above the truck. Looking for a solution, we drove to Rudee's Restaurant. Rudee's has sponsored the Worrell 1000 for decades, and surely they could help. Besides providing a great coastal seafood dinner, they also happily agreed to let us keep the catamaran in their lot over night. Go Rudee's!

Next morning we sped across Virginia and North Carolina and spent the night with my nephew (horse farm son) and his lovely wife. It's so much fun to tell stories about your relatives when they can't defend themselves. After a great night in the Raleigh-Durham area. we had to finish this epic journey and head back to Auburn.

So ... I would do this again today if I could. While it was just amazing to catch up with all my family, I can't tell you how precious it was to spend a week with my daughter. We talked 'til our jaws hurt. We discussed family, faith, politics, relationships, history, medicine, future, past, and so much more. I may have come home with a new set of hulls that I plan on wearing out, but I have full sails of memories that I'll never forget.

Thank you to everyone along the way and especially thank you Caroline cuz this wouldn't have happened without you.

Past Commodore Joe Pocreva



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From Your Club Manager, Trisha Callahan
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Ahoy There from Your Club!

Merry Christmas! Join us for our annual Holiday Bazaar on December 3, 2022, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. It is a great way to shop local arts and craft vendors for last-minute gift ideas, and you can build a Bloody Mary or have a big cup

of Hot Cocoa while you shop. Every person who joins the festivities will receive a raffle ticket upon entering and have a chance to win donated items from each vendor every 15 minutes. Make sure you take advantage of this event and don't miss out on the fun!

The Isinglass on the deck is finally up and operational. A huge thank you to Kimberly Smith for being a sewing machine proress; she had her work cut out for her, and also thank you to Dr. Joseph Pocreva and Joe's father Bob Pocreva and for the grommet setting, knot tying, and cutting. Hopefully, we will have the heaters heating things up soon. The deck looks fantastic and is ready just in time for the cold weather.

Make sure you welcome our new 2023 Board when you see them around the club. We hope to have a wonderful New Year and are very optimistic about the growth of our club. Please join in and volunteer some of your time to one of our committees if you are interested in being more involved with the club.

Club hours: Monday-CLOSED, Tuesday-Sunday 10:00 AM-10:00 PM

Galley hours: Monday CLOSED, Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-9:00, Wednesday Closed-Buffer Only, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11:00 pm-9:00 pm

"December" Events on the calendar:

December 1st Ladies Card & Parrot Head Meeting

December 3rd Holiday Bazaar

December 7th Trivia & Family Diner Night

December 8th Ladies Cards & Paint Class

December 10th Ugly Sweater Party

December 13th Hossfly Meeting

December 14th Family Dinner Night

December 18th Teddy Bear Teatime w/Santa

December 20th OS Carnival Association Meeting & Garden Club

December 21st Family Dinner Night

December 22nd Ladies Cards & Board Meeting

December 23rd Bar Bucks Drawing & Family Game Night

December 24th & 25th CLOSED-Merry Christmas

December 28th Family Dinner Night

December 29th Ladies Cards

December 30th Karaoke Night

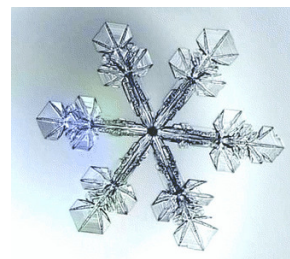
December 31st GYOS & New Year's Eve Celebration

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 membership's best interest. Please feel free to email or call and talk with me personally about ways to make our club better!

Trisha Callahan

General Manager

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."





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"RING IN THE HOLIDAYS" FOR OUR OSYC STAFF!

Please help our OSYC staff members to have a very merry Christmas season by donating to our OSYC Staff Holiday Fund. Your generous contribution will be divided among all of our OSYC staff members to help them make their own families' holidays a little bit brighter. Think of this as a special way to thank each and every one of them for everything they do all year long for us. Your name will be added to a holiday card that will be presented to our staff, along with the total donations received. Thank you!

Member Name(s)
(Please Print): _____

Membership Number: _____

Date: _____

Donation Amount {please circle):

\$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 \$25

\$50 \$100

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Payment Method (please circle):

Cash Check Charge to Account

Again, thank you!

Happy Holidays from your OSYC Staff and your OSYC Board of Governors!