



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

May 2023

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report



Dear Fellow Members:

I hope you all are enjoying the beautiful weather. What a gorgeous time of year to enjoy the outdoors! And a great way to do it is to watch the vibrant sailboats on our great lawn or the beach front.

Just a few updates on what is happening at the Club... we will be redirecting the golf carts to the far north corner of the back lawn to help get our lawn healthy for the summer months. This will be the long strip of land closest to the Biloxi-Ocean Springs bridge.

The Club will be having some maintenance inside and out starting with a fresh coat of paint and a few upgrades. Please be patient while we shuffle around some of our work areas. We will be doing most of the work during our off day and evenings, so we won't disturb the flow of the Club.

Checking off my checklist ... all our committees and ad hoc committees are in full swing. They are meeting regularly and making progress. A couple of committees that were brought to the Board's attention last week is a search committee headed by Sandra Carter to find a new OSYC manager and a new future planning committee which will include the surrounding real estate and expansion of our club. (Note: there are no plans as of now, but it is always good to be ahead of the game.)

Our events at the Club have run pleasantly smooth thanks to our staff. They have made great efforts in making everything perfect. I truly appreciate each one of them. They make my job as Commodore easier. I'm also grateful to Chris Walton for stepping in as interim manager while we search for the perfect manager fit.

I hope your days are filled with sunshine and fill your heart with joy!

XOXO  
Nicole

Nicole McClendon  
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### 2023 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Nicole McClendon  
Vice Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich  
Rear Commodore - Michael Ramsey  
Fleet Captain - Amanda Romano  
Treasurer - Gian Motta  
Secretary - William Buchanan



### Board of Governors

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Sandra Carter  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Wendie Hilliard  
Past Commodore - Lloyd Hebert



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From the Vice Commodore,  
Carroll Kovacevich



If you were like me and missed the 2023 OSYC Drawdown, my sources tell me we may have missed one of the best Drawdown events the Club has ever had. According to members who were able to be there, it was well attended, and it ran smoothly. The food was great. People had fun.

There was a little suspense at the end, as there should be. And the Club made money! There were many positive comments, which is always good to hear.

I want to thank our Commodore Nicole McClendon and our Social Committee Chairwoman Wendie Hilliard for spearheading this annual event. Also, I thank those of you who bought tickets, donated your time, and contributed items for the event. All of you played such a big part in the success of the Drawdown and we all appreciate it!! But most of all I want to commend our staff for the effort they put forth to make this event so successful. To our managers, bartenders, kitchen staff, food runners and operations staff, thank each and everyone of you for an outstanding job!!!! Well done crew!!

I would like to remind everyone that the "Run for the Roses" (Kentucky Derby) is Saturday May 6, 2023; as always, the first Saturday in May. I believe the race goes off at 5:35 CDT, or close to that time. So ladies get your hats, gentlemen put on your race day attire, come down to the Club, have a few cocktails and try to pick the winner; something I haven't been able to do the last few years. Well, maybe more than a few years.

Carroll



From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano  
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Dear OSYC Members,

I am delighted to write to you after the major success of our 2023 Hobie Mid-Winters regatta. It required a tremendous effort from all the participants, and

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Michael McNeir, Krista Vind, and to all of the Club members and staff who contributed to making the event a grand success. It is always a pleasure to see our community come together to enjoy the thrill of sailing and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship. If you would like to see just how much our little club has impacted sailing please visit this link:

<https://hobieclass.com/hobie-mid-winters-east-2023/>

Our next two regattas coming up are the 1699 Regatta 4/29-4/30 and the Slip to Ship Regatta the last weekend of May. If you plan to participate in "S2S" and haven't registered yet please do so ASAP!

Summer is just around the corner; don't forget to get your child signed up for our amazing summer camps. To register go to our OSYC website and click on the Youth Sailing Education tab and click the link for the summer camp you are interested in signing your young sailor up for. Here's a reminder of the camp dates:

Adventure camp 5/30-6/2  
First 2 week session 6/5-6/16  
Second 2 week session 6/19-6/30  
Third 2 week session 7/3-7/14  
Adventure camp 7/17-7/21

I'm looking forward to seeing you around the Club and on the water!  
Cheers,

Amanda Romano  
Fleet Captain, Ocean Springs Yacht Club