



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



It's a great day to be an OSYC member! We have a lot of awesome events and projects coming your way. Our pool bar will be open for the summer weekends. Chris Davidson has been working hard to get it set up for everyone. We will have Swetman Security, securing our parking lot and pool for the summer in place with a member roster. The bar upstairs and

down will have pool wristbands and guest bands for your convenience. There is a fee for guests; your member band must be visible. Our waiting list is growing rapidly. We are now at 89 people on our waiting list. What a great problem to have! We are an exclusive membership Club and I would encourage everyone to let it be known!

We have a lot of summer events for the adults and kiddos this summer. The little sailors calendar includes summer night pool movies, S'mores night, karaoke dance off, a sand castle sculpting contest, and camping with Mr Jamie our Eagle Scout. For our adult members, we will host a meet and greet for our new members, cornhole tournaments, nighttime adult only pool parties, and some exciting regattas.

Speaking of regattas, I recently attended the GYA annual meeting. There are a couple of items to report. GYA is encouraging anyone that is interested in becoming a regatta judge to reach out to them. They are in great need; please contact at . Secretary@gya.com We also voted on a new regatta called the Formula Wave Class Championship. It is a regatta for catamarans and since we are the largest catamaran Club in our region, we look forward to hosting this magnificent event. We are proposing that the trophy be named the Lancaster-

Rashka Perpetual Trophy. If you are a new member wanting to get involved with the Club or an old member, wanting to help out, we have plenty of opportunities for you! We could use more power boats to help out during the races and we would love help with our kiddo events. Please reach out to myself at Commodore@osyc.com or to our Fleet Captain Amanda Romano for sailing and to Wendy Hilliard for kids events.

Did you notice our new color in the entryway and dining area? It's a beautiful "Sea Salt" by Sherwin-Williams. We will have new cabinetry added in the dining room for more storage. Paint goes a long way! Next up, we will be redoing our office and the women's bathroom. Thank you all for your patience. We are working diligently around you!

Summer is here and you will be seeing some new faces as we staff up. Please make them feel welcomed and don't forget to praise our awesome staff. There is so much that goes into running our Club. I have been learning firsthand, and I couldn't do it without them!

Our general manager search is in full force. The GYA has circulated our ad on all of their social media and our search committee will be reviewing resumes soon. I am very hopeful that we will find a new hospitable general manager with great business management skills. If you know of anyone that you think that would be a great fit for our Club, please have them send their resumes to me at Commodore@osyc.com.

As always, I am here for you! Please contact me anytime for any concerns or affirmations. It puts a smile on our face when we hear good news, but I can also handle the bad!

XOXO

Nicole McClendon
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From the Vice Commodore,
Carroll Kovacevich



The Kids Cardboard Regatta was the brainchild of Mr. Jamie Herring and what a regatta it was! I'm not sure who had more fun, the kids or the adults. Thanks to all the kids who participated. Thanks to all the parents and adults who helped with the kids and their vessels. Thanks to the organizers. Thanks to our

Club's staff. And thanks to all the spectators who attended. It was a capacity crowd!! Check out the pictures if you get the chance. What a fantastic family event!!!! There are already discussions for The Second Annual Kids Cardboard Regatta!!

The Flag Officers, Board of Governors and our Management Team have heard your complaints and concerns regarding who is allowed in the pool. We have taken steps to assure that only members, their families and their guests are allowed in the pool and the pool area. By now all members should know that members and their families will be issued a pool band for all summer. Guest will be charged for a day band. The day band will only be good for the day it is issued. A security guard will be posted at the pool entrance to ensure these rules are adhered to. When a security guard is unavailable lifeguards will be in charge of checking bands. These measures worked nicely this past weekend. Let's hope it continues.

I hope that all of you have a happy, safe and fun filled summer!!!!

Carroll



From the Rear Commodore,
Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend. While Memorial Day is - first and foremost - a time to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the men and women who have died in service to our country, it also signals the

start of the Summer season.

Every year Summer brings more people to the Club as members and their families come to enjoy our Club, our pool, and our boats. It also brings sailors who come to take part in regattas and sailing camps. Our staff is working hard to provide great service to the members during this time while accommodating our extra members and visitors. Please be respectful of the Club and our staff members who work to make our yacht club great.

The Ocean Springs Yacht Club exists primarily for the enjoyment of its members. If anything is preventing you from fully enjoying the value of your membership, please reach out to a manager or a board member to express your concerns. We are all working hard to make this Club better, and your feedback is important.

While feedback is great, help is even better. Taking time to volunteer for a committee, helping out with the Sailing Squadron, working with the Garden Club, or just lending a hand to help out when you can are great ways to make the Club more enjoyable for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you at the club!

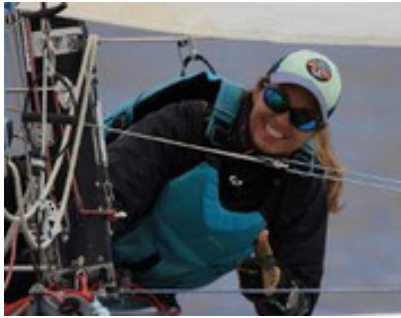
Mike Ramsey
Rear Commodore



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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Dear Fellow Ocean Springs Yacht Club Members,

I am thrilled to announce that summer is in full swing here at the OSYC! The sun is shining, the water is inviting, and our Club is buzzing with excitement.

This week marks the beginning of our highly anticipated sail camps, where young sailors will have the opportunity to learn and develop skills in a safe and supportive environment. Our experienced instructors are ready to guide them on their maritime journeys, and I have no doubt that we will witness some incredible progress and memorable moments throughout the summer. Our first session is at capacity, so be sure to get your kiddo signed up before we are full.

In addition to the sail camps, I want to take a moment to celebrate the success of our past two regattas. We had eight youth sailors registered for our 1699 Regatta. It was a remarkable weekend with the Thunderbirds flying in the sky and Hobie Waves flying in the water. We had some pretty stout wind for our young competitors, and I was amazed at their abilities to keep their boat upright in such a breeze!

Over Memorial Day weekend, we had about 28 boats registered for our famous Slip to Ship Regatta! All sailors were thankful for the beautiful weather and the opportunity to get all three of the distance races that comprise S2S completed in a reasonable amount of time. The first leg of the race was from the OSYC to the fried chicken and cold refreshing beverages awaiting us on Ship Island. The second leg was a race back to the OSYC where we had every sailor back well before sunset. We weren't sure we would be able to get our race off around Deer Island on the second day of the regatta, but Mother Nature pulled through for us

once again with just enough breeze to propel us around the island! I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the participants and express my gratitude to the organizing committee and volunteers who made this event a resounding success!

Best,

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain, Ocean Springs Yacht Club

Remaining 2023 Regatta Schedule

June 17
Round the Horn

July 8 & 9
Island Hop Regatta

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

October 14 & 15
Shearwater Regatta

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

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



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From Your Bar Manager, Chris Davidson

From Your Social and Future Sailor
Committee Chair, Wendie Hilliard



Welcome to the Ocean Springs Yacht Club Bar Manager's Corner! Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Chris Davidson; I grew up here on the Gulf Coast and graduated from Ocean Springs High School. I served in the US Air Force

and after serving in the military, I went to work for Lockheed Martin as a Computer Systems Analyst on the Destroyer Class Ships.

After returning to the US from a tour in Japan, I retired from Lockheed and started another career in the service industry as a bartender/manager.. After being in the service industry for more than 30 years, I thought I was going to completely retire. Well, as you can see, that didn't happen! An opportunity presented itself, and here I am!

I've been your Club bar manager for the past four months and I've had the great fortune of meeting many of you! If we haven't met, please come introduce yourself. Great things are happening here at the OSYC and I'm proud to be a part of it!

Please feel free to come to me with any and all suggestions you may have that can assist me in making our bar area more efficient and attractive to everyone here at OSYC!

I will be posting updates regarding future events and specials monthly.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to continuing to be of service to you all at the OSYC!

Sincerely,

Chris Davidson

Bar Manager, OSYC



Dear OSYC Members

May was a busy month for our Yacht Club. To start, we had a Cinco De Mayo celebration with an amazing buffet from our great kitchen staff. The very next day was the Kentucky Derby, with another great buffet, plus a best hat contest. Winning Best Hat was Jamie Herring.

We were also able to continue our mission to sponsor children this summer with Sailing camp. With the April Drawdown and the Split the Pot from the derby, we are able to sponsor FIVE kids this summer. Live music has become a monthly favorite, and we look forward to more during the summer.

The first weekend of the month ended with another event, our FIRST ANNUAL CARDBOARD REGATTA. It was an amazing event and had a great turn out. It will be back next year... BIGGER and BETTER! Mother's Day Brunch went amazingly, and the End of the School Year pool party was a success, just to name a few. We have more social events to come each month. Our weekly events like Paint class and Dance class will resume in the Fall.

Our next big event is Fourth of July and we will have small events through June so, please, check the weekly calendar that is emailed. In June our focus is a fundraiser to raise money for our big 4th of July celebration and we will be producing a members cookbook. Please, email us your favorite recipe to social@osyc.com. Deadline is June 10, 2023.

If you want to volunteer with the social or future sailors committees, please, email me at social@osyc.com. We have many events coming soon with our kiddos!

Best Regards,

Wendie