



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

September 2023

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Dear Members:

It is a great pleasure to be able to announce that the reconstruction of our Club is going well. I could not ask for a better turnout thus far. From our employees to our construction crew, they have been hard at work! So far to date, our OSYC employees have successfully moved our upstairs venue almost completely downstairs. With football season close, we plan to move a couple of televisions down to get all our games visible. We will continue to celebrate our holidays as usual and keep our members as comfortable as possible as the seasons change. Thanks to all that support us downstairs as we keep the ball moving!

As many of y'all have noticed, a demolition crew has removed our burnt decking, electric, HVAC and ceiling. The very next day, another crew started rebuilding our deck and outside wall where the fire started. At the end of the week, we will have a commercial electrical crew install a temporary panel that they have built. It will restore enough electricity for workers to reconstruct the inside of our building. This is where the magic will happen! We have already started taking bids to finish out the electrical work, install our air conditioning system, and reconstruct our ceiling. I am proud to announce that the insurance company will be releasing more money for a newer and better AC, electrical panel and kitchen vent. And with the help of our attorneys, we are going to try to squeeze out a little extra money for some structural changes. I am not promising, but we may have

enough to build a bigger bar. It is the last priority on our list, but I'm trying my damndest to make it happen. With all of this said, I am still holding strong with my timeline! I've been told by many people it will not happen, but I think with a lot of persistence and dedication to this project we can make it. I'm still shooting for November. I have had some great people on my side. Whatever it takes to get the job done, I couldn't do it without them. So, if you are a prayer, send them our way or I'll take some positive vibes. When it's all over and done, what a glorious day it will be! We will enjoy the sunsets in a new and improved Yacht Club.

Thanks to all of you for your patience through this process and a big thank you to those that have supported me and the staff! You know who you are.

XOXO Your Commodore Nicole

Nicole McClendon
commodore@osyc.com

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



Ocean Springs Yacht Club ~ <https://www.osyc.com>

P.O. Box 821, Ocean Springs MS 39566 (228) 875-1915

**From the Vice Commodore,
Carroll Kovacevich**



Labor Day Weekend signals the end of the summer of 2023. Some might say it was a summer to forget. I think it will be a summer to remember. I think we will remember the dedication and loyalty of our staff, the working conditions they had to endure, the support of our membership and the perseverance of all

who make up The Ocean Springs Yacht Club. There were some hardships and defeats. But there were also triumphs. We were able to continue to do business downstairs with the bar and limited food options, which continues to grow. Downstairs has been a new experience for many who don't usually hang out down there. Let's hope when cool weather gets here more people will enjoy it. The Fourth of July celebration was a huge success. The sailing classes were bigger and better with over 100 kids participating. And there were a number of adult

classes. Our regattas were well attended and quite successful. The pool attendance was better regulated thanks to the wrist bands and day bands. And finally.....reconstruction has started.

Most have probably noticed the fire area of the deck is being rebuilt. This is the first phase of getting the power restored upstairs as well as the installation of the air-conditioners. Also, we are discussing better ways to keep the upstairs cool once the units are installed. We are working on a solution to the upstairs ceiling. Kitchen improvements are being explored. Finally, the bar. I'm optimistic something is going to be done with the bar. If you have an idea, please send it to the club's web site. It can be a written description or a drawing.

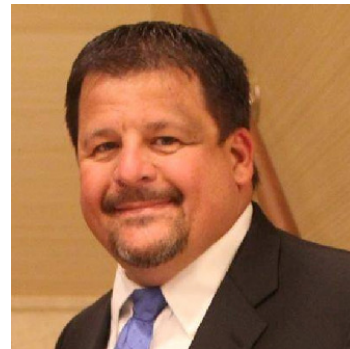
Not only does Labor Day Weekend mark the end of summer, it also means the beginning of.....FOOTBALL!!!! Our Operations Manager, Captain Carl, is working his magic to hook up another television downstairs. Come hang out at

the club this weekend! Eat, drink, swim, sail, visit, watch football, and buy the kids plenty of ice cream and popsicles!! They sure deserve it after putting up with the adults this summer.

I appreciate your patience, understanding and support as we work to get the old beach house up and running at full speed again.

Carroll

**From Your Past Commodore,
Lloyd Hebert**

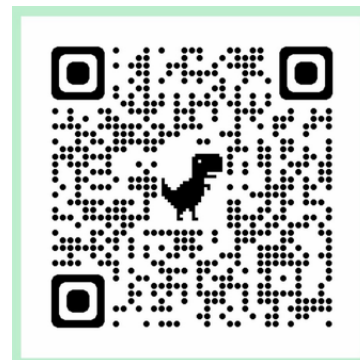


Thanks to everyone that showed interest in the opportunity to serve on the nominating committee this year. Selections have been made and now we are ready to start taking nominations for next year's Board

membership. If you or someone you know is interested in serving the Club as part of the Board please email me at lloyd@theheberts.org or call/text me at 228.365.3160.

Until I see you at the Club –

Lloyd
Past Commodore 2023





Ocean Springs Yacht Club ~ <https://www.osyc.com>

P.O. Box 821, Ocean Springs MS 39566 (228) 875-1915

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



Dear OSYC
Members,

The past weekend brought us some incredibly high temperatures that our dedicated sailors and volunteers endured with remarkable

determination during the Katrina Memorial/ OSYC Club Wave Championship. This year's championship was truly a test of skill and endurance as our sailors faced scorching temperatures and challenging winds. Congratulations to all the participants, and a special shout out to the top three open Wave winners, Jane Sherrod, Michael McNeir, and Teri McKenna, and to our top three in the youth division: David Karcher, Karoline Burroughs and Kierston Horton.

We have some exciting news to share! The OSSS has generously provide a brand-new perpetual trophy for OSYC sailors to compete for each year for this regatta. This exquisite trophy, crafted in Australia, is a symbol of our commitment to excellence in sailing. This year's open winner was Michael McNeir and the youth winner was David Karcher will be the first names on the trophy. I can't wait to see the fierce competition it inspires for years to come.

As the summer season begins to wind down, we have one more exciting event to look forward to - the Shearwater Regatta, October 14-15, coinciding with the FWC Deep South Wave Regatta, October 13-15. As we gather for the final regatta of the season, it will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase your skills and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow sailors.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the volunteers who tirelessly dedicated their time and effort to ensure the success of each regatta throughout the season. To express our heartfelt thanks, we will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Party at the end of the Shearwater/FWC Regatta weekend. It's a time to come together and celebrate the amazing community that makes OSYC so special. As we sail into the final stretch of the season, let's continue to support one

another and relish the moments we share on the water. Stay safe and sail on!

Best,

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain, Ocean Springs Yacht Club

Remaining 2023 Regatta Schedule

October 13-15 ~ FWC Deep South Wave Regatta
October 14 & 15 ~ Shearwater Regatta



Youth KMR Winner David Karcher



Open Wave Winner Michael McNeir



Ocean Springs Yacht Club ~ <https://www.osyc.com>

P.O. Box 821, Ocean Springs MS 39566 (228) 875-1915

From Your Club Manager, David Danna
Office@osyc.com

Greetings OSYC'ers!

Since the end of last month, there has been a significant amount of progress made in the rebuilding process. The ceiling tiles and insulation in the dining room, bar, and meeting room have been taken down and removed; the burnt deck and wall have been removed as well as being rebuilt and replaced. That area will not only house our AC's and electrical panel, but also provide much needed storage space.

I want to publicly acknowledge the outstanding leadership and guidance that our Board and our Commodore have provided in this process. As I have been witnessing, there are A LOT of moving parts in this complex process. More specifically, Nicole has been an integral part in coordinating and navigating the myriad of issues and the many pieces of the puzzle, including but not limited to adjusters, insurance, contractors, etc. Furthermore, I want to recognize the immeasurable help that Bruce Small and Kenny Watson have been during this time. They have been here almost every morning, lending their expertise to the more technical aspects of rebuilding. We owe them a special thank you.

I can't say enough about our staff. They have shown incredible dedication and "toughness" to brave triple degree heat and makeshift operations so that they can provide our members continued service during trying circumstances.

Many of you have contributed to the employee relief fund to help offset their loss of income. I am asking you to continue to support the club, and to continue support to our employee relief fund via Venmo, check, or cash. Let's show our staff how much we value them!

Administratively, I have been getting emails from members about not receiving statements or monthly dues payments not being processed. I feel your pain! We have been experiencing glitches in our software; thus I am asking for your patience while we address these challenges. Please let me

know if you are having any of these issues, and email me office@osyc.com.

Even though I have only been here for a short period of time, I have experienced and seen who we are. It is humbling, gratifying, and motivating!

The future is bright for OSYC. I know this. Enough said.

It is my sincere desire to make our club better. Please feel free to contact me or talk to me about any issue so that I can assist.

There's a shadow on the road behind. There's sunlight on the road ahead.

David Danna

General Manager



Katrina Memorial Regatta and Club Wave Championship (Photo Credit: Jason Bosley)



Ocean Springs Yacht Club ~ <https://www.osyc.com>

P.O. Box 821, Ocean Springs MS 39566 (228) 875-1915

From Your Social and Future Sailor
Committee Chair, Wendie Hilliard



Dear OSYC Members,

August was a hot one but we ended it with a Blue Moon. We had the Blue Moon social event with food specials, a fire performance, Blue Moon Beer specials and just good people sitting on the beach and enjoying

each others company. And getting to know new members.

We are coming along with the repairs and soon we will have more events as planned. For now, we have events in the works but with weather being unpredictable, we are waiting to promote, just in case, as we have had to cancel some things.

We do have the Pig Roast on the 3rd of September to show support to our first responders and to our Ocean Springs Fire Department. Please, join us.

Thank you all for still coming out to the Club as we repair and rebuild and especially for your support of the Club's staff.

We are working on more activities and entertainment and we will post them in Club email and on Facebook as we finalize them. If you have ideas, please, email me at social@osyc.com.

Best Regards,

Wendie Hilliard, Board Member

