



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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Commodore's Report



COME ON fall weather! It is getting nicer and nicer by the day just like our building upstairs. The Hates heat has come and gone and soon we will be getting into our festive seasons. Sweet Amanda Romano asked if we would continue our Christmas Bazaar downstairs. Absolutely! Of course, we would all love to be upstairs for the holidays, but you had better believe we are

going to have the very best parties wherever they take place! So, keep a lookout for our impromptu weekend parties and our planned festivities. I LOVE a good party!

The upstairs is gorgeous right now! It's wide open, airy and ready to be put back together. We have several quotes that are being sifted through as we speak. AC quotes, electrical, mechanical, IT, you name it! I know this sounds crazy, but everyone has been easy to work with on all the reconstruction. The contractors have all been dependable and punctual. The city has met our every need. Even the insurance company has delivered checks in a timely fashion. Our last submission to the insurance company will be after everything has been put back together and we calculate our business interruption. But all in all, it has been a smooth process. {Knock on wood & say a prayer to Baby Jesus}

I know getting into our building is our main focus and trust me I'm communicating with the construction guys on a daily to make sure all of our I's are dotted and our T's are crossed. Please understand that there is more to the process than getting a check from our insurance agency or pulling money out of our account. Even though we are in superb financial shape, let's just say another catastrophe happens during

hurricane season... We would be caught with our pants down! We are playing it smart and making good choices! Please trust the process and I promise to communicate with all of you. Thank you for your support. This has been a challenge! I couldn't sail this boat solo. Having all of you on my team has made a world of difference! Speaking of, I would like to see all your faces at the Annual Membership meeting. It is very important for all of you to take part in this meeting and have a voice. Every member needs to know where their money is going or who will be governing the board. Or even better, sign up for a committee and do your part! If anything, please just join us! We will make it a party! The newly renovated Gulf Hills Hotel has graciously allowed us to have our annual meeting at their facility for free. Hors d' oeuvres will be served and their lounge will be open with a Monday night football game playing. If anyone needs a babysitter, I have a college graduate living back at home that will gladly help out! I will accept no excuses why you can't join us on Monday, November 6 at 6:00 PM at the Gulf Hills Resort grand ballroom.

In closing, I have to say sorry (not sorry) for not communicating with you all earlier last week on the reconstruction, but marriage comes first! And Dr. McClendon said it was time to celebrate our wedding anniversary on a sailboat. The same way we fell in love on our love boat! Behind every passionate woman, there is a gentler soul. He is my biggest supporter and it was time well spent for both of us!

Oh, and one more thing, Carroll may be doing y'all right and extending our bar after all... More details on that as soon as we can get it in writing!

Until next time!

Your Commodore,

Nicole McClendon
commodore@osyc.com



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**From the Vice Commodore,
Carroll Kovacevich**



We are entering the last three months of the year and we all know what kind of year it has been. The repairs and reconstruction of the upstairs are slowly moving forward. Hopefully in the coming month work will begin to increase rapidly. We are close to getting an A/C unit along with hiring a company to install it. But a

considerable amount of work will have to be done inside before it is operational. The elevator is working again but it will only be used as a service elevator for the time being.

The fence is almost complete. The fence along with the parking lot being fully lit again, will increase security for our members and employees. And it should hinder those who attempt to trespass.

A refrigerator trailer has been rented which will allow the staff to store move food. The ones we had on loan, had to go be returned to the beer companies.

As we all know the first week in October is Crusing The Coast. With the weather getting cooler the downstairs is starting to get nice and pleasant, so I invite all to come down and enjoy.

Carroll

**From the Rear Commodore,
Michael Ramsey**



Ahoy!

Construction is well underway to repair the damage from the fire. Like everyone, the Board is eager to get our upstairs repaired and reopened. As we rebuild, we want to make sure that we rebuild better than before, and we want to make

sure our improvements will last for the future of the Club. In the meantime, I am enjoying the downstairs bar and I am regularly impressed with how well our staff is doing in light of the circumstances.

It is now October which means that we should have some good events to look forward to including Cruising the Coast and the Shearwater Regatta. It also means that the annual membership meeting is right around the corner. There will be a lot to discuss at this year's meeting including the progress of our renovations and improvements as well as the Board for next year. The Bylaws Committee has also worked hard to submit some proposed changes to the Bylaws Committee to discuss and vote on: including changes to proxy voting and requirements for future Board candidates. Please look through these proposals carefully and consider how they may affect the Club in the future. Also, please don't shoot the messenger. There is plenty of room for debate on these issues, but it is important that the Club – not just a committee and not just the Board – discuss and vote on these issues. I hope that we can all respect each other's opinions and trust that – even though we may disagree on certain issues – we all care about this Club and want it to succeed.

Ultimately, if you are a member, this is your Club. We all have a stake in the future of the Club and we should work towards making it better. As a Board member, I want to hear from you about what we can do to make this Club better serve you. Please keep coming to me with your questions and concerns. While I may not have an answer for you and I may not always give you the answer that you want, I want to hear from you and I want to make sure that every member of this Club has a voice in its future.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Thank you,

Mike Ramsey
Rear Commodore



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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano
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OSYC Annual Membership Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2023

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Dear OSYC
Members,

As we approach the end of a fantastic sailing season, I'd like to share some exciting updates and important

information regarding our upcoming events. The Formula Wave Regatta, the last regatta of the season, is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for the exciting event with already twenty boats registered taking place from October 13th to October 15th.

This year, we are thrilled to announce that our Formula Wave Regatta will coincide with the Shearwater Regatta, making it an even more unforgettable experience. The Shearwater Regatta will be a 2 day event, October 14th and 15th with 20 boats already registered as well!

As many of you know, our regattas wouldn't be possible without the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. To express our gratitude for their hard work and commitment, we will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Party on October 14th once the sailors and volunteers come off the water and have a chance to clean up. This is our chance to come together and celebrate the incredible individuals who have given their time and energy to make our regatta season a success.

It has been a pleasure to witness the club's growth and accomplishments during one of the hottest seasons of our lives (literally), and I look forward to more memorable experiences in the seasons to come.

Best,
Amanda Romano
OSYC Fleet Captain

Remaining 2023 Regatta Schedule

October 13-15 ~ FWC Deep South Wave Regatta

October 14 & 15 ~ Shearwater Regatta

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be one regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting per year, on the 1st Monday of November after November 5th. This will be the Annual Membership Meeting, and its main order of business shall be the election of officers and members of the Board of Governors for the following year. Other Club business will also be considered.

This year, that Monday falls on November 6, 2023.

Section 2.

(c) Notice of call for all membership meetings shall be sent to members no less than two (2) weeks, nor more than six(6) weeks, in advance of the meeting, and must include the purpose of the meeting. Only matters relating to the call will be voted upon at a special meeting unless a majority of the Class A and A/C members present approves an expanded agenda.

This year, those critical dates are Monday, October 23 (two-week window) and Monday, September 25, 2023.

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Section 4.

(f) The Club Secretary will provide in the announcement of any general membership meeting:

- (1) An agenda for the meeting.
- (2) A proper proxy form.

Please look for the Annual General Membership Meeting announcement, an agenda for the meeting, and a proxy form, plus the proposed 2024 OSYC Board of Governors. They will be featured in a supplemental newsletter that will be sent out to the membership no later than Monday, October 23, 2023.



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From Your Club Manager, David Danna
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Greetings OSYC'ers!

October may be the best month of the year. From the beginning to the end of the month, there is so much happening: Cruisin' the Coast, fall festivals, cooler weather, football season in full swing, Halloween scary fun, holiday season right around the corner. And most importantly, the miserable, oppressive 100+ degree heat is behind us (did I mention miserable??).

Now, onto the Main Monkey Business...October is a big month at OSYC as change is afoot. In mid-September, Mississippi Power "flipped the switch" so that we now have power to the building. Shortly thereafter, Otis elevator worked their magic and made our elevator operational. These are critically important milestones in our rebuilding process because reconstruction can begin in earnest.

Physical changes are not the only major projects in the works at OSYC. We are in the process of changing operational software from Jonas to Clubessential. This is no small matter. I cannot adequately express and emphasize this welcomed change. As most of you know, we have had more than a few "glitches" with the Jonas software (to put it mildly). It has been as equally frustrating for members as well for us administratively.

The implementation process began in mid-September and is quite detailed and involved. Clubessential is a one-stop-shop club software that contains modules for accounting, website hosting, IT, membership, and point-of sale. The biggest and probably the most important change for members will be the ability to go to our website, create and edit your own profile, see upcoming club events, access your statement, and make payments through your portal. There are numerous other features that the Clubessential software contain that will make operating the club much more user friendly.

The Clubessential software is scheduled to go live on December 1st. I will keep the membership apprised of the transitional progress.

In the meantime, please continue to be patient with the seemingly consistent issues of receiving monthly statements and making payments. It's frustrating for us also.

Please continue to support our sensational staff and contribute to our employee relief fund via Venmo, check, or cash. They do so many things behind the scenes that members don't necessarily see that make the member experience more pleasurable. I am continuously impressed with their dedication and genuine care about how they go about doing their jobs.

Enough said.

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

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**From Your Social and Future Sailor
Committee Chair, Wendie Hilliard**



Happy Fall to All!!!!

Another month in the books for 2023. The pool party was a success. Football games have been exciting. We are sad that Jimmy Buffett has passed but we want to thank all that came out to our tribute day. Thank you Bobby for a great menu; and Matt

Hoggatt, thank you for the great music! We had another Full Moon gathering and s'mores for the kiddos.

Thank you to all that have volunteered and helped. Thank you to all for your patience as we rebuild and dearest apologies for not having as many social events as we would like to have during this rebuilding time. We will be back, bigger and better soon!

October is filled with Cruisin' the Coast and the Witches' Ride in our Downtown. We are working on some ideas for the fall and seeing how the weather will be for us before finalizing. We will keep you posted in our daily and weekly emails and post.

And last but not least, thank you to all that continue to support our staff. If you have ideas for Club events, please, email me at social@osyc.com.

Best Regards,

Wendie Hilliard, Board Member

**From the OSYC Board Secretary,
William Buchanan**

Ahoy members,

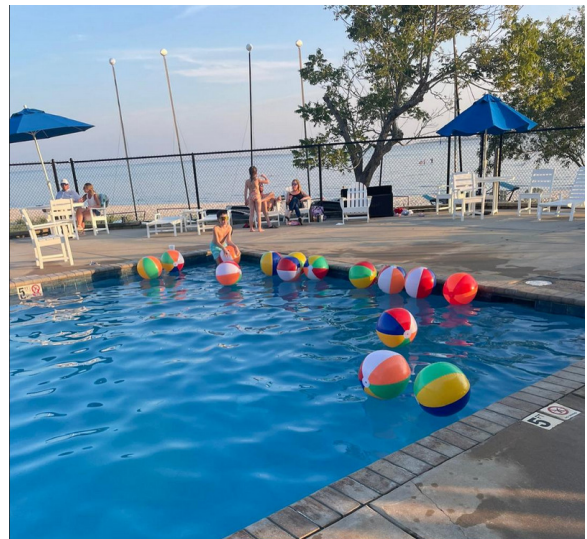
Our annual general membership meeting is quickly approaching. Due to current circumstances, it will

be held at Gulf Hills at 6pm on November 6th, 2023.

There is no slate for me to present at this time out of the Executive Nominating Committee so there will be an addendum coming out soon. The addendum will include the proposed slate and the meeting agenda.

May we all see fair weather and gentle breezes,

William Buchanan
Secretary OSYC
Secretary@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