



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

April 2024

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



As we spring into April, we open the Spring Season at the Club with three major events. The first is the Hobie 14 North American Championships, April 2, 3 and 4, followed by the 2024 Mid Winters Regatta, April 5, 6 and 7. More about that from

Amanda later in the newsletter. That will be followed by our annual drawdown on Saturday, April 13.

I think we have the bar, kitchen and all of upstairs running at full throttle now. There are a few things that need to be ironed out but for the most part we are operating at maximum efficiency.

We have redesigned and rebuilt the stairs on the pool side of the Club. The stairs had become a safety concern and the new design is stronger and safer.

The pool is open ... BUT THERE ARE NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY!!! They won't come on board until a week or two before Memorial Day. As always, no child will be permitted to swim without an adult present.

With the approval of the Board, following the resignation of our Rear Commodore Dos Hetrick, I have appointed Past Commodore Tim

Fortney to fill the Rear Commodore vacancy. Tim will serve in that position until the end of the year.

Many thanks to Trisha Ault and Tim Fortney for their sweat and hard work sprucing up the landscape in the front of the club. It's starting to look a lot like spring.

Don' forget to buy your drawdown ticket!

Carroll

Carroll Kovacevich
2024 OSYC Commodore

2024 Flag/Corporate Officers:

- Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich
- Vice Commodore - Michael Ramsey
- Rear Commodore - Tim Fortney
- Fleet Captain - Amanda Romano
- Treasurer - Meade Tyler
- Secretary - Vince Smith



Board of Governors

- 2nd Year Board Member - Sandra Carter
- 2nd Year Board Member - Wendie Dana
- 1st Year Board Member - Nancy Duckett Allen
- 1st Year Board Member - Bruce Small
- Past Commodore - Nicole McClendon



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From the Vice Commodore,
Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their Easter. April is here which means that we are entering sailing season and soon the Club will be even busier. In addition to the two regattas that we have

kicking off sailing season and the 1699 Youth regatta on April 27-28, the Club will also be hosting our annual Draw Down on April 13. This is a great event that raises money for the club. Personally, it is one of my favorite events that the Club hosts. Tickets are \$100 which includes a chance to win up to \$5,000. If you have not already bought your ticket, please come by the club or reach out to a Board Member to get one. If you would like to help sell tickets or if you have items or services that you would like to donate for the side raffles, please stop by the Club Office.

We are continuing to make renovations and improvements to the Club following the fire. We are still working with our loss consultant to resolve the remainder of our insurance claim. I remain confident that when the dust settles, the Club will be in better shape physically and financially than we were before the fire. I hope to have a bigger update in upcoming newsletters about this and I will always try to share the information that I get with the membership.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,
Vice Commodore



Past Commodore Fortney on vacation
(photo credit Joe Pocreva)



Easter Egg Hunt at the OSYC
(photo credit Wendie Danna)



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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano
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From Your Social Committee Chair,
Wendie Dana



Dear OSYC Members,

The anticipation mounts as the Hobie 14 North American Championships approach, set to take place April 2nd- April 4th. With 30 boats

registered, excitement fills the boat yard as the sailors are slowly trickling in.

The stage is also set for an unforgettable sailing spectacle with the 2024 Midwinters East April Fools Regatta, drawing competitors from 24 states and two countries. With a staggering 91 boats already registered, this event promises to be the largest gathering of Hobie enthusiasts in 15 years.

The Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron has been planning for these opening regattas for a full year. They have worked tireless hours to make our yacht club the best there is in the world for catamaran sailing. I know there are a lot of boats, cars, trailers and people to fit in such a small area but rest assured every detail has been covered.

The Squadron has invited a special guest, Joe Bennett, Lefkas, Greece. Joe is the creative force behind the popular YouTube channel, JoyriderTV. With his passion for sailing and knack for sharing valuable insights, Joe has attracted a global audience eager to learn from his experiences.

Looking forward to another sailing season!

Best,

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain, OSYC



Hello, Hello!!!

The Easter Bunny came to visit our yacht club family last month. I hope you got a chance to see him. We had our annual egg hunt and brunch with a great turn out.

The Social Committee has been busy with hanging pictures, and getting the storage unit organized, and our flower ladies have been on point with weekly fresh flowers for the tables. And my wreath beauties have been making beautiful wreaths for each holiday.

April is here and that means more events and the DRAWDOWN! Mark your calendar for April 13th. We have been working hard getting amazing auction and raffle items. If you have not gotten your ticket, make sure to see a bartender, manager or board member. The tickets are \$100, and you do not have to be present to win. Each ticket admits two people; both will receive one drink each along with a buffet for each, and a door prize ticket. The drawdown ticket puts one name on the board. Look for emails and Facebook post the week and day of for post of items. The dining area will be closed on the 13th to prepare and set up for the event.

On April 10th, please, join us to celebrate Mr. Bob Rashka's birthday. He is our 4th Commodore and will be 90 years young! Join us at 5:30 p.m. upstairs in the Club!

We will be bringing back live music and karaoke soon. And in May, we have the Kentucky Derby; start making your hat and getting your outfit together. Have a beautiful April!

Best Regards,

Wendie (Hilliard) Dana
Board Member



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**2024 Catamaran Racing Season Begins
at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club**

April is the beginning of the 2024 catamaran racing season here at the OSYC. We hope you will come by the Club to participate as a spectator during these two regattas; bring your binoculars along for a great view of the sailing from the deck. The two regattas that will be taking place this week are:

(1) the Hobie 14 Nationals Regatta

2024 Hobie 14 North American Championships (NAC)

Apr 2 - 4, 2024

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26907>

(2) the Hobie Midwinters East Regatta

2024 Midwinters East an April Fools Regatta

April 5 - 7, 2024

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18222>

The official notices of races, a current list of competitors, and sailing instructions are all available at the Regatta Network links provided above. These are the first of the year regattas for your Club, which is one of the premiere locations for catamaran racing in the United States.

As of the writing of this newsletter, there are 30 sailors registered for the Hobie 14 NAC event, and 91 boats, each with one to two competitors on board, signed up to sail in the April Fools Regatta.

One participant in both the Hobie NAC event and the April Fools Regatta is Joseph Bennett, coming all the way from Lefkas, Greece. He has over 33,000 subscribers on his You Tube channel JoyriderTV. The Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron is pleased to have him as a guest, and hopes that you will come out to watch him sail!

Our second April regatta was formerly known as the Hobie Mid-Winters East. It is open to Hobie one-design classes including Waves, Hobie 14, Hobie 16, Hobie 17, Hobie 18 and Hobie 20 catamarans,

plus the Formula Wave class, Youth Wave class, and an Open Multihull Class.

Past competitors for the Midwinters have traveled from Ottawa (Ontario, Canada), New York State, Iowa, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Wyoming. The regatta consists of three days of intense buoy racing off the OSYC beach mixed in with other activities at the Club. Racing will take place on a course in the waters of Biloxi Bay out in front of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, with boats leaving from the beach in front of the OSYC.

Again, copies of the Notices Of Race (NOR) and sailing instructions for both of the regattas are available at the links provided earlier. Both of these contain information that will help you to follow the racing out on the water.

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

Spring is here, and OSYC is in full swing. We are so glad to welcome back the groups that meet here on a monthly basis: HOSSFly (Historic Ocean Springs Saltwater Fly Fishing Club), Carnival Association, Garden Club, Rotary, and the Ladies-Guest Card Players.

Regatta season begins in April as we begin and end the month with regattas. The month starts off with a bang with the Hobie 14 NAC Regatta (April 2-4), followed by the April Fools Regatta (April 5-7). Because these are large regattas, I have been asked to pass along to the membership to please be patient with parking as there will be quite a few folks from out of town at OSYC.

On the last weekend in April, we are hosting the GYA Formula Wave Championship: A 1699 Regatta. The dates are April 27-28.

What an exciting way to kick off our regatta season!

Also, in April we are having our annual Drawdown on April 13th. This is our biggest fundraiser and is always a fun event. Please come by the Club to pick up your tickets to sell. Please keep an eye out on your email as we will be filling in the details soon.

In case you may not know, OSYC now has an app! On the app, you can:

- view the club calendar
- view our newsletters
- view your account (including reviewing your statement, current activity, payment history, make a payment, and manage payment methods)
- view the regatta schedule
- reserve an OSYC boat

To download the app, go to the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android), and search for

OSYC. Look for the app that has OSYC with our burgee.

Once downloaded, then simply enter your same user name and password that you use to enter our private website.

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any assistance with accessing your account, setting up your payment method, or scheduling your payment-call us in the office, 228-875-1915 or email us office@osyc.com.

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

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