



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

May 2024

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report



The drawdown was a great success! Many thanks go to Wendie Dana and her crew! Many thanks also to our OSYC employees for their efforts and hard work! And many more thanks to our members for their support and contributions! Your

willingness to purchase and sell tickets as well as donations for the raffle and silent auction help make the event very successful. Well done all!!

It's pool time again!! Lifeguards will be on duty this weekend, Saturday May 4, 2024. More than likely they will only work weekends until Memorial Day Weekend; then, we will have two lifeguards during the weekdays and three life guards on weekends and event days.

Please remember that our Club's lifeguards are NOT BABYSITTERS! They are there for the protection and safety of our members and their guest. It is your responsibility as parents or guardians to manager your children. With the cooperation of all we can have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

Pool wristbands will be given to members and their families. These silicone bands will be good for all summer. There will also be guest wristbands. These bands will only be good for

the day they are issued.. The cost will be \$5.00 per band.

We are in the process of finding and buying restrooms for downstairs. There are still some issues to be worked out. Updates will be provided as these plans progress.

Hopefully by the time this newsletter is sent the pressure washing of the front stairs has begun. This is to prepare the stairs for painting with a non skid paint.

Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 5:57 PM CDT ...  
THE RUN FOR THE ROSES!!!!

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

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



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From the Vice Commodore,  
Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

The Drawdown was a success. I want to thank everyone involved in the planning and organization of this great event. The money raised from the Drawdown will help fund future events and some

funds are being allocated towards scholarships for our high school seniors as well as some of this summer's scholarships for sail camp.

As an update about the financial side of things, we hope to reach a final resolution with the insurance company regarding our fire damage claim. Additionally, our GM and the Finance Committee have done an incredible amount of work in resolving our delinquent accounts and in implementing a program to help members bring their accounts current. During the financial report at last year's General Membership Meeting, there was a lot of feedback regarding our past due accounts, so this is a major victory.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,  
Vice Commodore



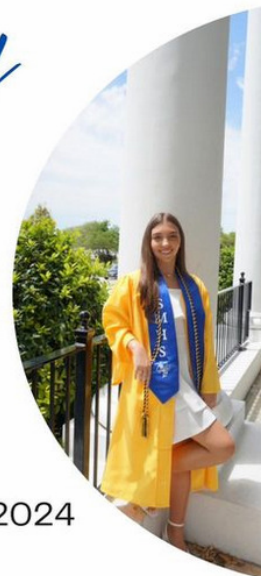
Booze Barrel for Drawdown  
(photo credit Wendie Danna)

# Graduation Party

Honoring

*Brianna*

*Borzillo*



Friday May 17th, 2024

6pm – 9pm

Ocean Springs Yacht Club



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



Good Day Ocean Springs Yacht Club!

The 2024 Hobie 14 North American Championships, held from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup>, showcased exhilarating sailing

competition spanning three-action packed days. With a total of 13 races scored, 30 sailors from across the continent converged to compete in this prestigious event. The top five sailors from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 5<sup>th</sup> place were: Jason Sanchez (Seminole, FL), Herbert James (Treasure Island, FL), Jim West (Celina, OH), Dan Borg (Mississauga, ON) and Mark Ralph (Valley View, TX).

Following the 2024 Hobie 14 NAC, sailors eagerly transitioned to the 2024 Midwinters East April Fools Regatta, held from April 5<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. With a staggering 90 boats registered across eight diverse classes, including the Hobie Wave, Youth Wave, Hobie 14, Hobie 16, Hobie 17, Hobie 20, Nacra 20 and Open Multihull, the event promised a spectacle of skill, strategy and every sailor's head on a swivel (my neck is sore just thinking about it.) Over the course of seven races, sailors battled it out on the water, showcasing their mastery of the elements and their respective vessels. The top 3 finishers in each class are as follows in order, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>:

#### **HOBIE WAVE**

Bob Curry (Crestview, FL), Jim Sajdak (Thahoe City, CA), and Wayne Fischer (Pensacola, FL)

#### **YOUTH WAVE**

David Karcher (Metairie, LA), Bain Travis (Ocean Springs, MS), Brooke Grisko (Clarence, NY)

#### **HOBIE 14**

Randy Landis (Pottstown, PA), Andy Warwick (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada), Phil Sanchez (St. Petersburg, FL)

#### **HOBIE 16**

Rich McVeigh/Carol McVeigh (Laurel, MD), Herbert James/ Sharon James (St. Pete Beach, FL), Alan Davis/ Amiee Modic (Sugarland, TX)

#### **HOBIE 17**

Phil Collins (Piedmont, OK), John Bauldry (Commerce Charter Township, MI), Stuart Hill (Casper, WY)

#### **HOBIE 20**

Greg Thomas/ Karen Grisko (Clarence, NY), Dave Sparkel/ Teri McKenna (Encinitas, CA), Bart Beck/ Hobie Beck (Berthoud, CO)

#### **NACRA 20**

Brian Lambert/Alejo Efre-Perez (Ft. Walton Beach, FL), Joe Pocreva/ Rob Patt (Ocean Springs, MS), Read Nichols/Marc Bachman (Pensacola, FL)

A heartfelt thank you to all the OSYC members for your gracious hospitality and understanding during both regattas, especially amidst the limited parking situation at the club.

Unfortunately, despite the enthusiasm of 18 youth sailors signing up for the 1699 Youth Regatta, we were compelled to reschedule the event due to high winds and safety concerns. Safety remains our utmost priority, and we look forward to providing a safer and equally thrilling experience for all participants in the rescheduled event.

A heartfelt thank you to Wendie Dana for generously providing five sail camp scholarships through the OSYC annual drawdown. Your support ensures that young sailors have the opportunity to experience the joys of sailing and develop their skills on the water. With 77 young sailors already signed up, there's still plenty of room for more aspiring sailors to join us for an unforgettable summer of sailing adventures.

As we navigate the winds and waves ahead, let's continue to sail together with passion, camaraderie, and a spirit of adventure. Fair winds and smooth sailing until next month's update, fellow sailors of the OSYC!

Best,

Amanda Romano  
Fleet Captain, OSYC



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From Your Social Committee Chair,  
Wendie Dana



April was a month of pollen, confusing weather and our annual drawdown!

We celebrated our Amazing Commodore Bob Rashka's 90th birthday and our Great Commodore Tim Fortney's birthday in April, in the SAME WEEK! Thank you to all that came to both and who helped keep Bob's a surprise.

This year's drawdown had a great turnout and we are excited for all the future plans we are able to accomplish from it. I want to thank EVERYONE that bought a ticket, donated time or an item and that bought raffle tickets/bid on a silent auction item. We could not have done it without you. We want to thank you for your patience with the new upstairs and how to handle over abundance or donations and our space. We had a look-back group and we have taken notes.

And to go deeper, I want to thank and give a shout out to all of the social committee and board members that worked hard to get our donations. These individuals went above and beyond and make me proud to volunteer beside them. Thank you, again:

Sandra Carter  
Amanda Romano  
Marina Romano  
Jamie Herring  
Tem Shields  
Ora Leonberger  
Wes Leonberger  
Janie Rayner  
Brenda Massimo  
Kimberly Smith  
Angela Klein  
Linda Litke  
Mimi Penn  
Mishell Shasteen  
Belinda Mauldin  
Tippy Flurry  
Meade Tyler  
The 2024 OSYC BOARD

...Please, forgive me if I missed a name

And thank you to those who donated, you are amazing and everyone, please, make sure to support their businesses:

Islander Outfitters  
Bacchus On The Bayou  
Lil Market Deli & Bagelry  
Murky Waters  
The Shed BBQ and Blues Joint  
Bonnie Alexis Furey  
Ora Leonberger  
Wendie Dana  
Amanda Schmidt Romano  
The Mauldin Family  
Coca-Cola  
Chandeleur Brewery  
Nancy Duckett Allen  
Chris Walton  
Bruce Small  
Shelton Jewelry  
Broussard Air  
Evergreen Ocean Springs  
Scarlet Pearl  
Golden Nugget  
Beatnik  
The Wilbur  
Gulf Hills Hotel  
Sunset Lounge  
Gulf Hills Golf  
Mark King  
Fazzio Pottery  
Riley Pottery  
Mimi Candles  
Chandelier Outfitters  
Hillyer House  
Poppy's  
Lafitte  
Raw Honey  
Yoga by Donna  
Biloxi Boat Tours  
Funky Yard Art/Hats  
Tosch Art  
Courtney Farms  
McClendon Medical Clinic  
Pure Lux Nails

Our drawdown is the Social Committee's biggest event of the year. We are so happy for all the good we will get to do in 2024. We successfully raised over \$23,000. We also, made 5 members happy with winning their part of the drawdown's \$5,000.

This year we are able to do so much and the following is just some to name as we move into May:



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- We will be sponsoring five kids whose parent(s) are going through a hardship with summer sailing camp.
- We will be giving our three HS Seniors, that we all know and love, a one time \$1,000 college Scholarship; Brianna, Preston and Marina.
- We are working on quotes and working on adding bathrooms downstairs. (We are working with the Mayor and city to finalize a few things)
- We will be contributing to sprucing up the Kids Corner for the littlest ones to enjoy on the deck.
- We are working on a playground area downstairs for the kids to enjoy more outside vitamin D.
- We will be contributing to sprucing up our fire pit area.
- We are purchasing official lifeguard umbrellas for our pool area.
- The OSYC will be sponsoring three kids from the Duchess Club Christmas Tree.
- We are exciting to also announce we are working on many monthly things for the club like First Friday Live Music, Karaoke, Trivia and so much more for our different fun events this year.

To turn to the month of May, I hope you have been working hard on your Kentucky Derby Hats. We will be having LIVE MUSIC, Bourbon and Mint Julep specials and The Parade of Hats on May 4th for the Kentucky Derby. The socializing starts at 3pm, upstairs. The hat and best outfit contest starts at 5pm and live music will start after the race until 9pm. Make sure to come out and have some fun.

Also, Ocean Springs Carnival Association will be having their Members Gathering downstairs on the 4th from 2-5 if you are interested in joining another great group that works hard to give back to the community and even harder to have fun.

May 5th is Cinco De Mayo and we will be have Margarita specials and Mexican Buffet, do not want to miss! Mother's Day is around the corner and do not forget to do something unforgettable for the woman that does it all for your family. Also, do not forget to rsvp for the OSYC Mother's Day Buffett/Brunch.

And last for the month of May.... We will be having a Memorial Weekend-Summer Kick Off Pool Party. We are still finalizing the details but mark your calendar for that weekend to keep an eye out. We will post soon more information.

And if you see Brenda Massimo, MiMi Penn or Tem Shields, thank them for always having fresh table

flowers. They weekly make sure those are pretty and welcoming.

Enjoy the month of May and our OSYC!

*Best Regards,*

Wendie

Wendie Dana  
Board Member



Commodore Bob, Commodore Carroll and Past Commodores (Photo Credit: W. Dana)



Cigars and Bourbon to celebrate Past Commodore Tim's 65th (Photo Credit: W. Dana)



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Our OSYC Graduating Seniors Photos  
from Your Social Committee Chair





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It is

  **KENTUCKY DERBY**    
time!

MAY 4, 2024  
STARTS AT 3PM

MEMBERS,  
JOIN US FOR  
DRINK SPECIALS, HAT CONTEST, RACES AND LIVE MUSIC.

Mint Julep, Bourbon and Old Fashion specials starting at 3pm

Parade of Hats at 5pm  
Best Hat,  
Best Dressed,  
Best Creative  
and  
Best Dressed Couple...

LIVE MUSIC  
WITH  
MATTHEW HOGGART  
AFTER THE RACE IS COMPLETE UNTIL 9PM.



### Mother's Day Buffet Sunday, May 12, 2024

Reservations are required. Please call or email your reservation request. Requests are not confirmed until you are notified by OSYC Staff.

2 Seatings: 10:30am and 12:30pm. Limited reservations accepted.

If your reservation has been confirmed and you cannot attend, we require a 24 hour cancellation notice. Otherwise, your account will be billed.

MENU:

- HONEY BAKED HAM
- ORANGE GLAZED SALMON
- PEEL-N-EAT SHRIMP
- SCRAMBLED EGGS
- BACON/SAUSAGE
- SUCCOTASH
- RED SKIN MASH POTATOES & GRAVY
- CORNBREAD STUFFING
- MINI ASSORTED QUICHE
- ROASTED ASPARAGUS
- TOMATO BASIL SOUP
- SALAD STATION
- ROLLS
- ASSORTED PIES/FRUIT/DESSERTS

\$19.99 Adults  
\$10.99 Kids 6-12  
Free Kids 5 and under





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From Your Club Manager, David Danna  
[Office@osyc.com](mailto:Office@osyc.com)

Greetings OSYC'ers!

Wow, it's already May! April was fantastic as we were hopping the whole month.

April began with regatta week: Hobie 14 NAC and April Fools. OSYC hosted approximately 300-400 people for the whole week, and both were a resounding success.

The fun didn't stop there as we celebrated Big Bob Raska's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and had our annual Drawdown. A special acknowledgement and thank you need to go to Social Committee Chair Wendie Dana and the Social Committee. The Social Committee along with many volunteers did an outstanding job organizing and running both events, no small feat.

We are in the process of updating our membership demographic data. After we converted to the new software system, we began to realize that much of the basic demographic membership data was lacking or just incorrect. Along with our software folks, we are designing a simple, brief questionnaire to send out that will be easy and simple for you to answer. Please be on the lookout for that.

As most of you know, we have a rather lengthy waitlist for "A" members. We have been vigorously and rigorously working the waitlist and have been actively admitting folks who have patiently been waiting for quite a while. Thus far this year, we have admitted a total of 35 new members, 30 of which in the past month.

At the time of this writing, there are approximately 80 people on the waitlist for "A" membership; and there are 15 slots that can and will be filled. (Our By-Laws state that we can have 375 "A" members).

Please give a warm OSYC welcome to our newest members:

Robby Shuman  
Dannie & Gina Williamson  
Greg & Anne Sturwold

Dusty Bratton & Lauren Hillery  
Ed Swanson & Lisa Graham  
Jen & Andre Gautier  
Kenny Doolittle  
Dan & Annie Adams  
Kimme & James Hargrove  
Jonathan & Jill Brasington  
Scott & Marletta Wittmers  
Jason Draper & Colt Cannon  
Jeff & Ashley Allman  
Jake & Brittlyn Carzoli  
Ally & Charlie Denault  
Brad Andrews  
Luke Kilam & Bailey Kleis  
Tim & Renee Gibson  
Jeff Cooper  
Judy & Tom Herrington  
TJ & Paige Holliday  
Will & Holly Earthman  
Matthew & Dewey Rayburn  
Lisa Chastant  
Taylor Pilger  
Brandon & Chelsea Riches  
Butch & Jenny Nobles  
Ryan Markle & Cherie Wade

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](mailto:office@osyc.com).

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

David Danna  
General Manager  
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