



# Breezes AND Blows



**Ocean Springs Yacht Club**

**June 2024**

**100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564**

## Commodore's Report



We are finally into our summer season and there still seems to be some confusion on our pool band policy. Members and their families will be issued bands that are good for all summer. Guest must have a day band which can be purchased for \$5.00. These bands are only good for the day they are

purchased. Lifeguards will enforce these rules.

Reminder - No outside food or drinks are allowed on yacht club property. There are a few exceptions such as birthday parties, etc.

Reminder - **NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON YACHT CLUB PROPERTY!! THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE!!**

As most of us know, the Club can get quite busy at times during the summer. Parking can be a problem. Therefore we ask all to be cognizant and respectful of where you park and how you park. Golf carts are to park in the back of the club **NOT IN THE FRONT**. And don't forget your OSYC decal for your window. They can be picked up in the office.

We have purchased restrooms for downstairs and are in the process of getting the permit to hook them up to our water and sewer system, which would eliminate vacuuming. I'm sure we all remember the fragrance vacuuming produced last year. Rear Commodore Tim Fortney and Bruce Small are working on this project along with a plan to move them if an emergency arises.

I have had a number of you ask me about hand rails for the backstairs. They are coming.

Polywood barstools have been ordered for the downstairs bar. If the Memorial Day Weekend is any indication that bar should be busy this summer. Finally two more polywood tables with chairs and umbrellas have been ordered for the pool. Hopefully they arrive soon.

Our management and staff will be working hard to ensure all members, their families and guest have an enjoyable experience at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club this summer don't forget to show your appreciation!! Thank you!!

I hope all have a safe and fun filled summer of 2024!!

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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!

Last weekend we celebrated Memorial Day to honor the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in sacrifice to our nation and to the freedoms that we

enjoy. I encourage everyone to take a moment and reflect on the blessings that we enjoy as a yacht club and on the things that we sometimes take for granted.

Memorial Day also marks the beginning of our Summer season. If you have been to the Club recently, you may have noticed that we are busier than ever. Our staff is working hard to accommodate everyone and to provide the best customer service that we can to our members and our guests. While we have made some significant improvements to the Club, there is still work to be done. If you have changes that you would like to see to the club, please bring me your suggestions. I am always open to recommendations as to what our members would like to see, but please be mindful that our members all have needs and wants that may conflict with each other. As a Board, we have to balance competing interests to make the best decisions for the whole club, not just certain members.

Our staff continues to work hard to take care of our members. Please be patient and respectful of them at all times. Disrespect for our staff will not be tolerated whether it comes from members, guests, or other employees. We are all one team and we all want to ensure that the club is successful. If you have any issues with staff or management, please contact me or

another Flag Officer so that we can address your concerns.

On a lighter note, junior sail camps have begun. Getting young people interested in sailing is crucial to the future of sailing and to our Club. I take a lot of pride in our youth sailing program and the amazing work that Amanda and our sailing instructors have done to ensure that these kids have a fun and safe experience in learning how to sail. They did an incredible job last year and I have no doubt that this year, they will continue to build on that success.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,  
Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore,  
Timothy Fortney



This month, your Rear Commodore's newsletter section is very brief.

There's a new popcorn machine in the works, and soon there will be double bathrooms for use in the downstairs area.

New polywood furniture has been purchased for the pool as well as some new umbrellas. We expect delivery in the coming weeks.

I'm on vacation in the Caribbean recharging my batteries. It's going to be a great summer around the Club; don't forget your sunscreen!

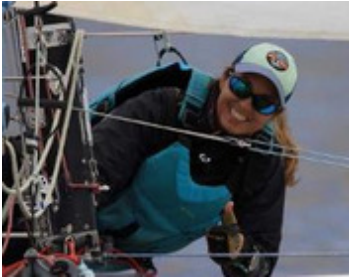
Your 2024 Rear Commodore  
Timothy Fortney



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



Dear OSYC Members:

We are thrilled to share the exciting recap of our 49th Annual Slip to Ship Regatta! This year's

event was a fantastic success, filled with great sailing, delicious food, and wonderful camaraderie. There were five different sailboat classes: Hobie 16, Hobie 20, Nacra 20, Open Spin and Open Non-Spin, with over 30 boats registered.

**Day 1: Race to Ship Island** Our first race took us from the OSYC to beautiful Ship Island. The conditions were perfect for a day on the water, with clear skies and steady winds guiding our sailboats. Upon arrival, we were treated to a delightful picnic on the island, complete with refreshing beverages and mouth-watering fried chicken. It was the perfect setting for our sailors to relax and refuel while enjoying the picturesque surroundings.

**Return to OSYC** The second race saw our sailors making the journey back from Ship Island to the OSYC. The competition was fierce as each crew pushed their limits to gain an advantage. The winds remained favorable, providing an exhilarating downwind ride back home.

**Day 3: Steeple Chase in the Bay** The final day of racing brought sportier winds, which prompted a change in our plans. Instead of the traditional race around Deer Island, we opted for a challenging steeple chase inside the bay. This impromptu course tested the skills and adaptability of our sailors, offering a thrilling conclusion to the regatta. The unique course layout kept everyone on their

toes and added an extra layer of excitement to the event. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the participants, volunteers, and organizers who made this event a memorable one. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what make the OSYC community so special. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for our milestone 50th Annual Slip to Ship Regatta!





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**Sail Camp Success** In other exciting news, we've kicked off our first week of sail camp, and it's been an incredible success! The enthusiasm and energy from our young sailors have been truly inspiring. We are thrilled to report that our first two beginner sessions are overbooked, highlighting the growing interest in sailing within our community. For those who haven't had a chance to sign up yet, there is still room available for the July Camps. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of sailing.



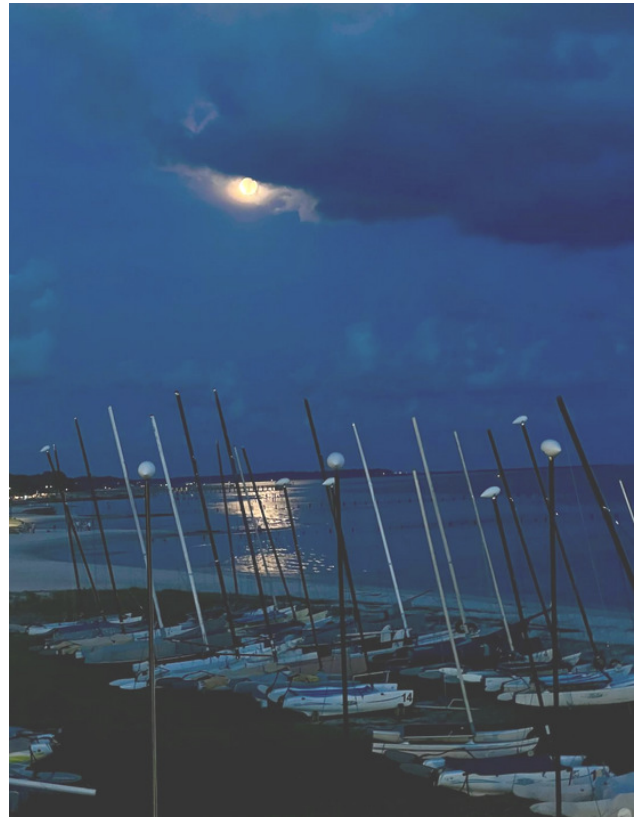
First Adventure Camp

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making these events memorable. Your dedication and passion for sailing continue to make the OSYC a vibrant and thriving community.

Fair winds and happy sailing!

Amanda Romano

OSYC/Fleet Captain



Boatyard at moonrise (W. Dana)



Slip to Ship sailing course



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From Your Social Committee Chair,  
Wendie Dana



The heat is on... literally it is already hot outside! It was also heated watching the Kentucky Derby! Great Race! Great Hats! Great Music! Great Time! Thank you to all that came out and enjoyed the day at OSYC! There were so many beautiful hats and people. The music was fantastic and even got our Commodore on the dance floor.

Cinco De Mayo and Mother's Day were a success and had a great turn out. Thank you Chris for the drink specials and kitchen staff for the buffets.

Memorial Day kicked off Mondays being open and summer time. I hope you enjoyed your family and remembered those that fought for our freedom. Thank you to the lovely ladies that volunteer beside me for hanging all the patriotic banners, they look great.

Moving on to June... Almost half way through the year, wow! We have live music on the 7th. Remember the first Friday of every month, we will have live music upstairs. Also, we are having a Hospitality night to welcome all of our new members from 2023 & 2024 on the 12th. There will be live music and a buffet. Even a door prize. Join us, meet new people and mingle. Thank you Ms Brenda for putting the event together, Miranda for the buffet and Chris for those drink specials!

And last but not least, June 22nd will be the Cardboard Regatta. See Jamie Herring for all details. We will also be posting the rules on FB and at the club. Email us at [social@osyc.com](mailto:social@osyc.com) for the rules and if you have questions.

Enjoy your summer, remember those pool armbands. And my final writing is to personally thank my social committee for all your hard work with weekly table flowers, wreaths and the planning that you do.

*Best Regards,*

Wendie

Wendie Dana  
Board Member





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

Greetings OSYC'ers!

May was a tremendous month at OSYC. We began the month with fun and frivolity with the Derby party and ended with the Ship-Slip regatta. Sandwiched in between, we hosted numerous events and parties, as well as Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day buffets.

The pool is now open full-time, and as a friendly reminder, please pick up your wristbands.

I would like to recognize and praise our staff. They endured and persevered the trials and tribulations of the prolonged aftermath and effects of the fire. They exhibited resiliency as we transitioned to opening and adapting to new operational procedures. They continue to work tirelessly and selflessly as the club gets busier and busier. This may sound cliché, but our staff truly cares about providing value for our members and giving the best service possible. I can attest as I have been an eyewitness.

Please, when you can, thank the members of our staff for their unceasing and unselfish hard work.

I would also like to acknowledge two of our former Commodores, Cyndi Moncreiff and Tim Fortney. Both generously donate their time to help better the club. Cyndi is at the club every day making sure the pool is operating at peak efficiency (Cyndi is also our newsletter editor).

Not only has Tim resurrected our popcorn program, but he also has been instrumental in assisting with getting the club grounds more organized.

This is what makes our club special: the "gumbo" of our employees and dedicated members that want to make the club better.

Please give a warm OSYC welcome to our newest members:

Jerry & Jeff James  
Derek & Erin Warren  
Phyllis Weaver  
Larry & Maryann Cohen  
Amy Green & David Eberle  
Noah & Peyton Mitchell  
Rose & Michael Clifford  
Van & Heidi Burnham

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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