



# Breezes AND Blows



**Ocean Springs Yacht Club**

**August 2024**

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

## Commodore's Report



August has arrived, the summer begins to fade and the kids return to the classrooms. Speaking of classrooms, our summer sailing camp, with a classroom under the Club and classes on the water, was tremendously successful again this year!! There were 165 campers with 30 campers signing up for multiple camps. Under the leadership of our Camp Director Amanda Romano and Lead Instructor Dani Zwerg, both nationally certified instructors, our attendance continues to grow each year. Thank you Amanda and Dani for all you do for youth sailing at OSYC!!

Also I would like to thank Junior Counselors Ruston Breisacher, Justin Parchert, Ruby Kate Romano, Karoline Burroughs, Josh Grumme, Joel Grumme, Connor McElroy and Fynn Erickson for assisting Amanda and Dani. When you are asked what you did this summer tell those asking you made a difference in a child's life. Outstanding job crew!!!! A big "thank you" to the parents and guardians for allowing your young sailors to participate and for the support you have given the camp!! Your time, effort and contributions are greatly appreciated!! As I spoke to the sailors after the regatta I was quite sure I saw a number of future commodores in the group. And finally thanks to all the young sailors for attending the camp. I hope you learned a lot and had fun.

Even though school is back in session remember it is business as usual at the Club. The pool is open.

Lifeguards will be on duty until Labor Day. The downstairs bar will be open on weekends. And of course the upstairs bar, the deck and the dining room are on normal summertime hours.

We come to the club to enjoy a relaxed, comfortable, fun filled atmosphere, a pleasant environment that caters to all. Let's remember to show courtesy and respect to all. Anything less will not be tolerated!

As my granddaughter Declan says, "In a world where you can be anything.....BE KIND!!!!"

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!

Our Fourth of July party at the Club was a great success. I have been told by a lot of people that we had one of the best fireworks displays on the coast. Next year, we plan to do it bigger and better, but also safer – as we

intend to move the fireworks display over the water. To be clear, no one was hurt during this year's display, but we must always be mindful of safety both on and off the water. We appreciate all of the feedback that we have received regarding the party and with all of our events at the Club.

Last month I wrote about a proposed condo development near the Club and my desire to keep our members informed of any developments. The Flag Officers have continued to maintain communications with the developer, and we have been following this matter closely. The Flags have recently been presented with a very rough draft proposal that included beachside development and the same has been presented to the Board. At this time, we are still learning more about the proposal and we will hold an informational meeting on Thursday August 1st at 7:00 pm to answer any questions and to gain more input from the membership at large. We will likely hold additional informational meetings as well. As I stated before, any major decision that would significantly impact the membership of the Club or will have impact the long-term future of the Club will have to be presented to the membership for approval. I am cautious to express my personal opinion about the proposal in this newsletter, but if you have any questions or if you want my candid opinion, please feel free to reach out to me..

On a more fun note, this summer, Christine and I hosted my twelve-year-old nephew for one of our Club's two-week sail camps. He loved it. It was a great experience for him and he learned skills and

created memories that are sure to last. The sail camps are just one more reason to love this Club. Amanda and her team do an amazing job every year and it keeps getting more and more popular. I strongly recommend that you look into it if you have children, grandchildren, or nephews/nieces. Also, if you are an adult interested in sailing, I also encourage you to reach out to Amanda or anyone in the Sailing Squadron to learn more. We have a number of sailors that really enjoy teaching and the responsible use of our Club boats is a privilege of your membership.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,  
Vice Commodore



Club fireworks (photo credit: Wendie Dana)





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



Ahoy OSYC Members!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the beautiful summer on the water. I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates

and highlights from our sailing activities over the past few weeks.

This year's sail camp was nothing short of spectacular! We had record-breaking numbers, with more campers than ever before joining us to learn the art of sailing. The energy, enthusiasm, and sheer joy on the water were truly inspiring. It's been incredible to see so many new faces eager to learn and grow in their sailing skills.

Our end of the year camp regatta was a smashing success! We had all 8 of our club Waves registered, each with 3 campers per boat, making for an exciting and competitive event. The campers showed remarkable teamwork, making us all proud.

For the first time ever, we had 3 Hobie 16s registered for the more advanced group of kiddos. This addition brought a new level of excitement and challenge to the regatta, and our young sailors rose to the occasion with impressive skill and determination.

A big shout out to our counselors and junior counselors who played a crucial role in making this year's camp and regatta a huge success. Your dedication and leadership continue to inspire our campers and set a wonderful example for everyone involved. I also want to thank the OSSS and the OSYC for all of the support and energy invested into the sail camp as well. Last but not least, a huge thanks to Kenny Boudreaux for showing up everyday with spare parts and continuously working on the club's fleet to keep the camp sailing smoothly.

As we look forward to the rest of the sailing season, we have plenty of exciting regattas planned. Be sure to check the club's calendar and stay involved. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or just starting out, there's something for everyone at OSYC.

Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. Let's keep the momentum going and make the rest of this season unforgettable.

Fair winds and happy sailing!

Sincerely,

Amanda Romano

Fleet Captain



Poolside fun (Photo Credit: Wendie Dana)



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First Place Team Youth Wave Regatta with Fleet Captain Amanda Romano, the regatta trophy maker, and camp instructor Justin

One of the campers made these trophies for our July 27, 20204 Youth Wave Regatta







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From Your Social Committee Chair,  
Wendie Dana



July is the half way point of 2024 and the anniversary of our Independence! We had an amazing Independence Day of celebrating our freedom. We started with pool fun and followed by cornhole, watermelon games, great food, amazing live music by The Bayou Troubadours, so much more and ended with a

fantastic firework show. The First Friday was also great with live music from Brennan Royal in the dining room.

The Social Committee is busy at work with many new events and weekly entertaining activities. We will have First Friday with live music again. We will have Trivia, Karaoke and a Paint Class monthly. Check your OSYC app, emails and Facebook for updates with dates and times. Even though the adult full moon event was postponed, the kids' s'mores night was a success.

And remember we have our little book library near the entrance. Leaving this month's newsletter insert short and sweet with always thanking my Social Committee volunteers for all your help and ideas, you guys make it great and I adore you.

*Best Regards,*

Wendie Dana  
Board Member



The Bayou Troubadours (photo credit: Wendie Dana)



Fourth of July at OSYC (photo credit: Wendie Dana)



Some of the Social Committee and Our Commodore at the Shuckers game! #teambuilding





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**OSYC Club Burgee Exchange, Member Kelly Williams**

This is my son Ethan Williams exchanging flags with Kathy Dryden, who is the 2024 Commodore of the Mission Bay Yacht Club in San Diego, California. He is out there visiting his aunt as part of his graduation gift, and we managed to get a burgee for him to bring out there for the exchange in June. My sister-in-law hosted a graduation party at their Yacht Club for Ethan.



**Club Event Photos From Your Social Committee Chair, Wendie Dana**







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

Greetings OSYC'ers!

Wow, is it August and back to school time already???? What happened to June and July??? Not only does August signify the beginning of school, but it also means that football is around the corner. Summer has come and gone, and time has passed us by.....

Wendie and the Social Committee have numerous, fun events and activities on the books for the next few months, including brand new events. Starting in August and recurring each month, we will have Trivia Night every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and Karaoke every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Please check the club calendar often on the app or the members website ([members.osyc.com](http://members.osyc.com)) for updates.

We now have new apparel with an updated, modernized, refreshed look and feel: comfort color shirts; dri-fit long sleeve hooded shirts; polo shirts; dri-fit hats; mesh "trucker" hats.

This is just the start. We are expanding our merchandise and are already looking forward to the fall/winter/holiday product line. Special thanks go to: Sandra Carter for her invaluable input as well as Wendie Dana's contribution (not my wife - spelled differently).

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

Please give a warm OSYC welcome to our newest members:

Matt Borg & Noelle Blackmon  
Michael Arocho & Jennifer Trump  
Anne & James Watson  
Haley & Bubba Goodman  
Matt Emerick & Freya Katz  
Kimberly Easterling  
Hunter & Jaime Odom

Nicki Lane & Charles Leikam  
Austen Addington  
David & Michelle Gibbs  
Haley Summers & Ben Thacker  
John Thomas  
Kay & Ed Croom  
Jon Pollock & Lindsey Zubritsky  
Marianne Banks & Tom Parsons

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any assistance with accessing your account, (if you are member #A01026, and are reading this come to David's office and claim your bar bucks prize), 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  
[office@osyc.com](mailto:office@osyc.com)



**2024 OSYC SUMMER HOURS**

<b>UPSTAIRS</b>	
<b>KITCHEN</b>	<b>BAR</b>
Tue 12:00-8:00	11:00-9:00
Wed 2:00-8:00	2:00-9:00
Thu 12:00-8:00	11:00-9:00
Fri 12:00-9:00	11:00-10:00
Sat 11:00-9:00	11:00-10:00
Sun 11:00-8:00	11:00-9:00

**DOWNSTAIRS**  
Sat 11:00-8:00 (bar only)  
Sun 11:00-8:00 (bar only)  
Mon 12:00-6:00 (bar & limited food service)