



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

September 2024

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



As summer ends and we move into the last four months of the year there are a couple of things to remember. After Labor Day, the Club will be closed on Mondays, and there will be no lifeguards on duty.

If you take a boat out that is owned by the Sailing Squadron or by the Club, whether it is a Hobie, kayak or any thing else in between, you must wear a lifejacket. No exceptions. This is especially critical to comply with state laws. When boating in Mississippi, **anyone 12 years of age and younger must wear a Type I, II or III U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD)**, and you are required to have at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD for each person on board, regardless of the length of vessel. This includes canoes or kayaks.

More televisions have been installed in the bar area for your watching convenience. Just in time for football season. Speaking of football season, Wendie and the Social Committee are planning festivities for The Saints opening game against Carolina on September 8th. Check it out!

For those of you who don't know, I spoke with the developer of the properties on the hill and

to our east and he has decided to delay that project. He has chosen to try and develop the property north of highway 90 by the railroad tracks.

Our Annual General Membership Meeting will be on Monday November 11, 2024. It seems like a long way out, but it most definitely is not. Please do your best to attend. We have some decisions to make.

Thanks to all for helping make The Summer of 2024 a success for OSYC!!

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 want to first thank everyone who came out for our informational meeting regarding the adjacent property development and its impact on the Club. I believe that we had a

very constructive meeting and we obtained some valuable input from our members. I do not have any additional updates regarding the property at this time, but we are continuing to monitor the situation closely, and Commodore Carroll has filled you in on what he knows at present in his newsletter contribution.

I would also like to reflect on the recent anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. When Katrina hit, I was a high school senior at Bay High in Bay St. Louis. Katrina destroyed my home and it destroyed my Grandfather's sailboat, upon which I learned how to sail. The Club and many of you also lost a lot during that storm, but we have rebuilt our homes and rebuilt our lives following the storm. While there are some scars that remain from Katrina, overall, we became more resilient and stronger in the wake of the storm.

As with Katrina, and in any adversity, there are life lessons to be learned and opportunities to grow. As an organization made up of diverse individuals, sometimes we experience internal conflict when individuals have conflicts with one another. Disagreements inside an organization with passionate members and staff are to be expected, but we cannot allow individual disagreements to threaten the Club. Our members and our staff must treat each other with respect and gossip and speculation

regarding other people must be put to a stop. If there are legitimate concerns over another member or about an employee, I implore you to first discuss this with the other individual like an adult. If you are being disrespected or if you observe someone else being disrespectful or in violation of our house rules, please make a written complaint to one of the Flag Officers. Regardless of who the complaint concerns, we will investigate and act. We have to work together for the good of the Club.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,
Vice Commodore



Kenny Boudreaux with Youth class flag for start at the Katrina Memorial Regatta



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



Ahoy OSYC Members,

We've had another spectacular regatta, and I'm thrilled to share the results of the Katrina Memorial Club Wave Championship.

The competition was fierce, and the camaraderie was even stronger, making this year's event one to remember.

Championship Results:

- **First Place and Perpetual Trophy Winner:** Michael McNeir
- **Second Place:** Teri McKenna
- **Third Place:** Mark Ederer

In the Youth Division, our young sailors demonstrated skill and sportsmanship beyond their years:

- **First Place:** David Karcher
- **Second Place:** Kiersten Horton
- **Third Place:** Bain Travis

We also had the honor of presenting a Senior Sailor Award to our oldest competitor, Steve Collins, whose passion for sailing continues to inspire us all. A huge thank you to the race committee for their tireless efforts in organizing and running the regatta. Their dedication ensures that our events are both competitive and enjoyable for everyone involved. We couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to all our sailors, and thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and cheered. Your enthusiasm and spirit make our sailing community truly special. There is still time to learn to sail, reach out to me if you are interested, I'd love to teach you!

Fair winds and see you on the water!

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain, Ocean Springs Yacht Club



John Farris (PRO), FC Amanda and Perpetual Trophy, and First Place Winner Michael McNeir



Youth Division Trophy Winners



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From the OSYC Board Secretary,
Vince Smith



Good Day All,

Summer is flying by and it is time to announce that the Ocean Springs Yacht Club will be holding our required annual club business meeting on **November 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM.**

This important event will take place at our clubhouse, and we encourage all members to attend.

Agenda Highlights:

- Year in Review: A summary of our achievements and activities over the past year.
- Financial Report: Presentation of the club's financial status, dues, fees, and budget for the upcoming year.
- Elections: Voting for new board members and officers.
- Proposed Bylaws and House Rule changes.
- Future Plans: Discussion of upcoming events, projects, and initiatives for 2025.
- Member Feedback: An open forum for members to share their thoughts and suggestions.

Be on the lookout for the detailed formal agenda. Per our bylaws, it will be published (member website, email, and Club bulletin board) no earlier than September 30 and no later than October 28. We have two Board of Governors meetings remaining before the annual meeting, September 19 and October 17 at 6pm at the clubhouse.

These meetings are excellent opportunities to get any recommendations or concerns before the board before the annual meeting. Members are always encouraged to attend these meetings, but you do need to request to address the board one week prior to the meeting. Contact the club office or any board member to be placed on the board agenda.

FYI, all our board meeting minutes are on the OSYC member web pages as are our constitution, bylaws, and house rules. If you need any additional details or have other requests, just let me know!

Your participation at the annual meeting is vital to the continued success and growth of our club. This is a great opportunity to voice your opinions, ask questions, and get involved in the decision-making process. We are blessed with the most beautiful club on the coast—the view and the people. I look forward to seeing you there—save the date November 11, 6:00pm at OSYC.

Warm regards,

Vince Smith
OSYC Secretary





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From Your Social Committee Chair,
Wendie Dana



August is over and we are heading into the month that is suppose to give us FALL. August was busy with continuing live music on the first Friday and starting new or starting over other events and entertainment for our members. Trivia and

karaoke, both were a huge success.

Join us in September for more fun nights. September we will have Monet on the Rocks Paint & Sip on the first Thursday of every month and it happens to also be ladies' night. The Bayou Troubadours will be playing upstairs on the 6th for First Fridays. We will have a SAINTS Kickoff party on September 8th with a little cornbread contest and lots of bar bucks giveaways. And not to forget we will be providing all the RED BEANS & Rice.

In September, trivia will be on the second Wednesday but we are moving karaoke to the third Saturday because we are having an ADULT POOL PARTY on the 20th for all of our wonderful members. Make sure to RSVP on the OSYC app or with your favorite staff member. There is a cost of \$5 for the wristband, which you will get at the pool gate (You can member charge). The total \$5 will go towards sponsoring children for the Duchess Club Doll & Toy Campaign for Christmas. Make sure to bring your favorite raft as there will be contests and so much more. We will be providing the food for the pool party.

The social committee is also proud to have been able to purchase two of the TVs in the bar area, with one being our digital menu and information board. We are doing our best to

make sure you are informed and there is so much more to come.

As always, I want to thank my social committee volunteers for all your help, ideas and always being fun, positive and hardworking; you make being the chairman FUN! Please, remember to thank them if you see them working around the club.

We are also planning, October, November and December events so be on the look out.

Best Regards,

Wendie



(photo credit: Wendie Dana)



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Club Event Photos From Your Social Committee Chair, Wendie Dana



(photo credit: Wendie Dana)

Additional Katrina Memorial Regatta Photos



Second and third place winners Terri McKenna, Mark Ederer, and Senior Sailor Steve Collins, with PRO and FC



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1974 OSYC Commodore Bob Rashka
Tells A Club History Story

All of us "old hands" felt that OSYC had lost the Bache Whitlock painting of the Bonnie Doon sailboat in Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

I'm pleased that we were all wrong. Someone removed the painting and secured it in a storage room in the Ocean Springs Hospital. In 2022, Ruth Johnston (daughter of 1975 OSYC Commodore Albert S. Johnston, and a nurse at the Ocean Springs hospital) found the painting in a hospital storage room.

Ruth and I traded a framed photo of two McDonnell F-101 Voodoos on takeoff from Royal Air Force (RAF) Bentwaters, England, for the Bonnie Doon painting. Incidentally the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi was the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at RAF Bentwaters, Woodbridge, England. The 81st Tactical Fighter Wing was the only wing in the United States Air Force that flew F-101 Voodoos with guns in the nose. In October, November, and December of 1965, we flew our Voodoos from England to Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Alabama. Pilots from the Nevada, Arkansas, and Kentucky National Guard units came to Mobile and flew the Voodoos to their home bases. The gun noses were then removed, camera noses were installed, and I believe to Voodoos became RF-101 "N".

Back to the original purpose of this story. OSYC now has two copies of Mr. Whitlock's Bonnie Doon painting. One is hanging in the dining room. I found the original stored among other "stuff" in the OSYC rented storage shed when I was building storage shelves last week (July 2024). The original is now stored behind the door in the OSYC Manager's office.

No one I've talked to has any idea of how we ended up with two copies of this painting. If anyone knows how this came about, please tell our present Commodore or myself.

Cheers,

Robert J. Rashka

P.S. I flew the F-101 Voodoo with guns in the nose in England 1965.

P.S.S. I built a safe secure space to store the Bonnie Doon painting in the OSYC storage room.





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Weekly Specials

|| menu ||

Tuesdays

Wings \$1.00

Max 20 per person. Max 2 flavors, additional sauce on side is available.

Chicken Alfredo with French Bread \$11.00

Wednesdays

Red Beans and Rice with Cornbread \$8.00

Thursdays

Pork Chops(fried or grilled) with 2 sides \$11.00

Sides - Fries, Okra, Side Salad, Veggies of the Day

Friday and Saturday Specials will be posted weekly

Through September 30, 2024

However, we have not been able to locate the plaque with the names of the award winners. It is quite possible that someone may have picked up the plaque during the aftermath of the chaos of the fire. We do not know for sure.

We are reaching out to our membership to see if anyone as any knowledge as to the whereabouts of the Rodney Robinson Award plaque may be.

Thank you very much for your help and cooperation.



Greetings OSYC'ers!

In the past, our yacht club has given out the Rodney Robinson Award to a member who has been recognized for extraordinary volunteer service to our club. Rodney was the Commodore at OSYC in 1999 and established this award.

We are in possession of the picture/portrait of Commodore Robinson.



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From Your Club Manager, David Danna
Office@osyc.com

Greetings OSYC'ers!

It's September, which means it's football season and cooler weather is getting closer!!

Speaking of football, on Sunday, September 8th, we are celebrating the Saints' first game with red beans and rice and a cornbread contest!

We are constantly striving to improve our club and provide value for membership. The goal is to always get better and improve.

Since the fire a year ago, we have made many, many improvements and upgrades to our internal business systems and operations. Most of these changes are not plainly visible to the membership but were necessary in order to make our internal operations more efficient.

For example, we implemented a new business software system that more adequately meets the needs of our growing club. This was a major undertaking that required a significant restructuring of our internal accounting and financial system. As a result, we now have much better detail and clarity regarding accounting/financial procedures.

I do want to recognize former Commodore Cyndi Moncreiff for her tireless deeds. For example, Cyndi is at the pool virtually every day assisting with general maintenance. On regatta days, Cyndi can be spotted assisting with race operations. Also, Cyndi handles and coordinates the formatting and publishing of this newsletter. Thank you Cyndi!

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:

Sybil Callaway & Elias Bou-Waked
Anne Stewart
Emily Sexton
Mark Santorelli

Tyler & Megan Hopper
Carly & Chad Bridges
Julie & mark Delp
Kay Collier
Christina Hamilton
William Guice III
John & Marie Joachim III
Sara Cotton
Steven Martin
Andrew Brown
Gary & Melissa Sinopli

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.

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

David Danna
General Manager
office@osyc.com



2024 OSYC SUMMER HOURS

CLOSED ON MONDAYS AFTER LABOR DAY

UPSTAIRS

KITCHEN	BAR
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)