



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

October 2024

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



I want to commend Rear Commodore Tim Fortney and his crew for the outstanding job in preparing the club for Hurricane Francine. Under the leadership of Rear Commodore Fortney the volunteers and our employees worked diligently for

two days packing pool and yard furniture into a rented truck and moving it to a safe location. The downstairs restrooms were trailered and moved to a safe location. Any equipment that could not be moved upstairs was elevated and secured with straps and ropes. Quite a daunting task!

Then after Francine passed it took another two days to get all back to normal so we could open for the weekend. All in all it was a very successful operation. It also was a great example of what we can accomplish when we all work as a team for the betterment and survival of the club. When we are faced with situations such as these volunteers are so important. The more volunteers the faster the job gets done. If you have time to spare , volunteer around the club. It doesn't always have to be weather related situations. On behalf of the membership of OSYC I want to thank Tim, the volunteers for their time, effort and their equipment and our staff for a job well done.

The decking on the pier held up very well during the storm surge. That may be something to think about in the future.

Finally, most of us can relate to the pain, suffering, fear, despair, heartache and confusion our neighbors in Florida and other states in the southeast are experiencing as a result of Hurricane Helene. We have been there. I would ask if you have an opportunity to contribute to their recovery, please be as generous as you possibly can. Thank you!

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

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



Ahoy!

Our annual membership meeting is coming up on November 11. We will have a lot of business to take care of, including bylaws changes and the election of our officers for 2025. I encourage everyone to review the most recent

version of our Bylaws - which can be found on our website.

We will send more information out shortly regarding the proposed slate of officers and the agenda for the annual meeting. Please review this information carefully and feel free to ask any questions ahead of the meeting.

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Mike Ramsey,
Vice Commodore



Dear OSYC Members,

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the sailors who volunteered their time and energy to help move boats in

preparation for the recent storm. Your efforts ensured the safety of our fleet, and it's this kind of teamwork that makes our community so strong.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to share that the 2024 Shearwater Regatta will take place on October 19-20, with 18 boats already registered. It's shaping up to be a fantastic event with plenty of competition on the water.

Following closely on October 21-23, we'll host the Formula Wave Class Deep South Regatta, with 20 boats already registered, welcoming sailors from across the region. These two regattas will be our final races of the season, so let's make them memorable!

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Best,

Amanda Romano
OSYC Fleet Captain



Sandy and Mark Carter (photo credit: Wendie Dana)





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From the OSYC Board Secretary,
Vince Smith



Good Day All,

Our annual club business meeting on **November 11, 2024, at 6:00 PM** at or clubhouse is just a little more than a month away. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Normally the official meeting notice including the meeting agenda would publish in this newsletter, but hurricane Francine storm preps in early September set committee work behind a bit. As a result, the annual meeting announcement, agenda, and supplemental materials will not be finalized until after the Board of Governors meeting on **October 10 at 6pm** at the clubhouse.

Members are welcome to attend this meeting to hear firsthand the bylaws, house rules, and nominating committee reports as well as other proposals for the annual meeting. Board of governor 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.

Per our bylaws, the annual meeting notice, agenda, and proxy materials must be published (member website, email, and club bulletin board) no earlier than September 30 and no later than October 28. I anticipate the formal notice will publish the week of **October 14**, well within the required time. All members are encouraged to review the OSYC bylaws on the member website or at the club office.

Speaking of annual meeting bylaws and deadlines, here are a few points to remember regarding open officer/board elections and, if unable to attend in person, proxy designation:

- Annual meeting requirements are in Article 2 of OSYC Bylaws. Officer requirements are in Article 3 section 1. Board member requirements are in Article 4 section 1. Additional Officer/Board candidates may be nominated by any voting OSYC member (Article 4 section 2) with the endorsement of at least four (4) other voting members, provided such nominations are received by the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days (**20 October 2024**) prior to the Annual Meeting for circulation to the membership at least two (2) weeks (28 October) prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Voting members may designate a class A member in good standing as a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. Proxy forms will be available with the Annual meeting notice and are due to the club Secretary by **7 November 2024**. See Article 2 section 4. Club officers and board members are ineligible to hold proxies.

As I said last month, your participation at the annual meeting is vital to the continued success and growth of our club. Voicing your opinions, asking questions, and getting involved in the decision-making process make our club the best it can be. 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



It is officially Fall ... Somewhere. For us, it means it is just closer to Halloween, Friendsgiving and the Holiday Bazaar. If you want to be part of the Holiday Bazaar, please, email social@osyc.com with your name and type of item you will be selling. Members can participate at no cost and will

be placed upstairs. If you know someone that is a nonmember that would like to sell their stuff, have them email me with their name and product. They will be charged \$30 and they will be in our downstairs area. If anyone would like to be on the lawn, they can bring a pop up tent and tables for the extra space. I will send more details to those that are interested. We would like everyone to RSVP by November 1.

Friendsgiving is the 17th of November and we will have a link on the OSYC app to sign up with the item you are bringing. We will have live music, please join us. We will also be having a Halloween celebration for adults on the 18th of October and the kids' party will be October 25th. More info for all will be sent out via Facebook and emails.

Now, September.... September has flown by with Live Music on the first Friday, every month. "Paint and Sip" was great and showcased one of our fall drinks, the Fall 57.

The hurricane tried to cancel trivia but we were not having it. The pool party was a success with 43 members, hula hoop contest, pool float races and so much more. The money raised at the pool party will be added to the money we put to the side from the drawdown for the Duchess Club Toy & Doll Campaign and will sponsor six children in our area. Thank you to all that helped. Karaoke had a twist with a surprise luau birthday celebration for three of our staff members, love our little family we have at OSYC.

We had our Saints kick off party earlier in the month with tons of bar bucks drawings, red beans & rice and CORNBREAD! The cornbread contest was fantastic. Fourteen entries, fourteen great cornbreads and the money raised from the voting tickets will cover the cost for the personalized name plates for each commodore on the Commodore wall.

The social committee works hard to bring joy, entertainment and members together each month, I hope you enjoyed the month of September.

As always, thank you to the Social Committee for all your hard work. I adore you all and proud to volunteer with you. Bring on the next month of activities and planning.

Remember the first Thursday is Monet on the Rocks Paint Class, First Friday is live music, second Wednesday is Trivia and third Friday is Karaoke and GYOS (grill your own steak) is the last Saturday.

Best Regards,

Wendie





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Club Event Photos From Your Social Committee Chair, Wendie Dana





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

Suzanne Russell
Neelou Patel
Hays Vaughan & Kelly Pugh

Greetings OSYC'ers!

For a lot of people, October is the beginning of best time of the year. The misery of the oppressive heat is over, Halloween is at the end of the month, and Thanksgiving and Christmas follow shortly thereafter.

Mark your calendars for the October events starting with First Friday Live Music on the 4th. Trivia will be on Wednesday the 9th, and our Halloween Party will be on Friday the 18th. We will be also hosting 2 regattas back-to-back: Shearwater Regatta 19th-20th and Deep South Regatta 21st-23rd.

About 2 months ago, we applied for OS Chamber of Commerce's Main Street Façade Grant Program. This program awards grants for façade improvements for businesses belonging to the OS Chamber of Commerce.

In an effort to help beautify the front of our club, we applied for 2 separate grants. One was for the front awning at the entrance, and the other was for the front entrance sign.

I am excited to announce that we were awarded grant assistance for both. We have 3 months to get both projects completed, and we have already contacted the vendors who would do the work.

I have been asked about the stairs in the front entrance. Repairing the stairs is a much larger project and was outside the parameters of the Façade Grant's financial awards. We have the stairs on our to-do list.

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

To date, we have admitted 95 new members this year. Please give a warm OSYC welcome to our newest members:

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/FALL 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)