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Ocean Springs Yacht Club

November 2024

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

Commodore's Report



Our annual General Membership Meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Club. This meeting will be one of the most important meetings in recent years. On the agenda will be a dues increase, bylaw changes, and the election of the Board of Governors for 2025. This is the

time for your voices to be heard and your votes to count. Hope to see you there.

I wish all of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Carroll

Carroll Kovacevich
2024 OSYC Commodore

From the Vice Commodore, Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

As mentioned by the Commodore, We are coming up on our Annual Membership meeting. This meeting is important to discuss the future of the Club and to make decisions that are going to affect that future.

This year, the agenda includes a dues increase, two proposed By-Laws changes, a resolution to

establish a nonprofit support organization, and - of course – the election of our Board. I understand that some of these items are contentious, but I would like everyone to appreciate and respect the processes behind these decisions and to be respectful of the members who volunteer their time to serve on the Board and on committees. This is a member-run organization and every member's input is valuable. I hope that we can engage in valuable discussion over these topics and that together, we can move the Club in the right direction.

In my article this month, I want to help explain the premise for each of these agenda items to help add clarity for these topics of discussion. If you have questions about the agenda or if you want to have a friendly discussion with me about these topics, please reach out. Many of us are passionate about the Club and we may disagree, but dialogue and respect have always been paramount to my decision-making process as a Board Member and a Flag Officer of this Club. My goal in this article is not to advocate for any position, but to help give information about the process so that members can make their own informed decisions.

When it comes to the slate of officers, the Club's Nominating Committee met with interested candidates for open board positions and decided on a slate of officers. Each year, the slate of officers is presented to the Board for approval. This year, I believe that the proposed slate is full of great, well-qualified and passionate members of the Club. In addition to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, additional candidates may be nominated by members of the Club. This year, Roger Gardner was nominated as a candidate to run for the office of Vice Commodore against



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From the Vice Commodore,
Michael Ramsey (continued)

Sandra Carter. I have served on committees with both Roger and with Sandra and I believe that both are great candidates. I recommend that each and all of our Club members learn what they can about these candidates ahead of the annual meeting.

The dues increase is another topic for discussion. While it seems that most of the Club understands the basis for and supports an increase in dues, the amount of the dues increase was a topic that was heavily debated in the Board and I expect it to be heavily debated among members. As it stands, the current monthly rate of dues (among the lowest in the Gulf Yachting Association) are not sufficient to continue our operations in the long-term. Costs of insurance, wages and benefits of employees, and other items continue to increase the operational costs of the Club. I expect that our treasurer's financial presentation will shed some light on this issue in particular. Still, the amount of the increase is up for debate.

Along with the proposed increase in dues, the By-Laws Committee has proposed two amendments that are intended to help the Club. One by-laws change proposes installing a periodic increase in dues to help keep up with inflation by increasing the dues every three years by \$10 unless tabled by the membership. As it stands the last dues increase was seven years ago. Since that time, costs have increased exponentially. This recommendation was presented during open discussion during a previous membership meeting and proposes to periodically increase the dues to make dues increases less abrupt and more predictable. The By-Laws Committee further put a noticing requirement in the proposal so that in the year prior to an automatic increase, the membership would be given the opportunity to vote against or table an automatic increase.

The other By-Laws recommendation has been a project for some time regarding the reinstatement of a senior class of members. The proposal allows the standards for membership to be determined by

the Board to allow for members to slowly transition into this new class. It would allow long-term members of a certain age to save money on dues and enjoy the same privileges of out-of-town (Class B) members with the same restrictions on voting and holding office as Class B members. This would be optional and members would be given the opportunity to revert back to a voting class membership, so long as the privilege is not abused. The idea behind letting the Board adjust the standards is to slowly gauge the interest in this class and to reduce any negative financial impact on the Club from groups of members shifting to half-dues. I believe that overall, this proposal will help older members retain their Club membership and continue to enjoy the Club despite rising costs of living.

Finally, there is proposal by the Board to vote on a resolution to establish a nonprofit organization to provide funds for employee scholarships, sailing scholarships, and employee assistance. In the past, the social committee has raised funds from draw downs or other events that are either repurposed for social events or used in a charitable manner. This past year, we provided college scholarships for three of our employees and we provided sailing camp scholarships to youth sailors. This proposal would have us establish a sister-organization (similar to the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron) to collect and manage these funds. Instead of having the Board hold and manage these funds with our operating budget, they would be managed by a separate non-profit organization. This is not intended to detract from the Sailing Squadron and the important work that they do. This is simply a way to add structure to the way that charitable funds are managed. The goal is to establish a board of past commodores and individuals with experience in managing nonprofits to run this organization. It will be funded by donations by members and by its own fundraisers in conjunction with the Club. Overall, I hope that this organization can provide a lot of good things for our employees and for our community.

At the membership meeting and shortly after, I will present a schedule of our membership meetings for



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From the Vice Commodore,
Michael Ramsey (concluded)

next year and major items to be discussed at each meeting. I hope to also have a mid-year meeting, even if the meeting is for information only. My goal is to open up engagement and discussion regarding Club business to more members and let members feel that they have a voice in the Club. I look forward to hearing from you and I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Mike Ramsey

Vice Commodore

From Jane Sherrod, Veteran Hobie Sailor
Special to the OSYC Newsletter

Carlton Tucker Award Nomination and Recipients for 2024

Every year since 1995, the Hobie Class Association has honored a Hobie sailor whose unselfish attitude and commitment to the sport has set an example for all to enjoy the “Hobie Way of Life.” In 1998, posthumously honoring a great Hobie sailor, the award was changed to the Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year Award. As a past recipient of this award, I can tell you that in Hobie sailing there is no higher honor than receiving this award. For 2024, we have a most stellar award winner. Not only did he actually know Carlton Tucker, he actually worked for Carlton and his dad at The Boat in Fort Walton Beach. He also remains close to Carlton’s Dad Jim, Carlton’s widow Mary Alice, and both of Carlton’s children.

Sailing Hobies from a young age, we can first track him on the racing scene around 2008, when he placed 2nd at the Hobie 20 Nationals, sailing as crew. From there, we see a constant stream of impressive finishes, sometimes as crew, and sometimes sailing with his son, in both local and

national events. However, it is in the last 10 years that we see his most notable contributions. With a group of like-minded sailors, he has been instrumental in building a small southern yacht club and sailing organization into a premiere and highly regarded multihull sailing venue. Working often behind the scenes, he buys, refurbishes, and often donates boats into the local sailing program. You may know his 2 “world famous” Hobie Powerskiffs that have served as mark boats, assisting at national events in such far-flung locations as Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, New York, Mississippi, and who knows where else. In the last 5 years, he has been part of a wonderful group of sailors who have resurrected the almost dead Hobie 20 Class. He buys boats, fixes them up, and finds them enthusiastic new owners. He was also instrumental in changing Hobie Class Rules which allowed the continued availability of new Hobie 20 sails.

Always first to offer help, he can often be found fixing boats on the beach, or freely offering to share his knowledge of sailing, tuning, and tactics, or loaning boat parts or sails - to anyone who asks. When racing is done, you can be sure that he will go non-stop getting boats safely parked on the beach. I personally could not make it without him. He is a true gentleman and sportsman, embodying all the qualities that made Carlton Tucker such an inspiration, and taking those qualities a step further - gracious and giving, kind helper, fierce competitor, corinthian sailor, mentor to young and old, and a wonderful friend.

BUT HE IS NOT ALONE!

His “partner in crime” adds another whole dimension to the meaning of the “Hobie Way of Life” and also sets a very high bar to receive the Carlton Tucker Award herself. A sailor in her own right, she actively sails in the Hobie Wave and Formula Wave Classes, as well as expertly crewing on both Hobie 16 and Hobie 20. This includes their winning the Hobie 20 Nationals at least twice.



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What sets her apart though, is that she is the "Ultimate Organizer". She makes the running of regional and national Hobie sailing events go so smoothly and seemingly effortlessly. When you attend one of "her" events, you know that the venue will be great, racing will be organized and well-run, and you will be extremely well fed, and - what great raffles. She gets it done, and with such an artistic flair.

And together - - Wow!

For example, in 2020, these two organized and hosted every Hobie Nationals (except those pesky 16's and 20's) at their local club. That's Waves, 14's, 17's, 18's and even Women's nationals. In the last 5 years, sailors from all over the country - as far away as Wyoming, California, up to Minnesota, and along the east coast - make the spring season Mid-Winters East regatta - a "must go" event. In 2023, they were instrumental in the running of at least 5 regional regattas, plus the inaugural Florida Keys Formula Wave extravaganza. For 2024, they are responsible for the organization of 3 separate Nationals - on Hobie 14's, 20's and Formula Waves. Plus Mid-Winters East (which had 90 boats registered). Plus five or so regional Hobie and open regattas. Plus the already wait-listed Florida Keys Formula Wave regatta in December. These guys make things happen. This allows us, the grateful sailors - to simply sign up, pay a reasonable entry fee, show up, and be treated to great locations and facilities, good food, and excellent racing. We get to race because they have done the work to make it happen.

These two together make a nearly unstoppable duo within the Hobie racing and sailing organizations. I can think of no others who so exemplify the character and humanity of Carlton Tucker's spirit. I am honored to nominate for the 2024 Carlton Tucker Sportsman of the Year Award - the current North American Hobie Class Association Race Coordinator, and the current Formula Wave Class Event Coordinator - that's the exceptional duo of Michael McNeir and Krista Vind.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sherrod

Michael and Krista, both members of the OSYC and the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron Board, received several "official" nominations - from Jane Sherrod, Mark Ralph and Sheila Holmes, from Josh Benge, Hobie Class Association of North America 2024 Vice President, and also OSYC members Kenny and Dee Boudreaux.





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From the OSYC Board Secretary,
Vince Smith

From Your Social Committee Chair,
Wendie Dana



Good Day All,

The OSYC annual meeting is fast approaching—November 11, 6pm at the OSYC clubhouse. Please make every effort to attend in person. If you are unable to attend, proxy instructions are provided in the official meeting notice which is reprinted in this newsletter.

OSYC has a member nominated Vice-Commodore Candidate, Roger Gardner who will run against Sandra Carter. Sandra is the Nominating Committee's and Board of Governor's candidate. You are encouraged to speak to both candidates regarding their vision for our club. The officer election occurs during the annual meeting.

We are blessed with a beautiful club with wonderful people of all ages. We all hope it will remain so for both our children and our grandchildren. In our busy world it is easy to overlook newsletters and social media announcements. Staying involved and aware as a club member keeps OSYC the beautiful neighborhood yacht club where everyone knows your name. I hope to see you November 11.

Best Regards,

Vince Smith
OSYC Secretary



October flew by like it was running from the cops; it was busy with many events and fun times. Monet on the Rocks is a great Ladies' night event on the first Thursday of every month. Make sure to sign up for November. Live Music on the First Friday is a hit and many are asking for more nights. Trivia is a blast and has also been requested to have twice a month. We are excited that so many are happy

with the events we have planned and worked out to have monthly.

Karaoke this month was mixed in with our Halloween party for the Adult members and the costumes and singers did not disappoint. Of course, my favorite will always be Jamie dressing as me. I am still laughing at it. The kiddos Halloween movie and s'mores night under the stars was fantastic. The Witch Mingle and a few Warlocks had a potluck, hung out, played bingo and DANCED! If you missed the dance, you missed out. From bingo, to dancing to eating and many contests, split the pots and live music; The mingle had close to 50 attend, we got to meet new members, get to know each other, laugh and just enjoy the day together.

Ms Bonnie will have her pottery on display the afternoon/evening of November 14 in the dining area for sale. You do not want to miss it! We also have our Friendsgiving on the 17th from 2pm-6pm. It is potluck! Please, sign up a dish and how many are in your party by emailing social@osyc.com. The club will provide turkey. We look forward to spending time with you.

And as always, I thank my social committee for all of their hard work. You guys rock!

Best Regards,

Wendie



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Club Event Photos From Your Social Committee Chair, Wendie Dana



For more photos of Halloween events and the Witches Ride and Witches Mingle, please visit Facebook

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



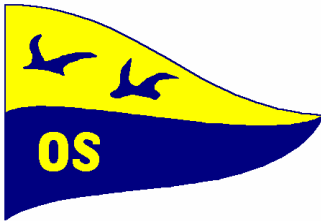
Board of Governors

- 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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NOTICE

October 18, 2024

Official notice, pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the OSYC Bylaws, the Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 11, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

The primary order of business at this meeting is for the election of OSYC Flag Officers and Members of the Board for the year 2025, and to report to the membership on "The State of the Club." A membership dues increase, a resolution to form a benevolent non-profit, and proposed bylaws changes regarding membership classes and future dues increases are also on the agenda.

The nominating committee report is posted in the club and the October newsletter supplement. Per OSYC bylaws, additional candidates may be nominated by any voting member 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 prior to the Annual Meeting (10/22/24) for circulation to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

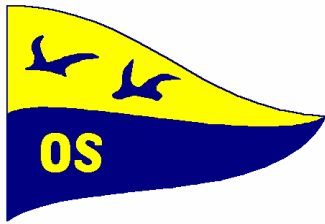
As required, notice of this called membership meeting is being announced to the members no less than two (2) weeks, nor more than six (6) weeks in advance of the meeting and includes the purpose of the meeting. Additional meeting announcements and a proxy form will be in the October newsletter supplement and November OSYC newsletter, posted on the OSYC Bulletin Board, and posted on the OSYC website and other related web pages. The board of governors highly encourages all members attend.

Respectfully,

Vince Smith
2024 OSYC Board Secretary



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Proposed Slate of 2025 Officers and Board Members

Commodore - Michael Ramsey

Vice Commodore – Sandra Carter

Rear Commodore – Wendie Dana

Fleet Captain – Cynthia Moncreiff

Treasurer – Meade Tyler

Secretary - Vince Smith

2nd Year Board Member – Nancy Duckett Allen

2nd Year Board Member – Bruce Small

1st Year Board Member – Robert (Bobby) Dalgo

1st Year Board Member – Andrew (Drew) Demboski

Past Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich



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AGENDA - OSYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 11th, 2024, OSYC

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Before 6pm, members should check in to receive voting cards and ballots. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may appoint a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing and present at the annual meeting. **Proxies must be received before close of business on November 7th.** If you have appointed a proxy and then attend the meeting in person, the proxy is rendered void.

1. Call To Order/ Quorum Check by Secretary

2. Financial Report

3. Commodore's Report

4. Other Committee Reports

5. Old Business

6. New Business

a) Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1

b) Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2

c) Proposed resolution to form a benevolent non-profit

b) Election of 2025 Board of Governors

The membership will vote on the slate from the Nominating Committee that has been presented under New Business. Depending on the outcome of the motions and vote on the slate, ballots may be used to select First Term Board Members.

c) Any other new business

7. Member discussion (Please limit statements to 3 minutes or less)

8. ADJOURNMENT



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2024 Annual General Membership Meeting Proxy Rules

Section 4. Only Class A and A/C members in good standing may vote at a general membership meeting, except that:

- (a) In the absence of a Class A and A/C member from a general membership meeting, the voting privilege may be exercised by the spouse of such member
- (b) In the absence of both member and spouse, a member in good standing may designate a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing, which does not include the spouse of any such designated Class A member.
- (c) No current officer or member of the Board of Governors or their spouse may be designated as a proxy.
- (d) The written proxy must be designated as a general or special: In the absence of such designation, the proxy shall be considered as special, and restricted to voting on specific matters in the published agenda of any such meetings.
- (e) No member designated to vote a proxy for another member may transfer or sub-designate such proxy.
- (f) To register a proxy, a voting member must complete the form provided in the formal announcement of the scheduled meeting and return it to the Club Secretary no less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- (g) The Club Secretary will provide in the announcement of any general membership meeting:
 - (1) An agenda for the meeting.
 - (2) A proper proxy form.
 - (3) Notice that in the event that after designating a proxy, the member or spouse shall attend the meeting, the previously registered proxy shall be revoked.
- (h) No member may vote by mail.



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Proposed Bylaw Amendment 1 (submitted by Bylaws Committee)

Reinstate Class F Membership

Article VI, Section 1 (a)(5) delete the words: (Closed to new entry Nov 2008)

Section 6. Delete current language. Add the following language:

Class F (senior) Members. Guidelines for membership in Class F shall be defined by the Board of Governors. Guidelines will be posted in the Club and on the Club website. Any member in good standing who meets the guidelines defined by the Board of Governors can elect to convert their membership to Class F. Guidelines should consider length of membership, service to the Club (i.e. Past Commodores), and age. Guidelines will be reviewed and adjusted periodically but will not be applied retroactively to members that have previously converted to Class F. Class F Members shall pay no more than fifty percent (50%) of the dues set for Class A Members and fifty percent (50%) of any assessments as levied. This class of membership is non-voting and members in Class F may not hold or be appointed to office. A member that has converted their membership to Class F may convert their membership to another class if there is a vacancy and the member has been a Class F Member for a period of one year.

Section 11. will be amended to state:

Section 11. Vacancies and Waiting List: At such time when the club has reached a membership cap, a Waiting List will be established. As a Class A membership becomes available, prospective members on the Class A Waiting List shall be offered the opportunity to join as a Class A member. Preference shall be granted first to active Class C members, and then respectively to Class F members, Class B members, Class G members, Class M members, and prospective members at large. The Club Secretary will maintain the Waiting List and ensure it is posted in the club.

Reason: There has been interest in the Club for the creation of a new class of member to afford long-term members a dues reduction. Because this would open spots for Class A members, there is a concern that the establishment of a new class would lead to overcrowding at the Club. It was therefore suggested that the initial criteria for this class be very restrictive to allow the Board to gauge the effect of the new class. Initial proposed criteria for membership is for members over 80 years of age who have been members of the Club for at least 10 years. After gauging the effect of this change and the interest in Class F membership, the Board may determine it advantageous to open the Class to younger members of past Commodores as well as widow/widowers of Past Commodores.

Because other classes that allow for 50% dues also restrict voting and the holding of office, this proposed class also places this restriction. Members who convert but later decide to return to Class A (for example, to run for a board position) may do so, but only if a spot is open.

Amending Section 11 in conjunction with Section 6, places Class F members wishing to convert back to Class A at the top of the waiting list (after Class C members - which are few). Additionally, the requirement that a member hold Class F membership for a period of one year before converting back to Class A limits the potential for abuse where one may decide to convert back to Class A ahead of the Annual meeting only to return back to Class F.

Lastly, Section 11 does not contemplate Class B members who wish to convert to Class A or are required to do so after moving into the local area. Therefore, Section 11 also adds Class B to the list of membership classes that are prioritized for Class A membership over prospective members.



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Proposed Bylaw Amendment 2 (submitted by Bylaws Committee)

Proposal to set regularly increasing Membership Dues

The current language of Article VII, Section 2(a) states:

- Dues and initiation fees will be approved at the Annual Membership Meeting by a majority vote of a quorum of voting members present.

Proposal:

Article VII, Section 2 (a) will be amended to add the following language:

(a) Dues and initiation fees may be adjusted at the Annual Membership Meeting by a majority vote of a quorum of voting members present. If dues are not adjusted, notwithstanding the foregoing, dues will automatically increase every three years by \$10 beginning on January 1, 2028, unless either of the following: (1) dues are increased at the annual membership meeting preceding the proposed increase or (2) the membership votes against an automatic increase in dues. Notice of any automatic dues increase will be announced at each annual membership meeting immediately preceding an automatic dues increase.

Reason: A periodic and recurring dues increase will allow the Club's financials to keep up with inflation. The exceptions provided allow for the membership to determine if the automatic increase should be abated or if a different adjustment in the amount of dues is necessary.

Proposed Resolution to Form a Non-Profit (submitted by Board of Governors)

Resolution to establish a nonprofit employee assistance program and scholarship organization.

Note: this is not a By-Laws change but should be voted upon by the membership as a resolution.

Call to vote: whether the Club shall support the establishment of a nonprofit sister organization to the Club, the purpose of which would be to manage donations to be used to: provide economic relief to employees of the Club undergoing hardship, provide college or trade scholarships to employees of the Club, and provide scholarships for attendance at youth sailing camps. Upon approval, the 2025 Board will vote and approve a committee at the January 2025 Board meeting.

The purpose of the committee will be to appoint a board for the nonprofit, establish the organizing documents, and name the organization.

Reason: The Club wishes to provide more structure to the way in which charitable funds are managed. The goal is to establish an organizational structure similar to OSSS to be governed separately from the Club to accept and administer tax-exempt donations from the Club and from members. The organization will establish separate bylaws and will operate independently of the Club. Details will be worked out by a committee of past commodores and/or members of the Club with experience in governance of nonprofit organizations.



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2024 Proxy Form

I/we, _____ (Print Name), Class A or A/C member in good standing, do designate _____, also a Class A member in good standing as my/our Proxy for the Ocean Springs Yacht General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 11^h, 2024, to be held at 6:00 pm.

This proxy is:

_____ (initial one) General – all items at the meeting

- OR - Specific:

_____ (initial) – By-Laws changes

_____ (initial) – 2025 Board of Governors Election (and any associated ballots)

_____ (initial) – Nonprofit formation resolution

_____ (initial)-- Proposed dues increase of \$50 per month for class A and A/C members with corresponding increase per bylaws for all other classes.

Must be signed and delivered to the Club Secretary by Friday, November 8rd, 2024.

_____ (Printed Name)

_____ (Date)

_____ (Signature)



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

Greetings OSYC'ers!

In the past year, we have made great leaps forward regarding the way the club operates business.

The switchover to the new software last December was instrumental and essential in enabling us to become efficient in how we operate.

The reason we switched is because the way we operated previously was inefficient and outmoded.

Amongst the multitude of improvements, probably the biggest and most significant is how we process and track member payments.

Previously, when the club processed and collected monthly member payments, there were many issues regarding changed payment methods, wrong credit card numbers, wrong demographic information, etc.

The upshot was that there was insufficient emphasis, accountability and tracking, thus the amount of money owed to the club monthly was in the tens of thousands: resulting in accruing, chronic, uncollected member payments.

According to the by-laws, if a member is 30-days delinquent, then the member's charging privileges are suspended. We also discovered that this was not consistently being enforced.

Over time, the result was that the 30-60-90+ day delinquent list grew, and the uncollected money owed to the club was in the tens of thousands.

For example, in July 2023, the money owed to the club from uncollected member payments was \$32,016 and 71 people were on that list. These are staggering numbers.

With the new software (and proper programming), we implemented new procedures and safeguards to ensure that the club collects the member payments that are owed to the club.

Today, we are consistently averaging a total of about \$1250/month that is owed in delinquent member payments, a mere fraction of what it has been.

That is quite a precipitous and dramatic drop. In short, the club is now collecting its money.

There are many other internal improvements that we have made in the past year or so, including the overhaul of the accounting codes, the cleaning up of the banking process, a new website, new app, plus many other things that are not so plainly visible to the membership.

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 FALL HOURS
CLOSED ON MONDAYS AFTER LABOR DAY**

UPSTAIRS ONLY EXCEPT FOR EVENTS

	KITCHEN	BAR
Tue, Thu, & Fri	12:00-8:00	11:00-9:00
Wed	2:00-8:00	2:00-9:00
Sat	11:00-9:00	11:00-10:00
Sun	11:00-8:00	11:00-9:00