



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

February 2025

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

The Club held its Change of Watch on January 18, 2025. It was great to bring back this tradition and it was amazing to see so many Past Commodores gather for the occasion. I am especially grateful for the

work that Sandra, Wendie, and Ryleigh put into making this event happen. My family and I had a wonderful time and it was great to share stories and discuss the Club with my fellow commodores.

The Board has begun work on the Independent Financial Review in preparation for the February General Meeting. An agenda of the meeting and voting items will be published shortly to be sent out to the Membership. We also hope to have detailed information regarding the financials presented before the meeting which should allow the meeting to go smoothly. Currently we are still awaiting the final financials from our CPA through December of 2024, but I intend to make the information available to members as soon as it is available.

Keep an eye out for more events at the Club. After receiving recommendations from some of our members, Ryleigh has started posting the month's schedule of events in the elevator and on the bulletin board. She is also sending out weekly emails to let you know what's going on during the upcoming week at the Club. If there are events that you would like to see, please bring your ideas to the Social Committee.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,  
Commodore

### 2025 Flag/Corporate Officers

Commodore - Michael Ramsey  
Vice Commodore - Sandra Carter  
Rear Commodore - Wendie Dana  
Fleet Captain - Cyndi Moncreiff  
Treasurer - Meade Tyler  
Secretary - Vince Smith



### Board of Governors

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Nancy Duckett Allen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Bruce Small  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Robert Dalgo  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Drew Demboski  
Past Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich



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From the Vice Commodore,  
Sandra Carter



My, how time flies! We're already entering February, and hopefully Puxsutawney Phil will bring us the welcome news of "Winter, Be Gone!"

January brought us a rare, snowy surprise; 8-plus inches of beautiful, dry powder snow! Difficult to make into throwable snowballs, but

easy to remove from cars, golf carts(!) and even our boats.

It has been heartwarming to witness so many volunteer club members, staff and employees all working tirelessly and selflessly to ready the club for re-opening, despite obstacles such as slippery surfaces, frozen pipes, no running hot water, and not receiving timely deliveries from our vendors. It is a testament to the dedication and love that we share as Team OSYC, and thanks to this, we are operating at full capacity again. WELL DONE!

A brief rewind back to the Change of Watch Ceremony, which was conducted in such a reverent, sentimental manner. This is a time-honored tradition that I hope that all our members will attend as we go forward. Most special to me was meeting and greeting so many Past Commodores at the Brunch in their honor, and I feel truly privileged to have met and visited with our very first Lady Commodore. She, like all Commodores past and present, spent countless hours and days in the quest to bring our Club to where it is today. I would like to congratulate and express my best wishes to our 2025 Commodore, Michael Ramsey. He is poised to bring our Club to the next level of service and camaraderie as we continue to earn OSYC's reputation as "the Club to join"!

Sea you at the Club!

Sandra Carter  
Vice Commodore

Laissez Le Bon Temps Rouler ..  
and Happy Valentine's Day

A quick note from our food & beverage staff ... we will not be having a brunch every Sunday during February. The trial run in January was well-received; however, we will be in full Carnival Season with our first set of Ocean Springs day parades on February 15<sup>th</sup>. So ... please stay tuned for future Sunday brunch announcements by email. We did a trial run this month to see if people were interested. We won't be doing a brunch in February because of the carnival season.

**Here are upcoming Club events for February:**

(\*\* more details below)

**Feb. 06** - Paint and Sip @ 6:00 pm

**Feb. 07** - Live music by Patrick Bowen @ 6:00 pm

**Feb. 09** - Super Bowl Chili Cook Off @ 4:00 pm\* \*

**Feb. 12** - Trivia Night @ 6:00 pm

**Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day Dinner first seating starting @ 4:00 pm\*\*

**Feb. 15** - OS Day Parade @ 1:00 pm ( Club doors open at 11.) \*\*

- Karaoke @ 7:00 pm.

**Feb. 20** - Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**Feb. 22** - Grill your own Steak Night @ 5:30 pm

**Feb. 28** - OS Night Parade @ 6:00 pm\*\*

**February 9th, 2025 Super Bowl Chili Cook-off:**

It's time for another Chili Cook-off! The event will begin at 4:00 PM, but please note that the kitchen will close at 3:00 PM that afternoon to prepare. Reservations will open on January 30, 2025. You can drop off your chili from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM that day. The bar will be running a shot special, offering buckets of beer, and serving Lageritas all day!

**February 14th, 2025 Valentine's Day Dinner**

Couples, Friends, galantines; whoever you choose to spend Valentine's Day with we hope you choose to come to the club for a beautiful four-course meal.



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We will have three separate sittings for dinner. Our first sitting will start at 4:00 pm with a 3:50 check-in. The next sitting will begin at 6:10 with a 6:00 pm check-in. Our final sitting will be 8:10 pm with an 8:00 pm check-in. We ask everyone to get to the club 10 minutes before the seating to be seated at a reserved table.

The bar will be open until 3:00 pm with the dining room being closed in preparation for that evening. The kitchen will be closed as well, so please feel free to bring snacks if you come to the club before. Reservations open on January 30, 2025, through the calendar or email. Reservations will close on February 7th by midnight.

**February 15th, 2025**  
**OS Day Parade**

Club doors will open at 11:00 am. The kitchen will be closed all day but we will be offering a buffet upstairs.

There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs with chips downstairs. This will be open to the public.

The bar will have Jell-O shots, king cake shots, and some BOGO beer deals.

We cannot wait for what February has to bring! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out!

Ryleigh Smith and the OSYC staff

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**VALENTINE'S DAY 2025**

A CHOICE BETWEEN RED OR WHITE WINE PER MEAL.  
\$ 65.00 A SINGLE MEAL WILL GET TWO GLASSES OF WINE OF CHOICE.  
\$130.00 FOR A COUPLES MEAL AND ONE WHOLE BOTTLE OF WINE

*Appetizer*  
Cranberry Brie Dip Served with toasted French Bread

*Soup or Salad*  
Your Choice between a Strawberry and Spinach Salad topped with Feta and balsamic dressing.  
or  
A Corn and Crab Bisque

*Main Course*  
Crabmeat stuffed flounder served with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted rainbow carrots.  
or  
Red wine braised short ribs served with garlic mashed potatoes and roasted rainbow carrots.

*Dessert*  
Chocolate raspberry trifle, add a glass of champagne \$4.00



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From the Rear Commodore,  
Wendie Dana



January 2025 has already come and gone and made its mark! Who would have thought we would have gotten snow, much less over 10" of snow. We hit the ground running in 2025

with a long list of goals and things we want to accomplish and yes, that list includes a lot of things I have heard from our members. I hope to be able to mark complete next to items each month. Many are already seeing changes.

Our front stairs are almost complete. We have our House Committee working with the contractors and making sure all the necessary steps are being taken to protect the wood and after the proper wait time, we will paint them. I hope all have had a chance to see the new bright light at the top of our club. The next items on our list of repairs will be the handrails and busted post around the deck and the window film for the BRIGHT sun. You will be able to still see our beautiful view just without having to wear sunglasses inside.

Another positive change is our staff and the dress code; we hope this helps our new members who do not know who is who yet but also, we just love how they look and it helps are busy days with crowds. Also, while we are talking about the staff.... Take a seat, let us serve you. Join us and take a seat and they will come to you, no need to stand in line.

Email Blasts with the weekly menu specials and events are back! Along with the weekly email blast, you will see Facebook post with specials and for those that do not care for

social media or even emails, we will have a print out on the entrance table for you. Also, at the entrance you will find a prayer box. If you have a prayer request, please, drop it in the box. Our secretary, Pastor Vince Smith, will be the only one with the key and will add the prayers to his daily conversation with God.

I could go on and on with all the things we have been working on and plan to work on. Make sure to read our newsletter every month to see all the good we are doing for our club.

Enjoy February and I hope to see you at the club.

Best Regards,  
Wendie Dana  
Rear Commodore



2025 Vice and Rear Commodores Sandra Carter and Wendie Dana (Change of Watch)



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From Your 2025 Social Committee Chair  
and Rear Commodore, Wendie Dana



A lot of great things are happening at our Club. We started the year and month off with an old tradition and had a few members, including our current Commodore, do the polar plunge. Our Change of Watch, along with a Commodore's Luncheon was a success.

We even added a Commodore Mingle with Mimosas and Bloody Mary's, a Cocktail hour, and a Reception Buffet for all that helped and participated. Thank you to our Former Commodores, the Past Commodore and Current Commodore for all you do and have done. We hope you enjoyed the day.

We were not able to have Trivia due to the snow but it will be back in February. Live Music is still the first Friday and Karaoke is the third Saturday. We added Family Feud to the mix for January and just wow! The laughs, THE ANSWERS.... just good fun.

We are gearing up for another big year of entertainment and fun. If you would like to join the Social Committee, please email me at [social@osyc.com](mailto:social@osyc.com). You do not have to help with every event. You can pick and choose with your schedule. The snow delayed us having our first meeting but we will be announcing another meeting soon.

Ryleigh has been working with Miranda to get our Valentine's dinner ready. You will see the RSVP announcements soon.

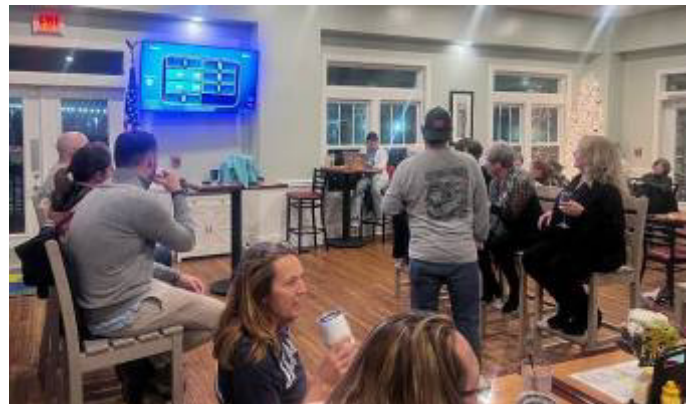
We also have a full float of excited members for the Ocean Springs Mardi Gras day parade, make sure to come out on the 15th. There will be drink specials and Mardi Gras fun at the club. We are also planning a Chili Cook Off for the Super Bowl. Make sure to sign up with Ryleigh and Gina.

Our Drawdown is around the corner in April and we will start selling the tickets in February. Also, we are looking for donations for raffle items and silent auction, please, help. The more goodies, the more we raise. Last year we raised \$23,000 and that helped pay for Live Music, other entertainment throughout the year, helped with half the downstairs' bathrooms, downstairs barstools, lifeguard umbrellas, some additional pool furniture, our In Remembrance Commodore swing, employee college scholarships, sail camp for kids, seven Duchess Club Toy & Doll Campaign kids and so much more. My personal goal is to always do better than the day before and the year before in life so help me and the Social Committee ROCK that goal and strive for more.

We will announce more activities as they are planned so be on the look at with Facebook post and Email Blast.

Hope to see you at the club at one of our events.

Best Regards,  
Wendie Dana  
Rear Commodore & Social Chairman



Family Feud Night



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January Club Events and Happenings  
Photos from Your Social Committee Chair  
and Rear Commodore, Wendie Dana



Polar Plunge



Snow at the Club



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Change of Watch Ceremony  
January 18, 2025





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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff  
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Greetings, OSYC  
Members -

Despite the recent  
snow and chilly  
weather, our 2025  
sailing season is  
just around the  
proverbial corner.

As mentioned in the January newsletter, we're asking the membership to volunteer to help host our regattas, and to work as a part of the Club's sailing crew both on and off of the water to ensure that our regattas continue to be safe and memorable events for participants.

Towards that, Commodore Ramsey has called for the formation of two sailing-oriented Club committees: (a) **Race Committee**. A Flag Officer, the Fleet Captain, the Sailing Committee Chairman and the GYA coordinator will be members of this committee. (f) **Sailing Committee**. A Flag Officer and the Fleet Captain will be members of this committee.

As a reminder, our Club truly is a renowned catamaran sailing destination; people travel from around the country (and in some cases from overseas) to what many consider to be one of the best places on the Gulf Coast to put a boat on the beach and on the water. Part of that reason for our reputation is the friendliness of our members, and willingness to help our wherever needed with our sailing events.

Please stay tuned for invitations to participate in upcoming committee meetings and regattas. Your participation makes it all happen!

Sincerely,

Cyndi Moncreiff  
OSYC Fleet Captain







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From the OSYC Board Secretary,  
Vince Smith



Good Day OSYC,  
2025 is off and running!  
Unprecedented snow,  
emergency front stair repair  
and replacement, and the  
Commodore Change of  
Watch ceremony made  
January jam packed.

Change is the one constant from year to year. Some changes are unexpected, but other change is as predictable as the change of seasons. All sailors know as the wind varies, we change the set of our sails. I am excited to see the changes the year holds.

We have some old business from 2024. The club voted at our annual membership meeting to hold a special called business meeting this February. The approved motion for the meeting was present the results of an independent financial review of the club's accounting and to revisit the issue of a dues increase. The board of governors set the meeting for Monday, February 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the OSYC clubhouse. Please save this date on your calendar.

Our club bylaws require official notice of the meeting be given no more than 6 weeks and no less than 2 weeks before the meeting and it must include the business items. the finance committee and board are finalizing those items the first week of February. Please be on the lookout for the official meeting agenda no later than February 10.

Thanks for the privilege to be on the OSYC crew.

Best Regards,

Vince Smith

OSYC Board Secretary

**Tis The Set Of The Sail - Or - One Ship Sails East**  
by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

But to every mind there openeth,  
A way, and way, and away,  
A high soul climbs the highway,  
And the low soul gropes the low,  
And in between on the misty flats,  
The rest drift to and fro.

But to every man there openeth,  
A high way and a low,  
And every mind decideth,  
The way his soul shall go.

One ship sails East,  
And another West,  
By the self-same winds that blow,  
'Tis the set of the sails  
And not the gales,  
That tells the way we go.

Like the winds of the sea  
Are the waves of time,  
As we journey along through life,  
'Tis the set of the soul,  
That determines the goal,  
And not the calm or the strife.

#### **Sea-Fever**

BY [JOHN MASEFIELD](#)

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,  
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.



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

Greetings OSYC'ers!

So, if a month ago you were told that we would have 9 inches of snow in *ONE DAY* in January, well, who would've believed it??? Crazy!



*(Remember these pics in July!!!)*

I'm happy to report that the club came through the historic snowstorm with no major issues. Kudos to Bruce Small and our staff who did the necessary precautions to safeguard the building.

Also, a special thanks go to the Flag Officers and Board by making safety a top priority for our employees and members by closing the Club for a couple of days. It is simply not safe for employees and members to drive on roads with inches of snow/patches of ice especially when we are not accustomed to it.

The rebuilding of the front stairs and handrails is progressing nicely. The stairs/handrails were becoming a safety issue, and it was time. The project should be completed soon. We thank you for your patience and cooperation during the construction.



OSYC is a wonderful club with the best view on the coast! We foster a warm, friendly and welcoming environment where we consider employees and members "family." We sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any assistance with accessing your account, (if you are member #A01300, 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

