



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

March 2025

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

Happy Mardi Gras! This time of the year has always been special to me as my family had a tradition of going to New Orleans every year for to spend some time with my grandfather and to attend Mardi Gras parades and festivities – even when we live in Atlanta. This year will be special as well, as I was selected to be the Grand Marshal of the Ocean Springs Carnival Association (OSCYA) night parade. OSCA has been a great partner with the Yacht Club and I believe that this honor is really a testament to that partnership and the community's appreciation of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. I hope to continue to build community support for the Club and I encourage all members to do the same.

Our Club held a special meeting on Monday, February 24 to review the financials of the Club and to vote on changes to fees and dues. After some spirited discussion, the dues increase was rejected but the proposals for increases to the initiation fees and minimum food and beverage were passed. An email was sent on February 26 to summarize these changes. As your Commodore, I take to heart everything that was discussed in the meeting, and I will commit to implementing the policy changes that the members would like to see. While I believe that a due increase will be necessary to secure the longevity of this Club, this year the Board will continue to focus on efficiency and mitigating costs

to secure the financial wellbeing of the Club. We will also focus on hosting more events and fundraisers that will financially benefit the Club.

Lastly, our sailing season will be here before you know it. We will need additional volunteers for the sailing and race committees. Even if you are not a regular sailor, these committees are a great way to get involved and to learn more about sailing and regattas. Please contact Cyndi Moncreiff at FleetCaptain@OSYC.com to see how you can help.

If you have interest in other committees, please reach out to me at Mike@sheehanramsey.com

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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

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



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From the Vice Commodore,
Sandra Carter



This month, Spring will be upon us, as the Sun passes the Equator, headed north until June. I hope you take advantage of the nicer weather, to enjoy a relaxing day overlooking the Gulf from our deck, with a Club Burger or a

beverage.

Our Valentine's Day Special Dinner was superb in every way. The beautiful decorations, a long stem rose for every lady, perfectly prepared courses, and an impeccably attentive staff made for a memorable and romantic evening. Please be sure to thank our Club Staff if you attended; and if not, thank them for the daily efforts they put forth to make our Club visits enjoyable.

Our Mardi Gras float for the Ocean Springs Day Parade was a big hit! Our revelers on-board enjoyed the experience of tossing beads and trinkets to the appreciative and raucous crowd.

Planning for the Commodore's Ball on March 29th is in full swing. Our Past Commodore, Carroll Kovacevich, will be the Honoree, and he has selected "The Great Gatsby" for this year's theme. Updates will follow in the weekly Club emails.

Long-time friend and Past Commodore Rodney Robinson recently contacted me with the idea of creating a Nostalgia Corner, a place for posting old photos or items that reflect days gone by at OSYC. Please have a look at some photos he sent me, which are included to the

left of my column. I feel they are a nice tribute to the many members who have devoted countless days and hours keeping our Club vibrant and flourishing.

That's it for now, see you at the Club (and be sure to wear some green on St. Patrick's Day).

Best Regards

Sandra Carter
Vice Commodore 2025



Club members gathered at old Club site post-Katrina



Commodores at the new Club for a formal event
(Photo credits: R. Robinson)



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From the Rear Commodore,
Wendie Dana



Another month has passed in the 2025 year and we are still steadily working down a goal list for our Club.

We have put up the light filtering

shades on most of the windows and we do realize the doors facing the water need sun filtering as well. We are working on a solution and plan to have that completed very soon.

We have added Senior Adult Parking Only signs along the fence. Our parking lot is tight and very limited and it should be reserved for members. Please, make sure to have a sticker for your car and remind your visitors/guest to park on the outer street.

We have narrowed the stain for the stairs down and will begin that this month on the back stairs. The front stairs are not ready for the stain as it needs 90 days for treated wood. We have two colors we would like the members to vote on, there will be a form at the bar for members to write their names and stain **A** or stain **B**. You can find this in person to view on the back stairs. The voting will be March 1-6. We will announce the stain color on the 7th.

Now that the freezing weather seems to be behind us... (fingers crossed) we will be replacing all the dead landscaping around the new stairs. If anyone would like to volunteer and help with gardening and landscaping, please, contact me via the office@osyc.com.

Also, we need assistance from our members on potential new members. These are the

newest to go on the wait list. Please take a look at the names posted on the board by the elevator. If you have information on anyone, please, bring that information to the Flags or Board Member. All will stay confidential and we appreciate your help. This will be posted each month after the board meetings.

We hope everyone is noticing the small changes and know we are working hard for our members. If you have ideas, suggestions or concerns please come talk with me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore





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



February was full of love, beads and a splash of football. The Super Bowl Chili Cook Off, the staff put together, was a success as so many came out to enjoy the chilis and to watch the game together. The staff worked hard on the annual Valentine's dinner. Thank you to the staff for all your hard work to give the

members that chose to spend their Valentine evening with us a romantic experience. So many text/called and came up to tell us how amazing it was down to every little detail. February was also Mardi Gras month. The yacht club was in the day parade and the kids and all members that road had a great time! This was our third year in a row and it just gets better and better. We are looking forward to next year. And our own Commodore was chosen to be Grand Marshall for the OSCA night parade. We will be working with OSCA throughout the year to help raise money for CASA Christmas. Be on the look out for Split the Pots on Bar Bucks Saturdays, they will start in March.

The Social Committee met last month and we have created a year of events. We will put together a calendar of all planned events so you have the dates well in advance.

March 29th will be our Commodore Ball. It will be a Black Tie event. Put on your best dress and best suit... The tickets will be \$65 per person. The event will be held from 5pm-10pm. This will be an event you will not want to miss! Come celebrate Commodore Carroll Kovaicvich with us! We will have the menu and drinks with details posted soon. You can purchase your tickets with the front office or a staff member. You can member charge or write a check.

Our Annual Drawdown will be April 26, 2025. Tickets are now on sale and you can purchase them with the staff. We also need your help selling the tickets. This event is open to the public. We have 200 tickets we need to sell, please, pick some up to sell with the bartenders and front office. All tickets signed out will need to be returned by April 20, 2025 via sold/money or the tickets that did not sell. Tickets not returned will be charged to the member assigned to them and they will have your name on them for the drawdown. You do not have to be present to win.

Each ticket admits two people, will get you a door prize ticket, two drink tickets, food and a chance to win \$5,000. If you are an artist, business owner or have connections, please, help with donations for our raffles and silent auction. Last year we raised \$23,000 and this year the Social Committee's goal is \$30,000. Besides the events throughout the year like 2024, the sailing camp scholarships, employee senior scholarships, Duchess Club Toy & Doll Campaign, the beautiful weekly fresh flowers, social and mingle events and so much more, we want to purchase new furniture for downstairs, spruce up our pavilion area and make our fire pit area fabulous. We need your help to make all of this possible.

I am looking forward to the 2025 and what the social committee and staff will be bringing to our members.

If you have ideas or would like to volunteer at one of the events, please, email social@osyc.com.

Enjoy your March and bring on Spring!

Best Regards,
Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore & Social Chairman

**15th Annual
OSYC
Drawdown**

\$100.00 Ticket Admits 2.
Includes food, a drink ticket
each and a door prize ticket.

**Eat Drink
Draw**

**Win An Extra
\$5000
Saturday
April 26, 2025
Doors Open at 4pm
Drawdown Starts at 6**



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





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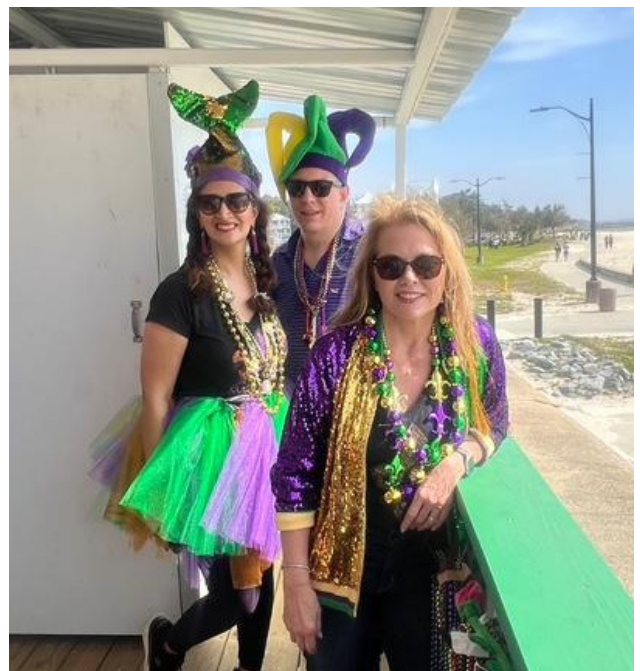




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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Happy March,
OSYC Members -

We're hoping that
sunshine and the
warmer weather has
you thinking about
spending time out
on the Club deck
and watching

sunsets and sailing!

As mentioned in the January and February newsletters, we're asking our members to please volunteer to help host our regattas. We hope you will consider joining one or both of our two sailing-oriented Club committees. Our Race Committee includes Club members who serve on the Board of our Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron, and they spend fairly long hours on the water running the actual sailing portions of regattas at the Club. The Sailing Committee coordinates the land-based side of events at the Club, from safety to fun and food.

The 2025 Sail Camp Schedule is set, and all of the camps are available for signup on Regatta Network at the links provided below. All camps take place during May, June, and July.

Youth sailing begins with an Adventure Camp for our experienced youth sailors from May 27-30, 2025:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29352>

Next on the sailing education list are a series of two-week Sail Camp Sessions for junior sailors, both new and with previous experience:

June 2-13, 2025:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29353>

June 16-27, 2025:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29359>

June 30-July 11, 2025:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29360>

The 2025 Youth Sail Camp season continues with a second Adventure Camp from July 14-18:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29361>

Youth sailing concludes with Race Camp from July 21-25 to round out this year's sailing fun:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29362>

Please sign up your junior sailors on Regatta Network for summer sailing at the Club.

The 2025 Club regatta schedule is as follows:

April 11-13	Hobie MidWinters/ April Fools Regatta
May 3-4	1699 Regatta
May 24-25	Slip to Ship Regatta
July 12-13	Island Hop
August 23-24	Katrina Memorial/ OSYC Club Wave Championship
September 19-21	Deep South Regatta
October 18-19	Shearwater Regatta & Annual Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party

If you're interested in participating in any of these regattas as an experienced sailor, you can register on Regatta Network. The 1699 and Katrina Memorial Regattas are a bit less rigorous near-shore events, and recommended for sailors with all levels of experience as fun days on the water.

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

Sincerely,

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



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Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron News

Club pier repair work and boat yard preparation for the 2025 sailing season began during the second week of February. The beach area was readied for use by our sailors, and the OSSS (labor) is beginning phase 3 of pier replacement with repair of the landing portion. Materials used were paid for by the Club along with the marine grade lumber used to replace the front stairs. It was very breezy with rough seas, but our Sailing Squadron guys prevailed and to the beach and pier work done.



Old decking on pier landing removed



New decking installed

Happy Spring ..

A quick note from our food & beverage staff ...

Here are upcoming Club events for March:

(** more details below)

March 06 - Paint and Sip @ 6:00 pm

March 07 - Live Music @ 6:00 pm with Tristan Alzie

March 12 - Trivia Night @ 6:00 pm

March 15 - Karaoke @ 7:00 pm

March 20 - OSYC Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm

March 22 - Grill Your Own Steak Night

March 26 - Trivia Night @ 6:00 pm

March 29 - Commodore's Ball* *

We have the Commodores Ball on March 29th. It will be \$65 per person. This year's ball will be a black-tie event. The downstairs bar will be open from 11:00 am till 4:00 pm. The Upstairs is closed all day to prepare for the event. We will have more details to come as we get closer.

April will feature our 15th Annual Drawdown. Tickets will go on sale next week. Please remember you can sell the tickets; we will write down the numbers for each ticket to keep track. If any member does not return the tickets or the money, the member will be charged for the extra tickets. We need your help collecting donations for our silent auction and for raffle items. You can drop off items at the front office. Each person will get one door prize ticket per ticket and two drink tickets. One drink per person. Each ticket gets two people in. We will open the downstairs bar that day and close it at 3pm. Upstairs will be closed the entire day to prepare. Again, more details to come.

Ryleigh Smith and the OSYC Staff



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

Greetings OSYC'ers!

Since the beginning of 2024, OSYC has admitted over 100 new members. As such, I was reminded that this would be a good time to provide a refresher in how billing works.

For the sake of simplicity, we will use March 1st as our example.

Statements are processed and the new billing cycle begins on the 1st of the month. For example, on your March 1st statement, your billing will reflect:

- March dues
- F&B charges incurred in February
- payments made in February
- use it or lose it charges (if threshold is not met), excluding taxes and service charges
- late fees (assessed if no payment was received in February)

An account is considered delinquent and automatically suspended if:

- there was no payment made in the preceding month
- there was a partial payment made and a balance carries over to the next month

****If you changed your payment method on our website, then you must re-schedule your recurring payment date. The system will not automatically reinstate your payment date. ****

We also have an app in which you can:

- view the club calendar
- make reservations if applicable
- view our newsletters
- view your account (statement/current activity/payment history/make a payment/manage payment methods)
- view the regatta schedule

To download the app, go to the App Store (Apple) or Google Play Store (Android), and search for OSYC. Look for the app that has our OSYC logo.

Once downloaded, then simply enter your same user name and password that you use to enter our private website.

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any assistance with accessing your account, (if you are member #A01353, 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

