



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

April 2025

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

Sailing season is here! This is my favorite time of the year as sailing and racing is what being a yacht club is all about. Our regattas bring sailors from around the world to our Club with our first regatta starting April 11. Please consider

coming out to welcome our guest sailors and to watch some racing. If you have never sailed before and you are interested, please contact our Fleet Captain or a member of the Sailing Squadron to see what is needed to get out on the water. Many of our sailing members are more than happy to help new sailors get involved and the Club has boats available to members once they have been certified by the Fleet Captain to sail our Club boats.

As many of you know, we have made some changes to our staff recently. Ryleigh, Gina, and all of our staff have been helping to fill in the gaps as we restructure our organization to better serve our members. I appreciate the many words of encouragement and the patience that members have given the Board and our staff during this time. We have received some great advice from business leaders within our membership, club management organizations, and leaders at other Clubs. We look forward to consistently improving our Club and providing a better experience for our membership.

As a reminder, all of our staff should be treated with respect. If you have a problem with an employee, please bring your concerns to Ryleigh or one of our Flag Officers – including myself. You can email me at commodore@osyc.com Members who are rude or confrontational with our employees may be disciplined in accordance with our House Rules and punishment may include suspension, fines, and even termination of membership. The Board is committed to ensuring that our employees have a safe and welcoming work environment and will not tolerate verbal abuse or hostile members and guests.

This year is shaping up to be an incredibly busy year at the Club. We are going to have a number of great events throughout the year, and I hope that we have something for everyone. Look at our schedule and look for additional announcements. If you have ideas for new events, please discuss your ideas with Ryleigh, the Social Committee, or any Board Member. This is your Club and we want to hear from you!

Lastly, we have sent out a survey to update member information. Please complete this survey if you have not done so already. Look for additional surveys throughout the year as we work to provide a way for more members to give their ideas and their feedback on the Club. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 17.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club

Thanks!

Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore
Ocean Springs Yacht Club



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From the Vice Commodore,
Sandra Carter



Spring has sprung; the azaleas are particularly beautiful this year, and so many other of our bloomers are showing off their own beauty. As March grudgingly relinquishes the cold of winter, hopefully it will “go out like a lamb”, although the nearly

constant moderate winds and choppy seas make it a challenge to get out the yacht or boat to enjoy time on the water.

On the brighter side, the warmer breezes are a delight. Have a seat on the deck with fellow members, and if you don’t recognize a new member, welcome them to your table, and enjoy a cold beverage and delicious snack with new friends!

Our 2025 Commodore’s Ball is set for March 29th. It promises to be another fun event as the Flag Officers host this special occasion. Our Past Commodore, Carroll Kovacevich, will be the Honoree, and he has selected “The Great Gatsby” for this year’s theme. I’m really looking forward to enjoying some great dancing music from a local band, while sampling the Oyster Bar and sumptuous buffet, along with a complimentary house wine, beer or refreshing Iced Tea. As always, please be sure to thank our Club Staff for their personal and courteous support!

That’s it for now; see you at the Club!

Sandra Carter
Vice Commodore 2025



OSYC Commodore Michael Ramsey and his wife, Christine, prepare to ride in the Ocean Springs Carnival Association (OSCA) Night Parade. Commodore Ramsey was selected as Grand Marshal for the OSCA Night Parade (submitted photo).

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 Rear Commodore,
Wendie Dana

2025 Commodore's Ball Photos from
Your Social Committee Chair and
Rear Commodore, Wendie Dana



Another month down in the 2025 year at our Yacht Club. At the beginning of the month, we had the members vote on the color of stairs/handrail stain; Stain A was

chosen. This painting project on the back stairs will be completed this month.

The House Committee walked the property and made a list of repairs and priorities. Our next focus will be the facing on posts that have been chipped and beaten up around the deck, and on getting downstairs up and ready before Memorial Day weekend so that our members and families can enjoy the pool without having to go upstairs wet or to get a drink/food.

Now that the cold weather (fingers crossed) is behind us, we will start replacing and finishing the landscaping around the club and stairs. We are also taking extra precautions to protect the stairs/posts at the front entrance from the puddles of moisture and water. If anyone would like to volunteer to help complete our entrance landscaping, please, reach out to me. All are welcomed.

Best Regards,

Wendie Dana, Rear Commodore





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



March has flown by and by the time you read this the Commodores Ball will be in the books. We have a great turn out based on ticket sales, and thank you to all that came to celebrate our 2025 Past Commodore Carroll Kovacevich. From live music on the deck and inside, an oyster bar, a

beautiful spread, dancing and laughter, I hope all enjoyed the night.

April is a busy month with kicking off the regattas, Easter and the Drawdown. Help us welcome our visitors the weekend of April 11th; the kick off to the regatta season.

This year, April 18th, we will bring back our Adult Egg Hunt. Bring your flashlights and hunt for "adult" eggs. This is a nighttime event and the eggs will have adult "happies" in them. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids will be at 2:00 pm on Easter Sunday. This will be after our Easter Brunch and a visit from our Easter Bunny "G". Look for emails and post from management on Easter brunch details. We will also post more details on our hunts in the upcoming weeks.

Our Drawdown is the 26th. We are excited for what this year can bring. Our goal is to raise enough to cover the charities we contribute to every year; OSSS, Duchess Club, OSCA for CASA and our Senior Employees going to college. It is also to cover our entertainment and events throughout the year like last year. This year we are planning to buy additional Polywood furniture for our downstairs and fire-pit area. And last but not least, we want to celebrate our staff and throw a big employee kick off the summer pool party in May for them. We need your help selling our tickets. Stop by and grab your tickets and tickets to sell. This event is open to the public. They do not have to be present to win.

Also, we need raffle items and silent auction items. Help us by asking your friends and our local businesses for donations. You can drop them off with the front office. Every little thing can help.

And thank you to my amazing Social Committee for all your help and hours volunteering.

We look forward to seeing you at the club!

Best Regards,

Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore & Social Chairman

More Commodore's Ball Photos from
Your Social Committee Chair and
Rear Commodore, Wendie Dana





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



April is finally here, along with the start of our official series of formal regattas and informal sailing at the OSYC!

We're continuing to seek members to volunteer to help host our regattas. We hope you will consider joining one or both of our two sailing-oriented Club committees. As mentioned in the March newsletter, our Race Committee consists of a mix of Club members with a serious interest in supporting sailing at our yacht club, and Club members who serve on our Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron Board. They are all a dedicated group that spends long hours on the water running the actual sailing portions of regattas at the Club. We have a support boat subset of this committee that provides on-water support with setting the sailing course and safety assistance if needed. The Sailing Committee coordinates the land-based side of events at the Club, from radio operations for sailor and race safety, to fun and food for the competitors.

Our Hobie MidWinters an April Fools Regatta is set, with boats registered as of the press date of this newsletter.

Next, an update on the 2025 Sail Camps. They are still available for signup on Regatta Network at the links provided below. All camps take place during May, June, and July.

Adventure Camp, May 27-30, 2025
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29352>

Two-week Sail Camp Sessions
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>

Adventure Camp, July 14-18
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29361>

Race Camp, July 21-25
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/29362>

Wednesday Night Sailing has begun. This is informal yet competitive racing in between Deer Island, the Biloxi-Ocean Springs Bridge, and Front Beach with race starts from the beach at the Club. This is a good way to get started with sailing as a crew member or as a new sailor if a formal regatta seems to be more than you're willing to take on. Friday Night Races will begin once schools are out for the summer, likely on Memorial Day weekend.

The 2025 Club regatta schedule is as follows:

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| 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 an experienced sailor and wish to be a part of in any of these regattas, please register on Regatta Network. Please stay tuned for invitations to participate in upcoming committee meetings and regattas; your participation makes it all happen!

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



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Upcoming April Club Events

A quick note from our staff ...

Here are upcoming Club events for April:

(** more details below or to follow by email)

Thursday, April 3rd - Paint & Sip @ 6:00 pm

Friday April 4th -1st Friday's Live Music -Stowers

Wednesday April 9th -Trivia Night 6pm

Friday April 11-13th - Hobie MidWinters/April Fools Regatta (sailors will begin to arrive on April 10th)

Friday April 18th -Adult Eggstravaganza

Saturday April 19th - Grill Your Own Steak Night @ 6:00 pm, followed by Karaoke @7:00 pm

Sunday April 20th -Easter Eggstravaganza **

Wednesday April 23rd -Trivia Night @ 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 26th - Drawdown @ 4:00 pm**

April's "feature event" is our 15th Annual Drawdown. Tickets are on sale!. 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 tickets and funds. 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. 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, and will open at 4:00 pm. Again, more details to come.

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any assistance with accessing your account, setting up your payment method, or scheduling your payment-call us in the office, 228-875-1915 or email us office@osyc.com.

Ryleigh Smith, Gina Welch, and your OSYC Staff

**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**