



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

May 2025

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



I know that some members have expressed concerns about recent changes to our staff. I have addressed many of these members directly and I am more than willing to discuss these changes in person with members.

Please understand that we have more than 650 members of the Club now and as Commodore, I am committed to serving every member and the Club as a whole. As a Board, we have had to make difficult decisions, but we do so by keeping in mind that every member is important and that our goal is to ensure the future of the Club.

Last week we had to limit our hours of service due to a shortage in staff. Miranda, our Kitchen Manager, resigned and Tracy, our Assistant Bar Manager, was terminated. Like many members, I love all of our staff and I miss a great amount of our former staff. This Club relies on our staff to run day-to-day operations of the Club. To do that successfully and to ensure that member service stays at the forefront of our staff's mission, we need a team that is willing to adapt and willing to work together. In the wake of some significant changes to our staff earlier this year, the Board has laid out a clear structure for our staff and has set clear expectations for our team. Some difficult decisions

have been made, but I believe that we now have a team that is willing to work together and that each employee meets the expectations of our membership.

As part of the structure that we have implemented, The Board has appointed Gina Welch, our former office manager, as Interim General Manager. Ryleigh has remained as our Front of House Manager, and Bobby has returned to his former position of Kitchen Manager. Gina and Ryleigh have picked up all of the duties of our former GM and with the assistance of myself and the Board, we are running the day-to-day operations of the Club. We are recruiting additional kitchen staff, bar staff, and Summer operations staff (lifeguards, etc.) to prepare for a busy Summer. We will place Team Leads in each department to ensure consistency of service and to assist with management. We are setting up a Search Committee to seek out a permanent General Manager, but my opinion is that this team has done some incredible work and that they are capable of exceeding member expectations. It is also my opinion, however, that the decision over a permanent General Manager should not be up to me. I intend to keep the membership informed of the Search Committee's progress and to put the recommendation of the Search Committee to a vote for our General Membership.

On May 12, we will hold a town hall meeting at the Club so that I may provide additional details on these developments and so that the Membership can weigh in on future projects of the Club and the use of the money we raised from the Drawdown. I want to make it clear to our members that this Club belongs to all of us. Just like our staff, we can



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accomplish much more as a team who works together than as a group of individuals working in different directions. While this Club belongs to you as a member, this Club belongs to each of the other 650+ members. To make this place better for everyone, sometimes you will be called to set aside your personal goals and desires to better serve others. To me, this is what part of being a Club is all about.

Thanks,
Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

From the Vice Commodore,
Sandra Carter



It's been a great month full of enjoyable events at our Club! Our regatta season kickoff went seamlessly after a very windy Friday that led to boats coming in off the water.

Our next very popular event is the annual Kentucky Derby Party, held on Race Day with the customary

knockout fashionable Derby Hats and outfits, along with the special Derby drinks and snacks served by our excellent kitchen and bar staff. Come join the fun and see if YOUR horses win, place or show!

May also marks a month with appreciation and remembrance for those who died in the struggles to protect our nation, and also kicks off the "101 days of summer" - Memorial Day (the last Monday in May) through Labor Day. It's a good time to review your own safety practices, whether around the house, on the water or on the road.

That's it for now; stop by and visit when I see you at the Club!

Sandra Carter
Vice Commodore 2025

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



April really did not have showers but it did have Egg HuntsAdult & Kid Versions.

We ended the month with our Drawdown. Thank you to all that helped, bought tickets, donated items, went door to door asking for donations and participated in our raffles and silent auction. And THANK YOU, Ms Brenda, for always making our tables pretty with lovely flowers every week.

Best Regards,

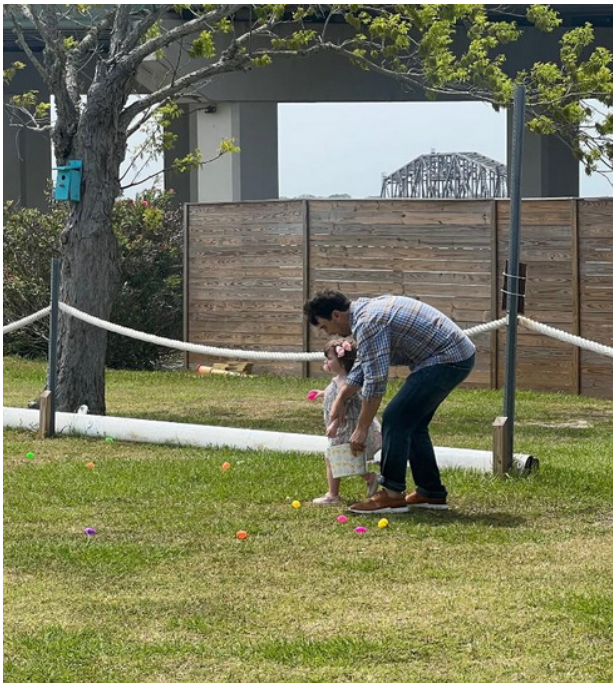
Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore & Social Chairman





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April Event Photos from
Your Social Committee Chair and
Rear Commodore, Wendie Dana





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More April Event Photos from
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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Our first official 2025 regatta has been sailed, and both formal and informal sailing has started for this year at the OSYC!

Thanks go out to our "Casserole Crew" members for their efforts in providing a much appreciated breakfast for the Hobie Midwinters / April Fools Regatta (there were no leftovers). Fifty-six boats were on the water for three days of buoy racing. We were hosts to 91 sailors and their families, and all of the participants are ready to come back to our beach to sail again.

There are still spaces available in a few of the 2025 Sail Camps 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 (full)

June 16-27, 2025 (full)

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>

Boat and kayak use at the Club is increasing with the warmer weather. As a reminder, if you take a boat out that is owned by our Sailing Squadron or by the Club, whether it is a Hobie, a kayak, or any thing else in between, you must wear a lifejacket. No exceptions. This is especially critical to comply with state laws. When boating in Mississippi,

anyone 12 years of age and younger must wear a Type I, II or III U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal floatation device (PFD), and you are required to have at least one U.S. Coast Guard-approved Type I, II, III, or V PFD for each person on board, regardless of the length of vessel, or the age of persons. This includes canoes or kayaks.

The remaining 2025 Club regatta schedule is as follows:

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

As always, 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





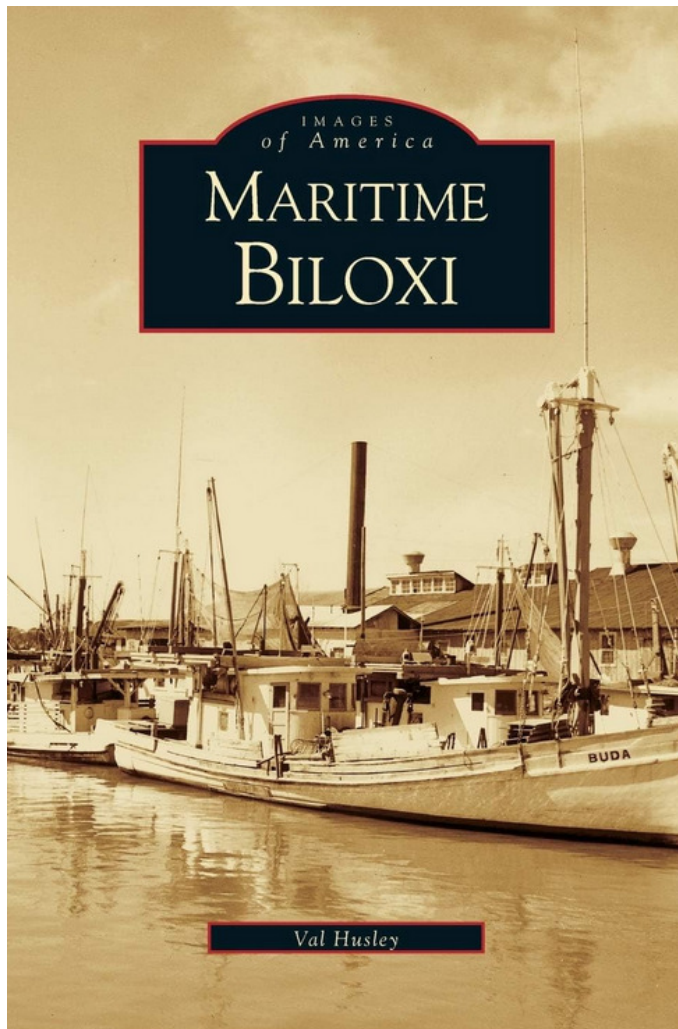
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**A Tribute to 2024 Commodore
Carroll Kovacevich from
1974 Commodore Robert "Bob" Rashka**

I recently purchased a book titled "Maritime Biloxi (Images of America)", by Val Husley, printed in 2000. After reading the 130-page book, I realized that the family of our 2024 OSYC Commodore, Carroll Kovacevich, played a huge part in building and promoting our Mississippi Gulf Coast as the "Seafood Capital of the World". Well done, Mr. Kovacevich.

Robert J. Rashka
1974 OSYC Commodore



Upcoming May Events

Thursday May 1st: Paint & Sip 6pm (Upstairs)

Friday May 2nd: 1st Fridays Music, Patrick Bowen, 6pm (Upstairs)

Saturday May 3rd: Kentucky Derby, 4pm-8pm, buffet \$18, mint juleps & other drink specials all day, bourbon flights \$24, Parade of Hats @4:30pm, Hobby Horse race @5pm, contest winners announced @5:45pm (Upstairs)

Monday May 5th: Jackson County Republicans Women's Cocktail Hour, 5pm-8pm (Upstairs)

Wednesday May 7th: Rotary, 11:30am (Upstairs)

Thursday May 8th: Ladies Guest Card Day, 1pm-5pm; Kelly Frontiero Jewelry, 3pm-6pm (Upstairs)

Saturday May 10th: Mommy & Me Tea, 11am-1pm (Upstairs)

Sunday May 11th: Mother's Day Brunch 11am-2:30pm, no reservations needed (Upstairs)

Monday May 12th: Town Hall for members 6pm

Wednesday May 14th: Rotary 11:30am-2pm (Upstairs)
Trivia Night, 6pm (Upstairs)

Thursday May 15th: Board Meeting 6pm (Upstairs)

Saturday May 17th: Karaoke 7pm (Upstairs)

Tuesday May 20th: Garden Club, 10:30am-1:30pm (Upstairs)

Wednesday May 21st: Rotary, 11:30-2pm (Upstairs)
Carnival Association, 6pm-8pm (Upstairs)

Thursday May 22nd: Western Night Ladies Night, 6pm-8pm (Upstairs)

Saturday & Sunday, May 24-25th: Slip to Ship Regatta

Saturday May 24th: Grill your own steak, 6pm (Upstairs)

Monday May 26th: Memorial Day Party/Summer Kick off, 12pm-4pm, POOL OPEN

Wednesday May 28th: Rotary 11:30-2pm (Upstairs)
Trivia Night, 6pm (Upstairs)



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From Your Interim Club Manager,
Gina Welch, Office@osyc.com

Greetings OSYC'ers!

It has been a wild couple of months at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club! As many of you know we have had staffing changes recently but I want you to know that Ryleigh Smith, our House Manager, and myself are working hard in the office to get and keep your Club up and running at full speed.

We are heading into our busy season with regattas, birthday parties, graduations, Club events and more. Please see the May events list on the previous page.

The pool officially opens on Memorial Day with a full staff of Lifeguards! We will be sending out our House Rules which include the Pool Rules. Please read over them carefully because we will be enforcing them going forward for everyone's safety and enjoyment of the pool. We will keep you posted in early May when you can come pick up your families arm swim bands for the season.

We had a very fun and successful Drawdown event, it was a packed house with great food, prizes and comradery!

We appreciate all your patience as our staff and I work tirelessly to make sure the club exceeds all of your expectations. There will be some bumps along the way as we are learning and growing.

As always, 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. You can call us in the office, 228-875-1915, or send an email to us at office@osyc.com.

Please introduce yourself to any new staff members you may see around the club. We are excited to make your experience at the OSYC a great one!

Gina Welch
Interim General Manager
office@osyc.com



Pottery donation to drawdown raffle by club member Bonnie Furey

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