



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

June 2025

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

Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

I hope that everyone enjoyed Memorial Day and that you and your family took time to reflect on the solemn nature of the holiday and on the blessings that we enjoy due to the sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces. As

you know Memorial Day marks the beginning of our Summer season and the Club has been busier than ever. Our staff is working hard to accommodate all of our members and guests, but please understand that the Club is sometimes overwhelmed by a large number of members and guests and that service may be affected at times. We are working to streamline things by using our downstairs bar and outdoor kitchen during peak demand hours, but your patience is greatly appreciated until we can implement these changes and bring our new staff members up to speed. I want to personally apologize for any issues that members encountered this past weekend or previously and I want you to know that I have been talking through these concerns with our members and our staff to ensure that we learn from any mistakes and implement meaningful changes to better serve our members and guests.

Our management has sent a number of emails to the membership regarding unsupervised children in the pool and in the clubhouse. Some of these issues still persist and if we continue having issues with children, the members responsible for those children may face penalties including suspension of pool privileges and

clubhouse access. We are monitoring this situation closely, but the bottom line is this: if you are a parent, you are responsible for your children. Our staff needs to focus on serving the membership and should not be required to interrupt that mission to police children. Our lifeguards and our bartenders are not babysitters and other members should not have to tell your children how to follow the rules.

Please review the House Rules and if you are a parent, please make sure that your children understand these rules. The House Rules are available on our website under the "Info for Members" tab. One of the biggest issues I have seen lately are members and children entering the clubhouse with wet swimsuits. This creates a safety issue as other people may slip on water left behind. Additionally, as I have discussed previously, there is another concern with abuse of club property by unsupervised children. Kayaks have been left out on the beach too many times and it has become a burden on the Club instead of another amenity.

On another note, we held a town hall meeting earlier this month to discuss the use of the Drawdown Proceeds and some other issues facing the Club. I was encouraged by most of the discussion but I would have liked to get more feedback from newer and younger members. If you are interested in helping out the Club or if you have ideas that you would like to see, please reach out to me at commodore@osyc.com. While I understand that it can be intimidating to some newer people who want to get involved in the Club, this is your Club too and we want to hear from you on how we can improve things.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore



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



May flew by and that Kentucky Derby went just as fast. Ms Janie Rayner and her team of Social Committee Volunteers did a fantastic job with the Derby Party and planning.

The Social Committee submitted their final

Drawdown proposal to the board after looking through all the original requests and later requests to see what we could and could not accomplish. We are happy and excited for the approval and cannot wait to see all the good the fundraiser will be to the club. To list a few, we will be purchasing more chairs for the fire pit area and redoing the pavers and flagstones under each fire pit. Wine nights with the girls or Bourbon and Cigar nights with the guys are just around the corner. We also will be purchasing regular height table sets to go with the high top tables and barstools for the downstairs area. We will be assisting with the parking lot and hoping to create more parking spots. We are happy to say our landscaping and area under the front stairs is almost complete and we get to help do that by handling the cost.

Last but not least, we will be scheduling an employee party, along with partially sponsoring a child for our OSSS sailing camp this summer, a child for Duchess Club Toy and Dolls Campaign and a child for OSCA for CASA. We thank our members who chair these organizations that support us daily, monthly and at our fundraisers. We are happy to help you in a small way. June is going to be busy and exciting. We hope you enjoy your time at the club with friends and family.

Best Regards,

Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore & Social Committee Chairman

Summer Hours

MONDAY (DOWNSTAIRS ONLY)	12PM - 4PM
TUESDAY	11AM - 9PM
WEDNESDAY	11AM - 9PM
THURSDAY	11AM - 9PM
FRIDAY	11AM - 10PM
SATURDAY	11AM - 10PM
SUNDAY	11AM - 9PM

Tues. - Sun. fully operational up and downstairs.

Burgers and Hotdogs served downstairs 7 days a week 12 pm - 4 pm.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	9AM - 5 PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM - 5 PM
THURSDAY	9AM - 5 PM
FRIDAY	9AM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	CLOSED
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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May Club Event Photos from
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More May Event Photos from
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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
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The fortieth annual Slip to Ship Regatta is in the books, with Duly Chaltain and his crew as repeat winners in the race around Deer Island. The other really big win of note was in

the Nacra 20' class for son and father team Robbie and Jay Shuman - their first ever first place in their catamaran class.

Twenty-four boats were on the water for two days of distance racing. Day One featured a race from OSYC to the east end of Ship Island for lunch, followed by a race along the same course from the island back to the Club. Day Two was clockwise race around Deer Island with both the start and finish on the waters just off the Club's beach. Thanks go out to Dr. David McClendon and his medical group for providing breakfast on Day Two of Slip to Ship.

the 2025 sail camps started off with 16 experienced junior sailors in the first Adventure Camp of the summer. Informal racing (usually a steeplechase) is taking place on Wednesday evenings, weather permitting, and Friday Night Races will be starting soon as slightly more formal racing for bragging rights and fun this year at the OSYC!

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, you must wear a lifejacket. This is especially critical to comply with state laws. As has been mentioned before, 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 flotation 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. This includes canoes or kayaks.

The remaining 2025 Club regatta schedule is as follows:

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 especially to help support our Club regattas. Your participation is what makes it possible to make memories and ensure that it all happens!

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain
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Team Shuman racing to the Club
(photo credit Judi Altman)



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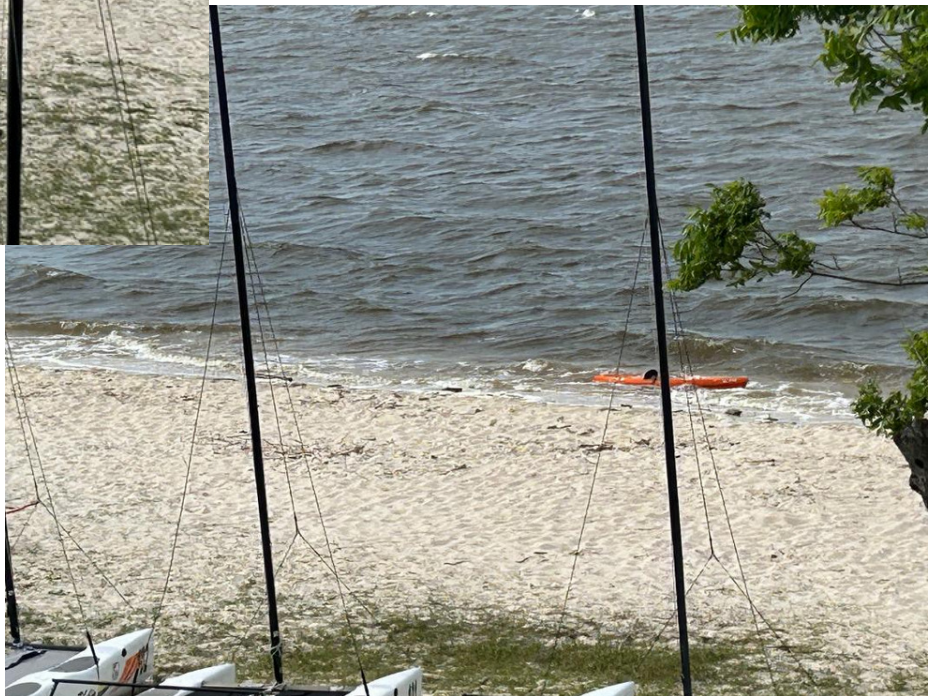
Farewell to the Kayaks



Three of the Club kayaks, paddles, and lifejackets were left abandoned on the beach on Memorial Day, and were discovered by our Club staff and management on Tuesday morning in the surf zone. One of the three kayaks was completely filled with water and is no longer useable.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. On a weekly basis, if not more frequently, staff and a few of our members are finding Club kayaks left out on the beach, and also paddles and life jackets. Not wearing a life jacket when taking out a kayak is also continuing despite warnings.

Due to the ongoing nature of this problem, and to continued use and abuse of the Club kayaks by some of our younger members without life jackets, we are no longer providing them for member use. The four kayaks and paddles will be secured, and only brought out for use by sailing camp attendees.





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From Your Interim Club Manager,
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From Your OSYC Pool Committee

Hello, OSYC'ers -

We have officially kicked off summer here at the Yacht Club! We have lifeguards staffed from 10:30 am - 8:00 pm at the pool. The lifeguards will be checking to make sure all pool goers have their silicone bracelets on; if you haven't done so yet, please come get your arm bands from the office. If you have a guest at the pool you'll need to purchase a guest wrist band for \$5 for each guest you have.

Parents - please be mindful that even though we have lifeguards at the pool a parent has to be down at the pool with their children under the age of 12! Additionally, all children must be accompanied by an adult if they come into the club and as a reminder EVERYONE, adult or child must be fully dressed including shoes prior to entering the club.

On a different note, we understand there have been times at the Club when we are severely understaffed, and we know it's been frustrating. We assure you all that we have hired some new staff to help us during our busiest time of the year and we are working hard to get them trained and ready to provide a great experience for you all! We appreciate your patience, and we hope you all have a wonderful and summer!

Gina Welch
Interim General Manager
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Pool season is un full swing, and we have a few requests of the membership. First, please DO NOT adjust or raise or lower the kid pool umbrella. If it needs attention, ask our staff. This is a \$3,000 investment, and we do not wish any member to damage it or have to be responsible for replacing it. Second, be aware that our lifeguards are not babysitters. Parents are responsible for their children at the pool. Thank you!

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



Catamarans on the beach, Slip to Ship 2025
(photo credit Linda Shuman)