



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

July 2025

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

Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

I am sure that many of you have heard about our recent issues with some of our equipment at the clubhouse. In the past few weeks, we have had AC leaks, elevator problems, gas leaks, and technical issues. I want to assure everyone that our staff

and our Board has done everything in our power to maintain our Club and that these issues are the result of aging equipment and simple misfortune. Our management team, our staff, and our Board have worked quickly to address these issues and to prevent future mishaps.

Our building is ageing and is under more use now than it has ever been. As a waterfront property, we are exposed to salty and humid air which causes a greater strain on our infrastructure. Throughout my time on the Board, we have tried to plan ahead by monitoring the lifespan of the equipment and facilities of the Club. We are already aware of a number of projects that we will need to invest in over the next few years to keep the Club operating and to grow our ability to serve our members.

In addition to the equipment and facilities, we are going to begin focusing on our electrical and plumbing infrastructure to present a comprehensive plan to the general membership to address the needs of the Club. This plan will take time and money to ensure that we do things the right way and ensure longevity. I believe that we can enact this plan without the need

for a financial assessment of the membership, but as the Board stated in October and again in February, we will need to increase our dues to be able to ensure the future of the Club. I will provide more specific information as the comprehensive plan comes together.

In lighter news, the Bob Pocreva Memorial Cardboard Regatta was a blast. The kids enjoyed building and racing their homemade boats and they really enjoyed sinking and soaking the Commodore. I want to thank Jamie Herring, Noelle Blackmon, Ora Leonburger, and everyone who had a part in this amazing event.

We have a lot of other great events coming up this Summer including our Fourth of July party. I am hoping that we can once again outshine the city's fireworks display.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore



Photo credit: Robbie Carter



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From the Vice Commodore,
Sandra Carter



The saying, "time flies when you're having fun!" certainly applies at our Club. July promises to be another month full of opportunities to celebrate (come view the July 4th Fireworks), swim in our crystal-clear pool (thank you, Cyndi!), or just plain chill out upstairs on the deck or inside the

clubhouse. That said, hopefully the only time we hear the word "tropical" is about cruises, dress, or a beverage from our bar!

We've have had a few hiccups with some short-notice Club closures due to mechanical malfunctions, but rest assured our staff and Board are aggressively working to remedy these issues once and for all.

Please give our new Chef, Kiki Bass, a warm welcome as she adds imaginative and delicious specials to our regular Club menu. She and the rest of our kitchen bring a new synergy and energy to preparing and presenting meals and snacks sure to please the palate! Add a refreshing beverage to your dining experience, thanks to our very talented and pleasant mixologists, who create magic from our well-stocked bar.

Lastly, please use extra care when traveling about between now and November. Our city will hit maximum numbers of tourists and locals out and about, with travelers of a full spectrum of ages, abilities, and cultures, traveling on foot, by car, in golf carts, and on motorcycles or scooters. Just as on sailboat or motorized vessel, please keep your head on a swivel (courtesy and patience go a long way, too!)

So, stop by our Club soon; I look forward to seeing you!

Sandra Carter
Vice Commodore 2025

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



We are half way through 2025 and time does not seem to be slowing down. June brought us the Annual Cardboard Regatta. This year we renamed it to honor an amazing man, who will be greatly missed. Mr. Robert "Bob" Pocreva, you will always be our

favorite Captain of the Titanic at the Cardboard Regatta.

Our favorite Cardboard Commodore did an amazing job, again, with the 3rd Annual event. Thank you, Ora, Kimberly, Noelle and all that helped with this year's event.

Please, keep an eye out for FB post, Email blast and elevator flyers for July and other events, updates and Yacht Club life.

Best Regards,

Wendie Dana
Rear Commodore & Social Committee Chairman

From the Past Commodore,
Carroll Kovacevich



Throughout the month of July, the Nominating Committee will be assembling and considering a list of current members who are interested in being on the 2026 Board of Governors. If you are interested and would like to be considered for a first year board position, please leave your name and phone number in the club office with

Gina or Ryleigh.



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June Club Event Photos



Best sinking, 2025 Cardboard Boat Regatta
(photo credit Wendie Dana)



Bob Pocreva and Carroll Kovacevich
2024 Cardboard Boat Regatta



2025 Soaking of the Commodore
(photo credit Robbie Carter)



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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
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We are very much looking forward to our next distance race at the Club - the Island Hop. As for Slip to Ship, the first day of the regatta will feature a race from OSYC to the

west end of Horn Island for lunch, followed by a race along the same course from the island back to the Club. Day Two will be a clockwise race around Deer Island with both the start and finish on the waters just off the Club's beach. .



This year's Island Hop regatta t-shirt features art by Stig Marcussen. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, (\$25 per tee), please let us know so that the Sailing Squadron can order one for you - thank you!

The 2025 sail camps continue with our third two-week course for junior sailors, followed by a week long Adventure Camp and then Race Week. Friday Night Races have started, and will continue until our younger sailors are back in school, if not for a few more Friday evenings after that. Bragging rights are being established as the races at the OSYC continue!

Please remember that if you take a boat out that is owned by our Sailing Squadron or the Club, you must wear a lifejacket 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)**. 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. Fines for failing to comply are steep!

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 Wave Regatta
October 18-19	Shearwater Regatta & Annual Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party

If you want to be involved with sailing at the Club, please reach out to any of our sailors, members of the Sailing Squadron, or any of our flag officers or OSYC Board members. Your participation is what makes it possible to have our Club recognized as one of the premiere catamaran sailing and racing locations in the country.

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain
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From Your Interim Club Manager,
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July Events at the OSYC

Hello, OSYC'ers -

It's been a wild few weeks at the Yacht Club! There have been many sudden critical repairs to make lately and we appreciate your patience and flexibility. The gas leak was from a pipe located under our office that has been exposed to the sea air, and extensive corrosion led to a pinhole sized leak. The kitchen equipment and our hot water heaters run on natural gas, so when the gas had to be turned off, we were out of business. The repair and re-inspection turnaround was quick and we are so thankful.

The wine and food pairing event last night was a huge success and the food was amazing. Thank you to all who turned out!

Bring the family out for the 4th of July event at the Club. We will have a live band, food, festivities, and a fireworks show!

Be on the lookout for our next regatta July 12th - 13th, and our Rose' wine event on the 19th.

We will keep sending out the email Blasts and updating Facebook with all of the fun events we have planned at the OSYC!

Gina Welch
Interim General Manager
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July 3rd - Paint and Sip at 6pm

July 4th - 4th of July Shindig

July 7th - 11th - Sail Camp

July 9th - Trivia Night at 6pm

July 12th - 13th - Island Hop Regatta

July 14th - 18th 2nd Adventure Camp

July 17th - Board Meeting

July 19th - Saturdays is for Rose at 5:30pm

July 21th - 25th - Race Camp

July 23rd - Trivia Night at 6pm

July 26th - Grill Your Own Steak Night

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