



# Breezes AND Blows



**Ocean Springs Yacht Club**

**October 2025**

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

## Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

The Board and I will be hosting a Town Hall style meeting at the Club on Monday, October 27th at 6pm in advance of our General Membership Meeting – set for November 10th at 6pm. The purpose of this meeting

is to give a review of our financials and to discuss the agenda for the Membership Meeting. The financials will be presented at both meetings, but my hope is that by having a Town Hall meeting ahead of the General Meeting, we can really focus on the important agenda items for the General Meeting. I also intend to present committee and volunteer sign-up sheets at the Town Hall and General Meetings to start to get more members involved in the Club. Please look for additional announcements regarding both of these meetings and let me know if you have any questions.

As stated in Wendie Dana's email to the Club, Wendie has resigned as our Rear Commodore. I want to thank Wendie for her service to the Board and to the Club. To help ensure that the Board is ready for next year, I have chosen to appoint Bruce Small to fill the position of Rear Commodore until the end of this year. Bruce has been selected by the Nominating Committee to serve as Rear Commodore for next year's Board. By appointing him to fill Wendie's role, I believe that he will be

better prepared to serve the Club going forward. Additionally, to serve out the remainder of Bruce's term on the Board, I have appointed Casey Hill. Casey was nominated by the Nominating Committee to fill a first term Board position on the upcoming slate. Like with Bruce, Casey's appointment in the interim is designed to better prepare next year's Board for the challenges that they will face.

I believe that the Nominating Committee did an excellent job with the slate of officers for next year. Every member was carefully vetted and discussed by our Nominating Committee and they each are eager to serve the Club. As I move into my role as Past Commodore, I look forward to getting an early start to the nominating committee for next year. Please reach out to me if you are interested in joining the Committee or if you are interested in joining the Board down the road.

Finally, I want to thank this Club for providing a warm welcome to our new GM, Sandy Rogers. I have been impressed with her leadership and her ideas and I am confident that Sandy will help guide the Club forward.

Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Michael T. Ramsey  
2025 Commodore



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**From the Vice Commodore,  
Sandra Carter**



Hello again, OSYC Family!

Whew! Summer is technically over, but so far, the heat hasn't heard yet. Although the near-90 temps are here and no rain clouds are on the horizon, Fall's promise of pleasant weather will hopefully set in very soon.

We fortunately passed unscathed through the annual

peak of hurricane season, but history tells us not to let our guard down until those Gulf water temperatures cool down into the 60's. That said, it's prudent to review our vessels' (and homes') batten-down checklist, and have a feasible evacuation plan ready to execute.

Our last two regattas packed the Club with sailors and patrons, taxing our workers to the max. As always, they "got 'er dun" with great food and drink, served with a smile. Please stop and thank an employee for their sincere efforts to serve your meal in a timely and courteous manner, observing the Golden Rule for an unusually long wait.

As you read this, Cruisin' the Coast week is upon us, and we give thanks that we're clearing the 101 Days of Summer mostly without mishap. Let us stop and pause to remember the lives of those who fell victim when safety alone was not enough.

On a lighter note, October is once again chock full of events at the Club for members to enjoy. Be sure to check the weekly calendar messages for updates to the monthly schedule.

As 2026 quickly approaches, please consider sharing your skills and talents by volunteering to serve on a committee. As in any organization, a fresh look at things is essential to healthy growth and value.

Contact a committee/Board member to offer a modest bit of your time and experience.

Until next time...see you at the Club!

Sandra Carter  
Vice Commodore 2025

**From the Interim Rear Commodore,  
Bruce Small**

The House Committee continues to assemble a list of future repair needs and safety concerns that are critical repairs required at the Club. We need to keep you as members aware of our priorities with respect to safety and potential code violations so we don't run into insurance or liability issues. We are all working on determining costs and priorities on our list of Club fixes and overdue improvements,

On another note, we're sending a HUGE "shout out" to our OSYC operations staff member Gehrig Herring for his part in helping to bring the Club's waterfront yard back to life by helping with much-needed regular watering of the grass that exists; he is doing a great job of it.

### **2025 Flag/Corporate Officers**

Commodore - Michael Ramsey  
Vice Commodore - Sandra Carter  
Interim Rear Commodore - Bruce Small  
Fleet Captain - Cyndi Moncreiff  
Treasurer - Meade Tyler  
Secretary - Vince Smith



### **Board of Governors**

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Nancy Duckett Allen  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year Intertim Board Member - Casey Hill  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Robert Dalgo  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Drew Demboski  
Past Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich



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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff  
[FleetCaptain@OSYC.com](mailto:FleetCaptain@OSYC.com)

### Sailing Squadron News



This year, one major regatta took place at OSYC during the month of September. The Deep South Regatta and Formula Wave Championship featured buoy racing south of the Highway

90 bridge in Biloxi Bay between the Club beach and Deer Island. Our Principal Race Officer (PRO) Mark Santorelli and his crew dealt with very light morning breezes that have plagued most of our regattas so far this sailing season, and stayed on the water into the afternoon for better sailing with much more favorable winds for competitive sailing. Our PRO and his race committee were able to allow the sailors to complete a total of nine races with two on the final day of sailing that broke a tie for third place between two very serious sailors and led to a happy group of competitors at the end of three days on the water. Congratulations, sailors and Race Committee!

Shearwater Regatta will take place this month over the weekend of October 18 - 19, 2025. So far there are 17 boats registered to be on the water to close out the 2025 sailing season.

If you want to be involved with helping to host our final sailing event for 2025 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. Sailors feel that they are "home" when they visit here, and the hospitality of our Club members are the reason. We're known for being one of best yacht clubs for beach-based catamaran sailing on the northern Gulf thanks to all of you and your efforts.

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff  
OSYC Fleet Captain  
[FleetCaptain@OSYC.com](mailto:FleetCaptain@OSYC.com)

The Deep South Regatta and Formula Wave Championship is a "green regatta" with the goal of reducing use of plastics and waste that ends up in our landfills. It also features a beach and grounds cleanup to help keep trash out of our coastal waters and off of our beaches.

This year, there were two cleanup sessions during the regatta - one on Saturday morning before event sailing began, and another on Sunday morning. The Saturday cleanup netted over a dozen bags of trash from the OSYC grounds and the boat yard, plus the beach area in front of the Club. There was also a bit of cleanup across the street from the Club to capture any plastic and debris there that would have the potential to end up in the water.

Everything picked up was sorted, and items that were able to be recycled were taken for disposal as recycled material. Thank you to our all of our Deep South Regatta sailors, to the Formula Wave Class, and to our OSYC Race Committee for doing their part to "keep the trash out of the splash" again in 2025. This is the fifth year of OSYC hosting this "green regatta" and we look forward to doing so in the future!



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From the OSYC Board Secretary,  
Vince Smith



Good Day All,

Our annual club business meeting on **November 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the OSYC clubhouse is just a little more than a month away. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. The board of governors election, state of the club, dues, and proposed bylaws changes will all be on the agenda. Please save this date on your calendar.

The nominating committee report, endorsed by the board of governors at the 9/18/25 board meeting, is included in this newsletter and posted on the club bulletin board. Finance committee and bylaws committee reports and proposals are being finalized. The committee recommendations, proxy voting forms, and the official agenda will be promulgated to the club no later than 27 October 2025. OSYC Bylaws, available online and in the club office, govern the annual meeting deadlines and Here are a few points to remember regarding open officer/board elections and, if unable to attend in person, proxy designation:

- Annual meeting requirements are in Article 2 of OSYC Bylaws. Officer requirements are in Article 3 section 1. Board member requirements are in Article 4 section 1. Additional Officer/Board candidates may be nominated by any voting OSYC member (Article 4 section 2) with the endorsement of at least four (4) other voting members, provided such nominations are received by the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days (**19 October 2025**) prior to the Annual Meeting for circulation to the membership at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

- Voting members may designate a class A member in good standing as a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. Proxy forms will be available with the Annual meeting notice and are due to the club Secretary by **6 November 2025**. See Article 2 section 4. Club officers and board members are ineligible to hold proxies.

Your participation at the annual meeting is vital to the continued success and growth of our club. Voicing your opinions, asking questions, and getting involved in the decision-making process make our club the best it can be.

Our **16 October 2025** Board of Governors meeting at the Club is an excellent opportunity to get any recommendations or concerns to the board before the annual meeting.

Members are always encouraged to attend these meetings, but you do need to request to address the board one week prior to the meeting. Contact the club office or any board member to be placed on the board agenda. The meeting starts at 6pm in the club dining room.

We are blessed with the most beautiful club on the coast—the view and the people. I look forward to seeing you there—**save the date November 10, 2025, 6:00pm at OSYC**.

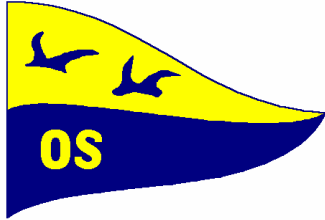
Warm regards,

Vince Smith  
OSYC Secretary



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### Proposed Slate of 2025 - 2026 Officers and Board Members

Commodore – Sandra Carter

Vice Commodore – Vince Smith

Rear Commodore – Bruce Small

Fleet Captain – Cynthia Moncreiff

Treasurer – Robert (Bobby) Dalgo

Secretary - Drew Demboski

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member – Dawn Smith\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member – Jenn Kimmerly\*

1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member – Casey Hill

1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member – Connie Moran

Past Commodore - Michael Ramsey

*\*Electing to serve 1 year unexpired term*

Submitted by Nominating Committee: Carrol Kovacevich, Bobby Dalgo,  
Jenn Kimmerly, Mike Tosch, and Steven “Buzz” Bussard.

Endorsed by the Board of Governors on 9/18/25



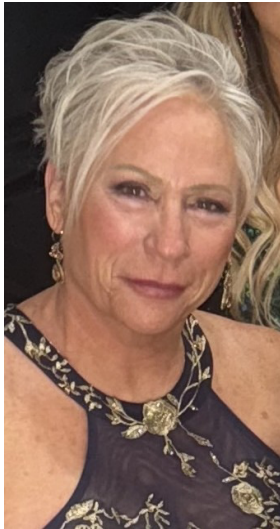
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From Your New Club Manager,

Sandy Rogers

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Hello Ocean Springs Yacht Club Members,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the incredibly warm welcome and kind salutations I've received since joining the OSYC family. The spirit and camaraderie here are truly special, and I am so excited to become a part of this community.

As a resident of Ocean Springs for 30 years, this town is not just a workplace—it's home.

My daughter Nancy and I have enjoyed this community for years, and while my brother is over Jacksonville, I'm thrilled to be working in my hometown. My professional background includes working as a Chef, Event Planner, and Manager of various restaurants and bars, so I am excited to bring that experience to the Club. When I'm not at work, you can find me on the golf course or tackling a new DIY project at home, often with my three dogs by my side: Sophie, a 13-year-old Dutch Shepherd; Abby, an 8-year-old Retriever/Setter mix; and Archie, a 20-month-old Belgian Malinois.

I'm focused on ensuring our Club continues to thrive and provide the best experience possible for all of you. To that end, I want to share a few important updates and priorities as we head into the next season.

First, I feel incredibly lucky to have inherited such an amazing and dedicated staff. Their hard work and commitment to serving you have been evident from day one, and I feel truly blessed to be working alongside them.

We are also making a concentrated effort to get our Club Essential system fully operational and accurate. This is an essential step to ensure our financials and accounting are in perfect order, which will benefit us all in the long run.

On a more social note, you can look forward to more member events! We are actively planning some fun new

activities and getting things in the works as I write this. I'm eager to see everyone come out and enjoy what we have in store. Our October calendar is already filling up with some fantastic events:

#### Upcoming October Events:

- **10.01.25** Wine down Wednesday: The first Wednesday of each month brings new labels and a chance to expand your palate!
- **10.01-10.03** October Fest: Join us for a great menu and beer & wine sampling.
- **10.02.25** Paint and Sip
- **10.03.25** 1st Friday Entertainment
- **10.07.25** Taco Bar: Stay tuned for more details!
- **10.17.25** Adult Halloween Party
- **10.17-10.19** Shearwater Regatta
- **10.18.25** Tito's "Yappy Hour": A Vodka for Dog People Fundraiser. A flyer will be published soon!
- **10.23.25** Murder Mystery Dinner: 6-9 pm Dinner & Show. Please note that the club will be closed for regular dinner service this evening.
- **10.24.25** Children's Halloween Party
- **10.25.25** Grill Your Own Steak Night
- **10.26.25** Witches Mingle: 4 pm

We have also implemented a new text messaging system to keep you informed about club events, specials, and important announcements. If you haven't signed up, please text **OSYC** to **38316**. You'll receive a welcome message instantly!

Finally, two quick but important reminders:

- Please remember to **sign your receipts before leaving the club**. It's much harder to resolve any billing disputes after the fact, so this simple action helps us ensure a smooth process for everyone.
- We are working on getting your OSYC bucks to print on your receipts as well, so you will have a clear, real-time balance of your rewards.

I know this is a lot of information, and I want to reinforce that my door is always open. Please feel free to stop by, say hello, and share your thoughts.

I look forward to an amazing year together!

Warmly,

Sandy Rogers  
General Manager  
Ocean Springs Yacht Club  
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