



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

November 2025

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

Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Town Hall Meeting on October 27. We received some great questions and feedback from the membership, and I believe that the General Membership Meeting on November

10 will be more productive because of it. I believe that more regular Town Hall style meetings will help keep the members informed and will also provide a forum for the Board members to listen to and address members' concerns.

As I come to the end of my term as Commodore, I have begun to reflect on what we have accomplished this year and what we have left to do. Honestly, there are a lot of things that I set out to accomplish that I was unfortunately not able to materialize.

Nevertheless, I am proud of what we have done as a Club and the progress that we have made. I believe that the Board has made significant strides towards transparency and accountability and that we have earned greater trust from the membership. I believe that the Board's greatest accomplishment, however, was bringing Sandy aboard. It has been only two months since we hired Sandy but I have been impressed with how much she has done to streamline day-to-day operations of the Club and improve accountability. Having a strong General Manager that is respected by the Club is essential to allowing the Board to accomplish its primary duties of listening to

the membership and making policy decisions to better serve the Club. I would encourage all members – but especially the Board – to give her the support that she needs to effectively manage the Club.

Even though my time as Commodore is coming to an end, my service to the Club will continue. I am excited about stepping back to support Sandra Carter and the rest of the 2026 Board. One of my goals for next year is to establish a committee of Past Commodores to focus on establishing written policies and procedures for the 2026 Board and future Boards. Doing so will help to preserve the heritage of the Club and to add greater consistency to future Boards. I also look forward to establishing the Nominating Committee early to try to build member interest in getting involved. Finally, I will strive to work closer with the Sailing Squadron to ensure that the primary focus of the Club remains with our support for sailing activities.

Coming up at the November 10 General Meeting, we will have a lot to discuss. We will present the financial review for 2024 as well as the latest financial status of the Club. Along with the financial presentation, we have some Bylaws proposals to establish a new class of membership and to address some member concerns regarding the existing classes of members. Finally, the Board has proposed a dues increase of \$25 for Class A members. This will also raise the dues for class B members by \$12.50. This increase, however, will be accompanied by a \$25 decrease in the mandatory food and beverage minimum that was adjusted to \$50 following the February Special Meeting.

While I believe that the financial position of the Club is strong and that it will continue to be strengthened by the Board's policies and Sandy's leadership, it is imperative that the Club bolster its reserves and make



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meaningful repairs and renovations to the Club's facilities. If passed, the \$25 dues increase will be the first increase in eight years despite considerable inflation. I believe that this increase is the bare minimum that we can do to help safeguard the future of the Club.

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

Michael T. Ramsey
2025 Commodore

**From the Vice Commodore,
Sandra Carter**



Hello, fellow OSYC Members!

I hope you're enjoying the truly "Fall-like" weather conditions we've awaited for so long!

As the local waters cool, it's a good time to review our preps and responses for dealing with cold-water

immersion of crew or passengers.

On a lighter note: the Shearwater Regatta highlighted our final sailing competition in 2025, with nearly perfect conditions on Saturday. I hope many members were able to come out and cheer on our Sailing Squadron as they took on some tough rival sailors. Congratulations to OUR sailors who brought home Bling to our Club!

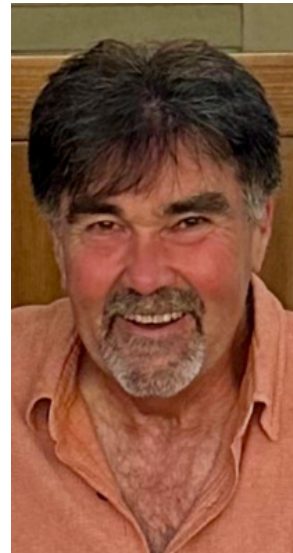
Our first-ever Murder Mystery Dinner was great fun, centered around a densely-woven "whodunit" plot. The victim and the perp identities were complete surprises until the end. Suffice it to say, (and I quote Samuel Clemens aka "Mark Twain"), that "Rumours of my demise have been greatly exaggerated"! I'm still wondering why my spouse was so fixed on checking my life insurance policy; hmmm!

Looking ahead: our all-important Annual Membership Meeting is coming up quickly. Please bring your best ideas forward to the betterment of OSYC.

Until I see you again - "Fair Winds...and Following Seas"!

Sandra Carter
Vice Commodore 2025

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



Thank you to all of you who attended the October 27 Town Hall Meeting. We presented a "wish list" of critical safety upgrades that need to be done as soon as possible for the Club, plus other items to benefit members and the actual building appearance and safety. At this time we are requesting input from all members and will make this list available on our website for all to review.

Also, we are looking for someone who is not a board member to create a committee to conduct an "open to all" investigation of the fire expenditures with oversight from the House Committee and flag officers for clarity. This would require someone on our Club staff or the Board to get all the receipts and the checks that were written in that period of time, hopefully in chronological order. As part of that oversight, I would help with pairing the expenditures to the check and also give it a title of what it was spent for with the goal of giving the membership a clear answer on what was spent and be self-explanatory.

Regards,

Bruce



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



October's sailing was perhaps the best so far this year for our final regatta of 2025. Shearwater Regatta took place over third weekend of October and we had wind!

A total of twenty-nine boats were registered to be on the water over the weekend of October 18 - 19, 2025 to close out the 2025 sailing season, with 26 eventually competing in buoy races on Biloxi Bay south of the Highway 90 Bridge between the Club and Deer Island. Our Principal Race Officer (PRO) Mark Santorelli and his veteran Race Committee had brisk winds for some very competitive sailing.

Sailors completed four races on Friday despite challenges for some with boat issues related to the wind, which ranged from 10 to 15 knots out of the southeast for most of the day. Sunday featured a wind shift of 180 degrees to the north northwest at less than 10 knots, becoming lighter and fading as the day progressed. Fortunately, ties in several of the boat classes were decided by a fifth race before sailing was ended for the day due to a lack of wind.

Many of the winners in the four regatta classes that sailed are OSYC members. First time Hobie 16 Class winners were the OSYC team of Matthew Demboski and River Schmidt. The Wave Class winner was Wayne Fischer from Pensacola, FL. Hobie 20 Class winners were Dave Sparkuhl (Encinitas, CA) and Teri McKenna (OSYC). The Nacra 20 Class team of Joseph Pocreva and Bain Travis have been first place trophy winners at more than a few of this year's regattas and enjoyed another success for the final regatta of 2025. Congratulations to all of the sailors and to the Sailing Squadron and Race Committee for another successful event!

Saturday evening included the annual Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party featuring a large pot of jambalaya plus smoked chicken, both prepared

by our very own OSYC members Kenny and Dee Boudreaux. It was all delicious, and appreciated!

If you want to be involved with helping to host our 2026 sailing events at the Club, please stay tuned to your weekly Club updates and the newsletter. We'll be announcing the first meeting of the OSYC Sailing and Race Committees where you'll be able to sign up as a volunteer.

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com

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



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



Club Halloween party charcuterie
(Photo credit: Sandra Carter)



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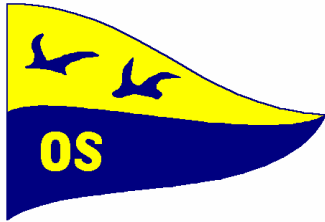
Photos from Your Vice Commodore ~ October Club Events





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NOTICE

October 27, 2025

Official notice, pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the OSYC Bylaws, the Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. The club will open for registration at 5:00 P.M.

The primary order of business at this meeting is for the election of OSYC Flag Officers and Members of the Board for the year 2026, and to report to the membership on "The State of the Club." A membership dues increase and proposed bylaws changes regarding membership classes and future dues increases are also on the agenda.

The 2025 OSYC Nominating Committee report is posted in the club and was published in the October 2025 newsletter. Per OSYC bylaws, additional candidates may be nominated by any voting member 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 prior to the Annual Meeting (10/22/24) for circulation to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

As required, notice of this called membership meeting is being announced to the members no less than two (2) weeks, nor more than six (6) weeks in advance of the meeting and includes the purpose of the meeting. Additional meeting announcements and a proxy form were posted and sent to the membership by email link on October 28th, 2025, and in this November 2025 OSYC newsletter, posted on the OSYC Bulletin Board, and posted on the OSYC website and other related web pages. The Board of Governors highly encourages all members attend.

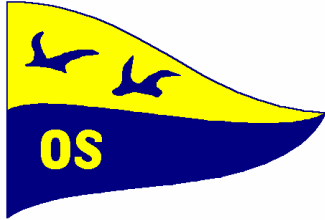
Respectfully,

Vince Smith
2025 OSYC Board 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

2nd Year Board Member – Dawn Smith*

2nd Year Board Member – Jenn Kimmerly*

1st Year Board Member – Casey Hill

1st 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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AGENDA - OSYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 10th, 2025, OSYC

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Before 6pm, members should check in to receive voting cards and ballots. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may appoint a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing and present at the annual meeting. **Proxies must be received no later than 5 p.m. on November 6th, 2025.** If you have appointed a proxy and then attend the meeting in person, the proxy is rendered void.

1. Call To Order/ Quorum Check by Secretary
2. Financial Report
3. Commodore's Report
4. Vice Commodore's Report
5. Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron Report
6. Other Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a) Proposed Bylaws Changes
 - b) Proposed dues increase
 - c) Election of 2026 Board of Governors

The membership will vote on the slate from the Nominating Committee that has been presented under New Business. Depending on the outcome of the motions and vote on the slate, ballots may be used to select First Term Board Members.
 - d) Any other new business
9. Member discussion (Please limit statements to 3 minutes or less)
10. ADJOURNMENT



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2025 Proxy Form

I/we, _____ (Print Name), Class A or A/C member in good standing, do designate _____, also a Class A member in good standing as my/our Proxy for the Ocean Springs Yacht General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 10th, 2025, to be held at 6:00 pm.

This proxy is:

_____ (initial one) General – all items at the meeting

- OR - Specific:

_____ (initial) – By-Laws changes

_____ (initial) – Dues increase

_____ (initial) – 2026 Board of Governors Election (and any associated ballots)

Must be signed and delivered to the Club Secretary or Club business office no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, November 6th, 2025.

Printed Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

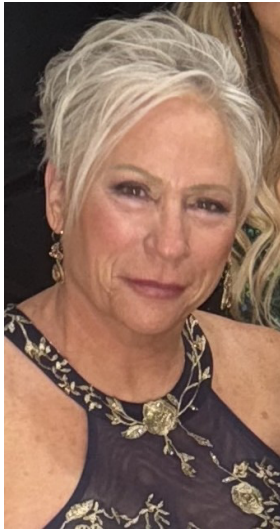
A link to proposed changes to the Club bylaws was sent out to the membership on October 28, 2025 in an email titled "Annual Meeting Info" and also mailed to members who do not receive electronic communications from the Club. They can be viewed along with the meeting notice and other meeting information at [2025-Osyc-annual-meeting-notice.pdf](#)



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From Your Club Manager,
Sandy Rogers
srogers@osyc.com



Hello all!

September and October have been a whirlwind of member events, club events, and outside events, and I am proud to announce that all went off without a hitch. I have a great staff here at OSYC, and their dedication truly shines!

I believe I have tackled a few of the key issues within the **Club Essentials** back office. Moving forward (and holding my breath!), I am optimistic that the November statements will go out without any issues. Thank you for your patience as we worked through those operational details.

New Membership Texting Program

I have implemented a new texting program to enhance communication with the entire membership. If you are not currently receiving these updates, here is what you need to do:

- **Create a new text message.**
- In the number field, type: **38316**.
- In the dialogue box, type: **OSYC** and hit send.
- Within moments, your welcome message will appear. **Voilà!** You're in.

I've had great feedback from everyone who has signed up so far! Please note that this service is for **information only** and is not reciprocal—you cannot reply to the messages.

A Few Important Club Notes

- **Verifying Your Tickets:** Please verify and sign all of your tickets before leaving the Club. Any issues are much easier to address *before* you depart. If you do not sign your tickets, it is hard to challenge the charges going back later.

- **Menu & Wine Changes:** As we move closer to the New Year, we will be making changes to the menu. My thought would be to have a much-needed and updated Yacht Club menu with a strong focus on exciting weekly specials. I will also start looking at some new wines to update our selection.

Staff Training and Service Improvement

Ryleigh and I are going to begin some much-needed training for the staff. She was understandably preoccupied running this club with Gina; unfortunately, service was not always at the forefront. We also have a few new people joining us too. Please be patient and understanding while we make progress and work hard to improve the overall member experience.

Upcoming Calendar Events

A few calendar events are coming up, so let me share them with you:

Date	Event	Time / Note
Nov. 1st	Grill Your Own Steak Night	
Nov. 5th	Full Moon Party	
Nov. 10th	General Membership Meeting	6:00 PM
Nov. 15th	Holiday Market	11 AM - 6 PM
Nov. 16th & 17th	"Club" Workday	
Nov. 22nd	Christmas Decorating the Club Party	
Holiday cocktails will be available for participants!		
Nov. 23rd	Friendsgiving	1:00 PM
Nov. 27th	Club Closure	The Club will be CLOSED the day before Thanksgiving.

Warm wishes to all! I look forward to seeing you at these events this month.

Warmly,

Sandy Rogers
General Manager, OSYC
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