



# Breezes AND Blows



**Ocean Springs Yacht Club**

**December 2025**

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

## Commodore's Report



Ahoy!

This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for this Club and the family and friends that I have made here over the years. I am extraordinarily proud to have served as the Commodore of the Club this year and I believe that as a group we have

accomplished a lot. My main goal for this year was to rebuild trust in the Board and to better unite the membership. I believe that we have made significant progress towards this, but it is important to continue to improve communication among all of our members and to ensure that the membership has faith and confidence in our General Manager and in our Board of Governors.

Our progress is evidenced by the profound differences between the February 2025 Special Meeting and the November General Meeting. I want to again thank the members who turned out for the General Meeting and who voted unanimously to approve our much-needed dues increase. I want to assure the Membership that the Board will continue to provide transparency and accountability as we work to improve the Club's ability to serve its members.

This Club is a truly remarkable group of people and an incredible place. Our Sailing Squadron has worked for years to ensure that OSYC holds its place as one of the premier destinations for catamaran sailing. As we

look forward to hosting the 2026 Hobie 16 Worlds, it is important to recognize the work of OSSS and to provide support and hospitality for the sailors who travel to our Club. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I trust in the leadership of OSSS and OSYC to ensure that we exceed expectations. To do this, we must all work together.

Last month, we held a work party to assist with some minor repairs and cleanup around the Club. I think that these events are essential to get our Club where we need to be and I want to thank everyone who contributed their time, effort, and resources to help make the Club a better place. I have said this before, but I will say it again, this Club will give back what you put into it. I love coming to the Club and seeing something that I helped put together being used and enjoyed by the membership. I encourage all of our members to get involved and find the same sense of pride and ownership in our Club.

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

Michael T. Ramsey  
2025 Commodore

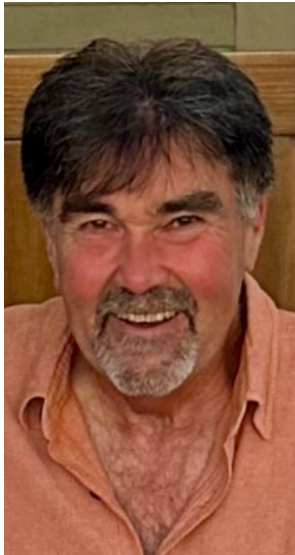




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**From the Interim Rear Commodore,  
Bruce Small**



This month my focus is on our House Committee and all that it has in progress at the Club. We are starting to work on the so-called "wish list" that was presented at the General Membership Meeting in November. We have had good response to the items presented and prioritized by the House Committee and the Board from our members, and we are moving forward with discussing our Club's immediate needs.

A few of our Club members who are recognized as professionals in their respective fields have stepped up and volunteered their expertise and skills to take on tasks on the "wish list"; that should really stretch our available investment dollars. Presently we are focused on basic aesthetics and safety features that very much needed to be addressed. First, we have completed a wood partition wall on the north lower part of the downstairs to conceal and protect some of our cooking equipment and limit the wind velocity under the Club.

Exterior building doors that are some of the first things we see when entering the Club have been painted to match the building. The foyer ceiling upstairs that sustained water damage earlier this year due to high humidity and air conditioning system issues should be re-finished and painted along with the men's bathroom ceiling that was also affected. This work should be completed within the next few weeks.

I would like to thank Matt Hinton, Bobby Dalgo, Tim Fortney, and Drew Demboski for stepping forward to help out. This Club member volunteer effort is getting us moving in the right direction. If you are interested in being involved, please contact one of us or let Sandy know, and we will include anyone that's interested. I hope everyone has great holiday season!

Regards,

Bruce E Small  
2026 Rear Commodore



### **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



Happy Holidays!

December still has a few good sunny days with plenty of wind for sailing. Some of our more nautical members have been out on the water to

keep their skills for handling both light and heavy breezes honed, and if you head to the Club in the late afternoon you may see them out and about, with and without spinnakers, putting on a show.

Congratulations to all of our OSYC sailors, to the Sailing Squadron, our dedicated Club staff, and to all of our Sailing and Race Committee members, including our wonderful Casserole Crew, for helping to host another successful year of sailing events at the Club.

2026 will be another busy year and includes an international event that will help to keep Ocean Springs Yacht Club on the catamaran sailing destination map here on the Gulf Coast. If you want to be involved with helping to host sailing events at the Club, please stay tuned to your weekly OSYC 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 to assist with all of our sailing events, and also asking for regatta volunteers as the year progresses.

If you attended the General Membership Meeting you saw the OS Sailing Squadron's official list of regattas that are planned for 2026. We'll begin the year with the April Fools Regatta and conclude in October with the Shearwater Regatta. Here's the list of planned sailing events at the Club for the coming year.

In Sailing,

Cyndi Moncreiff  
OSYC Fleet Captain  
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com

## 2026 Regatta Schedule

Date	Event
April 10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Midwinters East: An April Fools Regatta
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	*1699 Regatta (GYA Formula Wave Championship)
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	41 <sup>st</sup> Slip to Ship Regatta
July 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	52 <sup>nd</sup> Horn Island Hop Regatta
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Katrina Memorial/OSYC Club Wave Championship
<b>September 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2026 Hobie 16 World Invitational</b>
October 17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Shearwater Regatta

\* Gulf Yachting Association Sanctioned Event (Rashka-Lancaster Perpetual Trophy)



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



As the year draws to a close, it's natural to reflect on all we've accomplished together at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. However, our focus is now firmly set on the opportunities that lie ahead in 2026. This isn't just another year; it will be a truly banner year for OSYC, filled with competitive sailing, necessary improvements, and wonderful social events.

I want to take this opportunity to look forward, share some exciting plans, and clarify my role as we prepare for this incredible chapter.

### Setting Sail for 2026

We have a packed schedule of exciting events and essential projects on the horizon. Here are just a few highlights of what the OSYC community can look forward to:

- **▲ Major September Race:** Mark your calendars! We are hosting a major regatta in September that will bring significant attention and competitive sailing to our waters. Preparing for this event will be a club-wide effort, and we are already initiating projects to ensure our facilities are world-class for our guests and members. More details on the specific event and volunteer opportunities will follow in the new year.
- **▣ Key Infrastructure Projects:** To get ready for the September race and enhance the long-term health of our club, we will be focusing on several crucial projects. These include dock renovations, Club equipment upgrades, and grounds improvements. We anticipate great progress and appreciate your patience as we make these necessary improvements.
- **🌸 Expanded Social Calendar:** Alongside our sailing events, Ryleigh and I are working to produce an engaging calendar of social events—from seasonal parties to educational seminars—to ensure there's something for every member of the OSYC family.

### • Clarifying the Role of Your General Manager

With so much about to happen, I feel it is necessary to clarify the scope and duties of the General Manager position. My primary goal is to execute the club's vision effectively and responsibly while serving the needs of the membership.

### Accountability and Direction

It is critical for all of our members to understand that I do not operate autonomously. My direction for all things is derived directly from the OSYC Board of Directors:

- **Projects:** The initiation and scope of all club projects.
- **Club Policy:** Decisions affecting club rules, operations, and member experience.
- **Financials:** Approval of budgets, capital expenditures, and major contracts.

Virtually all decisions that affect the Club are presented to the Board for discussion via phone, text, or email, ensuring accountability and consensus.

### Operational Responsibilities

As your General Manager, I am responsible for the efficient and fiscally responsible execution of the Club's daily functions:

Area of Responsibility	Key Duties
Physical Assets	Maintenance for the building, docks, and grounds.
Inventory & Purchasing	Inventory of all club contents; purchasing supplies, consumables, and equipment.
Staffing & Operations	Hiring, training, and managing staff; all day-to-day operations.
Fiscal Management	Managing the budget and ensuring we operate in a <b>fiscally responsible</b> manner.
Events & Engagement	Along with Ryleigh, producing events, managing social media, and fostering a <b>happy and welcoming atmosphere</b> .



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**My Door is Open**

Since starting on **September 2, 2025**, my door has been wide open. Should you have questions, constructive concerns, or disagreements regarding the execution of club policies or operations, I encourage you to reach out directly. Member feedback is invaluable as we steer OSYC toward a successful future.

**🎁 Happy Holidays from OSYC!**

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and wish you and your family a safe and joyful December. Let's make 2026 the best year yet for the Ocean Springs Yacht Club!

Sincerely,

Sandy Rogers  
General Manager, OSYC  
228-875-1915

**Incoming OSYC Board Members**

**2026 Flag/Corporate Officers**

- Commodore - Sandra Carter
- Vice Commodore - Vince Smith
- Rear Commodore - Bruce Small
- Fleet Captain - Cynthia Moncreiff
- Treasurer - Robert Dalgo
- Secretary - Drew Demboski



**Board of Governors**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Jenn Kimmerly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Dawn Smith
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Casey Hill
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Connie Moran
- Past Commodore - Michael Ramsey

**December 2025 Club Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wine Down Wednesday
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Paint and Sip
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bubbles and Bourbon
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Trivia Night
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cookie Exchange
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting
December 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Christmas Party
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pancakes and Pajamas
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>~Club Closed ~</b> <b>Christmas Eve Day</b>
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>~Club Closed~</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grill Your Own Steak Night
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Years Eve Party





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## "RING IN THE HOLIDAYS" FOR OUR OSYC STAFF!

Please help our OSYC staff members to have a very merry Christmas season by donating to our OSYC Staff Holiday Fund. Your generous contribution will be divided among all of our OSYC staff members to help them make their own families' holidays a little bit brighter. Think of this as a special way to thank each and every one of them for everything they do all year long for us. Your name will be added to a holiday card that will be presented to our staff, along with the total donations received. Thank you!

Member Name(s)  
(Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount {please circle):

\$5      \$10      \$15      \$20      \$25

\$50      \$100

Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method (please circle):

Cash      Check      Charge to Account

Again, thank you!

Happy Holidays from your OSYC Staff and your OSYC Board of Governors!