



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

March 2026

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Dear Members,

As we move forward together this year, I want to share both the direction and the heart behind our leadership efforts. This term is rooted in thoughtful progress, transparency, and unity, ensuring that Ocean Springs Yacht Club continues to thrive while honoring the traditions

that define us.

⚓ Honoring Our Legacy: The First Past Commodores Meeting

One of the most meaningful moments of this early term was hosting our first Past Commodores Meeting. The reason for convening this gathering was simple and heartfelt:

- To honor the experience and wisdom of those who have led before us
- To foster unity between past and present leadership
- To seek guidance as we navigate important decisions
- To ensure continuity of traditions while planning responsibly for the future

Our Past Commodores carry the history of this Club in their hearts. Their stewardship preserved what we cherish today. Bringing them together was not about looking backward - it was about strengthening our course forward.

We will now schedule quarterly meetings with our Past Commodores, ensuring their voices remain an active and respected part of our journey forward.

▣ Facility Improvements with Transparency & Member Input

We will proceed with facility improvement projects with transparent budgeting and fundraising where appropriate. Member input will be sought on major changes, ensuring that improvements reflect both our practical needs and our shared vision for the future of our Club.

Strong facilities support strong fellowship — and every step forward will be handled with care, clarity, and fiscal responsibility.

■ Strengthening On-boarding & Leadership Development

Another priority is continuing to refine on-boarding materials and orientation for both members and potential Board members. Clear expectations, strong communication, and leadership development ensure that we remain organized, consistent, and prepared for the future.

We will also continue updating, clarifying, and consistently enforcing our bylaws and house rules to provide fairness, structure, and transparency for all.



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Commodore's Report (concluded)

**From the Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith**

In Summary

This is the message I heard clearly from our Past Commodores — and my goals are the same:

- Preserve our traditions
 - Promote unity and collaboration
 - Strengthen our financial and operational foundation
 - Create a welcoming, fun, and thriving Club for all
- This year is about energy directed with intention. It is about listening while leading. It is about honoring the past while building the future.

And most of all it is about us — together as a club.

With gratitude,

Sandra Carter

2026 Commodore, Ocean Springs Yacht Club



A Bit of Irish Luck, A Lot of OSYC Heart

March at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club always brings a special kind of energy - salt air, shifting winds, and plenty of green on the horizon as we celebrate **Saint Patrick's**

Day. For sailors, it's a reminder that luck may find you on the water, but skill, preparation, and community are what truly carry you home.

This month, I've been reflecting on my own time under sail. Whether trimming a stubborn sheet in a stiff northerly or riding an easy Gulf breeze at sunset, the lessons are always the same: stay attentive, trust your crew, and respect the water. Those experiences mirror the spirit of OSYC - **a nautical community built on shared knowledge, shared labor, and shared joy.**

As we come together for our Saint Patrick's Day festivities, I'm reminded how much this club thrives because of the people who show up—on docks, in meetings, at regattas, and around the bar swapping stories of both triumphs and "learning moments." It's this camaraderie, more than anything, that keeps our club strong.

Here's to good winds, a bit of Irish luck, and the continued spirit of togetherness that makes OSYC more than a place—it makes us a family.

Fair winds,

Vince Smith
2026 Vice Commodore

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

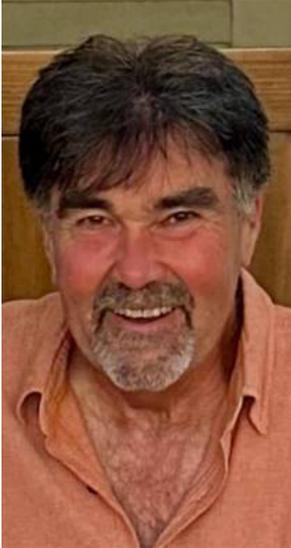
- 2nd Year Board Member - Jenn Kimmerly
- 2nd Year Board Member - Dawn Smith
- 1st Year Board Member - Casey Hill
- 1st Year Board Member - Connie Moran
- Past Commodore - Michael Ramsey



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From the Rear Commodore,
Bruce Small



Things are going well with the deck and handrail project at the Club. The repairs are mostly done, and painting will start in the next couple of weeks. A few pictures to show off our progress are part of this page.

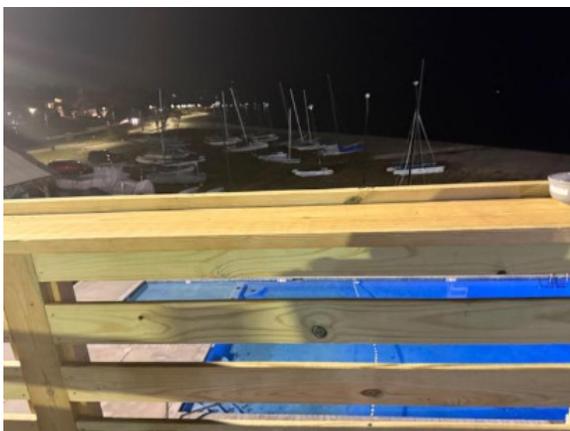
We are in the process of doing some modifications to the downstairs bar and preparing to set a master television on the wall at the rear. There will also be some repairs made to the overhead downstairs.

Our next step is negotiating some new technology upgrades that will suit and service the whole club. Please be aware of the downstairs work that will probably start in the next couple of weeks before the ceiling is put back up.

There will still be some sawdust and other construction and renovation debris below decks. Please exercise caution and do what you can to stay safe and avoid materials and the active work areas. Caution tape will be used to help keep everyone out of unsafe areas.

Regards,

Bruce E Small
2026 Rear Commodore





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From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo



March finds us with the weather starting to get better and looking forward to a BIG year for our club! March is also the first month of the club going **cashless**. Many reminders have gone out about this new

policy but if you haven't heard, we will no longer be accepting cash for payments of dues, bills, food and beverage, etc.

You CAN still give cash to your servers and bartenders! And we encourage that!

You and your guests must pay with a credit/debit card, or you as a member may member charge.

This brings up another issue, and it has to do with **past due accounts**. Every member needs to have an automatic payment method associated with their account. You can use a credit/debit card or have it directly come out of your savings/checking account. It's very easy to set up. If you haven't done so, please take a few minutes to set your account up for auto pay.

The club bylaws regarding past due accounts are as follows:

(a) All indebtedness (dues, fees, assessments, monthly payments on accounts for past indebtedness, any other recurring payments, etc.) are due on the 1st and payable by the 30th of each month. Failure to discharge one's financial obligations to the Club by the 30th triggers specific procedures for addressing that indebtedness.

(b) These procedures will be developed by the Finance Committee and proposed to the Board for approval per Article IV, Section 7(b) of these By-Laws for inclusion in House Rules. These procedures shall include as a minimum Board

and Board Member actions required, notification to the delinquent member, and advisement of the following consequences if the delinquent does not respond satisfactorily in addressing his/her indebtedness.

(1) One (1) month in arrears: Charging privileges withdrawn at OSYC; public notification at OSYC that the member is not in good standing; other Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) clubs notified of same and that OSYC will not honor any reciprocal charges.

(2) Two (2) months in arrears: Suspended from all Club activities including sailing, pool, lounge, bar, voting and holding office, and any other activities using the facility; and member's account frozen. Other GYA clubs advised of same.

(3) Three (3) months in arrears: Account turned over to attorney for collection.

No one on the OSYC Board wants to see someone lose their membership because they forgot to pay their bill/dues. This is why we ask every member to sign up for auto pay.

Striving for an even keel and staying on the right tack -

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer

Exclusive Member Access to Club Information

Here's your direct link for access to the private members section of the OSYC website. Go directly to the login page by using your phone camera to take a picture of this QR Code and it will take you there to enter your user ID (that's your OSYC membership number) and password. There's also a link there to use if you've forgotten your password or haven't set one up yet.





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



Greetings, Members -

As mentioned in our January and February 2026 newsletters, and at our Annual General Membership Meeting back in November of 2025, we're looking for

a few dedicated members to volunteer to help with hosting our regattas. We hope you will consider joining one or both of our two sailing-oriented Club committees. In addition, we have a "Casserole Crew" that prepares and graciously donates a wonderful range of breakfast items to feed our sailors and committee members who participate in our regattas.

Our Race Committee includes some of our Club members who serve on the Board of our Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron, and they spend fairly long hours on the water running the actual sailing portions of regattas at the Club. The Sailing Committee coordinates the land-based side of events at the Club, from safety to fun and food.

The 2026 Sail Camp Schedule is set, and a notice was sent out to the membership during the last week of February. Registration will open to non-members soon. All of the camps are available for signup on Regatta Network at the links provided below, and take place during June and July. During each two-week session, campers will learn about water safety, parts of a sailboat, how to rig and steer, capsize recovery, knot tying, wind and weather awareness, and much more—all while making new friends and enjoying their summer on the water. We're offering four sessions this year: June 1–12, June 15–26, June 29–July 10, and July 13–24. Camps are open to youth ages 8 and up, and will run from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM weekdays. Cost is \$425 per session.

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30868

Please sign up your junior sailors on Regatta Network for summer sailing at the Club. There are already 20 youth sailors signed up for three of the sessions that are being offered. We hope that you take advantage of the early access!

The list of this year's seven regattas is included on the last page of this newsletter. We have 33 boats registered for the Hobie Midwinters April Fools Regatta the weekend of April 11, with vessels ranging from Hobie Waves to Hobie 20's (17 single-handed boats and 16 double-handed boats, with 49 competitors as of the end of February). Registration is also open on Regatta Network for the Hobie 16' International Championship in September 2026. So far, seven sailors have registered for the first week, and 11 for the second week. We expected these numbers to increase over the next two months during early registration.

If you're interested in joining in any of these regattas as an experienced sailor, you can register by visiting the regattas link on Regatta Network (<https://www.regattanetwork.com>) and searching for Mississippi events. Our 1699 and Katrina Memorial Regattas are a bit less rigorous near-shore events, wind and weather permitting, and recommended for sailors with all levels of experience as fun days on the water.

Please stay tuned for invitations to participate in upcoming committee meetings and our regattas. Your participation truly does make it all happen!

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain





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From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers
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Hello, OSYC Family!

Can you feel that? The breeze is getting a little warmer, the days are stretching out, and the Gulf is calling our names. Spring is officially arriving at the Club, and we are kicking things into high gear.

February was a fantastic month of community, but March is where the energy really shifts. Whether you're here for the competitive racing, the sunset cocktails, or just a quiet dinner

with the best view in Ocean Springs, we've got something for you. **I just want to offer some friendly reminders as spring has sprung!**

- **Construction & Club Pride:** With the new construction at the Club, we expect all members and guests alike to treat this Club with respect and pride. Please help us keep it clean so we can all enjoy our beautiful updated home.
- **Balcony Safety:** For safety's sake, there should be **no children climbing on the new balcony rails**. This is a strict safety rule, and reminders will be posted all around the balcony after it gets painted.
- **New Amenities:** We are creating new spaces for adults and families to hang out, dine, or watch our **new outdoor TV** getting installed this March!
- **Shared Spaces:** There is an expectation of all members to keep the kiddos from running and screaming in mixed areas on the balcony seating. This ensures a relaxing atmosphere for everyone.
- **Downstairs Fun:** We are happy that the downstairs areas will be warming up soon! We will have outdoor options available there for them to burn off the incredible energy they possess.
- **Alcohol Safety:** We are experiencing an increase in our membership having much more fun, but your safety is paramount! We are asking you to **self-monitor your consumption of libations** to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time at the Club. Additionally, **all staff will be undergoing T.I.P.S. training** to recognize more closely if someone is on the "tipping edge."

- **Membership Stickers:** Please double-check that your membership stickers are up to date for the busier season ahead.

See you on the deck!

Sandy Rogers *Club Manager*

Upcoming Events for Your Calendar

Date	Event	Details
March 12	Business After Hours	Network with the community from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
March 13	"Gordy Fest"	Wish your favorite employee the very best as he celebrates 13 years at the Club!
March 14	Hibernia Marching Society "Toast"	Join us at the Club for a toast before the 1:00 PM parade kicks off!
March 21	Commodore's Ball	An elegant evening at the Club. Full details to be added shortly.
March 28	New Tradition: Pancake Breakfast	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM downstairs. Pancake stack (3) with bacon or sausage, includes coffee or small juice for \$12 . No other food options available—Pancakes it is!
March 28	Grill Your Own Steak Night	Join us from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for a Club favorite!



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February 2026 Submitted Photos



OSYC Commodores prior to 2012 (R. Robinson, submitted photo)



Submitted Artwork (Vince Smith)

2026 Regatta Schedule ~ Dates & Events

April 10 - 12: Midwinters East: An April Fools Regatta

May 2 - 3: 1699 Regatta
(GYA Formula Wave Championship and
Rashka-Lancaster Perpetual Trophy Event)

May 23 - 24: 41st Slip to Ship Regatta

July 11 - 12: 52nd Horn Island Hop Regatta

August 22 - 23: Katrina Memorial Regatta
OSYC Club Wave Championship

September 12 - 25:
2026 Hobie 16 International Championship

October 17 - 18: Shearwater Regatta
& Annual Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party