



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

April 2026

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

Commodore's Report



Dear Members,

March has been an incredibly busy and rewarding month for our Yacht Club. We hosted "Business After Hours" with the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, and it was a tremendous success—filled with great energy, strong chamber member attendance, and a

wonderful showcase of our club.

"Gordy Fest" was a highlight of the month and a true celebration of one of our own. We were honored to recognize our longest-serving employee—13 years of dedication and hard work. Thank you, Gordy, for all that you do for our club. You are truly appreciated.

It was also an honor to host the Hibernia St. Patrick's Day Parade. With beautiful weather and a huge turnout, the day was filled with energy and fun. Once again, our staff rose to the occasion, ensuring a memorable experience for all who attended.

To close March with a great evening overlooking the Mississippi Sound, we enjoyed a wonderful turnout for the Commodore's Ball in honor of 2025 Commodore Michael Ramsey. The theme, "Peace, Love, and Yacht Rock", brought a fun and vibrant

energy to the evening. Michael has dedicated countless hours to our Club, and it was truly special to recognize and celebrate him for his hard work and commitment.

As we approach our busiest time of year, I am asking everyone to place a high priority on our shared responsibility to ensure the safety, preservation, and enjoyment of our club facilities for all of our members and their guests.

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

With Gratitude,

Sandra Carter
2026 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 - Jen 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 Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith



*Spring Winds, Easter Light,
and April Racing Magic*

As April's tides turn and the Gulf begins to shimmer with that unmistakable spring sparkle, our Ocean Springs Yacht Club feels alive with camaraderie once again.

The docks are buzzing, the beach is waking, and the breeze carries that familiar promise that sailing season is truly upon us.

This month, we celebrate Easter, a season of renewal and bright beginnings. Much like a well-trimmed sail catching fresh wind, Easter reminds us that hope has a way of filling our spirits and setting us back on course. May your families find joy in the sunrise, peace in the still waters, and laughter around every table.

We also extend a hearty OSYC welcome to all racers joining us for the Hobie Midwinters / April Fool's Regatta. Your colorful sails and competitive spirit bring energy to our shoreline, and we're honored to host you. May your starts be clean, your tacks be sharp, and your post-race stories grow just a little taller with each retelling.

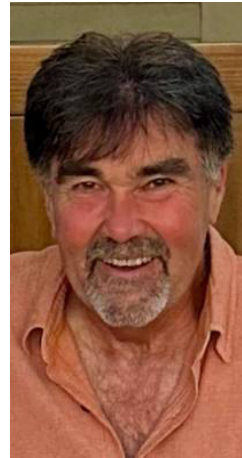
To our members—thank you for the fellowship that makes this club more than a place to sail. It's a crew, a community, and a harbor where friendships anchor deep.

Here's to fair winds, full hearts, and a spring season that reminds us why OSYC is home on the water.

Vince Smith

2026 Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore,
Bruce Small



Happy spring, everyone -

I hope that all of you have had a chance to take a look at our Club porch and deck project. By now it is just about finished. We will have new stainless steel fans to be mounted where the other ones were here in a few days. We also have a table system that will support our Isinglass wind breaks come next fall. Our next step is to arrange for professionals to pressure

wash and chemically clean all the furniture, decking and walls and other areas on the porch. Then we will change our focus to the downstairs area. We are attempting to open a downstairs kitchen with its own menu to help take care of our downstairs folks during summer sail camp and other activities we have scheduled. We hopefully will have all this completed before school's out.

I send a big shout out to our outstanding Club member volunteers that have been working so hard on all these projects: Bobby Dalgo, Vince Smith, Tim Fortney, Drew Demboski and Matthew Hinton. We would've not accomplished much of any of this if it wasn't for these guys busting their butts to help get this stuff taken care of. There have been many hours of planning and meeting and budgeting to successfully pull everything together. I have the greatest respect and appreciation for these guys. Another very generous member that made a large contribution is Mr. Donnie McLean. He provided his company and equipment to help us with repairing the flag pole and sculpting our great oak tree at the entrance of the parking lot. Thank you, Donnie.

Please, everyone carry on and continue with this enthusiasm, generosity, and camaraderie to make a better place for all of us!

Regards,

Bruce E Small
2026 Rear Commodore



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Protecting Our Shared OSYC Experience

At the Ocean Springs Yacht Club, our mission is to provide every member with a warm, professional, and consistent "Beach House Experience" on the Gulf. Our facilities are designed to be a safe, respectful retreat where families connect and sailors thrive. To ensure that OSYC remains a premier coastal destination, we rely on a "**Social Contract**"—a shared agreement to follow our House Rules so that everyone can enjoy the Club to the absolute max.

Recently, the Board of Governors has had to make the difficult decision to suspend and terminate memberships due to repeated violations of these rules. Whether the issues involved long-term financial delinquency or serious conduct violations, these are actions the Board never wants to take. We are your neighbors, fellow sailors, and friends; we would much rather spend our time planning regattas and social events than acting as disciplinarians.

However, our primary duty is to protect the health, safety, and culture of the Club for the entire membership. To help us keep our Beach House a welcoming environment for all, we encourage every member to keep the "Three Ms" in mind:

- **Money** (Good Standing): Please ensure accounts are settled within 30 days. Timely payments are the bedrock of our ability to maintain our beautiful facilities.
- **Members** (Social Contract): To ensure a safe and respectful environment, parents are required to directly supervise their children at all times while on Club property. Children under twelve are not permitted on the premises unsupervised, and specific age-based supervision rules apply in the pool area to prevent tragedy and maintain decorum.
- **Manners** (Coastal Decorum): Adhering to the clubhouse dress code (shoes and shirts required) and treating our hardworking crew with professional courtesy ensures that the Club remains a pleasant environment for everyone.

We ask for your personal responsibility in policing your own "living rooms" here at the Club. By following these shared standards, we can avoid further disciplinary actions and focus on what truly matters: enjoying every sunset together from the Gulf Veranda.

Thank you for your continued stewardship of our shared home.

The OSYC Board of Governors



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POOL RULES

(Excerpted from the 2018 and 2025 OSYC House Rules)

When there is no lifeguard on duty, no person under the age of sixteen (16) shall be allowed in the pool area unless accompanied and directly supervised by a parent or guardian. *At no time* is a person under the age of 12 allowed in the pool area without a parent or guardian.

If private pool parties are scheduled during hours when lifeguards are not on duty, the member sponsoring the party will assume full responsibility for providing a qualified lifeguard. If greater than 10 swimmers are anticipated for a private pool party, it is the responsibility of the member to coordinate with the General Manager and pay the hourly wage of one additional lifeguard to provide for the safety of the event. The member must pay for the additional lifeguard even if a lifeguard is currently on duty.

In-town guests of members may use the pool and pergola during regular pool hours when accompanied the member and by paying the **\$5.00 per person admission fee for a Tyvek wristband** available at the Club bar. The Club reserves the right to limit pool use by in-town guests when, by the General Manager's determination, any in-town guest uses the pool in a manner inconsistent with the nature of these rules.

Out-of-town guests of club members will have the same privileges as their sponsoring member to use the pool, **provided they are accompanied by that member and pay \$5.00, as well as register**. Any exception to this rule must be approved by the General Manager in consultation with the Flag Officers.

Children under the age of twelve (12) may use the swimming pool during regular pool hours but must be accompanied by an adult and this adult must remain in the pool area (i.e., inside of the pool fence). If the adult or guardian leaves the pool area the children must get out of the pool. They may also be asked to leave the pool area.

All swimmers must register upon entering the pool area by use of wristband or written register; whichever is in current use. All swimmers must wear proper swimwear. No cut-offs or street clothes will be permitted. No Styrofoam devices are permitted in the pool. No bead necklaces or bracelets are allowed in the pool.

No running, shoving or pushing along the pool or pergola deck will be tolerated. No horseplay on the decks or in the water will be permitted. No profanity will be tolerated. No eating or gum chewing in the pool. No smoking in or around the pool. No glass containers will be allowed in the pool or pergola area. This includes private parties.

All members and guests must clean up after themselves and dispose of paper and plastic containers and other waste materials brought into the pool and pergola area. ***Suntan oil and sand must be thoroughly washed off or removed before entering the pool.***

No outside alcohol will be allowed at poolside or pergola area.

Repeated disregard for pool rules by individuals may result in their being temporarily suspended from using the pool.



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**From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo**

**Exclusive Member Access
to Club Information**



Hello fellow club members,
and welcome to April!

April is when everything
really starts to kick off at
our Club. Our first regatta,
better weather and more
members using the Club
for their favorite activities

all happen this month. As you can see in the Rear
Commodore's article,, the House Committee has
been busy making the Club not only look better but
also safer and more fun for everyone to enjoy.

As far as our Club finances are concerned, things
are looking up. We have ended our relationship
with our former CPA and started a new one with
Kelly McElhaney CPA. Kelly is an Ocean Springs
resident and will be more attentive and accessible
for us on a daily basis. She should have our
financials current and up to date by the end of April.
After that, she will help us revamp our financial
statements to be easier to understand as well as
more informative and detailed.

The Finance Committee has been working on a
2026 Budget, and it should be posted to the private
members website any day now.

On a separate note, this Club is what YOU make it.
Please respect Club property. Please respect our
House Rules and Bylaws and PLEASE be kind to
one another.

Hoping for fair winds at our April Fools Regatta!

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer



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
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Greetings, Members -

Sail camp sessions are filling up; if your child wishes to have this be the summer to learn to sail sign up soon. This summer's four two-week sessions begin

on June 1, and end on July 24. Camps are open to youth ages 8 and up, and run from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM weekdays. Cost is \$425 per session for both members and non-members. There were 69 youth sailors enrolled as of the writing of this newsletter.

Plans for our seven 2026 regattas are continuing to move forward. There are 51 boats registered for the Hobie Midwinters April Fools Regatta (April 9 - 12), with vessels ranging from Hobie Waves to Hobie 20's sailing in the event. Sailors will be arriving for check-in and registration beginning at 3 PM on April 9, 2026, if not a bit earlier.

The web site for the Hobie 16' International Championship in September 2026 is up online at <https://hobieclass.com/2026-hobie-16-international-championship/>, and registration continues through Regatta Network. Fourteen sailors have registered for the first week, and 24 for the second week. Early registration ends on April 1, 2026, and late registration begins on August 24, 2026.

We are hosting a U.S. Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor course at OSYC for up to ten students beginning on May 23, 2026 (Memorial Day weekend), plus the Slip to Ship Regatta over that same long weekend. It will be busy but fun!

Our Race & Sailing Committees had their second meeting on Sunday afternoon, March 22, 2026. The next meeting of these committees will be at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - just before the regatta begins.

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain



2026 Regatta Schedule Dates & Events

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

May 2 - 3: 1699 Regatta

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



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From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers
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Hello to all!

Wishing everyone a fabulous spring and looking forward to the summer. As we approach it, I want to get in front of fun, laughter, and sunshine. I believe the Board and I as a whole are requesting a level of respect for the Club, fellow members, and the staff. In this edition, I would like to address each one individually.

The Club is spending a considerable amount of money to repair and address various safety concerns, as well as make cosmetic changes and expansions to include the downstairs area. However, we experienced a vandalism issue a few weeks ago, and as of yesterday morning, all the chairs around the fire pit are broken. Yes, they are a bit old and we expect things to break, but I put my hands on them a couple of days ago, and all was well. These kinds of actions should infuriate the entire membership because it is your money that is used to replace or repair these issues. After the corner sitting area was finished and "dressed up", a member was on the balcony with small children, and the kids were eating on the carpeted area, with a sign clearly posted that eating and drinking were not allowed there. I brought this to her attention and I was basically blown off with a comment of "I don't know how you expect to manage that." It occurred to me moments later that it is not my responsibility to manage this; as the parents it is your responsibility to manage this not mine, my staffs or other members, it is yours and yours alone.

I have posted throughout the balcony "Danger Alert," and yet children are climbing on the rails. We want everyone, including families, to have a great experience here. The expectation is for the parents to be where their children are and to keep tabs on them.

Fellow members, this one is interesting. I shouldn't have to remind grown-ups to be kind and respectful of other members, but here we are. Foul language or hand gestures are 100% unacceptable and not tolerated. Yelling and screaming at fellow members just can't happen. Leave it outside the club, as nobody wants to hear it, and as we are getting new members in the club who wish to dine and hang out, this isn't the look we are going for.

The staff goes above and beyond to deliver your drinks and food and provide great service. The kitchen is only so big, and members clog the window and the bar for service. We have improved on the servers and would be more than happy to have you sit at a table inside or on the balcony to provide said service. Everyone who walks through these doors is important and wants immediate service, but in most cases, everyone comes in at the same time. This is a very active club, and we want to take care of you. Please do not be rude or impatient; there is no need for that, and yes, it happens more than you think.

Thank you

Sandy Rogers
Club Manager

Upcoming Events for Your Calendar

Date, Event & Details

April 3rd - Club Good Friday Crawfish and Shrimp Boil 5 pm- 8 pm prices posted close to the date.

April 5th - Easter Brunch Buffet \$25 Adult, \$12 Children 11 am- 3pm- First Come Basis

April 10th - 12th Mid-Winter April Fools Regatta

April 18th - Children's Fishing Tournament 7am start time Fish Fry Following, see Jamie Herring for more details.

April 18th - Social Committee "Cocktail Party"

April 25th - Grill Your Own Steak Night

April 30th - Poolside Wine Dinner
Bezel Cakebread Family - 4 courses \$60pp++