



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

May 2026

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

Commodore's Report



Dear Members,

As we welcome the month of May, our Club comes alive in one of the most vibrant and meaningful seasons of the year. With longer days, warmer evenings, and a full calendar ahead, this is a time when the spirit of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club truly shines.

May marks not only the beginning of our busiest season, but also an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come together. The energy around the Club is strong - driven by engaged members, dedicated volunteers, and a shared commitment to preserving our traditions while continuing to move forward. We have some very exciting events happening during the rest of this year, and we look forward to sharing all with you when the details are all finalized.

This month also brings more of the excitement of our regatta season. Our regattas are a proud tradition and a highlight of life at the Club, bringing together sailors, families, and friends both on the water and along our shores. I encourage all members to support these events, whether by participating, volunteering, or simply coming out to cheer on our sailors. Your presence and involvement help create the energy and camaraderie that make this season so special.

We are also excited to introduce our brand new Club merchandise now available for purchase. Be sure to check out our selection of hats, beach towels, T-shirts, and cups - all perfect for showing your Club pride both

on and off the water. These items also make great gifts and are a fun way to stay connected to the spirit of the Club wherever you go.

As we step into the months ahead, I am asking each of you to place a high priority on supporting one another, respecting our facilities, and contributing to the welcoming, fun, and safe environment that makes our Club so special.

Together, let us continue to build on the strength of our traditions while embracing the opportunities ahead. And most of all, let us remember what makes our Club truly special—it is all of us, working together as one.

With gratitude,

Sandra Carter
2026 Commodore

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



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2nd Year Board Member - Dawn Smith
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1st Year Board Member - Connie Moran
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From the Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith



Ahoy OSYC family,

If you've ever stood on the deck during a race start and heard someone yell, "Trim the jib, ease the main, and fall off!" only to respond with a polite nod while quietly wondering whether you should duck, run, or offer

them a snack... you are not alone.

Sailing lingo is a beautiful thing—poetic, ancient, and occasionally capable of confusing even the most seasoned club member. Last week, for example, one of our new volunteers heard a skipper shout, "We're taking on water!" and sprinted off to grab bottled water for the crew. Admirable enthusiasm, slightly off-target. All this to say: communication matters, and your club leadership is working hard to make it clearer, smoother, and less likely to send anyone scrambling for hydration.

What We're Improving

- More timely updates so you know what's happening before the wind shifts.
- Clearer event info so no one shows up to a work day dressed for a luau (again).
- Better coordination between committees, officers, and volunteers so we're all pulling in the same direction—preferably not upwind.

Why It Matters

We're a club built on camaraderie, community, and the occasional controlled chaos of regatta season. When we communicate well, everything runs smoother—from the bar to the beach to the back deck at sunset. And while we may not all speak fluent "nautical," we can all agree that misunderstandings are more fun when they're stories we tell later, not obstacles in the moment.

The Promise

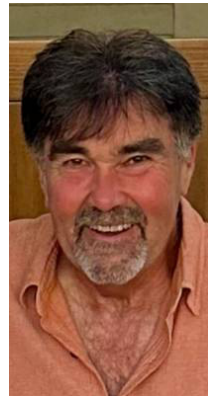
Your leadership team is committed to talking more clearly, listening more closely, and making sure no one mistakes "batten down the hatches" for a request to find a hammer.

We'll keep tightening the lines on communication, and with your help, we'll keep this club sailing forward—together, in the same direction, and ideally without anyone falling overboard.

See you on the docks!

Vince Smith, 2026 Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore,
Bruce Small



Dear Members,

Greetings from your Rear Commodore and from your House Committee members Bobby Dalgo, Drew Demboski, Tim Fortney. This month's focus is on club improvements and to update you on our progress.

We're pleased to share that work on the upper porch and deck area is nearing completion.

Enhancements have already made a noticeable difference in both comfort and appearance, and we hope you've had a chance to enjoy them.

Our focus is now shifting to the downstairs areas. We are currently gathering estimates and beginning cleanup efforts to create a new downstairs kitchen. The bar area is also being refreshed and prepared to operate as a full-service bar in time for the summer season.

Additional projects in progress include painting and pressure washing to improve the overall look and upkeep of the facilities. We are also evaluating options for repairing the pool deck, including the possibility of applying a coating that is both visually appealing and more comfortable underfoot.

Landscaping improvements will continue as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the club grounds. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to sharing more updates and progress.

Regards,

Bruce E Small
2026 Rear Commodore



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**From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo**



May is finally here with hopefully less blustery winds than we've experienced so far.

Financially, so far this year, our club has been doing well. Sandy Rogers, our GM, has made strides to keep our costs down in food and

beverage while still having some really nice events and tastings for us to enjoy. Bobby Stewart's team in the kitchen has stepped up under Sandy's management to put out great tasting food and a new menu. A rise in food and beverage sales reflects the membership's approval of our new menu.

The club's cash flow is positive currently with our busiest months ahead. Your Finance Committee has approved a cash flow budget that will be available on the member website. The budget anticipates our expenses and income for each month of this year. Our CPA is still working through our previous CPA's financials and will hopefully have us caught up very soon so we can post February and March Financials in just a few weeks. The plan is to start our new, better and enhanced financials after June.

OSYC will be having two of the largest events in club history later this year and we want to make sure your club is up to the task. If you would like to volunteer, please talk to a board member.

Hoping for fairer winds at our Slip to Ship Regatta!

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer

**Communications and
Contacts at OSYC**

If you've called the Club, left messages, or even sent e-mail over the past few weeks, you may have noticed a few changes. We have many wonderful members, and some have volunteered to help out General Manager Sandy needed. Tasks cover everything and anything, from sorting and coping invoices and other related paperwork to assisting our GM with running payroll and answering phones and phone messages. Please thank Brenda Massimo, our Colorado connection Michelle, and Chris Davidson ... all have unique qualifications that help with managing our Club and there may be others also working behind the scenes in places besides the front offices. If you would like to volunteer and see if what you may be able to bring to the Club would be needed, please stop by, call the Club office at 875-1915, or even send an e-mail to or staff.

**May Events at
Your OSYC**

We've got a busy month at the Club coming up, from sailing events to social activities. Please check the calendar at OSYC.com under "Members" at the top of the page. You can also view events through the Club Essentials member portal.

Here's a list of some of the fun in store:

May 2 ~ Kentucky Derby events
(contests & a viewing party)

May 10 ~ Mother's Day

May 23, 24, and 25 ~ Level 1 U.S. Sailing
Course (must be registered)

May 23 - 24 ~ Slip to Ship Regatta

May 25 ~ Memorial Day

Hope to see you here! If you need more information please call the Club at 875-1915, or e-mail OSYC at

office @ osyc.com

Thank you!



The Hobie 16' event web site is available online at <https://hobieclass.com/2026-hobie-16-international-championship/>



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



Greetings, Members -

I am very happy to report that an exciting and very successful first 2026 regatta, the Hobie Mid-winters/April Fools Regatta (Apr 9-12), with 56 boats, 87 sailors and

22 volunteers who helped to host it. Support from you as members and volunteers helped to support it and make it a success from start to finish. Thank you!

Next good news is that our 2026 Sail Camp is nearly full with 95 future sailors signed up to learn all that they can about sailing. Three two-week sessions are completely full and only 9 spaces are left in Session 3 as of April 28 (there may be even fewer by now).

Our next sailing event is the long-standing Slip to Ship Regatta, in its forty-first year as a sailing event here at the OSYC. Sailing will be on the water for distance racing on May 23 to and from the east end of Ship Island and then for a race around Deer Island on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Registration is a bit slow (Jazz Fest and the Kentucky Derby are just a few of the distractions this time of year) and we anticipate that over twenty-five catamarans will be registered for it soon! If you're one of the dozen that have already signed up, thank you ,, it makes planning a little bit easier for everyone involved.

The OSYC and OSSS had an official meeting for working out some of the many details for the Hobie 16 International Championship with the City of Ocean Springs, key city departments, our mayor and his office, and the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks go out to Bobby Dalgo, who was key in helping to set this meeting up. Extra thanks and kudos go to Krista Vind and Michael McNeir, members of our Club and the Sailing Squadron, who have worked for over three years on hosting this event here at the OSYC. Logistics were a major focus of the meeting, and planned events during the regatta range from a Mississippi Department of Marine Resources sponsored seafood boil to music from Rockin' Doopsie. As of earlier this week, 54 boats (and over 100 sailors) were registered.

The U.S. Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor course at OSYC begins on May 23, 2026 (Memorial Day weekend) and will be working with, in, and around Slip to Ship and the Club's official pool opening ... a busy but fun weekend for sailors and swimmers alike!

Hope to see you at the Club, where you should be able to find me working with John O'Shaughnessy at the safety radio station for both the regatta and also for the class, if needed. Stay tuned ...

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain

2026 Regatta Schedule Remaining Dates & Events

May 23 - 24:

41st Annual Slip to Ship Regatta

July 11 - 12:

52nd Horn Island Hop Regatta

August 22 - 23:

Katrina Memorial Regatta and
OSYC Club Wave Championship

September 12 - 25:

2026 Hobie 16 International
Championship

October 17 - 18:

Shearwater Regatta and the
Annual OSYC/OSSS Regatta
Volunteer Appreciation Party