



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

June 2026

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

Commodore's Report



Hello, fellow members!

I hope that you enjoyed the rare coolness of May, that got that jump on your summer lawns and landscapes. As we close out May, it's time to stay on top of hydration and sun protection, especially while on the water.

Our members were able to enjoy several

memorable events; among them our Slip to Ship Regatta. Halted on Friday due to inclement weather, we were able to enjoy near-perfect sailing conditions. Several more regattas are on tap - highlighted by the honor to host the 2026 Hobie 16 International World Championship later this summer. In the meantime, please get to know some of our Sailing Squadron members, and learn more about the art of sailing, and volunteering to help with preparation for this tremendous event.

Our Mother's Day Brunch was well-attended, and did not disappoint, thanks to our kitchen and bar staffs. Our Kitchen Manager and Chef Bobby Stewart stole the spotlight in winning the First Place Best Taco recipe, as well as The People's Choice award! We are tremendously proud of Bobby for these accomplishments! If you haven't already, please give him a high-five when you see him.

Our Club now has a new House Manager - Ms Amanda Fox. She has settled into her new role

quickly and seamlessly; stop by and say hi to Amanda if you weren't able to attend the recent "Meet and Greet".

You may have noticed some different faces serving your food and drink, as our graduated high school seniors continue on their quests for higher education and careers. They were an added ray of sunshine for our Club experience.

Lastly, please remember that the "101 Days of Summer" have arrived, with folks traveling for vacations or family gatherings. Take that extra step of caution on the water and on the road to ensure an enjoyable time and a safe return.

That's it for now; see you at the Club!

Sandra Carter
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 Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith

Hurricane Season & Our OSYC Prep Crew



As hurricane season returns to the Mississippi Sound, it's time once again for our annual storm-readiness review. At OSYC, preparing for tropical storms and hurricanes isn't new—it's a tradition of seamanship and stewardship that our

members have upheld for years. The Hurricane Preparedness Team has long been the backbone of that effort, and this season we're welcoming back our seasoned hands while also inviting new crew to join the roster.

Whenever a tropical storm or stronger system is forecast, the clubhouse and Sailing Squadron fleet must be secured quickly and correctly. That means stripping and evacuating the boats, kayaks, paddle boards, securing the pool and grounds, and hardening the clubhouse before the first feeder bands arrive.

Each year at the start of the season, our preparedness team gathers to review the storm plan, refresh procedures, and train new volunteers so everyone knows their role when the barometer starts to fall. It's a well-oiled operation—but it only works because of the people who show up.

If you've served before, we're glad to have you back. If you're new and want to learn the ropes, we'd love to bring you aboard. Many hands make light work, and in storm season, they also make a safer club.

The meeting date and time will be sent by email and social media very soon—keep a weather eye out for the announcement.

Fair winds, steady hands,

Vince Smith
Your Vice Commodore



OSYC HURRICANE PREP TEAM — CREW CALL

Returning Crew & New Hands Welcome

Hurricane season is here, and OSYC is gearing up. Our long-standing Hurricane Preparedness Team is assembling for the season.

We need members to help with:

- Securing the Sailing Squadron fleet
- securing the pool and grounds
- Hardening the clubhouse
- Pre-storm prep & post-storm assessment

Old hands: welcome back.

New hands: step aboard.

Message the Vice or Rear Commodore to join the roster.

Let's keep OSYC storm-ready and shipshape.

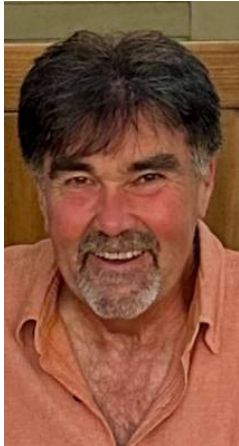




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**From the Rear Commodore,
Bruce Small**



Dear Members,

As we move into the summer season, your House Committee has updates on several ongoing improvement and maintenance projects around the Club. During the past few months, a great deal of work has gone into improving the appearance, function, and the overall experience for our members and guests. Projects have included upgrades to the downstairs area, improvements to the bar, repairs and refinishing

of tables and trim work, and the new outdoor kitchen area.

Recent work has included reworking the area around the downstairs bar, installing new televisions, and repairing several overhead panels. Plumbing improvements have also been completed, along with the construction of new tables and an outdoor kitchen area to help ease traffic and congestion around the pool during the summer. In the coming weeks, we will also be working on installing shade sails over the new deck area to provide additional comfort and enjoyment for members using the outdoor spaces. The outdoor kitchen is being developed to better serve members during pool season and large gatherings, while also helping relieve congestion in the upstairs areas.

We are excited about the progress being made and expect the area to be completed and operational within the next few weeks. We believe all of these improvements have turned out very well and will continue to enhance the overall atmosphere and functionality of the Club. None of these projects would be possible without the tremendous effort, support, and contributions from so many dedicated members who continue to volunteer their time and ideas. Thank you again for your continued support.

We extend a very special thank you to Danielle Frazier for her outstanding support, beautiful product selections, and design contributions throughout many of these improvements. Her assistance with the deck areas, bar renovations, tables, trim, and downstairs enhancements has brought both quality and style to

the Club that members will enjoy for years to come. We also thank Danielle Frazier and Don Smith for their ideas and efforts involving the parking lot improvements and grooming plans. Their willingness to step forward with creative ideas and support is greatly appreciated.

As hurricane season approaches, we are beginning to organize a Storm Preparation Committee and are looking for volunteers willing to assist with planning and preparation efforts. We hope to coordinate a meeting around the time of the next board meeting so we can begin organizing responsibilities and procedures. We encourage members who are interested in helping with storm preparation and planning efforts to participate. We hope to schedule a committee meeting by the next board meeting.

Continued progress around the Club would not be possible without members who generously volunteer their time, talents, ideas, and support. The House Committee sincerely appreciates everyone who continues to help improve our Club. We also appreciate everyone's continued support, patience, and involvement as we work to improve the Club for all members and guests. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a great summer season ahead and to sharing more updates and progress.

Regards,

Bruce E Small
2026 Rear Commodore





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From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo



June has brought the heat and the busy season at the pool to OSYC! Our club is doing well financially. Past due accounts are down, and food and beverage sales are on the rise. Summer staffing is in place to make your experience

better as well as a new downstairs/pool area outdoor kitchen featuring PIZZA!

We have published our 2026 Cash Flow Budget on the member website. It contains our anticipated revenue and expenses for the year by category. January and February 2026 financial statements should be posted there as well by the time this newsletter goes out. Due to some software glitches, March and April should follow within weeks.

As you have seen, your 2026 Board has made many improvements to the club this year with many more in store before the Hobie 16 International Championships in September. We are looking for volunteers for this event so if you can help in any way, please see Sandy Rogers, our GM.

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer

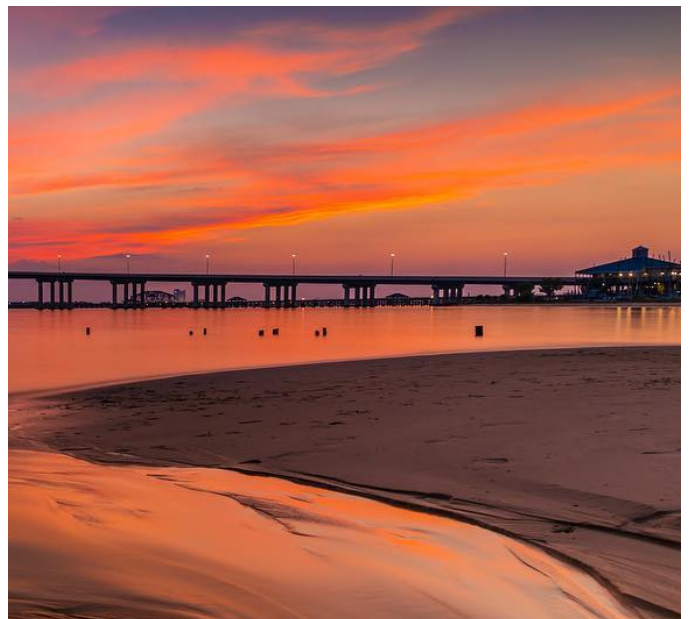
2026 Pool Wristbands

This year's OSYC member pool wristbands are available from the Club office and at both the upstairs and downstairs bars for \$1.00 each. Guest wristbands (Tyvek; different color each day) are also available for purchase at \$5 each and are good for one day.



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 -

Sail camp sessions are completely full. The first official session begins next Monday, June 1, 2026, followed by four consecutive

two-week sessions. Classes will run from 10:00 AM–3:00 PM weekdays. The last day of this summer's sail camp is July 24.

Slip to Ship Regatta took place over Memorial Day weekend, with 19 catamarans on the water the first day of racing, and fifteen on the second day. Weather and wind were both factors, and the Sunday race was a shortened course. Congratulations go out to several of our Club members for winning trophies: Hobie 16 sailing teams Conrad Luecke and Karen Wells on "Hooked On A Feline" and Jay Williams and Karoline Burroughs on "Kelsey", Nacra 20 sailing teams Joseph Pocreva and Bain Travis on "Mambo #5" and Glenn Bolner and Terry Turner on "Hannahbanana", and non-spin sailors Matthew Demboski and Chase Hughes on "Desdemona" and Mark Ederer on "Bolt10".

Plans for our remaining 2026 regattas are moving forward. The next official regatta is the Horn Island Hop, July 11-12, and weather permitting will consist of races to and from Horn Island and a sail around Deer Island. There is an unofficial sailing event, 'Round Horn, slated to take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Registration continues through Regatta Network for the Hobie 16' International Championships in September 2026 is available online at <https://hobieclass.com/2026-hobie-16-international-championship/>. Twenty-one sailors have registered for the first week, and 46 for the second week.

We hosted a U.S. Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor course at OSYC for nine students from

around Mississippi and the Gulf coast on May 23-25, 2026. The instructor, Kevin Gunn, taught around the rough weather and the class was well-received.

Our Race & Sailing Committees are doing a fantastic job of coordinating regatta tasks and the meetings of these two committees are definitely helping with volunteer participation. We had four powerboats and crew participate as safety boats for Slip to Ship. Thanks to Dennis Furey, Jason "Boz" Bosley, Mark Grace, and Benton Howie for bringing out their boats! Extra kudos go to the two boats that provided tows to the last five boats on Saturday once they were finished in order on the course.

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain

2026 Regatta Schedule Remaining Dates & Events

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

Week 1: Masters, Women and Youth
Series

Week 2: Open Series

October 17 - 18:

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



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From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers
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Greetings OSYC Family,

Summer has officially arrived on the Gulf Coast! Looking back at Memorial Day weekend, Mother Nature may have given us a bit of a soggy holiday, but she certainly couldn't dampen the OSYC spirit. Despite the rain, our annual Slip to Ship Regatta was an absolute sight to behold. Seeing those sails out on the water against the

dramatic coastal skies was a fantastic reminder of what makes our club so special. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather, raced, and cheered our sailors on from the deck!

As we sail straight into our busiest season of the year, my focus—and that of our entire team—is keeping the club running smoothly while providing the best possible experience for our members.

Here are a few major clubhouse updates as we kick off June:

- **Poolside Menu Launch:** Our kitchen team has been working hard on some delicious new summer bites. We are pushing hard and hoping to officially launch the new poolside menu by **June 1st!** Get ready for some fresh, fast, and perfect-for-the-heat options to enjoy right from your lounge.
- **The Downstairs Bar is Open:** To help keep everyone refreshed, the downstairs bar will be fully staffed and ready for action Monday-Wednesday 11a-4pm Thursday – Sunday 11a-6pm (weather permitting).
- **Keep It Clean:** With the summer crowds shifting into high gear, please help our staff keep the pool deck tidy by disposing of your trash and recycling before you head home for the day.

▲ Youth Sailing: Summer Camp Kickoff!

Get ready for the best kind of noise! Our Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron's summer sail camps officially run from June 1st through July 24th.

Over the next two months, the downstairs area of the club will be absolutely buzzing with children, counselors, and what we affectionately like to call "the best chaos ever!" We are thrilled to welcome the next generation of sailors to the water.

⚠ **Safety & Awareness Reminder:** With so much youth activity around the club, please be extra mindful when navigating the parking lot, the beach launch area, and the immediate waters surrounding the club. Let's keep our young sailors safe and having fun!

📅 June Event Calendar

Date	Event	Details
Thurs, June 4 – Fri, June 5	Pop-Up Nautical Jewelry Show	11:00 AM – 5:00 PM both days. Stop by to browse beautiful custom nautical jewelry. The artist will be on-site before he heads out to participate in the local Billfish Tournament happening that weekend!
Sat, June 6 – Sun, June 7	Annual Pole Vaulting Event	An OSYC summer classic! Come out to watch these incredible athletes compete right here at the club.
Thursday, June 11	Club Trivia Night	Starts at 6:00 PM. Gather your crew, test your wits, and compete for club bragging rights.



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Sunday, June 14	Children's Cardboard Regatta	Poolside. Watch our creative young shipwrights test their homemade cardboard vessels. Will they sail or will they sink? Come cheer them on!
Tuesday, June 16	OSYC Board Meeting	Monthly meeting of the leadership board.
Saturday, June 27	Grill Your Own Steak Night & "Decades Party"	Upstairs: Fire up the grills for our famous Grill Your Own Steak Night. Below Deck: Keep the night going at our epic "Decades Party"—dress up in your favorite era's attire!

📌 Quick Reminders for Membership

- **Pool Wristbands:** Reminder that pool wristbands are mandatory for all members and guests. Please pick yours up from the bar if you haven't already.
- **Guest Policy:** Members must accompany their guests at all times while utilizing club facilities, including the pool and beach launch areas.
- **Stay Connected:** For real-time updates, schedule adjustments, and photos from our events, follow the official Ocean Springs Yacht Club Facebook page or visit OSYC.com.

Sandy Rogers, Club Manager
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🌴 Looking Ahead: Help Us Celebrate America's 250th!

Looking ahead to the 4th of July, we are planning an absolutely legendary, all-day celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of our wonderful nation!

To make this historic milestone unforgettable, we are asking for member contributions to help fund a spectacular day of events. It will be an all-inclusive ticketed event that covers your food and entertainment for the entire day.

Here is a sneak peek of what your ticket includes: A massive, all-day spread of delicious food and sweet treats.

- Family-friendly games, surprises, and activities throughout the day.
- An epic 8-hour entertainment marathon hosted by DJ "Jason", acting as our EMCEE with non-stop music, Music Bingo, Karaoke, and a full LED dance floor!
- Finishing the night with a huge fireworks show furnished entirely by the club.

Stay tuned for official ticketing info and donation details coming soon. Let's make the semi-quincentennial Fourth of July one for the OSYC history books!

