



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

July 2026

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

Commodore's Report



As we welcome July, I want to thank each of you for making our Yacht Club such a special place. Summer is in full swing, and our club continues to thrive because of the dedication of our members, volunteers, Board of Governors, committees, and outstanding staff. The Fourth of July reminds us to celebrate

not only our nation's independence, but also the friendships and traditions that make our club feel like home. Whether you're enjoying time on the water, dining with friends, supporting one of our regattas, or attending one of our summer events, I hope you'll take every opportunity to enjoy everything our club has to offer.

Summer has certainly arrived at the Yacht Club! Our pool has been bustling with families and friends enjoying the sunshine, while the downstairs bar has become a favorite gathering place for members to relax, visit, and enjoy great food and drinks. It has been wonderful to see so many members making the most of our facilities and spending time together. Thank you to our incredible staff, who have worked tirelessly to provide excellent service and keep everything running smoothly during one of our busiest seasons. Your patience, kindness,

and support of our staff are greatly appreciated as we continue to enjoy a fun and memorable summer.

Over the past several months, we've continued working to strengthen our club by preserving our traditions, improving our operations, strengthening our financial foundation, and creating a welcoming environment for members and guests alike. Thank you for embracing these goals and for the many ways you contribute to our success.

As we move through the summer, we have exciting events and activities ahead. I encourage everyone to participate, invite fellow members to join you, and continue supporting our regattas and club events. Your involvement is what keeps our Yacht Club vibrant and strong.

Please remember that every member plays a part in maintaining a safe, respectful, and enjoyable atmosphere. By treating one another with kindness and taking pride in our facilities, we ensure that the Ocean Springs Yacht Club remains a place we are all proud to call our home away from home.

Thank you for your continued support, friendship, and commitment to our club. I look forward to seeing you at the club throughout the summer.

With Gratitude,

Sandra Carter
2026 OSYC Commodore



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**From the Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith**



**Vice Commodore's Log
— July Edition —**

Before I tell you her name,
consider this:

A wooden warship
stretching 204 feet long, 43
feet wide, drawing 22 feet
of water when fully loaded.
She carries over 44,000
square feet of sail — more

than an acre of canvas — and when she unleashes a full
broadside, 950 pounds of iron shot roar out in a single
thunderous volley.

Do you know what ship this is?

It is, of course, USS Constitution — “Old Ironsides.”
And she has been in continuous commission for 229
years, longer than any warship afloat anywhere in the
world. She is still crewed by active-duty U.S. Navy
sailors, still fires her morning and evening cannon, and
still stands as a living symbol of American seamanship.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United
States, it's worth remembering that our own stretch of
coastline has been part of America's maritime story since
the very beginning. The Ocean Springs Yacht Club
carries forward a proud nautical tradition that traces back
to 1699, when French explorers established Fort
Maurepas just down the street from where our members
gather today.

And here at OSYC, that heritage isn't carried by one type
of mariner — it's carried by both our sailors and our
powerboaters, all of us together keeping alive the rich
maritime culture that has defined this coast for more than
three centuries.

From sailors on Old Ironsides catching the Atlantic wind
to our own members catching a summer breeze across
the Sound, we are part of a long, unbroken line of
American mariners.

Here's to the next 250 years — and to the club that
keeps our corner of the Gulf Coast proudly under sail
and under power.

Vince Smith
Your 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



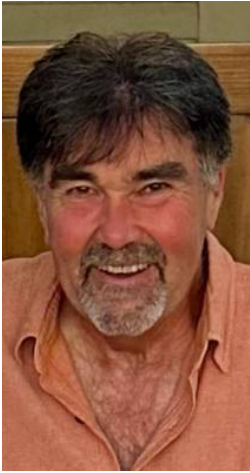
2nd Year Board Member - Jen Kimmerly
2nd Year Board Member - Dawn Smith
1st Year Board Member - Casey Hill
1st Year Board Member - Connie Moran
Past Commodore - Michael Ramsey



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From the Rear Commodore
and the House Committee



As we celebrate Independence Day, I first thank all of the volunteers who continue to diligently make improvements around our Club. A special thank you goes out to Bobby Dalgo, Tim Fortney, Vince Smith, and Don Frazier. Without dedicated members like these, many of the Club's projects simply would not get done. Their time, hard work, and especially their commitment are making a real difference, and the Club is looking better than ever.

We have several projects that have recently been completed, along with a few still in progress. Our new landscaping has greatly improved the appearance of the Club, and we now have a new television mounted beneath our beautiful shade sail. Special thanks to Bobby and Tim for their work on that project.

We are also continuing to develop a plan for the parking lot that meets both the Club's needs and the City's requirements. We hope to have more information to share soon.

The downstairs kitchen is nearly complete, with just a few final details remaining. If you're downstairs, please stop in and use it. Give our volunteers a chance to show you what they've created — I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

As always, there is constant maintenance taking place throughout the Club. You may notice repairs to doors and other ongoing projects as we continue working to improve our facilities. We appreciate your patience as these items are completed.

On behalf of the House Committee, we wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July. Please come out, enjoy the club, and have a wonderful holiday with your family and fellow members.

Regards,

Your House Committee Members Bobby Dalgo,
Tim Fortney, Drew Demboski, and 2026 Rear
Commodore Bruce Small

From 1974 OSYC Commodore
Robert "Bob" Rashka

Everyone that enjoys strolling the 14 foot wide walkway over our attractive Biloxi/Ocean Springs Bridge should say "thank you" to a current OSYC board member and a former mayor of Ocean Springs, Ms. Connie Moran.

Ms. Moran was mayor of Ocean Springs for only two months before hurricane Katrina savaged the Mississippi Gulf Coast and totally destroyed the Biloxi Bay Bridge.

Ms. Moran would not give her approval to rebuild the bridge until the 14 foot wide walkway was included. Now, even when the 8 foot wide truck mounted crane is being used to replace burned out bulbs under the bridge, there is still 6 feet of space to walk past the truck.

On a clear blue sky, haze free day you can stroll to the top of the bridge, and even without binoculars you can see individual trees on Horn Island eleven miles away.

There is a painting hanging in the OSYC showing Sunfish racing in the late 1960s or early 70s at the entrance to the Ocean Springs Harbor. The girl standing on the dock watching the race is none other than Ms. Moran.

Thank you, Ms. Moran.





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From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo

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



As we reach the midpoint of the year, our Club remains in strong financial shape. Bank balances and cash flow are steady, and our GM, Sandy Rogers, and her team have done an excellent job managing costs and keeping accounts

receivable current. We also continue to have funds dedicated to club improvements, both for the Hobie 16 International Championship in September and for the long-term future of the Club.

Our list of improvements and repairs continues to evolve as items are added, completed, or adjusted along the way. Occasionally, unexpected needs arise—such as the recent pool issue, which required professional help. A huge thank-you to Chase Sekul for stepping in and getting the pool ready just in time for the season!

As you may know, the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship will be held at our Club from September 12–25. This is an exciting opportunity, and we will need many volunteers to help make the event a success. No sailing experience is required; please let us know if you are willing to help.

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer



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
Championship Series

Week 2: Open Series Qualifiers
and Final Championship Series

October 17 - 18:
Shearwater Regatta and the
Annual OSYC/OSSS Regatta
Volunteer Appreciation Party



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



Summer is here, which means we're hosting our Club regattas and that Sail Camp is in session. We've made it through our first two regattas – Hobie Midwinters / April

Fools and Slip to Ship – and our next regatta, the Horn Island Hop, is just about a week away.

All remaining sail camp sessions are full. Our first two sessions are “in the books”, with 48 very happy youth sailors successfully completing their sailing lessons. Session Three started on Monday, June 29, with 26 young sailors enrolled. The remaining consecutive two-week sessions conclude on July 24. Camp begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM each weekday.

We hosted a U.S. Sailing Small Boat Level 1 Instructor course at OSYC with nine students over Memorial Day weekend. One has gone on to be a sail camp instructor here in the area, and another is looking forward to teaching private lessons.

June's only official regatta, the Bob Pocreva Memorial Cardboard Boat Regatta, took place in the Club pool on Sunday, June 14, 2026. Five “seaworthy” cardboard and duct tape boats and ten competitors braved the heat and paddled the length of the pool for spectacular cardboard trophies. Awards were given for first second, and third place times, the most “Titanic” sinking, and Best Design. Congratulations to the winners!

Our Sailing Squadron assisted a Girl Scout Troop from Indiana with a sailing-based activity earlier in June. Thanks go out to our Class B members Kim Culp & Skip Bond, who were instrumental in arranging for them to travel from Indiana to enjoy our coast and to also engage in a beach cleanup near the Club. Both activities were for Scouting badges.

Our remaining 2026 official Club regattas are the 52nd Annual Horn Island Hop Regatta over the

weekend of July 11 – 12, The Katrina Memorial Regatta and OSYC Club Wave Championship August 22 - 23, and our final Club regatta of the sailing season, the Shearwater Regatta and the Annual OSYC/OSSS Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party October 17 – 18, 2026.

We will also be hosts in September to the Hobie 16 International Championship. Event details are being publicized as they are determined and released by the Organizing Committee through Regatta Network and the event web site. The dedicated web site is up online at <https://hobieclass.com/2026-hobie-16-international-championship/> and registration continues through Regatta Network. Twenty-three boats and 46 sailors are registered for the first week, and 49 boats (98 sailors) for the second week. Late registration begins on August 16, 2026.

A meeting of our Race and Sailing committees was held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the Club bar area towards planning for the Horn Island Hop event. Thanks go out to Vince Smith for skippering the meeting, and to Dennis Furey, Kevin Rejda, Drew Demboski, and Robbie Holstead for attending despite the inclement weather that was present the entire week. As of this morning, seventeen boats and 34 sailors are registered for the event.

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain





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From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers



SALUTING 250 YEARS OF FREEDOM!

This July, as we gather on the beautiful shores of Ocean Springs, we proudly join our nation in celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States of America. Let the fireworks ignite, the flags wave high, and the club spirit shine bright!

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sail Camps Continuing

Our highly popular summer sail camps are in full swing and will be continuing through the third week of July! It is incredible seeing our young sailors master the water. Please look out for fleet boundaries and support our junior watermen.

Pool Reminders & House Rules

The pool is doing absolutely great this season and is the place to be! To ensure it stays pristine, clean, and safe for everyone, management kindly asks all members and their children to shower off completely before entering the water. Additionally, to maintain a tidy deck, please remember to take all of your belongings home each day. Items left behind will be cleared nightly.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July weekend on the water!

Sandy Rogers, Club Manager
Phone: (228) 875-1915
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JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

Live Music: Collin Lockey

Kick off the holiday weekend with great tunes and great company on the deck.

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

The Main Event: 250th Birthday Bash!

The biggest and best celebration at the Yacht Club! Spectacular views, festive food, and unmatched patriotism.

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

Club Trivia Night

Drink specials and prizes for top teams.

SAT & SUN, JULY 11TH & 12TH

Horn Island Hop

Our annual favorite island excursion! Pack your boats and join the club convoy out to Horn Island.

THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

Resin Jewelry Crafting

An exclusive creative workshop hosted by Kelly. Design

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

Dive-In Movie & Summer Cocktail Party

A double feature day! Sip premium summer elixirs while enjoying a film directly from the cool waters of the pool.

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

Grill Your Own Steak Night

We fire up the big club grills & provide the perfect cuts

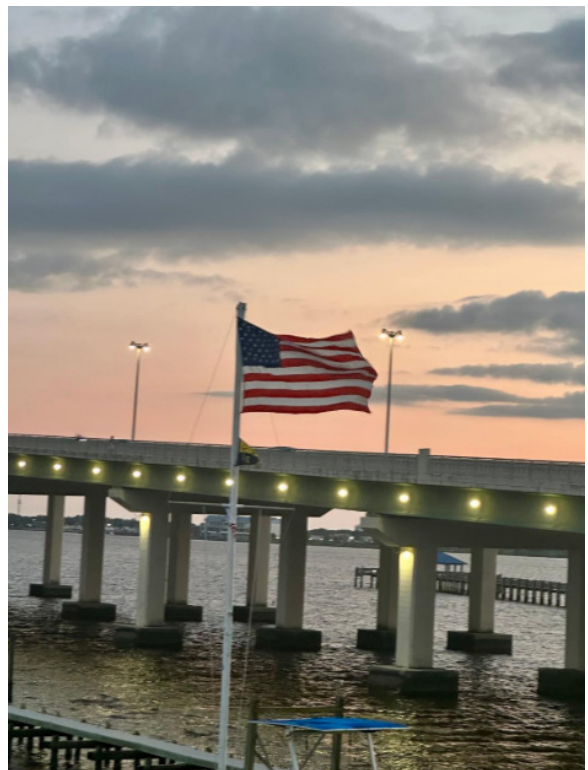


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