



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

August 2026

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

Commodore's Report



Dear Members,

As we head into the final stretch of summer, our Yacht Club is preparing for two exciting months filled with sailing, fellowship, and opportunities to showcase what makes Ocean Springs Yacht Club so special. Whether you're competing on the water, volunteering behind the

scenes, or simply enjoying time with friends and family at the Club, there is something for everyone.

August Highlights

August is the perfect time to take advantage of all our Club has to offer. From afternoons by the pool to evenings on the waterfront, I encourage everyone to gather with friends and enjoy everything that makes OSYC feel like home.

One of the month's highlights will be the Katrina Memorial / Club Wave Championship Regatta, August 22–23. We look forward to welcoming competitors and guests as sailors once again demonstrate their skill and sportsmanship on our beautiful Gulf waters.

Please consider volunteering if you have the opportunity. Our regattas are successful because of the dedication and support of our members.

September Highlights

Hobie 16 International Championships
September 14–25

September brings one of the most exciting events on our sailing calendar as Ocean Springs Yacht Club hosts the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championships.

This prestigious event will bring sailors, families, and spectators from around the world to our Club and our community. It is a tremendous honor to host an international championship and an opportunity for every member to showcase the hospitality, professionalism, and spirit that define Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

Whether you're assisting as a volunteer, cheering from shore, or enjoying the excitement around the Club, your support helps create an unforgettable experience for our visitors.

Looking Ahead

These next two months remind us that our Club is much more than a clubhouse—it is a community built on friendships, volunteerism, and a shared love of boating and the water.

Thank you to our volunteers, race committees, staff, Board of Governors, and every member who contributes time and talents throughout the year. Your commitment keeps our traditions strong while helping us continue to grow.

I encourage everyone to participate and enjoy all that Ocean Springs Yacht Club has to offer as we close out another wonderful summer.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Sandra Carter
2026 Commodore



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From the Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith



**“No Second Place” on
the Mississippi Sound**

August always carries a certain electricity along our stretch of the Gulf—the kind of charged air sailors recognize right before a great race. And this year, Ocean Springs Yacht Club stands on

the threshold of something historic.

More than 170 years ago, the schooner America ghosted out of the silent mist and stunned the world, beating Britain’s best and inspiring Queen Victoria to ask who finished second. The reply—“Your Majesty, there is no second”—became the heartbeat of the America’s Cup and the spirit of competitive sailing itself.

That same spirit is rising here at OSYC.

In just a few weeks, our club will welcome sailors from across the globe for the Hobie 16 International Championship, September 12–25—a regatta that will turn our beach, balcony, and bar into the crossroads of world-class catamaran racing. The Hobie 16 may not foil, but when the wind hits right, those twin hulls leap forward with a kind of joyful aggression that has defined the class for more than fifty years. They are fast in the honest way: sails, fiberglass, and grit.

August is our month to prepare the way.

We’re tuning chase boats, refreshing marks, coordinating volunteers, and ensuring our grounds reflect the hospitality and heritage of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The America’s Cup began as a bold challenge between nations; this September, OSYC becomes the arena where that same boldness takes shape in Hobie form—quick off the line, spray-kicking, and unmistakably alive on our Sound.

So as you enjoy these final summer sunsets, imagine the fleet assembling offshore.

Imagine the beach lined with color.

Imagine the world watching Ocean Springs.

There may be “no second” in the America’s Cup, but here at OSYC, every member plays a first-place role in making this championship unforgettable. Volunteer, participate, and celebrate.

Let’s make August count.

Let’s make September legendary.

— Vince

Vice Commodore, Ocean Springs Yacht Club



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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

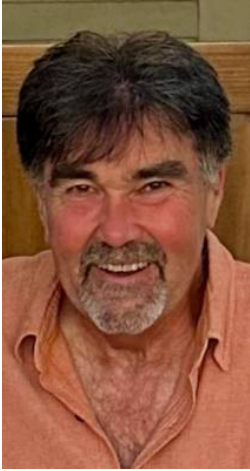




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**From the Rear Commodore
and the House Committee**



The House Committee is pleased to provide an update on the many improvements currently underway at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Our goal is to continue enhancing the appearance, functionality, and enjoyment of our club while preserving the welcoming atmosphere that makes it such a special place.

Current projects include new landscaping around the club grounds, ongoing maintenance

and improvements to the bar area, the beginning phases of parking lot improvements, several interior and exterior painting projects, and upgrades to the club's bathrooms. These enhancements are part of our continued commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities for all members and guests.

As we move into the late summer and fall, most of our maintenance and improvement projects will be scheduled on Mondays. While every effort will be made to minimize disruptions, members may experience occasional interruptions to normal club operations on those days. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete these important upgrades.

A special thank you goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to donate their time, talent, and hard work to these projects: Bobby Dalgo, Tim Fortney, Vince Smith, Don Frazier, and Drew Demboski. Their commitment and willingness to help make these improvements possible, and the club is better because of their efforts.

Thank you to all of our members for your continued support as we work to keep the Ocean Springs Yacht Club looking its best.

Regards,

Bruce Small
Rear Commodore

**From the Ocean Springs
Sailing Squadron**

We have two special requests from the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron and the Hobie 16 International Championship Committee. Sailing guests will be coming to our beachfront next month for the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship. The sailors will be visiting from 18 states and 11 countries, with 25 teams on-site from September 11 – 16, and 51 teams from September 17 – 24, 2026.

Some of our own OSYC sailors are participating during both weeks, and we are asking those of you who are not sailing in the championship to please remove your boat from the beachfront to make spaces available for our visitors to be able to keep their boats on the beach during the competition.

The OSSS is also looking for volunteers who would like to host one day of Beach Bites, a quick hand-held snack to go with the cold beer we will be offering the sailors as they return to the beach each day. Food items can be wraps, small wrapped sandwiches, chicken wings, store bought cheese n crackers etc., a small cup of hummus with carrot and celery sticks. BE CREATIVE. What would you like as a quick bite after a day on the water? Individual people can sign up, groups, or look for a business to sponsor a day. Plan on 70 servings per day for the first 4 days. Plan on 140 servings per day for the final 6 days. Thank you very much.

This is one of the special ways we are going to make our OSYC hospitality shine and provide an unforgettable experience! Please send an email to kkvind@gmail.com to sign up.



We are looking forward to two exciting series of action-packed buoy races in Mississippi Sound in mid-September. Thank you for your support!

Krista Vind and the OSSS and the 2026 H16 Committee

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



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From the Club Treasurer, Bobby Dalgo



I'm proud to report that our Club is in a strong financial position this year, with higher cash on hand, a positive net income, and continued cost discipline helping us stay on very solid footing. Because of a software glitch, our CPA

couldn't produce our monthly financials until very recently. We now have updated financials through May and should have June any day now.

- Net income through May is \$140,477.
- Our cash position has increased \$71,155 from May of last year.
- We currently have \$59,704 in our Capital Expenditure Account, giving the Club flexibility to plan for future facility and equipment needs.

One reason our Club has been doing so well financially this year is the \$25 dues increase members approved, but the main reason is that our General Manager, Sandy Rogers, has been diligent about keeping costs down whenever possible. I know some members may be disappointed when the Club closes early on slower days, but when we do not have enough activity to justify a full staff, adjusting operations is responsible stewardship of club resources.

The summer months are typically more expensive to operate because staffing levels increase, so a small loss or breakeven during this period is normal. I look forward to seeing how the summer results come in.

One last note: the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship is next month! From September 12–25, our club's operations and availability will be significantly different as we host this once-in-a-lifetime prestigious event, so please plan ahead and volunteer if you can.

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer

Fourth of July Photos

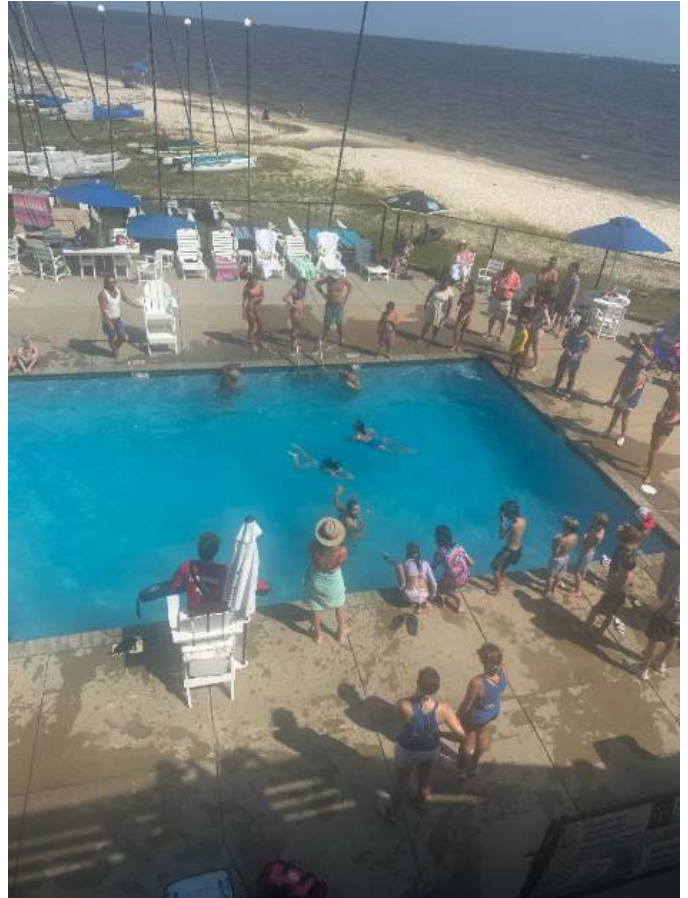


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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Club summer sailing activities continue on both Wednesday and Friday evenings, with this year's edition of the Club's Friday Night Races being graciously hosted by Jay Shuman with assistance from

Andrew and Casey Luquet. The last official day of Friday Night Races will be on August 14. Come on out and cheer on your fellow members!

School is back in session, and all four two-week sail camps are over. We saw 101 very happy youth sailors successfully complete their sailing classes. We're already working on plans for 2027.

Horn Island Hop Regatta was over the weekend of 11 - 12 July, with 24 catamarans on the water the first day of racing, and also on the second day. Lack of wind was a major factor on both days of racing, with the Saturday race course shortened on the water, and the Sunday race course changed to a shorter steeplechase that replaced Round Deer due to light winds and inclement weather forecast to move in to the area.

Our remaining 2026 official Club regattas are 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.

In between those two regattas, we will host the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship. this two-week event begins on September 12 and concludes on September 25. Event details are 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-five boats and 50 sailors are registered for the first week, and 5` boats (102

sailors) for the second week. Late registration begins on August 16, 2026.

A meeting of our Race and Sailing committees is planned before each remaining regatta, and if needed before the Hobie 16 event. These two committees continue to help with all aspects of volunteer participation. We had a total of 28 volunteers assist with our latest regatta, which included ten contributors of items for Saturday morning's breakfast, and four powerboat crews that participated as safety boats for Horn Island Hop. One of our powerboat regatta support vessels, Dennis Furey's Knot Home, served as the platform for the Race Committee in addition to the OSSS's Geaux Legacy.

2026 remaining regattas & events: 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 OSYC/OSSS Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party.

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff
OSYC Fleet Captain

2026 Regatta Schedule Remaining Dates & Events

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 Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers



Dear OSYC Family,

Can you believe August is already here? The summer heat is in full swing, but things are moving along beautifully around the Club.

First off, a massive thank you to everyone who joined us last month—our July 4th Celebration was EPIC! From the fantastic turnout to the amazing weather and community spirit, it was truly one for the books.

We also owe a huge thank you to everyone who made our Summer Sail Camps such a resounding success over the past two months! Seeing so many young sailors out on the water, building confidence and learning the ropes, is always one of the highlights of my year. A big round of applause to our instructors, volunteers, and parents who helped keep camp running smoothly and safely.

Our facility updates and construction projects continue to move forward at a great pace. Thank you all for your patience as we make these long-term improvements to our home on the shore. We'll be sharing details soon about a few upcoming member volunteer projects as we put the finishing touches on several areas.

Dining & Poolside Updates

August on the Gulf Coast means staying cool, and our kitchen and bar teams have you covered!

- **Downstairs Pool Food & Beverage:** Just a reminder that our downstairs pool food and beverage service is now available on **weekends only!** Stop by for refreshed summer bites, crisp salads, and chilled house specials while enjoying the water.
- **Bar & Drink Specials:** Keep an eye out for our rotating weekend cocktail specials and ice-cold draughts—perfect for enjoying the breeze on the deck after a long week.

Blue Plate Specials: Check out our weekly Blue Plate Specials featured in our regular OSYC Group text updates!

Reminders & Club Housekeeping

Hurricane Season Preparedness: As we enter the peak weeks of hurricane season, please ensure all personal vessels moored or stored on club property are properly secured and up to date with member registration.

- **Pool Hours:** The pool remains open daily from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM (with food and drink service available downstairs on weekends). Please remember to check in guests at the club desk before heading out to the deck.
- **2026 Hobie 16 International Championship:** Excitement is building as we prepare to host sailors from all over the world September 12–25! Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities, race schedules, and hosting announcements.

Thank you all for making Ocean Springs Yacht Club such a vibrant, warm, and welcoming community. See you down at the dock!

Warmly,

Sandy Rogers

General Manager & Club Manager





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August Events & Key Dates

Mark your calendars for an action-packed month at the Club:

Date	Event	Time	Details
Aug 7	Friday Sunset Social	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Live music on the deck, drink specials, and buffet bites.
Aug 8	Chris D's Birthday Celebration	All Day / Evening	Come out and help us celebrate Chris D in style!
Aug 13	Member Trivia Night	6:00 PM	Bring a team or join one at the bar. Prizes for top teams!
Aug 18	Ocean Springs Garden Club	10:00 AM	Hosting our local Garden Club upstairs at the OSYC.
Aug 18	New Member Welcome Meet & Greet	5:00 PM	A warm welcome for our newest OSYC members—come say hi!
Aug 22–23	Katrina Memorial Regatta & OSYC Club Wave Championship	All Weekend	High-energy racing on the water. Don't miss out!
Aug 24	Sippin' in the SEC	Evening	Fall cocktail menu rollout featuring signature tailgating cocktails from 8 of our favorite colleges!
Aug 27	Pop-Up Market: Resin Jewelry & Pottery	Afternoon / Evening	Featuring custom Resin Jewelry by Kelly & Pottery by Bonnie!
Aug 28	Full Moon Party	Evening	Moonlit fun on the deck with drink specials and live vibes.
Aug 29	Grill Your Own Steak Night	Evening	We fire up the grill, you bring the appetite! Premium cuts ready to cook.
Aug 30	Early Labor Day Weekend Cookout	4:00 PM – Late	Join us for our early holiday cookout as we gear up for the Hobie 16 International Championship Regatta!