



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

October 2026

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

Commodore's Report

The Hobie 16 International Championship



For three years, we worked toward welcoming the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship to Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Now that it has come and gone, it is hard to believe. The experience was more than I ever imagined, and I am filled with gratitude for everyone who helped make it happen.

An event of this size takes countless people, countless hours, and many moving parts. To our Sailing Squadron, Board of Governors, staff, and many volunteers: thank you. Your dedication and hard work made this championship possible and gave our sailors, families, and guests a warm welcome to Ocean Springs.

Many people were recognized at the awards banquet, and I offer my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. I also want to thank the members and volunteers whose contributions may not have been called out by name. Whether you spent months planning or stepped in wherever help was needed, your efforts mattered. We could not have done this without you.

So many fun nights were had along the way: the OSSS Fish Fry, burgers, bonfires and s'mores, the jambalaya cook-off, the Rockin' Dopsie concert, the Downtown Ocean Springs pub crawl, and numerous other special events! I know great times were had by all.

I hope everyone who took part feels proud of what we accomplished together. I know I do. Thank you for making this an unforgettable chapter in the history of Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

Congratulations to all involved! Job well done!

With Gratitude,

Sandra Carter, 2026 Commodore



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From the Vice Commodore,
Vince Smith



October at our Ocean Springs Yacht Club carries a special glow this year - the kind that lingers after something truly remarkable. The Hobie 16 International Regatta didn't just succeed; it soared, and it did so because our people - employees, volunteers, and members - gave it

everything they had.

From the earliest beach crews to the last boats hauled, the heartbeat of the regatta was unmistakable. Krista Vind, leading the regatta for the Sailing Squadron, was a force of nature: steady, organized, unflappable, and tireless. And at the helm of the whole operation stood our dynamic duo - Commodore Sandra Carter and General Manager Sandy Rogers - whose leadership, coordination, and calm command kept every moving part aligned. Their teamwork was a master class in how a club rises to meet a world-class moment.

The races were beautiful, the sails brilliant, but the true triumph was the unity behind it all - the shared purpose, the grit, the laughter, the willingness to step in wherever needed. OSYC showed the world what a committed, spirited, salt-sprayed community can accomplish together.

Now, as the Gulf settles into its autumn rhythm and the last regatta tents are folded away, we turn toward our fall social season - a time to reconnect, celebrate, and keep building the camaraderie that defines us. The momentum is ours to carry forward, the esprit de corps ours to strengthen, the sea ours to share.

"A crew is not judged by the strength of its strongest sailor, but by the unity of its hands upon the rope."

Bravo Zulu!

— Vince

Vice Commodore, Ocean Springs Yacht Club



Vince Smith skipper the "Geaux Phoenix" during a mark change at the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship

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 - Matthew Hinton
1st Year Board Member - Connie Moran
Hobie 16 Event Representative - Mark Santorelli
Past Commodore - Michael Ramsey



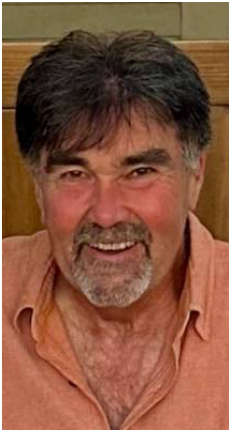


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**From the Rear Commodore
and the House Committee**

Greetings from the House Committee -



As the regatta winds down and the results are in, we can all take a moment to be proud of our Club, its appearance, our staff, and the many volunteers who helped make the event such a success.

It was a beautiful event, and every time you turned on the television, you could see those gorgeous sails on the water. It was a wonderful reflection of what makes the Ocean Springs

Yacht Club such a special place.

Looking Ahead — Our Swimming Pool

Next on the agenda is a topic that has generated considerable conversation around the Club: improvements to our swimming pool facilities.

It has become clear that our club has outgrown the existing pool area. We experienced several overcrowding issues this year, prompting considerable discussion about the possibility of adding another pool, including an adults-only pool.

Recently, I saw an AI-generated image of a possible pool addition posted on social media by Iana Saul. The image sparked numerous conversations around the club, and I believe we should build on that enthusiasm and begin exploring the possibilities.

I would like to see our members come together to share ideas and discuss what might be possible. We need to consider the available options, costs, location, and logistics to determine whether we can turn some of these ideas into reality.

I believe improvements to our pool facilities could be a tremendous asset to the club and provide even more enjoyment for our members and their families.

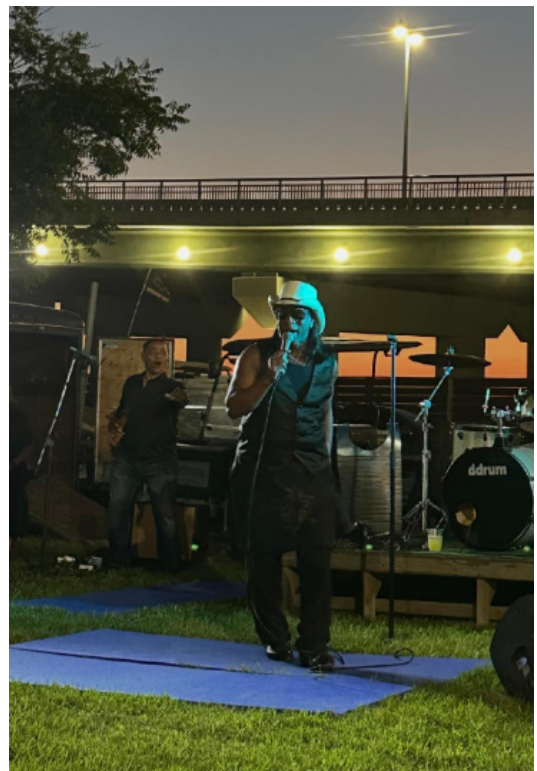
A Special Thank You

I also want to recognize and thank Bobby Dalgo, Tim Fortney, and Vince Smith for the tremendous amount of time and effort they continue to devote to our Club. They are always willing to get out their tools and tackle projects, both large and small, that make the club look and function even better. We owe them a great deal of gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

As always, thank you to all of our staff, volunteers, and members who continue to pitch in and help make the Ocean Springs Yacht Club a place we can all be proud of.

Regards,

**Bruce Small
Rear Commodore**



Rockin' Dopsie at OSYC (photo credit: S.E. Carter)



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From the Club Treasurer,
Bobby Dalgo

Celebrating a World-Class Regatta



Welcome to October, fellow OSYC members! With three months remaining in the year, our club continues to strengthen its financial position. Before year-end, I plan to work with our Finance Committee and CPA to develop a more detailed and informative

financial statement. This month, however, I want to recognize an achievement made possible by that same spirit of careful planning and shared commitment: hosting the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship.

From September 12–25, our Club welcomed sailors, race officials, and media from around the world for the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship. Throughout the year, our House Committee, volunteers, contractors, and members worked tirelessly to transform the Club into a welcoming, thoughtfully prepared venue worthy of this prestigious international regatta and our once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to host it.

Under Krista Vind's leadership, our club's sailing squadron, OSSS, worked for three years to bring this event to Ocean Springs. The championship has been held in the United States only four times since the 1970s, making our opportunity to host it at OSYC especially meaningful.

Hosting an event of this scale required an extraordinary investment of time and effort, and members may reasonably have questions about that commitment. Our charter offers important context: OSYC is a yacht club united by an interest in boating and sailing. The championship gave us a rare opportunity to put that mission into action and share it with the wider sailing community.

The 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship has now put the Ocean Springs Yacht Club on the

international map. The responses from the competitors and race officials about our Club's ability to put on a world class event can be summed up in one word...SPECTACULAR!

Having World Champions, International Race Officials and a world-renowned racer/youtuber with over 15 million views say that your Club had the best food and hospitality from our staff that they have ever experienced made all this effort worthwhile! Please let Sandy Rogers and all our staff know how proud you are of them for representing your club so well.

After volunteering on the water for 11 days, I have a newfound appreciation for everyone who helps conduct our regattas month after month and year after year. Running races efficiently, fairly, and safely requires demanding work, careful coordination, and sustained dedication. Thank you for giving your time and talent to OSYC and OSSS.

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer



Boats on the OSYC beachfront during the 2026 H16 International Championship (Photo credit: S.E. Carter)



H16 event sails on the water (Photo credit: Walker Photography, CA)



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



What a wonderful two weeks of sailing in September! The 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship began on September 12 with the weighing in of boats and crew under the OSYC pergola, and concluded with

an awards dinner at the Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum on September 25. We ended up hosting twenty-five boats and 50 sailors during the first week, and 54 boats (108 sailors) in the second week. Sailors from 18 states and 8 countries were here as our guests and truly enjoyed our hospitality.

The winners of the Hobie 16 Masters Series held during the first week were Bradley Davis and his crew Connor Newcomb from Madison, AL, in the Masters, Herbert James and crew Jose Justiniano from Treasure Island, FL, in the Grand Masters, and Vicente De la Guardia and crew Carolina Maurette from La Habana, Cuba, in the Great Grand Masters. Week Two was the Open Series for the Hobie 16 International Championship, and the overall winners were Enrique Figueroa and Paula Figueroa of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Congratulations to all!

We hope that you made some time to stop by the Club to view the activities on the water, and to help celebrate this honor that we had due to the hard work of our Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron and our Club members Krista Vind and Michael McNeir. Without their guidance and efforts, we would not have had the opportunity to host this prestigious event on our beachfront.

Our race committee and on water support during the regatta was very much appreciated by both sailors and volunteers with the Hobie Class Association of North America (HCANA). Mark Ederer chauffeured the Hobie media crew around the race course on his Scarab, and Bobby Dalgo provided transportation for the HCANA race judges. Several of our Sailing and Race

committee members were on the water as gate boats, mark boats, the start line pin boat, and the finish line, in addition to manning the Geaux Signal as the official home for the Race Committee on the water. Photographs and videos of the race can be viewed at the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/p/H16-International-Championship-2026-61585619665206/> Pictures from the awards dinner, which include the recognition of event volunteers, are also on the website.

On the shore side of the event, both Club members and volunteers from the community helped with all aspects of regatta support, from assisting staff with breakfast to selling OSYC gear to event attendees. Our OSYC Social Committee lead, Kimberly Smith, set up a notebook that listed where help was needed and volunteers could sign up to participate.

Keeping sailors safe on the water is one other area where volunteers were able to help us with another aspect of the regatta that were not in the notebook. People who spent time out on the deck in the heat and humidity at the safety radio station or checked in with the Fleet Captain regularly to ensure that we had coverage for monitoring of the weather and other safety calls and concerns were Dennis Furey, Terry Richardson, Steve Collins, Tom Collins (Biloxi Yacht Club) and Guy Schenck. Thank you all!

We had some wonderful news coverage provided by WLOX, beginning with a live segment on Sunday evening with Ava Schwing interviewing two of our OSYC sailors, Jay Williams and Nina Morisseau, an episode of Hugh Keaton's "Coast Life" featuring four of our guest sailors and the "Hobie Way of Life", and an interview of the sailing team that won the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship. Thanks again!

We have one remaining 2026 regatta & event over the weekend of October 17 - 18, the Shearwater Regatta and OSYC/OSSS Regatta Volunteer Appreciation Party. If you volunteered for any of our regattas, we hope to see you there.

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff, OSYC Fleet Captain



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**From the OSYC Board Secretary,
Drew Demboski**

Good Day All,

Our annual club business meeting on November 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the OSYC clubhouse is just a little more than a month away. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. The Board of Governors election, state of the Club, dues, and any proposed bylaws changes will all be on the agenda. Please save this important date on your calendar.

The nominating committee report, endorsed by the Board of Governors, will be circulated at least four weeks prior to the meeting. Finance committee and bylaws committee reports and proposals are being finalized. The committee recommendations, proxy voting forms, and the official agenda will be promulgated to the club no later than 12 October 2026. OSYC Bylaws, available online and in the club office, govern the annual meeting deadlines and here are a few points to remember regarding open officer/board elections and, if unable to attend in person, proxy designation:

- Annual meeting requirements are in Article 2 of OSYC Bylaws. Officer requirements are in Article 3 section 1. Board member requirements are in Article 4 section 1. Additional Officer/Board candidates may be nominated by any voting OSYC member (Article 4 section 2) with the endorsement of at least four (4) other voting members, provided such nominations are received by the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days (18 October 2026) prior to the Annual Meeting for circulation to the membership at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Voting members may designate a class A member in good standing as a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. Proxy forms will be available with the Annual meeting

notice and are due to the club Secretary by 5 November 2026. See Article 2 section 4. Club officers and board members are ineligible to hold proxies.

Our 19 October 2026 Board of Governors meeting is an excellent opportunity to get any recommendations or concerns to the Board before the annual General Membership Meeting. Members are always encouraged to attend these meetings, but you do need to request to address the Board one week prior to the meeting. Contact the Club office or any board member to be placed on the board agenda. The meeting starts at 6pm in the club dining room.

We are blessed with the most beautiful club on the Coast, the view and the people. What an awesome year it's been with improvements to the deck, downstairs bar, bathrooms, parking lot, pier, menu, decorations and an International Championship regatta!

I look forward to seeing you there—save the date November 9, 6:00pm at OSYC.

Warm regards,

**Drew Demboski
OSYC Secretary**



Week 1 of the 2026 Hobie 16 International Championship with all competitors using event sails (Photo credit: C.A. Moncreiff)



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From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers

A Historic Success

What an unbelievable fortnight we have just shared. Our staff, the Board of Directors, the Sailing Squadron, our tireless volunteers, and the entire Ocean Springs community should be extraordinarily proud of what we accomplished with the Hobie 16 International Championship. Hosting a two-week world-class regatta of this magnitude is no small feat, yet our team executed it seamlessly.

Consider what went into making this event an unforgettable success:

- **12 Daily Breakfasts & 10 Days of Beach Bites** keeping sailors and spectators fueled.
- A high-spirited **Jambalaya Cook-off** showcasing true Gulf Coast hospitality. **A huge congratulations to Roger Gardner for taking home 1st place with his winning jambalaya!**
- **7 Nights of Big Parties**, capped off with an incredible live concert.

Seamless race management—even when the wind was not on our side for a few days of racing, our team kept everything on track without ever going off late or running out of food and drinks! Our amazing staff literally put their lives on hold for three weeks to pull this off. To our team: your dedication was nothing short of heroic.

The visiting international sailors were deeply grateful for the world-class racing and warm hospitality. Beyond the water, our membership embraced the festivities, enjoyed the unique two-week menu changes, and built a well-needed connection to the Sailing Squadron. Events like this redefine who we are. We are all changed because of this event—stronger, closer, and prouder than ever to belong to the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

On the Horizon: October Events & Calendar

With the Hobie 16 World Championship in the wake, we are keeping the momentum going through October with live music, regattas, special dinners, and fall festivities.

Date	Event	Details	Time
Fri, Oct 2	First Friday	Live Music	Evening
Sat, Oct 3	Private Event	Upstairs Galley	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Sun, Oct 4	Birthday Party	Downstairs Deck	4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Wed, Oct 7	Rotary Club	Weekly meeting resumes on Wednesdays	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Sun, Oct 11	OSYC Chili Cook-Off	Hosted by the Social Committee	TBD
Sat–Sun, Oct 17–18	The Shearwater Regatta	Annual racing tradition	All Day
Tue, Oct 20	OSYC Garden Club	Monthly meeting	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Tue, Oct 20	Board of Directors Meeting	Monthly meeting	Evening
Sat, Oct 24	Private Event	Downstairs Deck	6:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Sat, Oct 24	Steak Night	Grill-Your-Own Steak Special	Evening
Sun, Oct 25	"Breakfast at Tiffany's" Brunch	Hosted by the Social Committee	Morning
Fri, Oct 30	Adult Halloween Party	Costumes & spooky cocktails	7:00 PM
Sat, Oct 31	Children's Halloween Party	Family fun & trick-or-treating	TBD

Here's to warm wishes and cooler days,

Sandy Rogers
Club Manager