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Ocean Springs Yacht Club **November 2026**

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Dear OSYC Members,

November is a season of gratitude, and this year I have so much to be thankful for. I find myself reflecting on all we have accomplished together and the people who have made this year so meaningful.

From welcoming sailors for the Hobie 16 International Championship to gathering for club celebrations, we have shared our love of sailing, our Gulf Coast hospitality, and the friendships that make Ocean Springs Yacht Club special. Hosting an international championship was a tremendous undertaking, and our volunteers, race committee, staff, management, Board, and Flag Officers deserve heartfelt thanks for their dedication.

Our accomplishments have also included the quieter work of building a stronger club. Bringing our Past Commodores together, encouraging member involvement, and keeping communication and thoughtful planning at the center of our efforts have helped us honor our traditions while looking toward the future. Every member who served on a committee, volunteered at an event, or offered a constructive suggestion contributed to that work.

One especially encouraging highlight was the positive response to our membership survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts. Your feedback was heartening and gave us valuable insight into what you appreciate about OSYC and where we can continue to improve. Listening has been important to me throughout this year, and your participation helps guide the club's next steps.

Above all, I am proud of the spirit of fellowship that carries our club forward. Whether you spend your time on the water, gather with friends over a meal, or work behind the scenes, you help make OSYC a welcoming place to belong. Our progress is a shared accomplishment, and I hope each of you takes pride in your part in it.

Thank you for your trust, your encouragement, and your love for our club. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, friendship, and time together.

With gratitude,

Sandra Carter
2026 Commodore
Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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

From the Vice Commodore, Vince Smith



Happy November OSYC! It is annual membership meeting time and I hope to see you there. As a Commodore nominee, I want to share my vision for the club if elected. I shared this vision at our recent town hall meeting. Here is the transcript of my remarks:

Good evening, everyone. Thank you for taking the time to be here tonight, and thank you for the trust you've placed in me as your Vice commodore and in nominating me to be commodore next year.

I've spent some time thinking about what I wanted to say tonight, and I keep coming back to one simple thought: **Ocean Springs Yacht Club is already a remarkable place.**

We're not gathered here because the club is struggling. We're not trying to reinvent who we are. In fact, we're in a position many clubs would envy. Our membership is full, we have a strong waiting list, and people throughout the community recognize OSYC as a special place. Like many of you, I was drawn here by the water. I served as a U.S. Navy submarine officer early in my career. After leaving the Navy, I spent twenty-four years as a pastor, and today I have the privilege of serving as Chaplain for the Port of Pascagoula. At first glance, those seem like very different paths, but they all taught me the same lesson: **Leadership is not about being in charge. It's about being entrusted with something that belongs to others.** That's how I view this club. We are not owners of OSYC. We are its stewards. One of the things the Navy taught me is that great organizations endure because each generation cares for what was entrusted to them and passes it forward. The same is true here.

When I look around this room, I see many of the people who helped make Ocean Springs Yacht Club what it is today. Former Commodores, Board members, volunteers, race committee members, instructors, event organizers, and countless members who simply stepped up whenever the club needed help. I se our General manager and employees and their incredible contributions.

The strong membership, active sailing program, family atmosphere, financial stability, beautiful waterfront setting, and vibrant social life we enjoy today did not happen by accident. They are the result of years of dedication by generations of members and employees. For that, we owe them our gratitude.

As your next Commodore, my responsibility is not to change Ocean Springs Yacht Club. My responsibility is to help preserve what makes it special while thoughtfully preparing it for the future.

As a sailor and owner of a sailing ketch, I have a deep appreciation for our sailing heritage. Sailing and racing are part of our identity and will remain an important part of our future.

But one of the things I've learned is that members experience this club in different ways. For some, the perfect day is launching a beach cat and heading out onto the Sound. For others, it's watching grandchildren enjoy the pool and beach. For many, it's gathering with friends for dinner, enjoying an event, or simply sitting on the deck looking out across one of the most beautiful waterfront views on the Gulf Coast. None of those experiences is more important than another. They are all part of what makes OSYC unique.

As we look ahead, I want us to continue building on the strong foundation that already exists. That means supporting our sailing programs and traditions. It means continuing to invest in family experiences. It means enhancing opportunities for social engagement and fellowship. And it means thoughtfully exploring future opportunities, including preliminary planning for pool improvements and the possibility of establishing a Power Boat Squadron to better serve the interests of many of our members. These conversations are not about changing who we are. They are about ensuring that future generations find the same sense of belonging that we enjoy today.

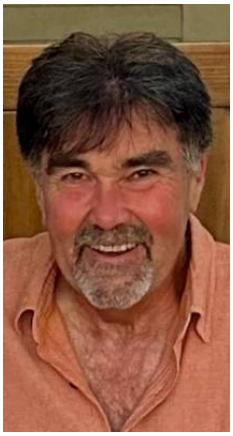
Most importantly, I hope we continue to see ourselves as one club. Not sailors and social members. Not racers and power boaters. Not families and retirees. One club. One community. One shared responsibility. The generations before us have left us a tremendous legacy. If, at the end of my term, we have honored that legacy, strengthened our sense of community, and positioned the club well for those who follow us, I will consider that a successful year.

Thank you for your confidence, your friendship, and your commitment to Ocean Springs Yacht Club. I look forward to serving alongside all of you.

Fair winds, and God bless.

Vince Smith

From the Rear Commodore and the House Committee



Greetings from the House Committee -

As we are winding down the year and working on accounting for our costs for the year and our accomplishments, we don't have any projects really going on at this time - just a little maintenance. We will be interviewing a new person for Club operations.

But after all our hard work, I sure would enjoy seeing some people come and enjoy the most wonderful time of the year here at the Ocean springs Yacht Club. The facilities are in fantastic shape, and the weather is even better.

Regards,

Bruce E. Small
Rear Commodore



View of OSYC from the Lily Faith on September 21, 2026, during the Hobie 16 International Championship event. There are more pictures available at https://osyc.com/sailing/hobie-16-international/

From the Club Treasurer, Bobby Dalgo



With only two months left in this calendar year, we've made great strides as a Club financially, strengthening our club's infrastructure and helping us to better serve our members. It's been a pleasure serving as your 2026 OSYC treasurer!

This year's much-needed club improvements addressed functionality, aesthetics and safety. Beyond those improvements, we hosted a World Championship Regatta that received rave reviews from all who participated, and a hurricane scare gave us an opportunity to test our Storm Preparedness Plan.

Overall, this has been a very good year, and I'm proud of all our Officers, Board Members, Managers, staff and volunteers who have made our club better for all members.

Please come to the Annual Membership Meeting on Monday November 9 at 6pm. I will be presenting a financial review of the club.

Bobby Dalgo
Treasurer

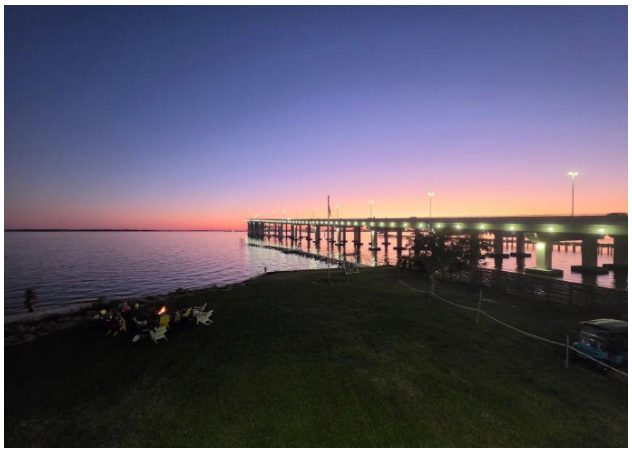


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From the Fleet Captain, Cyndi Moncreiff
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



What an amazing year of regattas and sailing at our beachfront Club! OSYC's volunteers and staff have done a wonderful job of showing our sailing members and guests some of the best hospitality we have to offer, no matter what the weather and winds. The same canbe said for this summer's sail camp sessions.

Shearwater Regatta, our final sailing event of 2026, took place over the weekend of 17 - 18 October 2026. Twenty-two boats and 36 sailors signed up to participate. All sailing was canceled on Saturday, October 17, due to a small craft advisory and a gale warning with steady winds in excess of 22 knots for the day, and gusts of up to 29 knots expected. Conditions were much more favorable on Sunday, October 18; three races were held between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Winners in the three classes that sailed were Mark Ederer in the Hobie Wave class, Bradley Davis and his crew Connor Newcomb in the Hobie 16 class (they were also winners of the Masters Level competition during the Masters Series in Week One of Hobie 16 International Championship), and and Dave Sparkuhl and Teri McKenna on a Hobie 20 in the Open Multi-hull class that included both Hobie and Nacra 20 catamarans.

Our first tropical system developed in the Bay of Campeche at the beginning of October. Boatyard evacuation was called for on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 7, when then Tropical Storm Isaias was forecast to deliver 5 - 7 feet of storm surge to the beachfront in Ocean Springs. Compliance was nearly 100%; Club boats were removed to the north side of Front Beach across from OSYC, along with many member boats.

We had 25 teams (50 sailors) that were here for the Masters Series of competition during the first week of the Hobie 16' International Championship, September 12 - 18, and 54 teams (108 sailors) for the second week, 20 - 25 September, 2026. All of our guests truly appreciated OSYC as a venue, Ocean Springs as a host city to explore, and especially the hospitality that our staff and members and the community brought to the event.

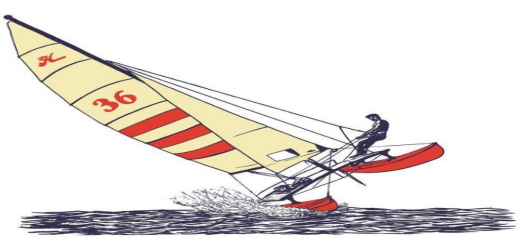
Race & Sailing Committees
Meetings of these two committees over the year seemed to have helped with the level of volunteer participation and safety powerboats to provide any needed assistance to regatta participants. Our most recent meeting was on Saturday, October 3, which had limited attendance due to inclement weather. All of you who volunteered to make our regattas a success are thanked for your personal commitment to ensuring that our sailing events were a true success.

OSYC's Casserole Crew
We have a very special group of OSYC members who volunteer to help out with our sailing events by preparing breakfast for one morning of each Club regatta. Dishes have covered a broad spectrum of items, ranging from French toast to breakfast burritos. You're appreciated by not only the Sailing and Race Committees, our OSYC Board members, sailors participating in regattas, and our Club staff.

There are no remaining regattas or sailing events in 2026. Sailing will resume in April 2027 with the Mid-Winters / April Fools Regatta over the weekend of April 3 - 4, 2027 (the first calendar weekend after Easter Sunday).

In sailing -

Cyndi Moncreiff, 2026 OSYC Fleet Captain



From Krista Vind, Hobie 16 International Championship Event Chairman



Now that the smoke has cleared and things are starting to get back to normal for me, Id like to thank everyone for helping make the Hobie 16 International Championship such a resounding success! It was a long and often challenging and frustrating process that began over three years ago when Michael McNeir and I were asked in May of 2023 by the International Hobie Class Association to host the 2025 Hobie 16 Worlds at OSYC. Through three changes in ownership of the Hobie Factory/Company and several requested delays with ultimately no support from them (Hobie), the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron (OSSS) board persisted. Without the grant writing skills of Ronny Bond and Missy Partyka, funding the event would not have been possible! We eventually received sponsorship from both of the state Tourism Development Council s**- Visit Mississippi** and **Play Coastal Mississippi** - but there were many challenges there too as the state redesigned their grant programs during this time. We were denied once again however; the OSSS did not give up and with the help of Mike Jones from Visit Mississippi, we were ultimately successful in obtaining the funding because he truly believed in this event.

SO much work went into bringing this world championship to Ocean Springs that most people are not aware of.

Fast forward to the last six months before the championship … it was wonderful to see most of the club membership and leadership come together, step up, and volunteer their time, efforts, and expertise to organize a top tier experience for sailors from around the globe. Whether you played a big part or a small one, YOU were vital in the resounding success!!

The OSSS board has also worked hard over the years to put OSYC on the Hobie map and being asked to host this event proves that we are there. Because we had no support from the Hobie Factory, we had to redesign how this event would work almost from the ground up as well as being self-funded. From the "Bring Your Own Boat" format to offering international shipping container sponsorship for foreign teams, to the focus on the sailors, including lots of food, fun and Mississippi hospitality, we rewrote the standard of what sailors want and how these events should be run. Proof of this is evident in the next Hobie Class event in Spain in June of 2027 as they are adopting the format we created and proved, bringing Hobie Sailing back into the hands of the sailors. **We can all be very proud of that!**

While I was lucky enough to have been able to head up this effort and receive so many kind kudos, I am reminded of the words from a Kenny Chesney song: “I didn’t get here alone, I might be the one the spotlight is on but I didn’t get here alone.”

I look forward to the continuous growth and harmonious bonds created between the sailing and club communities.

Thank you to my OSYC family,

Krista



H16 International Championship starting sequence jockeying during Week One of competition (photo: OSSS)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

October 10, 2026

Official notice, pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the OSYC Bylaws, the Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 9, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M.** at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. The club will open for registration at 5:00 P.M.

The primary order of business at this meeting is for the election of OSYC Flag Officers and Members of the Board for the year 2026, and to report to the membership on "The State of the Club."

This notice also serves as the circulation of the nominating committee report as approved by the Board of Governors. Per OSYC bylaws, additional candidates may be nominated by any voting member 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 prior to the Annual Meeting for circulation to the membership at least two (2) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

As required, notice of this regular membership meeting is being announced to the members no less than two (2) weeks, nor more than six (6) weeks in advance of the meeting and includes the purpose of the meeting. Additional meeting announcements and a proxy form will be posted on the OSYC Bulletin Board, and posted on the OSYC website and other related web pages. The board of governors highly encourages all members to attend.

Respectfully,

Drew Demboski

Drew Demboski
2026 OSYC Board Secretary

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Proposed Slate of 2027 Officers and Board Members

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Submitted by Nominating Committee: Mike Ramsey, Chair
Endorsed by the Board of Governors on 10/10/26

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AGENDA - OSYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 9th, 2026, OSYC

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Before 6pm, members should check in to receive voting cards and ballots. The Club opens for registration at 5pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may appoint a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing and present at the annual meeting. **Proxies must be received before close of business on November 5th.** If you have appointed a proxy and then attend the meeting in person, the proxy is rendered void.

1. Call To Order/ Quorum Check by Secretary

2. Financial Report

3. Commodore's Report

4. Vice Commodore's Report

5. Other Committee Reports

6. Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron Report

7. Old Business

8. New Business

    a) Election of 2027 Board of Governors

    The membership will vote on the slate from the Nominating Committee that has been presented under New Business. Depending on the outcome of the motions and vote on the slate, ballots may be used to select First Term Board Members.

    b) Any other new business

9. Member discussion (Please limit statements to 3 minutes or less)

10. ADJOURNMENT

2026 Annual General Membership Meeting Proxy Rules

Section 4. Only Class A and A/C members in good standing may vote at a general membership meeting, except that:

(a) In the absence of a Class A and A/C member from a general membership meeting, the voting privilege may be exercised by the spouse of such member

(b) In the absence of both member and spouse, a member in good standing may designate a proxy to exercise the voting privilege. The proxy shall be a Class A member in good standing, which does not include the spouse of any such designated Class A member.

(c) No current officer or member of the Board of Governors or their spouse may be designated as a proxy.

(d) The written proxy must be designated as a general or special: In the absence of such designation, the proxy shall be considered as special, and restricted to voting on specific matters in the published agenda of any such meetings.

(e) No member designated to vote a proxy for another member may transfer or sub-designate such proxy.

(f) To register a proxy, a voting member must complete the form provided in the formal announcement of the scheduled meeting and return it to the Club Secretary no less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

(g) The Club Secretary will provide in the announcement of any general membership meeting:

(1) An agenda for the meeting.

(2) A proper proxy form.

(3) Notice that in the event that after designating a proxy, the member or spouse shall attend the meeting, the previously registered proxy shall be revoked.

(h) No member may vote by mail.

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2026 Proxy Form

I / we, _____ (Print Name), Class A or A/C member in good standing, do designate _____, also a Class A member in good standing as my/our Proxy for the Ocean Springs Yacht General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 9th, 2026, to be held at 6pm.

This proxy is:

_____ (initial one) General – designate may vote on all items at the meeting

- OR - Specific: (Designate may only vote on initialed items)

_____ (initial) – By-Laws changes

_____ (initial) – 2027 Board of Governors Election (and any associated ballots)

Must be signed and delivered to the Club Secretary or club business office no later than 5pm, Thursday, November 5th, 2026.

Printed Name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



From Your Club Manager, Sandy Rogers

Hello all!

September and October have been a whirlwind of member events, club events, and outside events, and I am proud to announce that all went off without a hitch. I have a great staff here at OSYC, and their dedication truly shines!

I believe I have tackled a few of the key issues within the Club Essential back office. Moving forward (and holding my breath!), I am optimistic that the November statements will go out without any issues. Thank you for your patience as we worked through those operational details.

Fresh Reminder About Our Texting Program

We want to ensure everyone stays connected! If you are not currently receiving our membership updates via text, here is how you can join in:

- Create a new text message.
- In the number field, type: **38316**.
- In the dialogue box, type: **OSYC** and hit send.
- Within moments, your welcome message will appear. Voilà! You're in.

We've had great feedback from everyone who has signed up so far! Please note that this service is for information only and is not reciprocal—you cannot reply to the messages.

A Few Important Bullet Points

- **Verifying Your Tickets:** Please verify and sign all of your tickets before leaving the Club. Any issues are much easier to address before you depart. If you do not sign your tickets, it is hard to challenge charges later.
- **Menu & Wine Changes:** As we move closer to the New Year, we will be making changes to the menu. My thought would be to have a much-needed and updated "Yacht" Club menu with a strong focus on exciting weekly specials. I will also start looking at some new wines to update our selection.
- **Outside Alcohol Policy:** Please be reminded that members and guests are not permitted by law to bring outside alcohol into the Club.
- **Pet Registration Policy:** All dogs must be registered with the Yacht Club prior to bringing them to the property.

Upcoming Calendar Events

A few calendar events are coming up, so let me share them with you:

Date	Event	Time / Note
Nov. 7th	Sweater Swap	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (Downstairs)
Nov. 9th	General Membership Meeting	6:00 PM
Nov. 11th	Veterans Day	Remember to thank a Veteran!
Nov. 21st & 22nd	Christmas Decorating the Club Party	Holiday cocktails will be available for participants!
Nov. 22nd	Friendsgiving	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Nov. 26th	Thanksgiving Day Closure	The Club will be CLOSED for Thanksgiving.
Nov. 27th	Club Re-opens	Re-opens Friday, Nov. 27th at 11:00 AM.
Nov. 28th	Grill Your Own Steak Night	
Dec. 12th	Holiday Bazaar	Members: No charge | Non-members: $30/table *(Sign-up sheet will be posted in November)*

Warm wishes to all! I look forward to seeing you at these events this month and next.

Warmly,

Sandy Rogers

General Manager, OSYC