



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

April 2021

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

Commodore's Report



Ahoy OSYC Members,

Spring has sprung and there is progress happening in and around the Club.

The pool is ready for swimmers with the exception of the fencing

and a huge umbrella. A 13' diameter Frankford hexagonal cantilever umbrella will arrive soon. This umbrella will provide much needed shade over the kiddy pool to allow more time in the pool with reduced risk of sunburn. The pool fencing contractor has ordered materials and is awaiting delivery. Many construction trades are experiencing delayed materials delivery and availability due to the 2020 storms as well as lingering Covid-19 manufacturing delays. Materials costs have also seen an increase due to process changes. We are doing our best to shop for the best in pricing to ensure our funds are well spent.

You will see machinery and construction personnel in and around the club in the coming weeks, so please be cautious when entering and exiting the property and the building. From day to day there can be significant hazards due to materials delivery and staging that can impact walkways and potentially the parking area.

Please be patient as there will be some inconveniences along the way as work progresses. It is in all of our best interest to be vigilant not only for our individual safety but also the safety of

others. So please, if there is something that appears unsafe don't hesitate bringing the situation to attention of club personnel immediately.

The Ocean Springs Yacht Club, our club, is enjoying good times with an even brighter future. If you are a member with friends who enjoy the Club as guests, encourage them to become members of our "Little Drinking Club with a Sailing Problem".

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

Timothy Fortney

Your 2021 Commodore

2021 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Timothy Fortney, Commodore
Dr. H. Todd Coulter, Vice Commodore
Lloyd Hebert, Rear Commodore
Robbie Holstead, Fleet Captain

Secretary - Janie Rayner
Treasurer - Michael Ramsey

Board of Governors:

2nd Year Board - Nicole McClendon
1st Year Board - Kay Lynn Beemon,
Carroll Kovacevich, & James Van Leer
Past Commodore - Dr. Joseph Pocreva



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From the Vice Commodore,
Dr. Todd Coulter



Ahoy mates, and Happy Easter!

With the great advent of spring, our yacht club continues to flourish. In spite of the damage caused by hurricane Zeta, we continue with your support under the guidance of our Commodore to continue to move forward to improve our services and the physical structure

of our club.

This is going to be a very, very grand year. In particular, we anxiously await the opening of our pool, our signature facility, to be officially available this Memorial Day. Looking forward down the line the introduction of the yachting events including the nationally and internationally recognized Hobie craft sailing armada is another outstanding adventure coming to our yacht club here in Ocean Springs Mississippi.

Let us all be a part of the future. Let's all be a part of the great things that are going on at the beach. We have an outstanding club, an outstanding leadership team, and great members.

We should be very, very proud of ourselves. We are continuing to inaugurate membership drives that will bring more awareness, and diversity to our club. There are so many people who are excellent candidates for membership. And I am asking you, as vice Commodore, to let them know about our Club. Tell your friends about the wonderful times that you have spent at our club and how those wonderful times have matured into fantastic friendships both now and over the years. We have a celebratory jewel in our midst; let us continue to cheer very strongly for the Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Let's continue to grow because "you ain't seen nothing yet". I'm looking forward to seeing everybody around the Club, and invite you to hit me up for a drink.

God bless you all!

Todd Coulter
Your 2021 Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore,
Lloyd Hebert



By the time you read this, hopefully the concrete work under the Club will be complete and a new portable storage unit for storage of Club supplies will be delivered. That unit will have the ability to be safely removed in case of a storm, securing our belongings as well as preventing the

container from free-floating and causing damage to the Club.

Another item we hope to be near to finishing is the installation of a new fence around the pool just in time for the "swim" season. Be patient with us as we make decisions and bring in crews to do some more upgrades such as replacing the porch ceiling with the addition of fans, lights, a speaker system, and eventually heaters!

These are exciting times to be a member of the OSYC!

Until I see you at the Club,

Lloyd



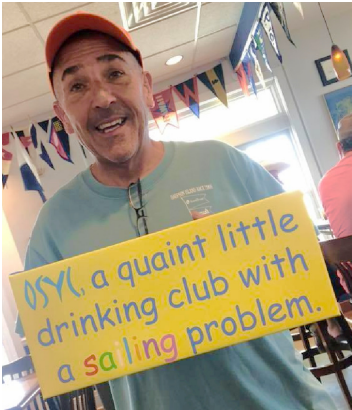
Enjoying breakfast on the Club balcony with the Vice Commodore (submitted photo, T. Coulter)



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From the Fleet Captain, Robbie Holstead
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Happy Spring from your Fleet Captain!

Longer and warmer days are here, meaning sailing season is here too! It is great seeing boats and sailors back on the water!

Our 1st sail committee meeting of the year was on February 27, and

was a success with over 10 members participating. We finalized our 2021 regatta schedule and scheduled a work party to repair our club boats. Our club boats are on the road to repair from the damage caused by Zeta last fall and should be fully useable starting the 3rd week of April. Any sailors that have qualified and sailed previously should be able to take a quick refresher from former Fleet Captain Jay Williams or myself to get back on the water.

Our 1st regatta is right around the corner, April 9th, 10th, & 11th, April Fools Regatta, three days of racing. This is a Hobie points event and we expect to have upwards of 30 boats including Waves, H16s, H17s, and H20s. Please come out and enjoy the event. It is being hosted by Hobe Division 15 and put on by our club members Krista Vind and Michael McNeir, Hobie Division 15 Chairs. Most of the power boats needed for support are secured but volunteers to assist with regatta work are always needed so contact me if you are interested.

Our 1699 Regatta is scheduled for April 24th & 25th to run in conjunction with Ocean Springs annual Discovery festival. This is a "friendly" event done to support our local celebration. Come out and enjoy what is usually a beautiful day on Biloxi Bay and support this event and sailors.

The end of May and Memorial Day bring the 52nd annual Slip to Ship regatta May 29th & 30th. This is one of our club's largest regattas and we expect over 40 boats for this year's event. We will be looking for support boats so please reach to me if you would like to help.

Youth sailing camps are being finalized now and will be up at Regatta Network for registration beginning on April 1st. The tentative schedule is as follows:

June 1st-4th - Youth Sailing Adventure Camp -The Adventure Camp is for kids that already have some sailing experience and ideally have completed our Sailing Camp or can demonstrate necessary sailing skills.

June 14th-25th - Junior Sailing Course - Summer Youth Sailing for ages 8-18

June 28th-July 9th (no camp Monday 7/5/21-July 4th observed) Junior Sailing Course- Summer Youth Sailing for ages 8-18

July 12th-July 23th - Junior Sailing Course- Summer Youth Sailing for ages 8-18

The remainder of this year sailing events are listed below and hope all will get out to sail or offer support for the events.

June 7-11
2021 Hobie 16 NA Championship

June 12 & 13
MCOA Chapman Regatta

June 19
Round Horn Island

July 10 & 11
Island Hop

August 28 & 29
Katrina Memorial Regatta &
OSYC Club Wave Championship

September 24 25 & 26
Formula Wave Class Deep South

October 16 & 17
Shearwater Regatta

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Fleet Captain



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From Your Social Committee Chair,
Nicole McClendon



Hi everyone! Your social chair here! It's time to kick COVID to the curb and have some fun!

We have more regattas on the way. We have our April Fool's Regatta coming up soon and it ain't no joke! But the Big Daddy comes in June ... our Hobie 16 North American Championships that will

bring people from all corners of the USA as well as Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico. This is a great honor for our yacht club to be selected for such a huge event. We anticipate 70+ Hobie 16' sailing teams will be here to participate. It will be a groovy time that includes a disco party (ask Robbie Holstead for more details). Included during this week-long regatta will be our new membership gathering too! We are going to double dip with tons of fun!

If you know of anyone that would like to join our yacht club family, send them our way! We just opened the doors to include more members in time for summer.

Speaking of summer, don't forget to put our Pool Grand Opening coming up on Memorial Day weekend on your calendar. We are working hard to get it back open before Memorial Day. Please be patient because our upgrades will be worth the wait!

Next Events:

April Fools Regatta ~ April 9-11

1699 Regatta ~ April 24 & 25

Kentucky Derby Whiskey Tasting Party ~ May 1

Cinco de Mayo ~ May 5

Memorial Weekend Pool Grand Opening ~ May 31

Hobie 16 North American Championships ~
June 7-11

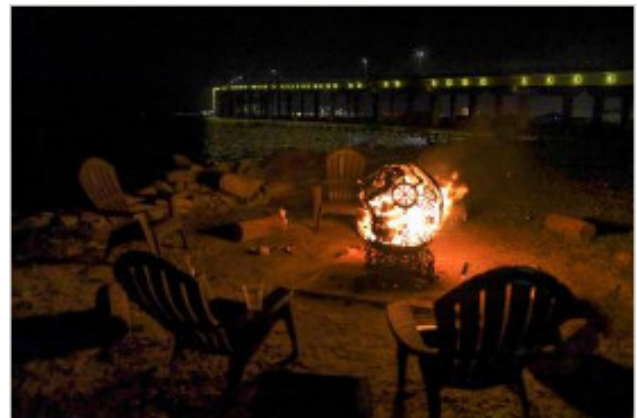
Regatta Disco Ball Party ~ June 9

Annual Membership Drive ~ June 7-11

MCYA Chapman Regatta ~
June 12-13

XOXOXO~ Nicole

Nicole McClendon, 1st Term Board Member &
Social Committee Chair



Bonfire in the Club's backyard (T. Callahan)

For pictures from past events at the OSYC, please visit the OSYC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OceanSpringsYachtClub/>

Photographs from recent and past events can also be seen on the OSYC website:

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Remember to check your email for "This Week at the OSYC" for special updates.



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From Your Club Manager, Trisha Callahan
OSYachtClub@cableone.net



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Spring is in the air! So is a lot of construction, as you have probably noticed. Please steer clear of all hazardous materials downstairs during the next few weeks. We will start pouring concrete if the weather permits on Good Friday. We will have

everything cautioned taped off, but if the wind blows it away, please refrain from using the area downstairs, and the back deck stairs will be off-limits. You can access the Club elevator and use the front stairs as well. If all goes as planned, we will be ready for the April Fool's Regatta!

Please make your reservation for the Easter Brunch Buffet to ensure we have enough seats. We will have two seatings, the first at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m., to accommodate as many members as possible. The menu will include eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, sweet potato casserole, pea salad, assorted muffins and fruits, biscuits, and rolls at a cost of only \$10.00 per adult and \$6 per child.

I want to welcome our new members and invite you to join in all of our springtime festivities. One of our new members is hosting a yoga class on Thursday, April 29th at 3:00 PM. Please email or call the club to reserve your space. Due to free admission, this will be first-come, first-serve. Donations are not required but are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to play our new game "Flick the Ticket" winner will have their receipt paid. All you have to do is ask the bartender to drop your ticket in the box, and on the last Saturday of each month, we will draw a lucky winner.

Club hours: Monday 12-8:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 10:30 AM-9:00 PM, Friday & Saturday 10:30 AM-10:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM-9:00 PM

Galley hours: Monday 12:00-7:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 12:00-8:00, Friday & Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm-8:00 pm

April events on the calendar:

April 1st Ladies Night

April 2nd Easter Egg Hunt

April 4th Easter Brunch Buffet

April 8th Ladies Night

April 8th-11th April Fool's Regatta

April 15th Ladies Night & Parrot Head Meeting

April 22nd Ladies Night

April 24th Grill Your Own Steak Night

April 24th & 25th 1699 Regatta

April 29th Yoga Class 3:00PM & Ladies Night

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your manager. I will continue to work hard to support all aspects of our club and the best interest of the membership. Please feel free to email or call and talk with me personally about ways to make our club better!

Trisha Callahan
General Manager

"The first blooms of spring always make my heart sing."

