

**Ocean Springs Yacht Club** 

August 2022

100 Front Beach Drive Ocean Springs, MS 39564

#### Commodore's Report



August brings with it the return to school from elementary to high school and all of our college students as well. This month marks a special milestone for the Hebert Family as our first child goes off to

Ole Miss in less than two weeks. We are very proud of Marissa and look forward to hearing all of her "Hotty Toddy" experiences!

The Club has been as busy as ever lately. The rains of July have done little to slow down the crowds. The new frozen drink machines are a big hit, and Bobby's kitchen is surprising us often with wonderful specials. Our staff has been exceptional with their dedication to service and our membership's needs, and I'm passing along a personal "Thank You!" to each and every one of them.

The official business of the Club keeps moving forward as well. While supply chain and labor availability issues still present hurdles for all of us, the Club has done relatively well navigating these rough times. As we move past August and then Labor Day, expect to see some noticeable changes and improvements around the Club. Like always, if you have any questions about anything at the Club, please see our Club Manager Trisha or give me a call.

Tim Fortney, immediate Past Commodore, is currently seeking individuals that are interested in serving on the OSYC Board. If you are interested please see Tim.

Until I see you at the Club....

Lloyd

### 2022 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Lloyd Hebert Vice Commodore - Nicole McClendon Rear Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich Fleet Captain - Robbie Holstead Treasurer - Michael Ramsey Secretary - William Buchanan

# Board of Governors:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Kay Lynn Beemon 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - James Van Leer 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard Past Commodore - Tim Fortney



# From the Rear Commodore, Carroll Kovacevich



Summertime is leaving ... but the heat is staying. Most of our kids will be returning to school this week. So parents, if you have time and want to get away from the hustle and bustle of back to school life for a few hours, come hang by the pool. It's usually nice and peaceful during the week.

Speaking of kids, I would like to commend our two certified U. S. Sailing Instructors, Amanda Romano and Dani Zwerg, plus their sailing staff for an extremely successful 2022 Summer Sailing Camp. The classes were organized and disciplined. Not only did the kids learn how to sail from experienced sailors, they learned about team work and the importance of water safety. And they had fun doing it. These classes can have a positive lasting effect on a child's life. I received quite a few compliments from parents and guardians about the structure of the camp and how well it was run. It was by far the best summer sailing camp I have seen at OSYC!! So to Amanda, Dani, and their staff - thank all of you for an outstanding job!!!!

Ill leave you with this thought.....

Football is right around the corner!!!!

Carroll

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



Hello from your Fleet Captain -

July is coming to an end and our youth will be back in school during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. Our summer sailing camps finished the last week of July, and we held our Youth Regatta on July 30. We had great attendance this year with 80 youth sailors participating. Thanks to Amanda Romano and Dani Zwerg, our US Sailing Certified instructors and lead counselors for this years camps, we implemented a stricter sailing syllabus this year and attendees seem to enjoy it. I think we will see many of our youth sailing in the future. Also thank you to additional counselors Alex, Ruston, Justin, Drew, Karoline, Joel, Conner, Jon & Aiden, and our club volunteers Angela, Logan, Ruby Kate, & Nina. Big thanks to OSSS for their help and support with this year's camps and cooking pizzas onsite during the camps for the attendees lunches many times.

Club boats have been used heavily this summer and many members have become certified to sail. It is great to see our member of all ages getting on the water and enjoying sailing.

Our 48<sup>th</sup> annual Horn Island Hop was held July 9 & 10, with roughly 20 boats competing over two great days of sailing!! This year's event honored Chuck "Chickenman' Power, a long time supporter of our Club and our regattas. Chuck passed away early this year.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club and on the water!!

Robbie Holstead Fleet Capitan

# Remaining Regattas for 2022

August 27 & 28	Katrina Memorial/ OSYC Club Wave Championship
October 22 & 23	Shearwater



#### Past Commodore's Corner

#### Island Hop Race Report

Ok, so I hit the start mark. We call it the pin. It was designed to be a perfect start, it was going to be brilliant! This clever downwind start with a few knots of breeze wasn't ideal but we were set to deploy the spinnaker and roll away from the crowd until everything shifted. Light wind disaster struck with 30 seconds left before the start, the wind suddenly clocked around 180° to the South and we were in irons(dead head to wind). We found ourselves in the outbound tide with no momentum, trapped against the pin and cheek to cheek with Teri McKenna and Amanda Romano with similar struggles on their Hobie 20. We anxiously labored watching the fleet march away as we attempted to untangle from this comedic act of God at the start line. We repelled opposing hulls with feet outstretched fending each other off to at least avoid an insurance claim. When momentum was finally achieved we were dead last\* and hoping to salvage one piece of chicken on the island. So, we set off hoping to redeem ourselves. \*Actually, Teri was was just behind us but don't let facts get in the way of a good story.

Logan Fortier, my youthful crew of 17, seemed disappointed, but I optimisticly suggested it's much more fun to catch boats than fend them off. As we approached the shallows off East Deer Island we had made up substantial ground and found ourselves back in the mix of the Nacra 20 fleet. Not to be outdone but my deft start, this time I had a secret weapon, boards up! Since I've run aground too many times to count I raised the boards and confidently bragged how we'll watch our adversaries run aground as we coast past them a beam with satisfaction. It was going to be glorious as we had to claw our way back in the game. However, nothing, they didn't run aground. Still trailing, it was time to engage the boards since we obviously cleared the island...well damn, if it wasn't too shallow. We drug the bottom and lost them as sure as I heard Ashley Van der Meulen's cackle (it's an insensitive cackle).

Once again clawing back we narrowed the gap again only to hit a sunken battleship, British ship of the line, or some very hard equivalent. As we came to a screeching halt, narrowly escaping an ejection, Logan found himself between the hulls with one leg up, ass down, and struggling to get back on board and with some heaving and hauling we were eventually back underway and chasing the fleet once again.

Local knowledge paid off though as we headed for the turn with the fleet inexplicably heading off a few degrees West giving us the window to foot off East with speed to the turning mark escaping their dirty wind.

Miraculously we made the turn at the West end of Horn just in the lead and launching the spinnaker seeking the finish line we now fended off the challengers as the start chumps took line honors and ate first chicken at Horn Island!!!

Teri and Amanda's odyssey clawed their way back to the front of their fleet as well winning the Hobie 20 leg of the race. I'm confident some offer of libation will convince a sailor of a good story if you would like their take.

Never give up! Sail fast and eat first chicken!

Past Commodore Joe Pocreva

### Horn Island Hop 2022 Results

Hobie 16

- 1. Ron Gaston/Isabella Gaston
- 2. Jay Williams/Karoline Burroughs
- 3. Danielle Zwerg/Dan Zwerg
- 4. Harley Klein/Jim Gates

#### Hobie 20

- 1. Jason Bosley/Rapha Bosley
- 2. Teri McKenna/Amanda Romano
- 3. Jay Shuman/Robbie Shuman
- 4. Esteban Romano/Ruby Kate Romano

#### Nacra 20

- 1. Joe Pocreva/Logan Fortier
- 2. Andy Humphries/Willem van Der Meulen
- 3. Ashley Van der Meulen/David Anderson
- 4. Glen Bolner/Sarah Bolner\*



# From the OSYC Board Secretary, William Buchanan



Ahoy Sailors, Members, and Guests -

A new month is upon us, and the children will be heading back to school. This also means that the OSYC Annual Membership Meeting is quickly

approaching, and I would like to take some time to prepare our members, new and old, for the upcoming meeting. The OSYC Nominating Committee is in it's process of picking a slate for the upcoming year's 2023 new Board of Governors. Tim Fortney is the Chairperson for this process, and two members of the general membership must sit upon this committee. If you are interested, please contact Tim Fortney as he will form the committee.

The OSYC is always looking for people to fill committees, and there are several that are often not formed due to a lack of volunteerism that is required to have such committees. If one committee doesn't fit your schedule, interests, or conflicts arise, try another committee, as not all committees and personalities are reflected in every committee.

Here is a list of committees and relevant information in the OSYC By-Laws that may interest a volunteer. the official Chairperson ofr the committee is listed in brackets: Race Committee [Robbie Holstead], House Committee [Not Formed], Finance Committee [Michael Ramsey], Swimming Pool Committee [Not Formed], By-Laws Committee [Formed Upon Need], Sailing Committee [Robbie Holstead], Social Committee [Jillian], Grounds Committee [Not Formed], Publicity Committee [General Manager]. If a member wishes to join or form a Club committee, please contact the General Manager to be put on the list. Committee Reports are covered under our monthly Board of Governors meeting, and the Secretary will cover them in the meeting or the Committee Chair can in the Open Discussion time in the agenda.

OK, the idea about volunteerism on committees isn't to create another job but to allow people of like interests get together and volunteer for committees. It isn't a job and there is no boss just a Chairperson that is supposed to keep information flowing to committee members and provide relevant information to see if they can or will be able to help out the OSYC for a particular issue. It about getting together and having fun while accomplishing tasks for the OSYC.

On the lighter side, typing is really enjoyable. At least, I keep repeating it. I'd like to start to end with humor especially since everyone, in my opinion, needs more of it.

"At the regatta, the blue sailboat hit the red one ... they were marooned!"

Fair seas and gentle breezes 'til next month -

William "Bill" Buchanan 2022 OSYC Board Secretary



## From Your Club Manager, Trisha Callahan Office@osyc.com



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Summer is officially over, and the kids are going back to school. The summer heat will remain with us for a few more months, so I am sure the weekends will continue to stay busy. We are now up to 68 people on the Club's waitlist,

but I guess this is an excellent problem to have!

Now that we are approaching the slower months, we can finally start repairing and making those extraordinary improvements around the Club. We want OSYC to be as beautiful and welcoming as it can be. Thank you for being so patient; it will be worth the wait.

If you are interested in joining the OSYC Board, please let me or one of the flag officers know. Our current Past Commodore Tim Fortney will be organizing a nominating committee, so now is the time to get involved if you want to volunteer your time and be a part of our fantastic Board.

We are still preparing for our 13th Annual Drawdown. If you have anything you would like to donate or have friends and family with a local business who want to contribute, let us know.

Club hours: Monday-Thursday 10:30 AM-9:00 PM, Friday & Saturday 10:30 AM-10:00 PM, and Sundays 10:30 AM-9:00 PM.

Galley hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday Closed (Buffet Only), Friday 12:00-9:00 PM, Saturdays 11:00 AM-9:00 PM, and Sundays 11:00 AM-8:00 PM.

"August" Events on the calendar:

- August 3rd Trivia & Family Dinner Night
- August 4th Ladies Card & Parrot Head Meeting

August 9th - Hossfly Meeting

August 11th - Ladies Cards & Paint Class

August 16th - OS Carnival Association Meeting

August 18th - Ladies Cards & Board Meeting

August 9th - Wine Tasting

August 25th - Ladies Cards & Karaoke Night

August 26th - Golf Cart Movie Night

August 27th - Grill your Own Steak Night/Katrina Memorial Regatta

August 28th - Katrina Memorial Regatta

August 29th - Mark King Pottery Bowl-A-Thon

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 membership's best interest. Please feel free to email or call and talk with me personally about ways to make our club better!

Trisha Callahan

General Manager



In Loving Memory of Wayne "Mac" Allison McMurtray February 4th, 1941-July 21st, 2022 Ocean Springs