



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

January 2023

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report



A New Year - A New Chapter - A New Yacht Club!

I am grateful for the New Year and the growth coming to our Ocean Springs Yacht Club. Our new Board will be working diligently to bring you the best year ever.

The Board will be having its annual retreat this month to review our years past and strategically planning for 2023! I will also be reviewing the bylaws and house rules with our new Board members.

I am a firm believer in communication. My New Year's resolution is to have the best year yet and to meet my resolution, I will need willing participants to help me on all committees! PLEASE consider serving on one of the following committees:

- Race / Sailing Committee
- Maintenance Committee
- Finance Committee
- Swimming Pool Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Garden Club Committee

New Members Committee (Ad Hoc)

Pier Committee (Ad Hoc)

Hurricane Committee (Ad Hoc)

I feel strongly about the future of our club, and I will be making a great effort to make it the best it can be. I'll be looking forward to sharing all our great ideas and would love to hear from all of you!

XOXO

Nicole

Nicole McClendon  
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## 2023 Flag/Corporate Officers:

- Commodore - Nicole McClendon
- Vice Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich
- Rear Commodore - Michael Ramsey
- Fleet Captain - Amanda Romano
- Treasurer - Gian Motta
- Secretary - William Buchanan

## Board of Governors:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Sandra Carter
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Wendie Hilliard
- Past Commodore - Lloyd Hebert



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From the Vice Commodore,  
Carroll Kovacevich

From the Rear Commodore,  
Michael Ramsey



As I'm sure many of you know the new Board of Governors has not met yet. That should happen in a couple of weeks. So hopefully next month there will be more to write about.

However, I would like to mention a few projects that I think the new Board will have to address this year. In the

short term: the fence on the west (bridge) side of the property, the stairs, the state of our pier (we are a yacht club), the elevator, pool improvements and the showers. Long term items: expansion of the galley/kitchen, expansion of the dining room, expansion of the deck on the east side of the Club, and bar reconfiguration. We will see!

I hope for all of us to have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2023!

Carroll



Happy New Year! I want to first thank the nominating committee, my fellow 2022 Board members, and the membership of the Club for providing me with the opportunity to serve as Rear Commodore on the 2023 Board of Governors.

As we enter a new year, it is common to think about

changes that we want to make in our personal lives. As your new Rear Commodore, my New Year's Resolution is to work as hard as I can to facilitate improvements to the Club that members like you want to see.

I am excited to work with the rest of the 2023 Board of Governors and I believe that we are going to do great things for the Club under Nicole's leadership. I believe that the Club is in great hands. I am also excited to join the Bylaws Committee and to continue my work on the Finance Committee under the direction of Gian Motta – a brilliant financial planner and a good friend. I want to encourage members to seek out opportunities to get involved with committees that help guide the direction of the club and with the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron that does amazing work in support of the Club and its sailors.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Thank you,  
Mike Ramsey  
Rear Commodore



<https://www.waymarking.com/gallery/image>



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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano  
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Happy Holidays and hello there! I'm Amanda Romano, your new fleet captain for 2023! I'm married to Esteban Romano; we have three

children, Marina (17), Zane (15) and Ruby Kate (14). Last summer I had the privilege to come aboard and restructure and direct our youth sailing summer camps. You may have seen most of us last summer; Marina was head lifeguard, Zane was also a lifeguard and Ruby Kate volunteered as a counselor in training at OSYC's sail camp. I'm very excited to get people sailing and especially to promote youth sailing!

Many thanks to Robbie Holstead for the amazing job he did as fleet captain for two years in a row and for the time and effort he has instilled in me to make me the best I can be for you. I also want to thank the OSSS for nominating and entrusting me with the responsibilities as your fleet captain.

I want to give a big shout out to Bob Rashka, one of our past commodores, for generously donating over one thousand dollars to help fix broken sailboats; he has hopes that others may want to contribute as well. This is a great contribution as it allows our numbers to grow for the sail camps in summer for our youth.

Lastly, I want to mention that the OSSS started a new tradition of having a thank you party at the Shearwater Regatta to honor all of those who volunteered throughout the year to help with regattas and camps running smoothly. If you feel the urge to get involved in sailing in any way please don't hesitate to reach out to me, I'd love to get you plugged in!

Best,  
Amanda Romano  
Fleet Captain

### 2023 Tentative Regatta Schedule

March 30 April 1 & 2 2022  
Midwinters East and April Fools Regatta

April 29 & 30  
1699 Regatta

May 27 & 28  
Slip to Ship Regatta

June 17  
Round the Horn

June 20 - 24  
Potential Hobie National Event

July 8 & 9  
Island Hop Regatta

August 26 & 27  
Katrina Memorial Regatta /  
OSYC Club Wave Championship

October 14 & 15  
Shearwater Regatta





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From Your Club Manager, Trisha Callahan  
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Ahoy There from Your Club!

We're so grateful for all our outstanding OSYC members. You inspire us to be better each day, every year comes with its challenges and wins, and you've been with us every step of the way. We can't wait to move onward and upward in

2023. Thank you for keeping us in your corner! Whatever this year brings, we'll crush it together, and we're psyched to share another year with you! Happy New Year!

I want to thank the 2022 OSYC Board for their hard work and dedication to our club. Please keep in mind that these are volunteer positions and all are important ones at that. It is a lot of hard work, and most of our board members also work full-time jobs.

We accomplished so many things during 2022, and we appreciate your patience. Patience is crucial, but I am glad we achieved what we set out to finish. Unfortunately, it takes time and has proved hard to find workers to complete these jobs. We have much more planned to make OSYC beautiful.

I am very excited to work with our new Board and hope you welcome them openly. We have some fantastic things planned this year to improve our club. You will see more events on the calendar, and we hope to have lots of fun, play, and positivity in 2023. Please check out our Facebook page and weekly email blasts for up-to-date information. We also have a calendar on our OSYC webpage with all our events and private parties listed, so be sure to check it out. Finally, we want the membership to be more involved and hope you choose to join in helping make that a reality and bring back our family bond and positive vibes.

Club hours: Monday-Closed, 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-Closed, Tuesday-Thursday 12:00-8:00, Friday & Saturday 12:00-9:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm-8:00 pm

"January" Events on the calendar:

January 4<sup>th</sup> Trivia Night

January 5<sup>th</sup> Ladies Cards/Parrot Head

January 6<sup>th</sup> Live Music/Full Moon Social

January 10<sup>th</sup> Hossfly Meeting

January 11<sup>th</sup> Ladies Cards/Dr. Hirsh Book Signing/Paint Class w/Monet on the Rocks

January 13<sup>th</sup> Live Music D/R

January 15<sup>th</sup> Kids Smores' Night

January 17<sup>th</sup> Garden Club/OS Carnival Association Meeting

January 18<sup>th</sup> Ladies Cards/Dance Class D/R

January 20<sup>th</sup> Dining Room Closed for Decorating

January 21<sup>st</sup> Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch Ceremony

January 26<sup>th</sup> Cooking Class

January 27<sup>th</sup> Karaoke Night w/Chris Davidson

January 28<sup>th</sup> Grill Your Own Steak 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 magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all."