



# Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

February 2023

100 Front Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

## Commodore's Report



Starting with our LOVE month... I would first like to thank the group of Past Commodores and members who stood along side of me during the Change of Watch ceremony. I will cherish all your kind words and gracious advice. I appreciate each and every one of you and promise to stand by my word to make the club the best I can make it. And what a wonderful Commodore's

Ball! The band was so much fun and Bobby & his staff really showed out with all the delicious food! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in its success.

I just want to take a moment to express how much the Ocean Springs Yacht Club means to my family and I. We joined the club almost four years ago... that is half of the twins' life. We enjoy dining, swimming, parties, but most of all the comradery of all the members. When we joined, I had time to step away from our business and volunteer with the Social Committee. It helped me feel the dynamics of the club. I went on to take part as a board member. Yes, I was questioned as one of the youngest females "Are you sure this is what you want to do?" I've never wanted it more. I LOVE a project and love even more a challenge. I am a business owner by trade but a problem solver by heart. The stubbornness is just an added bonus, and you can thank my Sicilian and Hispanic background for that.

With all of this said, I am off to a full first month of "commodoreship"! Myself along with a few others attended the winter meeting in New Orleans for the Gulf Yachting Association. We were proud to represent our club and plan to attend more events. We have partnered with the sailing squadron to partially rebuild our pier in

preparation for our first regatta coming soon. We are creating a space for our kiddos "Future Sailors of OSYC" We have a lot of kids upstairs dining with parents during the cold months, so we've decided to make their own dining area that will include games, movies, and a sitter service. We have a group of honor students willing to volunteer for college credit hours. If you or someone you know may also need volunteer hours for school please sign up in the office for an interview.

As far as the building is concerned, we have had quite a bit of people asking about renovations and upgrades. Our plan to make those upgrades is coming soon, but first and foremost we need to fix our railings and stairs. It's become a safety issue that needs to be addressed quickly. We are, however, replacing the doors as soon as they arrive and we will work on each room... one room at a time!

I'm positive you all will enjoy the changes that are to come! Ideas are welcome but patience is needed. You have my word you will have a nicer yacht club coming soon that you will be proud of!

Lastly, I've been working closely with our managers at the Club. They have a great February planned out for you! We really couldn't do it without them. If you see Ann Marie, congratulate her for making into the pre-veterinary school at MS State. Also, pat Trisha on the back for joining the Pelican Chapter Education to further her management skills.

Our club couldn't be a club without our great workers and volunteers! Thank YOU!

XOXO,

Nicole

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From the Vice Commodore,  
Carroll Kovacevich

From the Rear Commodore,  
Michael Ramsey



The Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron will be working to make the pier viable for the 2023 sailing season. The Ocean Springs Yacht Club Board of Governors has voted to support the project and provide half of the cost of materials. The Squadron will provide the labor. I

believe this will be good for the Squadron and good for the Club.

Also The Board of Governors has approved the purchase of exterior doors. Double doors for the east side of the club which is the entrance to the bar. Double doors for the west side of the club which is the entrance to the dining room and a door for the north entrance to the kitchen. The work should start soon.

It's carnival time again!! As always both the Ocean Springs day parade and night parade will stage in front of the club. This year not only will there be food and drink upstairs but also downstairs for both parades. This will be available to members, their guest as well as the public. Contact our Club Manager Trish and her Krewe for more details. Let's all have a safe and fun fill Mardi Gras!!

Carroll



Ahoy!

I hope that everyone had a great time at our Commodore's Ball. I personally enjoyed the casual theme and thought that the food was excellent. On the Board side of things, we have had our first monthly

meeting and are working hard to get the club ready for the Summer. While the pool and our sailing activities are the main attractions here at the club in the Summertime, I encourage everyone to check out some of the great events that our club offers throughout the year. For example, this month, Bobby is planning a great menu for Valentine's Day and our club always hosts a big gathering for the Ocean Springs Mardi Gras parades.

First and foremost, we are a club for the members and by the members. If you have ideas for improvement or if there are events that you would like to see at the club, please let us know! We want to make the Ocean Springs Yacht Club the place to be in 2023.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Thank you,  
Mike Ramsey  
Rear Commodore



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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano  
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Good Day!

Although there hasn't been much sailing around the Club, I am excited to share with you a few tasks we have been up to in preparation for the

2023 sailing season.

Firstly, I wanted to thank the OSYC and the OSSS for getting started on the reconstruction of our pier. I especially want to recognize the members of our OSSS, Ronny Bond, Michael McNeir, Kenny Boudreaux, Krista Vind and Missy Partyka for putting in their own sweat equity for the labor aspects of the pier this last weekend in January. Our goal is to extend it to the first bump out to make it easier for motor boats to pull into the slips that already exist for regattas and other use.

Secondly, we are preparing for our first regatta of the season, Mid-Winters East and April Fools Regatta on 3/31-4/2. We are also having a youth division in the regatta, I wanted to thank the support given to youth sailing to allow them to sign up at no cost. We will have many sailors from out of town come into the club, so as always let's continue to welcome them with open arms and the warm hospitality we show them that keeps them coming back to the OSYC.

Lastly, I wanted to share the dates of the upcoming sail camps. We are adding two extra weeks of camp this year and are raising the number of campers allotted for each camp. We had such a successful summer last year and hope to be even better this year. Thank you so much for entrusting your future sailors with us to make the camps possible.

5/30-6/2 Adventure Camp (experienced campers)

6/5-6/30 1st Session

6/19-6/30 2nd Session

7/3-7/14 3rd Session

7/17-7/21 Adventure Camp (experienced campers)

7/24-7/28 Racing Camp (at counselors' discretion)

7/29-7/30 Youth Regatta

Registration will not be open until mid March!  
Looking forward to warmer days.

Best,

Amanda Romano

2023 Tentative Regatta Schedule

March 30 - April 1 & 2, 2023

Mid-Winters East and April Fools Regatta

April 29 & 30

1699 Regatta

May 27 & 28

Slip to Ship Regatta

June 17

Round the Horn

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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Pier repair/replacement progress (A. Romano)



### 2023 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Nicole McClendon  
Rear Commodore - Michael Ramsey  
Treasurer - Gian Motta

Vice Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich  
Fleet Captain - Amanda Romano  
Secretary - William Buchanan

### Board of Governors:

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Sandra Carter

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Board Member - Wendie Hilliard

Past Commodore - Lloyd Hebert





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

Let's dance and dine on this Valentine's Day. It is the month for love, and what better way than to have fun, laugh, and enjoy a great meal with your loved one or friend? So we will be hosting "Dine with your Valentine" at two persons for

\$99. This four-course meal includes a specialty cocktail or a paired wine with your main entree. We will have two options for each course: salad, appetizer, entree, and dessert. RSVP by February 7, 2023. Limited seating will be available so we can make your night as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Call or email to RSVP.

I am already feeling optimistic and excited about this new year. We have BIG plans and have already started assembling the Club's new 2023 committees. We have 67 membership applicants on the waitlist, and it keeps growing.

Ladies' Night is back! Ladies, please join us every Thursday for half-price house wine and well-cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM. Bobby and our amazing kitchen staff will continue to create just for you specials, and our excellent bar staff will come up with great-tasting drink specials. Also, remember to check out our \$2 beer bin.

We have created a member/guest/employee statement sheet. Feel free to ask any staff member for this form and give us suggestions, positive or negative feedback, and anything else you want the flag officers and board to be aware of or issues you want to resolve.

Club Hours: Monday-Closed; Tuesday - Sunday 10:00 AM-10:00 PM

Galley Hours: Monday-Closed; Tuesday noon-8:00 pm, Wednesday 2:00-9:00 pm, Thursday-Sunday noon-9:00 pm

"February" Events on the calendar:

February 1<sup>st</sup> Trivia Night

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Cards & Ladies Night /Parrot Head

February 4<sup>th</sup> Elks Mardi Gras Day Parade

February 9<sup>th</sup> Ladies Cards & Ladies Night/Paint Class w/Monet on the Rocks

February 14<sup>th</sup> Dine with your Valentine.

February 16<sup>th</sup> Hossfly Meeting & Ladies Night

February 17<sup>th</sup> The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual OS Night Parade

February 21<sup>st</sup> Garden Club/OS Carnival Association Meeting

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Joe/Sailing Lecture

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Cards & Ladies Night/Resin Art Class

February 25<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 membership's best interest. Please feel free to email or call and talk with me about ways to improve our Club!

Trisha Callahan  
General Manager

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none."

