



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

March 2023

100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



Hello March and hello good weather! Spring is quickly approaching, and we have lots to do!

We will be working on our front stairs and banisters this month, getting that safety hazard smoothed out and adding some more lights. Our garden team will be adding some beautiful

blooms along the front, and we are also working with the city on getting a privacy fence on the bridge side. We've had a few distractions with some drifters on our property. Please be aware of your surroundings in the evening time. We are working diligently with the city to resolve this issue. After the front side is looking beautiful, we will check out the back lawn and surrounding area.

Moving inside, we have some craftsmen giving us quotes on a few upgrades starting in the front of the building. As you all know, we are bursting at the seams, and we may be adding another ad hoc committee soon for an expansion. But until then, I would like to reserve the real estate space we already have and build more storage. We have not utilized some of our space properly and it's time to make our club shine! Please be patient with us while our club is under some new updates, but I promise it will flow better and look great in the end!

For parents with grade school children, our kid zone is under way. We have started and will have

complete real soon a kids corner on the top floor of the porch. It is Lola Kate and Stella approved!

I would also like to report that our board meetings have been running smoothly, praise the Lord! I have been really enjoying our monthly manager meetings!

If you haven't already, please stop by the bar and introduce yourself to Chris our new bar manager. He's a keeper! As always, I have an open door policy. Feel free to give me a shout anytime!

XOXO
Nicole

Nicole McClendon
commodore@osyc.com.

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

2nd Year Board Member - Kristen Grizzard
2nd Year Board Member - Dos Hetrick
1st Year Board Member - Sandra Carter
1st 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



Well ... springtime is doing it's best to send wintertime packing. I know that we have to get through the month of March first, and March has been known for some very cold and stormy surprises. But let's hope the current warm trend and nice weather continues!!

So as the days get longer, temperatures rise and Daylight Savings Time approaches, the subject for the day, boys and girls, can only be..... The Pool!!

Here are some things to remember if you decide to use the pool;

A) There are no lifeguards on duty. They are not scheduled to come on board until Memorial Day Weekend. We may have some working a few weekends before.

B) CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR ADULT GUARDIAN!!!

C) Pool rules apply.

D) Pool umbrellas will probably be kept in storage until the second half of March. But that could change according to the weather.

E) Members and their guests only.

F) The water is cold!!!!

Carroll



Ahoy!

As I am writing this, I am on a plane heading to Germany as part of a 4-week deployment with my Air Force Unit. I am bringing an OSYC burgee that will fly on one of our C-130s as they fly over Europe. I will miss the Club, but I will be happy

to share the stories of my adventures when I get back next month.

As I searched the internet for "yacht clubs near Ramstein AB" and looked at the area for places that would remind me of OSYC, I was reminded of a trip that my wife and I took to Hawaii. While on our visit to Honolulu, we planned a stop at the Waikiki Yacht Club. That visit turned into frequent trips to the WYC as we fell in love with our home away from home. Everyone was friendly and we were welcomed with open arms. We even secured a spot on a sailboat for their Friday night races - where the boat we sailed on won first place! Our membership at OSYC opened the door for us to make some great friends on our Hawaiian vacation and made for some great times with a little touch of home.

I want to encourage all of our members to be ambassadors of OSYC while you travel and to use your membership to open doors on your adventures. I want to also emphasize how important it is to be welcoming and hospitable to visitors to our Club - especially as we enter sailing season and we start to see sailors and guests from all over the world come to enjoy OSYC.

I look forward to seeing you at the club!

Mike Ramsey
Rear Commodore

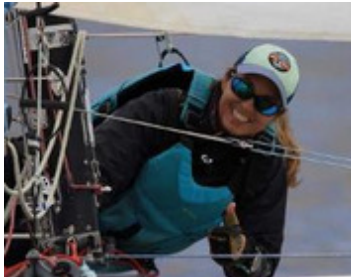




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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano
FleetCaptain@OSYC.com



Dear OSYC Members,
Spring is upon us, and the sailing season is just around the corner! We are looking forward to another exciting year at the Ocean Springs Yacht Club.

We are excited to announce that our Youth Sailing Camps registration is open for members. We are having two adventure camps for those that have already taken sail camp, and three 2-week session camps for newbies or for those that just love sailing and want to refine their skills. These camps are open to all children aged 8-15 and are designed to introduce them to the sport of sailing in a safe and fun environment. To register go to the Regatta Network website and search other events.

We have our first regatta of the season March 31-April 2, Hobie Midwinters and our April Fools Regatta. So far we have over 60 sailors registered and it is just the beginning of March. I am super stoked about our youth division, I love seeing our youth participate in regattas. I want to thank the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron for sponsoring this division by waiving their registration fees!

The success of our club depends on the participation and involvement of our members. Whether you are a seasoned sailor or new to the sport, we welcome your ideas and contributions. If you have any suggestions or would like to get more involved, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our sailing squadron.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that safety is our top priority at the OSYC. As we prepare for the upcoming season, please take some time to review our safety guidelines and make sure your boats are in good condition. Thank you for your continued support of the OSYC, and I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Best regards,

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain, Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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

July 8 & 9
Island Hop Regatta

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

October 14 & 15
Shearwater Regatta

From the OSYC Board Secretary,
William Buchanan



Ahoy Members -

Regatta Season is approaching. I'd like to gauge some interest in an event for power boat owners and Regatta Sailors that help OSYC and OSSS host regatta events. Please respond to

Secretary@osyc.com if you'd like to have one.

Fair Winds,

William "Bill" Buchanan
2023 OSYC Board Secretary



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Marina Romano and Carroll Kovacevich
(photo by Amanda Romano)



Wave righting practice (photo by Amanda Romano)



2023 Sail Camp Graduates (photo by Amanda Romano)



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Past Commodore's Corner

Three years ago, one of our BIC sailor training sail boats was stolen from OSYC. Several months later the boat was returned to the Club; only the hull was returned. The mast, sails, rudder and daggerboard were not. For the past two summers, Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron (OSSS) instructors taught youth sailing classes with just three of these boats.

I believe replacing the missing past will cost from \$2,500 to \$3,500. I am offering the OSSS \$1,500 toward purchase of the stolen parts to return four boats to the sailing classes.

If anyone wishes to give to the purchase of replacement of the stolen parts, please make your check out to the Ocean Springs Sailing Squadron and not to OSYC. Your OSSS contribution will be deductible on your 2023 tax return.

Two other Club members have given me a total of \$50 towards the purchase of replacements for the stolen parts for a total of \$1,550.00 to date. I will hold my request for additional contributions open until May 1, 2023. Again, a contribution to the OSSS is tax deductible under IRS code 170/501C3.

Sincerely,

Robert J. "Bob" Rashka
1974 OSYC Commodore



O'Pen Bic sailboats on the water
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6NkTrDM2Wk>)



Rear Commodore Mike Ramsey displays the OSYC burgee headed for Ramstein AB



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



Ahoy There from Your Club!

Irish, I was drinking at the OSYC! So join us on March 17th at 6:00 PM for a fabulous St. Patrick's Day celebration with Green Beer, Drink Specials, and Live Music by "Shades of Green"! In addition,

we will have an Irish-style food special and a Pot of Gold Game. So wear Green or get Pinched!

We have started creating the "Kids Korner" located on the back deck. Fun games and activities will fill the corner for the little ones to stay entertained. In addition, we will host Family S'Mores night on the third Sunday of each month. Also, our Dance classes will return this month; we will host two on March 16th and the 23rd.

Our First Regatta is coming up at the end of this month, the "Mid-Winters / April Fools Regatta." Volunteer to be a part of the event!

Summer is approaching quickly, and we want to be ready to provide you with the best service. You will see lots of smiling sailor faces over the next few months. Please make them feel welcome and part of our wonderful OSYC Family.

We have created a new 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 your OSYC Board to know about or issues you want to resolve.

Don't forget to check out our NEW Galley hours!

Club Hours: Closed Mondays, Tuesday-Sunday
10:00 AM-10:00 PM

Galley hours: Closed Mondays, Tuesday-11:00 AM-9:00 PM, Wednesday 2:00 PM-9:00 PM, Thursday and Sunday 11:00 AM-9:00 PM

"March" Events on the calendar:

- March 1st - Trivia Night
- March 2nd - Ladies Cards & Ladies Night
Parrot Head Meeting
- March 9th - Ladies Cards & Ladies Night
Paint Class w/Monet on the Rocks
- March 14th - Hossfly Meeting
- March 16th - Dance Class & Ladies Night
- March 17th - St. Patricks Day Party/Live Music
- March 21st - Garden Club & Dr. Joe History of Sail
- March 22nd - Ocean Springs Carnival Association
- March 23rd - Ladies Cards & Ladies Night
Dance Class
- March 25th - Grill Your Own Steak Night
- March 30 and April 1 & 2 2022
Midwinters East and April Fools Regatta

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

"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

