



Breezes AND Blows



Ocean Springs Yacht Club

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100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Commodore's Report



A new year is upon us and there are still challenges and decisions ahead, but we are nearing a return to the upstairs. Many of you have asked about the timetable for the reopening of the Club. The honest answer is hopefully in January. We are awaiting kitchen equipment. Once the equipments arrives the

installation and try out phase should move quickly. Fingers crossed.

I invite everyone to go upstairs and take a look. Let us know what you think.

The club is in transition, as we have been since June of last year. Change is something we are all adjusting to. Some changes are easy to accept. Some are more difficult, especially when it deals with new personalities, new leadership approaches and new management styles. We as a Club are experiencing that now. The way we operated last year at this time is quite different than the way we operate today and will operate in the future. We must adjust to the changing times to be successful. It is great to reminisce but not productive to dwell. Obviously I am not asking or expecting members to agree with all the changes. We appreciate knowing what you like and don't like. But I would ask that all keep an open mind and allow these changes to be implemented. If they work..... great!! If they don't, we will seek better solutions for all of us. Your support is critical as we move forward.

I want to remind our membership that if you wish to speak at a board meeting so must be on the agenda prior to the agenda being set. Also, our board meetings are OPEN to all our membership. It's your Club.

As of this writing the 2024 Board of Governors has not met yet. That will happen soon. When we do convene our focus and efforts will be to chart a positive and progressive course for the coming year and beyond.

I wish all of you a Happy and Blessed New Year!!!!

Carroll

Carroll Kovacevich
2024 OSYC Commodore

2024 Flag/Corporate Officers:

Commodore - Carroll Kovacevich
Vice Commodore - Michael Ramsey
Rear Commodore - Dos Hetrick
Fleet Captain - Amanda Romano
Treasurer - Meade Tyler
Secretary - Vince Smith



Board of Governors

2nd Year Board Member - Sandra Carter
2nd Year Board Member - Wendie Hilliard
1st Year Board Member - Nancy Duckett Allen
1st Year Board Member - Bruce Small
Past Commodore - Nicole McClendon



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From the Vice Commodore,
Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

What a year! 2023 was a difficult time for the Club, but as the reconstruction of the building comes together, I believe that we have a lot to look forward to in 2024.

Once the upstairs is fully operational, I look forward to focusing the Board's efforts on making other improvements to better the Club. During the repair process, the Board has heard a lot of feedback from members about the repairs and about other changes that people would like to see in the Club. I look forward to hearing more recommendations. While we cannot enact every suggestion that is brought to the Board, healthy discussion and commentary is how we ensure that every member has a say in the future of the Club.

While we talk about the future of the Club, it is important to remember that every member of the Board is a member of the Club that has volunteered to help shape the future of the Club and to address its issues. If you would like to help with some of your time to help serve the Club, please consider volunteering for one or more of our various committees. I intend to send out something soon to make it easier to try to sign up to get involved. I look forward to what we can achieve in 2024.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!
Mike Ramsey,
Vice Commodore

From the Rear Commodore,
Dos Hetrick



I'm not one to write long columns. I would like to thank everyone for your confidence. I'm humbled to be the new OSYC Rear Commodore, and I hope every one of

our members and their families have a fun, safe and successful year.

It is my goal to work so that the Club is first a club, but also a great place to be, as we continue to build on our fiscal success. We still have some huge bridges to cross, but I know the new Board will do all that we can to get the Club running again.

I am always open to hearing your concerns, questions and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dos

New OSYC Online Member Portal

The Ocean Springs Yacht Club member portal is now available for your use at members.osyc.com/login. We are excited about providing you with the most current online communication for Club members. Please log in and visit the member site. Immediately you will see upcoming special events, the latest club news, and a "quick links" area with many useful tools. **Logging in is simple - just click on this link:**
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From the Fleet Captain, Amanda Romano
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Dear OSYC
Members,

As we usher in the New Year, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. I hope this year brings you joy, success, and countless memorable moments on and off the water.

I am thrilled to share some fantastic news with you all! We must've been on the nice list this year because the OSSS/OSYC have expanded our fleet by adding two brand new Hobie Wave boats. Big thanks to our OSSS board member, Kenny Boudreaux for hooking up his sleigh to help transport these boats to us from Dallas, TX.

As we set sail into 2024, let's continue to nurture our passion for sailing and creating lasting memories. Here's to a year filled with thrilling regattas, tranquil sails, and camaraderie that strengthens with every wave. Wishing you fair winds, smooth seas and a Happy New Year!

Best,
Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain





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From Your Club Manager, David Danna
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Greetings OSYC'ers!

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

2024 is upon us and optimism abounds! In addition to our "new" clubhouse, our new private, members-only website that allows members to see statements, make payments, and keep up to date with club events is live.

As a friendly reminder, statements will still be processed and sent out at the end of the month.

OSYC will no longer process member payments on the 10th as we have in the past. Instead members MUST set up your payment method and make your payment on the website preferably by the 10th (as it has in the past). If your payment is not received by the 27th of the month, then a 10% late charge will be assessed to your account on the first day of the next month.

One of our objectives for the new year is to clean up our membership files, including getting our members' account receivables and past due accounts up to date.

With our new software, we can more easily track member payments and non-payments. Regarding accounts that are past due, we will follow the procedures outlined in our By-Laws and House rules.

Nicole did an amazing, admirable, and remarkable job navigating the very rough waters of a tumultuous 2023.

As we head into 2024, OSYC can take comfort in having Carroll Kovacevich as our new Commodore. I don't think I'm alone in saying that Carroll is the heart and soul of OSYC.

Please let us know if you need any assistance with accessing your account, setting up your payment method, or scheduling your payment-call us in the office, 228-875-1915 or email us office@osyc.com.

There's a shadow on the road behind. There's sunlight on the road ahead.

David Danna

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