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Ocean Springs Yacht Club

February 2024

**100 Front Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564**

Commodore's Report



It's carnival time and The Ocean Springs Yacht Club celebrated the Ocean Springs Day Parade in full force this past Saturday. Despite the weather the turnout was great!! There were a lot of people in costumes and Mardi Gras gear hanging out at the Club letting the good times roll!! From the adult kids to the little kids and anyone in between it seem like all

enjoyed a fun time. The food was a heck of a lot better than good, especially the gumbo!! Our staff did a fantastic job preparing for the over flow of people and providing service to the many who patronized our club. Outstanding job Krewe!! It was like old times again!!

Speaking of celebrating it looks like we are getting very close to returning upstairs. The windows are being installed in the cupola. The bar top has been finished and the remaining bar equipment should arrive soon. The kitchen equipment is being installed. We are in the process of ordering tables and chairs for the dinning room. We are working on getting the igniters for the deck heaters installed. You may have notice the west side of the deck has been closed in with louvers to provide more storage space. I think we are starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel. Having said that I don't think we will be fully operational for two maybe three weeks. However, I envision a transition upward to the bar and deck for starters soon. Doing the transition, we may have to continue to serve food from downstairs until the kitchen is up and running. We shall see.

Finally, our annual drawdown is scheduled for April 13, 2024. Tickets and details will be available soon.

Carroll

Carroll Kovacevich
2024 OSYC Commodore

The Yacht Club Board for 2024 is bringing back the:

House Committee

This Committee is concerned with the Facility, the Grounds (Gardening) and Pier. Anyone wanting to join this committee should submit their name, email and telephone number to:

re@osyc.com

It's you club, let's make it even better.

The OSYC Emergency Management (EM) Committee is again recruiting new members. This committee meets only when needed and helps prepare for storms and any other events.

Last Year's Members will be carried over to this year (2024).

All you need to do is download the free GroupMe App.

For those that want to join the EM Committee (or need assistance with the App), please send your name, email and telephone number to.

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(Let's hope this committee never meets.)



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From the Vice Commodore,
Michael Ramsey



Ahoy!

I hope that you have had a chance to check out the progress upstairs. Our reconstruction is coming along nicely and we are going to be hard at work installing new equipment this week. I know that this reconstruction has been frustrating, but

please understand that it is the Board's priority to reopen the upstairs as soon as possible. As we reach the finish line on repairs and we prepare for a busy year, I want to draw attention to our House Rules. You can find a copy of the House Rules on our website under "Info for Members". Prior to the fire, the Board received several complaints regarding usage of the Club by non-members. Our Guest Policies are laid out in the House Rules – currently at page 4. Specifically, our House Rules state that in-town guests (residents of Harrison and Jackson County) may not be brought to the club on a recurring basis. When the Club fully reopens, we will be committed to enforcing the House Rules.

In addition to enforcing the House Rules, the Board has recently formed an ad hoc House Rules committee to review and propose changes to the existing House Rules. We want to modernize the rules and ensure that the rules are fair to all our members. If you are interested in helping with the House Rules committee, please reach out to myself or Nicole McClendon. As a note, House Rules changes are voted upon by the Board, while Bylaws changes can only be voted upon by the general membership.

In addition to the House Rules Committee, the Club has a number of other committees that assist in the operation of the Club. Please consider getting involved and helping to make the Club a better place.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Mike Ramsey,
Vice Commodore

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



Dear OSYC
Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and eagerly anticipating the upcoming sailing season and opening of our club. Recently I

have had a few members ask about sail camp dates, registration will open March 1st, but for those of you that are planning ahead I wanted to put out a preliminary schedule for sail camp:

5/28-5/31 - Adventure Camp
6/3-6/14 - Two week camp
6/17-6/28 - Two week camp
7/1-7/12 - Two week camp
7/15-7/19 - Adventure camp
7/22-7/26 - Race camp

If you have any questions about Sail Camp this summer please don't hesitate to reach out to me regarding any of the camps. Last year we had multiple parents asking for an adult camp; if you are interested in learning to sail, please let me know so that we can plan a camp for adults that could meet a few late afternoons during the summer.

Lastly, it has come to my attention that there might be some confusion regarding our sailboats, there is a part of the boat called the "trampoline," and I feel it's necessary to clarify that this designation is not an invitation for children to use it as an actual trampoline. While the name may imply a playful atmosphere, it is crucial to remember that our sailboats are first and foremost vessels designed for sailing. Jumping or bouncing on any part of the boat can lead to damage to the boat. So if you see any children or adults jumping on the boats can you please educate them and tell them to stop. I appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all members.



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Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to a fantastic season ahead.

Best,

Amanda Romano
Fleet Captain
OSYC

From Your Club Manager, David Danna
Office@osyc.com

Greetings OSYC'ers!

We would like to thank everyone who has logged onto our new private website and registered their payment information. While we have made significant progress, we still have a ways to go.

I've often been asked the question whether OSYC will still accept paper checks and/or cash for monthly statement payments. The answer is yes. We want to facilitate this process.

Since the implementation of our new software system on December 1st, we are getting a much better grasp of member payments, as well as non-payments. At our recent Board meeting, it was concluded that we will aggressively take action and regarding aging and delinquent accounts.

Now that we are through the transition period with the new software, we will make it a priority in following the rules regarding past due accounts.

Beginning February 2nd, here are the guidelines we will follow:

30 days delinquent-charging privileges suspended

60 days delinquent-suspended from all club activities

90 days delinquent-collections and revocation of membership

While we do not want to lose any members, we also want to enforce the existing rules in place.

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

General Manager

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From Your Social Committee Chair,
Wendie Dana



Dear OSYC Members,

The first month of 2024 has already come and GONE so that just means we are that much closer to start opening up the Club in stages. I am excited seeing the progress upstairs; even with the backorders and road blocks that have delayed a few repairs, it is coming along and looks good.

Our social calendar has been pretty nonexistent with the weather, but we are planning and I promise great things are coming when we get back upstairs. We will be bringing back live music and many other weekly or monthly events. We have more Mardi Gras fun coming, Change of Watch, Commodore's Ball and Family Day in March, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and our ANNUAL DRAWDOWN in APRIL just to name a few in the works.

If you would like to volunteer for one or all, please, email me at social@osyc.com. Also, download the new app. Thank you David and Gina for all your hard work and continue of work to make the online calendar work for us.

Best Regards,

Wendie (Hilliard) Dana
Board Member



Work nearing completion in the OSYC bar area
(photo credit; Wendie Dana)

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 Dana
- 1st Year Board Member - Nancy Duckett Allen
- 1st Year Board Member - Bruce Small
- Past Commodore - Nicole McClendon

