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*Welcome to the*

*Osprey Yacht Club*

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*January 2026*

*N 36.03.91', W 76.24.04' \* 421B Albemarle Blvd \* Hertford, NC 27944-9415*



## Welcome!

We are proud to have you as a member of The Osprey Yacht Club. The Osprey Yacht Club (OYC), founded in 1996 is based in the OYC Center (OYCC) located behind Dockside near the Marina. The OYCC is used for educational seminars and classes, Board of Directors meetings, OYC-sponsored social events, and is available to all members for casual use.

Our members take pride in the varied, eclectic, and numerous activities of our unique Club. We heartily welcome any AP resident with an interest in boating: power, sail, or paddle! Our annual calendar is filled with activities and opportunities to learn, socialize, and have fun on, in and around the water. Go to [APPOA NABR website OYC Club Group\\*](#) and be sure to JOIN for current posts and calendar. Check frequently for the latest information about upcoming activities. NOTE: *Don't press LEAVE....it will remove you from the Group.*

OYC business is conducted in accordance with our Bylaws and generally involves a formal business meeting twice a year. At the March meeting, you'll hear about plans for the coming season and have opportunities to shape events through volunteerism. At the November meeting, you'll relive all the fun we had (the pictures are great!) and vote on the following years slate of officers. Bylaws can be downloaded from the OYC club GROUP page on the [APPOA NABR website\\*](#).

The mainstay of our organization is volunteerism. Everyone is encouraged to find their niche to fulfill this important membership role. Helping organize events, serving drinks, and so forth is a great way to meet other members!

Please feel free to contact any of the Board members listed below if you have questions or if we can help you get the most out of your membership. Contact information is available on the [Yacht Club Officers and Contacts](#) page on the APPOA NABR site.

Again, welcome aboard! We look forward to having you join us for a year of fun on the water.

Michael Cantin  
Commodore



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## **Board of Directors - 2026**

### **Flag Officers**

**Commodore**

Mike Cantin

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**Social**

Monique Ethier

**OTW Training for Youths &**

**Adults**

Dave Whitten



OYC Website: <https://ospreyyc.com>

Related websites of interest:

APPOA

NABR

OYC Group [https://appoa.nabrnetwork.com/group\\_feed.php?group=11557](https://appoa.nabrnetwork.com/group_feed.php?group=11557)

Marina Website <https://apmarina.us/>

Albemarle Loop <https://albemarleloop.com/>

## Typical Programs and Activities

### **SOCIAL**

All social events are announced in advance to OYC members via email through the NABR resident website. Be sure to join the OYC GROUP to stay up-to-date on all activities. (*Log in to NABR→ For Residents; choose Groups; look for Osprey Yacht Club and JOIN*).

**New Member Reception** – New members are invited to a small social gathering hosted by the Commodore to meet the Board members.

**Blessing of the Fleet** – A tradition associated with the beginning of the boating season. It honors OYC members who have passed in the last year and is followed by the first Docktails of the year.

**Docktails** – Docktails are social gatherings for OYC members held at Marina Park or other venues around AP. OYC members bring an appetizer to share. Beverages (to include wine and beer if a liquor permit is granted), desserts, and music are provided by OYC.



**Twilight** – Twilights are informal gatherings, typically held late afternoon/evening. They take advantage of the spectacular sunsets we enjoy at Albemarle Plantation. This is a BYOB event. A light appetizer or snack is provided by OYC.

**Holiday Celebration** – In early December, OYC plans two consecutive nights of formal dining and dancing in the Clubhouse for members to celebrate the holidays.

## RACING AND REGATTA

**Racing** – OYC conducts two Facey Cup racing series each year. Weather permitting, races are held every Tuesday in May, June, September and October (races start at 2 PM).

Races are conducted in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and are handicapped using the US Sailing PHRF system. Coordination meetings are scheduled on the OYC Group Calendar. A Learn-to-Race course is sometimes offered in the spring to familiarize captains and crew with racing rules and procedures and to practice starts. It's all a lot of fun. Captains are always looking for crew!

**Regatta** – The OYC is a member of the Albemarle Sound Sailing Association (ASSA), and hosts the biggest and best sailboat race on the Albemarle Sound every year. The racing is exhilarating and the socializing is rewarding as we get to meet and mingle with other like-minded sailors who love the Sound! This year the ASSA Regatta will be held September 26-29 (see the OYC Group Calendar).

## ON THE WATER - Safe fun on the water is a primary focus of our Club!

**Kayaking** – OYC owns two kayak trailers capable of transporting up to 18 kayaks.

Many OYC members are highly experienced and can help novices learn techniques. Kayaking is a growing sport that allows even experienced blue water sailors an opportunity to enjoy the tributaries of the Albemarle Sound from a new perspective. Communities around the Sound offer unique kayaking trails and experiences.

**Cruising** – Club members often enjoy cruising together to the Chesapeake, or the Pamlico, or just around the beautiful Albemarle



Sound. Dates of planned cruises are posted in advance on the OYC Group calendar, though a few pop up on the schedule from time to time as the mood strikes. Come along and enjoy the company of your new friends in new destinations. You'll find documents on the OYC Group website and the [NOAA Chart 12205](#) useful for planning trips around the Sound.

**Just for Fun** – Activities are planned throughout the boating season to take advantage of our waterfront lifestyle. A Boat Parade followed by “water wars”, raft-ups in the Yeopim river, a beach dingy raft-up, kayak relay races, scavenger hunts, water poker, and more will fill your days with friends, food and fun. Come join us!

## ON THE WATER TRAINING FOR YOUTHS & ADULTS

**Youth Learn-to-Sail** – We offer a unique and highly respected youth Learn-to-Sail (LTS) program each summer, utilizing our Club-built (!) Opti sailboats and our Sunfish fleet. This program is usually booked up months in advance of the season. This program offers an unforgettable experience for your young family members. Please see the OYC Group page on NABR for dates (Calendar) and application forms (Docs).

**Adult Learn-to-Sail** – Programs include classroom instruction and on-the-water training for adults. On-the-water training may include utilizing our sunfish fleet and owner-captained larger sailboats.

## EDUCATION

The Education Director arranges seminars and classes on various topics that may include: safety, sailing, navigation, suddenly in command, boat maintenance, etc. We offer an eclectic collection of presentations by local residents and visiting boaters to learn more about our waterways.

## AP MARINA

We encourage you to use the Daily or Extended Float Plan for overnight or multi-day boat trips found on the Marina Website. You can fill it out online and submit or email it to the Dockmaster at [Dockmaster@albemarleplantation.com](mailto:Dockmaster@albemarleplantation.com). Current weather conditions at the Marina and local area forecast are posted on the AP NABR Home Page.



# Osprey Yacht Club, Inc.

The Club provides equipment and training opportunities to ensure that your time on the water is both enjoyable and safe. PFDs are available in a box at the entrance to the marina. Please borrow what you need and return it ASAP..

The diagram on the next page shows the average soundings in the marina made by members of your club. NOTE: Depths change based on the prevailing wind.

**SIPIT (Shelter-in-Place Incident Team)** – Occasionally, heavy weather may threaten our little corner of Paradise. When it does, our volunteer SIPIT kicks into action to help members shelter-in-place or evacuate as required. If your boat is berthed in the AP Marina AP policy requires that you have a plan, updated annually, on file with the Dockmaster.

