



Occoquan Yacht Club
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COMING EVENTS

CORRECT 17 Jan. 1985 - General Membership Meeting (Special Program) Occoquan Inn
XX March - Annual General Membership Meeting (Election of Officers) 3/9
XX March - Change of Command Banquet 3/30

1984 OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Commodore	Bill Shaw	491-8227
Vice Commodore	Gene Fichter	690-4869
		494-6710
Executive Rear Commodore	Aaron Martin	491-1287
Secretary	Nedra Connor	491-3176
Treasurer	Ed Connor	491-3176
Rear Commodore for Sail	Chuck Sands	491-2467
Rear Commodore for Power	Jim Dagenhart	250-6842
Social	Paula Shaw	491-8227
Public Affairs	Ann Burrows	751-1319
Historian	Adele Baker	494-9079
Rear Commodore for Racing	Open, Volunteer!	
Safety Advisors	John & Marilyn Piper	754-7420

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Membership now approaches 120, with 2 junior members on our rolls! Thank you all for your tremendous support as 1984 draws to a close; we could not have done it without each and everyone of you. As an introduction to the rest of this Holiday Daymarker, Paula and I would like to wish each member and family Happy Holidays and a safe and plentiful 1985 season.

Fall is past and as we settle in for the winter we begin to think about our next boating season. When we winterized our boats and engines we may have overlooked one of the most vital parts of our auxiliaries, the wires. Spark plug wires, coil wires, battery cables, etc. can develop small cracks and checks over the winter and permit moisture to collect there. A light coating of CRC spray can reduce the likelihood of starting problems if used at lay-up time. By the way, don't forget to lightly spray the coil and battery terminals also.

Happy Cruising

January Meeting. The next OYC general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 January, at 19:30 in the upstairs room of the Occoquan Inn, Mill Street, Occoquan. A special program will follow the business session. Dinner and cocktails will be available from the Inn (please eat downstairs before the meeting). The business agenda will include establishment of a nominating committee and an early look at plans for 1985.

Christmas Party. Our first (annual) Christmas Party, held Saturday, 8 December at the Black Forest Inn, was an overwhelming success! Special thanks go to the party committee consisting of Paula Shaw, Linda Broker, Lucy Haynes, Rita Jacobs, and Meryl Piper, who put it all together, decorated the hall, and made the beautiful centerpieces which were given away. If you were not able to join the 55 of us present, hope you can next year. The "gift exchange" topped the evening with some truly unique items being exchanged (you really had to be there!).

River News. The Occoquan is rapidly becoming the "little Annapolis" of the Potomac River. At Prince William Marina, where the OYC flag flies, the last section of "A" dock is in preparation. "A" dock accommodates boats 30 to 40 feet and already has 4 live-aboards with a fifth planning to take up residence when "Last Call" overhaul is complete. Completion of "A" dock brings the PWM slip count to about 120.

John Ringle's Harmony Seaport is well underway and will provide an additional 80 or so deep water slips just up river from Hoffmasters (NOTE: deep draft sailboats with mast heights of 45 feet can pass under the I-95 bridge and access the area easily ... "Rusty Nail" surveyed the area on 2 December!). In addition to the slips, it is heard that Harmony Seaport will have "Mystic Seaport" style shops and offices overlooking the river.

Fairfax Yacht Club, the first "condo" marina in our area (you buy, not rent the slip), has completed nearly 100 slips for boats to 40 feet, with the 50 foot section now building. Ground breaking for the club house is just around the corner. If you have not visited FYC yet, do so one winter weekend (turn right on Old Colchester Road just after crossing the Route 1 bridge North and follow your nose).

Occoquan Navigation. Navigation for boats drawing up to 8 feet is a matter of following the well-maintained daymarkers to the Route 1 bridge (charted vertical clearance 65 feet). Here the daymarkers end, but deep water abounds as you reach the I-95 bridge (charted vertical clearance 44 feet through the south side uprights, but at least 50 feet on the unmarked north side in 25 feet of water). Beyond the I-95 bridge local knowledge is required to safely proceed the remaining mile to Occoquan proper. While not a substitute for local knowledge, boats carrying drafts to six feet can proceed on to the route 123 bridge (charted vertical clearance 25

feet) and to Occoquan prop. by staying well to the southsi while passing Hoffmasters Marina, Harmony Seaport, and the long rock island. When past the end of the island and adjacent to the boats moored at the private slips, angle over to the north side with a 20° angle towards the brick building just up river from the Northern Virginia Regional Park launching ramp. Parallel the north shore to the 123 bridge and proceed as desired.

Marinas and facilities along the river include Fairfax Yacht Club (now building), Beach Marina (gas, water, ice, marine store, pump out), Prince William Marina (gas, diesel, water, ice, pumpout), Hoffmasters (yard, haul out, marine store), Harmony Seaport (now building), and, at downtown Occoquan, Prince William Marine (gas, water, ice, provisions in town).

The Occoquan is a hidden treasure for Potomac River cruisers as the Coast Pilot, Cruising guides, and latest charts do not reflect the true water depths (6 feet at MLW and over 8 feet minimum at MHW). OYC encourages you and your friends to visit our treasure this winter by car and next season by water.

No-wake update. As previously reported, both Fairfax and Prince William Counties have officially designated the Occoquan a no-wake zone from marker 12 to the headwaters (copy of Prince William county resolution attached). Both counties have petitioned the state to approve this designation and the state currently has the matter before the federal government for approval. Once approved, Fairfax county will provide OYC the no-wake signs which we will install as a public service project. If you would like to assist in this project, please call Gene Fichter or Bill Shaw.

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by Gene Fichter

Thirty-one people attended our general meeting on October 25. The management (both Dicks) were in attendance and answered questions from the members.

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As of October 26, Prince William Marina now has a water filtration system installed to make the water more appealing.

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NOW HEAR THIS !!! Jerry's Rings 'N Things in the village of Occoquan has offered all card bearing members of OYC a 10% discount on all items and repairs in his shop. Many of our members use his services to make necklaces for the sharks teeth found in Wade's Bay. If you use a credit card it is a 5% discount. Please patronize this establishment -- he is a supporter of our club.

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Since we have voted to join the CBYCA, you might want to see their yearbook. Each Flag Officer has a copy for your review.

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MORE GOOD NEWS !!! Prince William Marine has offered a 10% discount to all club members even if they don't rent a slip from them. Also, on "Big Ticket Items" they will match Boat U.S. catalog prices. This sure is convenient for us, and a tremendous gesture on their part. By the way, they now have a 20% discount on Sperry Topsiders. Their gift shop is most appealing and they offer a variety of nautical items just in time for Christmas gift giving.

Once the restaurant complex is built, PWM will have a Shore Store at the docks also for your convenience. Bob Bagley, Richard Charles, Rick, George, John, Mark and Martha are also great supporters of our club. They would appreciate your patronage and stand ready to give you priority servicing of your craft.

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Many craft owners have decorated their boats with lights for the Christmas/Chanukah Season. This makes the entire river a festive sight.

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In cooperation with the Occoquan Businessmen's Association our club transported Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus to the village on Saturday, December 8 arriving at 1:00 p.m. where a Fire Truck picked them up. "Gemini" and "La Linda" provided an OYC flotilla escort blowing horns, etc. for this event.

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It sure adds class to "our neighborhood" when one of us often comes home from work in white tie and tails (J.W.)

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Our "resident shrink" made a Freudian slip when he referred to the well-known boating shoes as "Spermy Topsiders."

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We already have 12 volunteers to put up the "NO WAKE" signs. There are still other jobs to be done. If you are interested, please contact me or Bill Shaw.

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-- Classified Ads --

(listings free to all club members -- 30 words maximum)

For Sale: 1984 Landau Jon Boat 14' & 1984 Dilly trailer. Rarely used. See Gene Slip A-2 - 690-4869 or 494-6710. No reasonable offer refused.

Commodore's Boat "RUSTY NAIL" for sale. (Bill & Paula moving up to a 37'.) To inspect the well-found 30 foot diesel auxiliary sailing yacht, call Bill or Paula at 491-8227.

Tuna Log

Makes 2 logs (about 6" in length)

(Merilyn Piper - PWEC Recipe Book)

- 2 - 6 1/2 ounce cans tuna fish (drained)
- 1 - 8 ounce cream cheese (softened)
- 1 - TBS lemon juice
- 1 - tsp horseradish
- 2 - tsp grated onion
- 1 - tsp liquid smoke
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 - large package of chopped walnuts or pecans, or chopped parsley

Blend ingredients together. Roll into logs. Chill until firm (if needed). Roll chilled logs into chopped nuts or parsley, covering outer log completely.

Spread and serve on assorted crackers. (Can be frozen - thaw 8 hours before using)