



Occoquan Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, Va. 22125

# The Daymarker

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## OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE REMAINING 1985 BOATING SEASON

17-18 August		Overnight Cruise to Gunston Cove (Meteor Shower Watching)
31 August, 1-2 September		Three Day Cruise to Nowhere (Dunes)
7 September	1000-1400	Sail Race and Predicted Log Primer (Prince William Marina)
14 September	1100-1200	Second Annual OYC Open Regatta and Predicted Log Competition with Food Feast Following
		Fishing Contest (Kids/Jr./Sr.)
9 October	1930-2300	Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers at Occoquan Inn

## ATTENTION STARGAZERS AND METEOR WATCHERS

The OYC has scheduled for August 17th a cruise that will afford you the chance of a lifetime! That's right . . . an opportunity to join together and search the heavens for comet debris. According to Dr. Harrington of the Naval Observatory, a meteor shower should be visible in our area from July 25th through August 18th. The OYC cruisers will rendezvous at Gunston Cove about 5:00 p.m. and return on the 18th. A raft-up will be made on the south side of the cove in about 7 feet of water.

According to informed sources the meteor shower (Persid shower) is the debris from the comet "Swift Puddle" from the constellation "Persius" and was expected to return near earth in 1981 but didn't. The second best estimate was that it will return in 1992 and should be visible to the naked eye. As a supplement to this month's DAYMARKER, you will find a OYC METEOR SHOWER CRUISE GUIDE with charts of when and where to gaze.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Your Cruise Director is Aaron Martin 491-1287.

#### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS BY BILL SHAW

As we move into late summer, let me personally welcome all of our new members! Our rolls now stand at over 200 and rising. With those statistics as an introduction, there are several important things I would like all of you to consider over the next few weeks. First, elections for 1986 are just around the corner. Your nominating committee is hard at work trying to identify candidates by the end of the month so a slate to consider can be presented in the September DAYMARKER. Should, you be interested in running, please step forward! Second, our Second Annual Predicted Log Competition and Open Sail Regatta are in a few short weeks. More details appear later, but I would like to encourage everyone to compete in their respective categories. (Watch your mailbox for more detailed information and entry forms any day now.) OYC will conduct "Primer" sessions the week before to get you up to speed. Try it, you'll like it! Last, while its been a banner year for the club, we can probably do even better next year. The Executive Board is here to carry out your wishes. Please let the 1986 board know early what you would like to see included in next year's schedule.

How many of you were on the river in 1983? I was just looking back at some photos from that summer, when the Shaw family first arrived in Northern Virginia. The Occoquan was just beginning to grow, and we were the second boat on what is now "B" dock at PWM. Since then our river boating population has at least trebled as has the marina industry! Fall of '83 saw five families decide to form a yacht club . . . which has grown into the largest boating organization in the area, the OYC. We stand in a unique position of leadership in the field of water safety and enjoyment. Just stand on the end of any dock below the I-95 bridge and almost every other boat of every description is flying our burgee. This is something for all of us to be proud of for it is all of us jointly who accomplished it! As we move toward the end of this season and on to the next, lets all renew our commitment towards a safer and more enjoyable time on the water through participation in club events.

#### POT-POURRI BY GENE FICHTER, VICE COMMODORE

- A fire razed Bayliner's small boat manufacturing site in Pipestone, Minnesota, destroying 35 imcomplete boats, molds and tools. The plant employs 176 people and there were no injuries. Bayliner operates 12 other factories in the U.S.
- The U. S. Coast Guard tallied its figures and reported that in 1984 deaths attributed to recreational boating activities nosedived to an all-time low of 1,114, or an average of 6.8 fatalities per 100,000 registered boats. For the benefit of trivia fans, this figure is the lowest ever reported in 22 years.
- It only takes a few minutes to practice "Man Overboard Drills" and it could save your life. If you're not sure of the procedure ask any of the Flag Officers and they'll be happy to run through it with you, even at the dock.
- Boaters are generally "free spirits" and many times resist regimentaton. That is one of the reasons your Board of Directors usually has scheduled only one event per month. Also many have guests aboard other weekends and wish to do "their own thing." However, if you wish to have an event scheduled or lead it or take an active part, please let us know so we can inform others of the event, as well as offer assistance and/or guidance.
- Reliable sources (Simthsonian) have informed us that the sharks teeth found at Wade's Bay are at least 12 million years old. (Another entry for our Occoquan Trivia Game.)

## Pot-Pourri continued

- Didja know Cleopatra had the first Houseboat. John Trumpy designed houseboats in 1900 in Camden, New Jersey (of course) at the Mathis Yacht Company. The Trumpy Boat Works are an important part of the 20th century history of Annapolis, Maryland. Trumpy Yachts remain a common sight on the Bay and residents recall the hydro-foil gunboats that they built for use on the Mekong River. While the yard closed within the past ten years, the largest building, where PT boats were built during World War II was converted into a Chart House Restaurant. Several Trumpy half-hulls can be found in the museum collection at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels.
- Have you checked your generator impeller lately? I had the misfortune of mine going out on a hot day with the resultant defrosting of everything in the frig.
- A Federal User Fee Bill that would impose a yearly flat tax on pleasure boats has been introduced into Congress by the ranking minority member of the House Appropriations Committee. That is Rep. Silvio Conte, a Republican from western Massachusetts. It is H.R. 1936. Since the Hill is only a phone call away perhaps you might register your feelings.
- Orders for the "Cruising Cookbook" and "Blimey Limey" are coming in hot and heavy. To get your copy see Ulla. Everyone who has purchased them have really complimented the author because of the practical suggestions. Great Gift Idea!

## SAIL COMMODORES DITTY BAG BY AARON MARTIN

This is the second in a series of three articles designed for the novice sail racer and will touch upon two important subjects you will need to be familiar with if you are contemplating participation in the OYC Regatta in September.

First, I want to describe the racing course. Normally, local landmarks (i.e., buoys, islands, etc.) are used to mark the boundaries of the course. Along with a committee boat and two marks, a triangular course is defined and posted at the committee boat on race day. The starting line is always set in place by the racing committee. Along with the course information the committee boat will also identify in which direction you must round the course and on which side of your vessel the marks must be passed. On race day be sure to check in with the committee boat at least 30 minutes before the race so you will know what course and direction to sail.

Second is the race start. Three signals are hoisted from the committee boat, one each 5 minutes. As the third signal is raised the race starts. If your boat or any part of it has crossed the starting line you are required to start again by crossing the starting line from the proper direction. Should you bump any buoy or the committee boat you normally avoid being disqualified by making a 720 degree turn before continuing the race.

Last year OYC sailors didn't place in the top three positions, so we need to make a better showing this year. Let's do our best to keep the trophies in OYC this year. Now is the time to start getting your crews lined up and trained. Be sure to mark your calendars for the racing clinic which will be held the week before the regatta on the picnic area at Prince William Marina. The sail clinic will be presented by Doug Bordon, former Commodore of Neabsco Sailing Club, an experienced sail racer and current member of OYC.

Pot-Pourri continued

- Interested in taking the "Ditch" to Florida? Ask the folks on the "Phyllis K" at PWM Dock "A". They can recommend some super stopover places as well as the not-so-good ones. Look for more of their recommendations later in issues of the DAYMARKER.
- Who is the member who wishes to get somewhat out of boating and purchase an airplane (E.D.)
- A violent storm in the Bay of Biscay claimed a Swiss training vessel and 9 of the 12 members aboard. The Potomac may not be as violent, but you and your vessel should be equipped for all eventualities.
- Didja know that before champagne was used to christen ships animals were sacrificed as a gesture to the gods.
- Wanta adopt a Killer Whale? You can for \$20 a year. Write to Orca Adoption Program, P.O. Box 55699, Seattle, Washington 98155.
- Some of our members cruising to the Bay have reported the nettles are just intolerable and caution against swimming there.
- Dale Jacobs, our treasurer, is still filling orders for burgees, sweatshirts, caps, visors, jackets, etc. He is on "B" dock at PWM aboard the vessel "Sunshine"
- Who is the Flag Officer earning the nickname "Shotgun" because of his dearing-do with that weapon?
- Are you a "weekend warrior" who just comes down to the boat for those two days and even then, if the weather is only nice? More and more boaters are spending week nights aboard and even going out to see the sunsets and get some marvelous pictures. Several do meet and impromptu buffets are held on the docks. Lots of fun and good comradeship.
- Your club has a large shed behind the PWM Marina store and therein is stored equipment for the club members' use. There are such things as water skis, crab pot, grills, utensils for grilling, etc. If you wish to borrow any of this equipment, ask Dale Jacobs, Dean May or myself for the key.
- If you have anything you'd like to donate to the club for other members' use, please give it to any of the Flag Officers. By the way, donations are still being accepted to pay for the shed. Most members who have contributed made it \$10. Just give it to any any of the Flag Officers--it will be most appreciated.
- A terrific place to cruise and eat is the Quantico Marine Base. Just call and ask Rusty the Dockmaster for a spot. A short walk (one block) up to town will bring you to "The Olympaid Greek Restaurant." Tell Gus you're with the OYC and he will take special care of you and your guests. Food is good and prices reasonable.
- We really don't know the name of the island with the tree on it out in the middle of Occoquan Bay. Dan and Joe (sailors at PWM) have given it the name of "No Diesel Island" because that's where they ran out of fuel on a trip back from a long voyage.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the Club's last Annual General Membership Meeting, the By-Laws were amended to change our fiscal and membership year to be from November 1 to October 31. Therefore, it is now time to think about who you want to represent you in our up-coming year. The third Annual General Membership Meeting will be held at the Occoquan Inn on October 9, 1985.

The Executive Board met on the "Reliant" on Friday, August 2 with the following actions taken (resolved):

1. Election of Officers. The Nominating Committee for the up-coming election is as follows:

Linda Covington	Ken Gemsheim
Ron Tilton	Rick Van Doren
Jim Burrows	Emery Hampton

Nominations and/or petitions must be presented to the Club Secretary no later than close of business August 30th. Should Marilyn not be available, they may be given to any other Flag Officer (Bill Shaw, Gene Fichter, John Welsh or Dale Jacobs). The nominations and/or petitions will be published in the September DAYMARKER and elections will be held at the annual General Membership Meeting at the Occoquan Inn.

The nominating committee will be requested to nominate at least two regular Club members per office. In addition, if any regular Club member wishes to run for any of the above offices, you may have your name placed on the ballot by submitting a petition to the Secretary signed by five regular Club members (again, by Aug 30).

2. Membership Dues. The new membership dues are as follows:

\$35 for Family	\$15 for Associate
\$25 for Individual	\$ 5 for Junior

The increase is to cover additional postage and printing costs for the DAYMARKER and Annual Membership List. Because we are growing, xeroxing can no longer be done on a volunteer basis. Other anticipated expenses include potential capital improvements such as an enclosed bulletin board on the club shed, public address system, canopy tent, etc.

## CLUB UPDATE

OYC has applied for membership in both the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) and the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA). Our applications are now up for final approval by both, and we should be a member in good standing by the end of the month. Membership in these two organizations opens an extensive communications channel with thousands of other boaters in nearly 100 clubs. We will keep you updated with pertinent information we receive through appropriate columns in the DAYMARKER.

GALLEY NOTES BY LYNN MARTIN

Planning to participate in the OYC Regatta? Hard to cook or eat while so intent on the racing activities. Also remember the food feast waiting back at the docks, so for today, its sandwiches and brown bag lunches. This is no reason to fall into the sandwich doldrums--a BLT or a ham on rye--break that routine with one of these quick and easy recipes.

Salad-in-a-Pocket

2 large pita bread rounds	4 lettuce leaves, mayonnaise, salad
1 3 oz package thinly sliced ham	dressing or prepared mustard, sweet
1 3 oz package thingly sliced chicken	pickle slices
or turkey	
4 slices American or Swiss Cheese	

Use the kitchen sissors to cut the two pita bread rounds in half. Carefully open the bread with your fingers so you can see the pocket in the bread. Using a narrow metal spatula or a table knife, spread some of the mayonnaise, the salad dressing, or the prepared mustard on the inside of the four pita bread pockets.

To make the sandwich filling, tear the ham, chicken or turkey and cheese into bite-size pieces. Put the torn pieces into a mixing bowl. Add a few sweet pickle slices and toss the filling together. Put lettuce leaf into each pita bread pocket. Stuff each pita bread pocket with some of the sandwich filling. Makes 4 pita sandwiches.

Indian Delight

1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken	1/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/4 cup salted peanuts	1 tablespoon chutney
3 scallions, sliced	2 large pita breads
1/4 cup mayonnaise (approximately)	

Mix chicken pieces, peanuts and scallions with mayonnaise, curry powder and chutney. Blend well. Taste and correct seasoning. Split pita breads and stuff with chicken salad.

Wrap either sandwich securely and pack along with a banana or green seedless grapes for a complete racing lunch that's easy to eat on the go.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE. Blue Steering Wheel Cover (Helm). 20" diameter, See Gene at PWM Slip A-2. Also a blue winch cover, could be used to cover a compass. Make Offer.

1979 TROJAN. 26' FB Cruiser, Merc 228 Halon extinguisher, trim tabs, depth finder, low hours, full canvas, sleeps 4, full galley, pressure water, shore power--\$21,000/offer. call 703/476-1977 (evenings).

FOR SALE: 1969 Morgan 28' Sloop--the "Maggie Lynn"--4 sails, 22HP inboard, fixed keel and center board, full instruments, sleeps 5, equipped for cruising, excellent condition. Call after 5:00 pm 491-1287

## VOYAGE OF THE "PHYLLIS K"

OYC to West Palm Beach--2400 mile cruise of the "Phyllis K"

Just a brief report on our first trip on the Intracoastal Waterway. It was a thoroughly enjoyable learning experience.

The December trip was cold and wet on the northern end and cruising time much shorter than the return trip in June.

The Mid-Atlantic Waterway Guide--Southern addition from Jacksonville, Florida, to Key West was a good source of information. Marinas available, facilities, where to stop, etc. Closing and opening of the bridges very important. Also found the Chart Kit Norfolk to Key West indispensable. When navigating in many of the narrow channels of the ICW, one's navigation must be precise. We found several grounded vessels that had costly underwater damage.

For me, the most important instruments were the Digital Depth Meter, which can be set from 1 to 15--it kept the main channel under us and a Radio Shack weather raider (\$25.00) along with the VHF was all the radio I needed. Carried extra batteries and found I made a good decision there since one of the alternators failed to work on the last leg of the trip.

June being a good month for thunderstorms, we will plan our next trip south a bit earlier than the first week in June.

Great trip, but we're glad to be in home port for awhile.

Galley Note: We cooked breakfast aboard and enjoyed wonderful seafood dinners at all stops. I have just ordered "The Cruising Cook" book by Shirley Herd. Who knows, maybe the Captain will find a larger galley for this cook! (P.K.)

Nick Katsarelis.

Next month in the DAYMARKER look for Nick's "Notes on Advice to Vessels Going South on the Intracoastal Waterway".

## ATTENTION CRUISERS

Now is the time to start making plans for the Second Annual Cruise to Nowhere! This year the cruise will be an informal trip to the Dunes. Pack your firewood, hotdogs, hamburgers, marshmallows and join in a weekend of fun and salty sea tales. Music will be provided for a grand beach party after dark. Let's make this three day week end a memorable occasion by having a larger raft-up than we had for the spring cruise. See you August 31st at the Dunes.

## CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR CAPSTAN

The Capital Yacht Club will be hosting the Change of Command ceremony for BMC Wayne Stacy, Officer in Command of the Coast Guard Cutter CAPSTAN. The ceremony is scheduled for Friday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception at the Club.

## NEWS FROM THE POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUB

The Environmental Committee of the Potomac River Yacht Club Association reports that their last meeting in June drew only 16 people from only 5 of the 16 member clubs. The topic was none other than the Hydrialla problem--The River. Further investigation into the use of Aquathol K is being conducted and a hand out will be available at their next meeting which will be 7 August, at the Capital Yacht Club. Although OYC did not receive this information until August 2nd, this is a topic near and dear to all of us, and as was pointed out in the report, their efforts reach a network of approximately 2,000 boaters. Since this is a very political issue our tax dollars and notes are "the most powerful instrument we have at hand" . . . The Committtee is essentially asking for more participation. Your board will try to make information such as this more readily available to you if not through the DAYMARKER possibly via the planned bulletin board.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

ANCHOR--A device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom.  
BITTER END--The finish of a race when you are the last over the line.  
CHART--A type of map which shows exactly where you are aground.  
DEVIATION--Any departure from the Captain's orders.  
ESTIMATED POSITION--A place you have marked on the chart where you are sure you are not.  
GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE--The ship's course when the rudder is jammed.  
HEAVING LINE--A rope used to hold onto while being sick.  
HANGING LOCKER--A small enclosed space designed to keep foul weather gear wet and turn all other clothing green.  
HEADWAY--What you are making if you can get the john to work.  
LUBBER LINE--Two or more guests waiting to get ashore  
MAST--A religious service.  
MIZZEN--Can't be found anywhere.  
PORT--A fine wine, always stowed on the left side of the boat.  
SPRING LINE--A rope purchased at the beginning of the season.  
FLYING JIB--Any jib when the sheets have gone overboard.  
KNOT METER--An instrument for measuring the speed with which any line will become entangled.  
RHUMB LINE--Two or more crew members waiting for a drink. Spelling is archaic.

### BOAT U.S. MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

Reduced dues for membership with Boat U.S. for members of OYC. OYC has renewed its cooperative group accord with Boat U.S.. Members of OYC may join Boat US or renew their membership at a special group rate of \$8.50 (half current regular annual dues of \$17). A list of current OYC members has been furnished to Boat US for their records. Please ask for "GROUP ACCORD RIGHT" when joining or renewing membership. Present OYC card if you are a new OYC member. Accord # 80979

### NEW OYC MEMBERS

Welcome to our lastest new members, P. Dwight Edwards and Leslie Whitener on the Interlude, a 26' Marienette ; Kenneth and Sandra Lang on their 19' Wellcraft and Bob LaSerte has a new 17' MFG. Also, Bob Fisher has a name change for his boat: from "Sea Gull" to "Sea Legs".





OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
FOR THE 19\_\_\_\_ SEASON

Date\_\_\_\_\_

New Membership  
 Renewal Membership

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City,State,ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name (Family Member)\_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

Family \$35

Individual \$25

Associate \$15

Junior \$5

BOAT DATA (will be held as confidential):

Boat Name\_\_\_\_\_Length\_\_\_\_\_

Builder\_\_\_\_\_Power or Sail?\_\_\_\_\_

Where Berthed\_\_\_\_\_Slip # (If PWM)\_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign\_\_\_\_\_

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