



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

# The Daymarker

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## GYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE REMAINING 1985 SEASON

9 October	1930-2300	Annual Meeting and Election of New Officers Occoquan Inn
2 November	1800-2000	Knot Party (Junior Members Only) The Martin's in Lake Ridge
7 December	approx. 1230	Santa to Occoquan
7 December		Christmas Party and Change-of-Command Banquet (Time, and place to be announced)

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS by Bill Shaw

Reminder! Annual meeting and election of 1986 Club Officers, 1930 hours, Wednesday, 9 October, Occoquan Inn, Mill St., Occoquan, Va. Executive Board meets 1/2 hour prior, same location. Please be there as we usher in our third year of organization!!!

With membership at a healthy 220+, I urge all of you to pitch in and continue making the Club a big success. Plenty of volunteers are necessary to keep the Club dynamic and involved. Next year we will need delegates to CBYCA and PRYCA as well as contacts with the Counties, American Red Cross, Power Squadron, and Coast Guard Auxiliary to name but a few of the new positions available.

### Commodore's Comments, cont'd.

Winter is planning time and your new Board will be busy seeking out committee heads and members while planning the next season's events. Your comments and recommendations are always welcome and can be passed to any Officer.

As I will go on OYC's retired list as your first Past Commodore at the end of the month, Paula and I would like to announce the donation of OYC's first Perpetual Cup. To be called THE FIRST COMMODORE'S CUP, this award will be deeded to the Club at our Christmas Banquet with the instructions that it be awarded annually to that person (or persons) who maintains and operates his craft in the most seamanlike manner. It is our intent that the awardee be selected each fall by the Executive Board and the presentation be made at the Christmas Banquet or other appropriate event.

### POT-POURRI by Gene Fichter, Vice Commodore

- Since a lot of people "hang it up" after Labor Day and put their boats in mothballs for the winter (I really don't understand this), it might be a good idea for all to check your lines because those fall and winter winds sure can put a strain on them. Replacements are recommended if they're frayed.
- Who is the Marinette Captain (purple windows) who is going "home" to Massachusetts to open up an ice cream parlor? (B.F.)
- It's great to see all the boats flying burgees of the OYC. If you need more, or jackets, shirts, windbreakers, hats, etc., see Dale Jacobs aboard SUNSHINE on PWM "B" dock.
- That Jon Bedsworth can really cook up a spaghetti meal for many on his houseboat. Would you believe he even installed a VHF so we can contact him at the "Dunes". He also has a real one-armed bandit aboard (it takes nickels and quarters). He claims it helps pay his fuel bill.
- A custom begun last year seems to have caught on with many members journeying to the Annapolis Boat Shows together and then having an evening at dinner after the show in a spirited camaraderie. Amazing how much stuff they bring back with them as "important" purchases.
- Just a reminder -- PWM and Jerry's Rings 'N Things in downtown Occoquan offer a 10% discount to OYC members.

PQT-POURRI Cont'd.

- Many boaters draw their curtains in the cold months. It seems to me that a hatch left slightly open for air, and curtains open to let the sun in will do a great deal to help prevent mildew.
- By the way, if you're not going to use your vessel, make sure you take all food and drink off as they can get quite "ripe" if left unattended.
- Congratulations to the Kelly's on their purchase of a 27' Chaparral. When they came in, horns blared all over the marina. The champagne and toasts were great, also.
- Is it true that Steve and Vicky Dunlap are purchasing a very fast boat similar to a Cigarette?
- What OYC First Mate would rather spend her vacation on their boat in lieu of a week in Costa Del Sol, Spain? (T.P.)
- Towing Ken's boat in is okay -- but really, Ken, four times?
- Chart prices may soon be on the rise as a bill calling for almost tripling of prices over the next three years makes its way through the Congressional review process.
- Stripped Bass fishing will be banned in Virginia on December 1.
- Boats sure looked dressed up with flags and now we have the popularity of windsocks. Most colorful, but be sure they don't put too much of a strain on your radio antenna.
- GODSPEED, the vessel whose namesake brought British settlers to Jamestown, Va., is now stalled in the Virgin Islands waiting out the hurricane season before continuing its sailing odyssey across the Atlantic from London.
- If you have certain liver, kidney, or blood disorders or are taking some drugs, particularly immunosuppressants, it may be best if you avoid eating raw oysters, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. Raw oysters can carry a bacterium that causes fatal blood poisoning in some high-risk people. Heavy drinkers are also among those affected.

### POT-POURRI Cont'd.

- Out-of-state boaters who fail to pay fines for safety violations in Maryland may find the long arm of the law stretching into their home state.
- British rock star, Simon Le Bon, lead singer of the band, Duran Duran, entered his 77' Ron Holland design in the upcoming Whitbread Race naming his new boat DRUM ENGLAND.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS NOTICE!!!

Be sure that you mark your calendars for the KNOT TYING PARTY at the Martin's residence (2543 Kingswood Court, Lake Ridge) on Saturday, November 2. Bring a big appetite with you as there will be pizza or spaghetti galore. Dean and Trixie Conrad will help us learn some of the finer tricks of marlinspike seamanship, and Dean May will be providing a finished board on which we'll mount examples of our newly learned talents. REMEMBER the time is 6:00 p.m., Saturday, November 2 at the Martins. Let's show up in force and have a great time. Please give Lynn or Aaron a call if you plan to attend (491-1287).

### SAIL COMMODORE'S DITTY BAG by Aaron Martin

The 2nd Annual OYC Regatta and Predicted Log Race was held Saturday, September 14. In preparation for that event, OYC sailers attended a Novice Sail Racing Seminar sponsored by the OYC at PWM picnic area on Saturday, September 7. It turned out to be one of the hottest days of the summer and a record breaker. Thanks to Dale Jacobs, we erected an awning which afforded us the coolest spot at the marina. Doug Borden led the seminar, answering our many questions and sharing his expertise on how to be a successful racing competitor. Doug spent considerable time in preparation for the seminar and we are grateful for his excellent contribution. The seminar lasted from 10:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. Doug was introduced by yours truly and the concluding remarks were given by Commodore Bill Shaw. Altogether an interesting and informative seminar. Even several powerboaters attended.

Jim Shindler, Sail Commodore for the Quantico Yacht Club (QYC) has provided OYC with entry forms for the QYC's 34th Annual Frostbite Regatta to be held October 19 and 20. If you are interested in this event, please see me aboard the MAGGIE LYNN on "B" dock. I'll have a supply of entry forms and instructions available.

## More on the Sailing Regattas from Bill Shaw

Upcoming major River Championship events include:

Mount Vernon YC Columbus Day Regatta - 12 & 13 October

Quantico YC Frostbite Regatta - 19 & 20 October

Neabsco Sailing Club Macho Regatta - 26 October.

For details and entry forms, please contact Aaron Martin (491-1287) or Bill Shaw (491-8227).

Speaking of competition, our annual open regatta has been well received by the clubs who sponsor the Potomac River Championship. OYC has been asked to join in the inter-club competition and conduct one of the six regattas which make up the championship series. What do you think? Please voice your opinions to any Club officer.

## OYC Open Regatta and Predicted Log COMPETITION RESULTS:

### Sailing Class A (Spinnaker)

1. TANGLE - Mike & Carrol Herron - NSC
2. SHIBUI - Dave Rutherford, NSC
3. VERITAS - Lew Wetzel - MVYC
4. NAKAOI - Ed Gibson - MVYC
5. CONTENDER - Joe Jerome - OYC
6. AURORA - John Morgenstern - QYC
7. HOW SWEDE IT IS - John Powell - MVYC
8. NEMISIS - Mike Laversa - NSC
9. KAPALUA - John Welsh - OYC

### Sailing Class B (non-Spinnaker)

1. KELEA - Dick Rose - MVYC
  2. WINDWATCH - Doug Borden - OYC
  3. VALKYRIE - Bill Othling - MVYC
  4. \*\*\*\*\* - Don Vogt - MVYC
  5. RELIANT - Bill Shaw - OYC
  6. MOONSTRUCK - Chuck and Nancy Moon - NSC
  7. MIAMANTE - Jim Schindler - QYC
  - DNF. \*\*\*\*\* - Bill Finkel - OYC
  - DNF. HERON - Don Rogich - MVYC
  - DNF. \*\*\*\*\* - Bill Gercken - OYC
- (\*\*\*\*\* means yacht unnamed)

### Predicted Log Competition

1. Richard Camp (0.1667% error)
2. Nick Katsarelis Sr. (0.2991% error)
3. Nick Katsarelis Jr. (2.7183% error)

## Regattas, Cont'd.

Special Notice - The Club has several unclaimed participation plaques for all classes. If you competed and did not receive a plaque, please contact Aaron Martin (491-1287). If you got one and would like more (for your crew, etc.) please contact us.

For all those who competed, THANKS! We look forward to hosting you again next year.

To the OYC Regatta/Predicted Log/Social Committee, THANKS; Job Well Done!

Rear Commodore for Power, John Piper has no report for this issue simply because he has been very busy filling in for the Secretary, Marilyn, while she was cruising the ICW bringing their new boat home.

## Tantallon Yacht Club invitation

Tantallon Yacht Club has invited the OYC to join them in their Frost Bite Cruise. Depart TYC 10/11 at 6:00, overnight raft at Marker 6 at the Mattawoman. Leave for Tall Timbers on 10/12, arriving 10/13. Depart Tall Timbers 10/14. Anyone wishing to participate should call John Cassidy at 301-283-2877 for more particulars; or, see John/Marilyn Piper on the DUNMOEN at PWM A-27 and review the complete invitation which has times, prices, and all the particulars.

## CRUISE REPORT

Labor Day Weekend, OYC cruisers participated in a cruise to NOWHERE!

About 15 sail and power boats ended up at the Dunes on the Mattawoman for a last bath in the sun for the cruising year. While the kids played in the warm water, the adults sat about the beach swapping sea tales and relaxing. In the evening the campfire was lighted and meals were cooked over open braziers. Doug Bond has a secret marinade that is good for everything. Could it be an old family secret? Aaron Martin spent some time fishing for catfish and was demonstrating the fine art of fileting them to Terri Petrey when his First Mate (no names mentioned) dropped one of the fish overboard while showing the proper way to handle catfish. Later, the filets were cut up, cooked over an open charcoal fire, and shared with all hands.

Dan Cade and his family joined the flotilla for a few hours. Nice going, Dan, like to see you and your family on more OYC cruises. The weekend proved to be one of the most relaxing of the year.

All members are urged to give some serious thought to attending next year's cruises. This year was great, but next year can be better if more members participate. Don't be satisfied in reading about the cruise(s) in the Daymarker. Join the cruises, become a newsmaker, and have a good, safe time.

## SEA LANGUAGE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. SHORE TIE (previously provided in the September Daymarker)
2. UNIFORM REGULATIONS
3. HARD TACK
4. NEAT LINE
5. SEA PAINTER
6. BOAT GRIPES
7. THWARTS
8. AFTER STEERING
9. SHIP SHAPE
10. BACKSTAY
11. MIDWATCH
12. LIGHTHOUSE
13. FAKE DOWN
14. ENGINE ORDER TELEGRAPH
15. GROUND SWELL
16. GANGWAY
17. BARK

Understand there are a few bets riding on these answers. Will the winner or winners of these bets come forth and identify themselves for the next Daymarker?

## GALLEY NOTES by Lynn Martin

Ever have a sweet tooth attack while boating? No oven to warm up a pie, no freezer to keep the ice cream cold, and you are tired of cookies or cake with half melted icing? These cupcakes are made portable by topping them with cinnamon-sugar instead of frosting. The sugar gives them sweet, crusty tops, and it won't make a mess the way frosting does.

### Raisin Spice Cupcakes

1 C flour	1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1/3 C sugar	1/3 C packed brown sugar
1/2 tsp. baking powder	1/3 C shortening
1/2 tsp salt	1/2 C buttermilk
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon	1 egg
1/4 tsp baking soda	1/2 C raisins
1/4 tsp ground cloves	1/4 C chopped walnuts

In a mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, baking soda, cloves, and nutmeg. Add the brown sugar, shortening, and buttermilk. Beat the mixture with an electric mixer on low speed just until the flour is moistened. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add egg and beat 2 minutes more. Stir in the raisins and chopped walnuts. Line muffin cups with paper cups. Fill 1/2 full

Topping: Stir 4 tsp. sugar and 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon together. Sprinkle over batter. Bake for 20-25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool completely on a wire rack. Makes 14-15 cupcakes.

### MARINA MANAGEMENT REPORT

1. The official name of the Prince William Marina East (or PWM 2 as it is often called) is: OCCOQUAN HARBOUR MARINA
2. The parking lot will be paved sometime in the next few weeks. Please accept the minor inconvenience of parking farther from your pier/boat than usual. It won't be that long a period of time and think how much nicer it will be.
3. It is time to start thinking about winterizing your boats. Prince William Marina (in Occoquan) is available to assist. Please call Richard Charles or Bob Bagley at 494-6611 to set up an appointment.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Because the marina now has a new name, all "PWM" locations listed on the membership list will be changed to OHM.

We have noted a large number of errors on the membership list - things like disconnected telephone numbers, erroneous town names because they were abbreviated on the application form (Ann for Annandale!), and zip codes. Would each of you please take the time to check the membership list for accuracy of your listing and let Marilyn know of any necessary changes. It is anticipated that a new list will be issued after the elections.

A hearty THANK YOU to the staff of Occoquan Harbour Marina in their assistance with the boats in anticipation of Hurricane Gloria. It was at their suggestion that the Club started a phone campaign to alert our members, and they provided their office metro line to eliminate a lot of long-distance calls. They were truly concerned and rendered assistance throughout the day and evening. Again, thanks.

For those members who have not yet done so, please renew your membership for the 1986 season. New forms are available at the Marina office, or from any Club Officer. Remember that we have increased the rates: Family = \$35; Individual = \$25; Associate = \$15; and, the Junior stays at \$5.

Welcome Associate Members Eve Shelton, Michael S. Rathburn, and David R. Gray. Welcome Family Members Peter and Sharon Kerhstra, and Gerry and Karen Cavanaugh.

The following is Part 1 of an article written by John Welsh, Executive Rear Commodore. . . . "Lessons, Frustrations and Rewards of a Summer in St. Marys"



## Lessons

The proper heading of this section probably should be "Lessons Relearned". It seems that we humans always make the same mistakes over and over. I had a lot of time to sit and contemplate in the beautiful Carthegena (pronounced Carthehena) Creek at Dennis Point Marina. The Gardiners (the owners of Dennis Point Marina) have been my friends since last summer when I spent the summer getting KAPALUA ready to live on. The marina is a good marina, and they are very nice people who have worked hard over the last 18 years to build it up from scratch. They are now thinking about enlarging their restaurant a little to include more space and a bigger menu. Their dockage rates are reasonable, and they have a campground adjacent to their docks. Their yard is a full working yard, and you can work on your own boat there. It's a good trip for powerboats in a day, but can take up to 12 to 14 hours for a sailboat. I know that some of you traveled down and had the same nice experiences I did.

But now back to those lessons. Coming back from Crisfield one Sunday with Jon Bedsworth and Mike Ellis as crew, I heard a call to the Coast Guard in Crisfield from a sailboat on the rocks at Holland Island Light. Since we were near Solomons Lump (about a half-mile due south of there), I got out my binoculars to take a look. Sure enough, there on the rocks surrounding the light was a sailboat. Since there was another boat there and a larger powerboat approaching, I decided that there was no need for me to divert. From the discussions on the radio, I could tell that the skipper was under pressure, but it seemed that his boat was taking the mild pounding of the two- to three-foot swells as well as could be expected. The Coast Guard dispatched a boat and finally the boat was freed from the rocks. About a month and a half later, I heard another call on the radio from another boat caught on those same rocks. The seas were a little rougher than on the previous day. There was no one around this time, and the Coast Guard dispatched a boat from Crisfield. Again the skipper was under strain. Both skippers thought that their boats were developing holes in their keels. Both boats survived. The last boat got off the rocks before the Coast Guard arrived and continued on his way.

My thoughts as I contemplated these two incidents: Why would anybody be close enough to that light to get on those rocks? It is clearly marked on the chart as having rip-rap around it. However, it is a turning point on the route from Crisfield to anywhere north on the Bay (such as Solomons). Remember to check lights such as this on your chart for the markings for rocks and always stay well away from any navigational buoy or daymarker. Listening to the voices of these skippers and observing the radio techniques of the Coast Guard, I thought about how terribly nerve wracking it would have been if those people would not have had a radio to call for help. Every boat should have a VHF radio!

To be continued next issue of the Daymarker.....

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