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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 29 Second Annual "Chili Cook-Off"
& Boat Lighting Party
December 5 Santa to Occoquan
December 12 Change of Command Banquet
& Christmas Party



Commodore's Comments Ron Tilmon

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who voted for me to be your Commodore for the upcoming year. I will do my best to continue to uphold the ideals of the OYC and to help it continue to grow and prosper. We are also blessed to have a fine slate of officers filling out the Executive Board. Together, I'm sure we can all make the 1988 boating season one of the finest yet. Toward that end, I encourage each of you who have ideas or suggestions to be sure and let one of your board members know. We are not infallible and need your input and participation. The following positions have been filled for Ad Hoc Committee:

Rear Commodore (Power) -- George Kiesel
Property Officer -- Stu Upson
Representative to PRYCA, CBYCA, etc. -- Bob LaSerte
Social Officer -- Eileen Kiesel
Membership Officers -- John and Marilyn Piper
Quartermaster -- Rita Jacobs

We still have vacancies in the following positions:

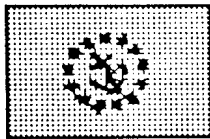
Rear Commodore (Sail)
Rear commodore (Racing)
Training/Safety officer
Historian
Daymarker Assistant
(If you're interested, please call Ned Rhodes)

If you would like to assist your Board in any of the above-mentioned duties, please let one of us know.

Now for a few BOATING bits. If you've already laid up for the winter, you have missed some FANTASTIC boating. We have been having 5-7 boat raft-ups lately and the views from the river have been great. If you have "winterized" but would still like to help haul Jolly Ole Saint Nick up to Occoquan, just show up on the docks by 12:00 on December 5th. Come on down and we'll load the boats that are going as much as safety will allow. Last year we all wore Santa Claus hats which you can buy at Dart Drug for a couple of bucks. In any event, come on down and at least bid us a Bon Voyage! We will be leaving around 12:30. If you are really bored, you can help us winterize our boats when we return. Run like Hell!

Speaking of winterizing, those of you who like to and can drain your engine oil instead of pumping it out, here is a little suggestion. A good, heavy-duty (trash compactor) plastic bag works great!! You can maneuver it in the cramped spaces of your bilge, drain the oil into it and then be able to shape it as necessary so you can get it back out.

Hope to see all of you at our upcoming events!



Vice Commodore's

Comments

Terri Petrey

As we come to the end of another boating season, it's hard to believe that two weeks ago we had 16" of snow!!! A few boats at the marina ~~sustained~~ some minor damage, (POWER PLAY among the group) most of it being bent canvas top supports due to the incredible weight of the snow. Although our Dockmaster, Dickie Lynn, said he tried to keep up with the boats who looked the worst, it was a battle fought in vain. There was just too much snow at one time! Case in point. For the smaller boats with 6 to 9 foot beams there are available on the market canvas supports to keep your covers taut and free of water and snow collecting pockets. Look through your Boat U.S. catalogs and get some rail bow sockets or some die cast bow sockets. Also needed are wood bow supports or adjustable wooden bow supports. Installation is easy and you can be almost assured that in the Spring you won't be going out and buying new canvas support poles.

For the larger boats with beams 10' and up Boat U.S. has come up with new adjustable cover support poles which are rubber tipped and telescope and lock for different cover sizes. My husband Bill, who is really handy when it comes to wood working skills, has devised a support system with wooden right angles which support the entire center seam of the slant cover making it almost impossible for anything to stay on the cover. A similar support was placed under the canvas support over the console.

Now these precautions still won't make our boats entirely exempt from future damage -- they are like I said precautions. The only way to make sure that everything is alright is for you to come down to your boat and check it out personally. We can't all get to our boats immediately after a snow but at least we will know that we have done something to at least help in preserving our boats until we can get to them. If anything drastic is happening we can be assured that Dickie or John and Marilyn Piper will give us a call warning us of any problem.



Rear Commodore's
Comments
Mary Jo Worcester

The new year for the OYC has begun. I've successfully passed all Treasurer responsibilities to Rich Ellis and am now looking forward to another exciting year as your Rear Commodore.

The Board has met a number of times, planning the Chili Cookoff, Santa's trip to Occoquan and the Christmas/Change of Command Banquet and party. They all promise to be fun events. As I'm writing this, my chili is on the kitchen counter cooking away for tomorrow, which is B-dock's pre-chili cookoff here at the Worcester's. Nearly 25 people are coming -- we've got at least 7 pots of chili to judge -- and an enjoyable time to look forward to.

JOIE DE VIVRE was dry-docked a couple of weeks ago. We always dread taking her out of the water for the winter, especially when the weather is still glorious. However, we did beat the "blizzard" and now maybe we can get all those many things done around the house that have been totally neglected all summer. My refrigerator magnet has given me a good excuse all summer though, which says "Dull Women Have Immaculate Homes"! (I must be the most exciting thing in Lake Ridge!)

If you have Junior members in your household, advise them that there will be a meeting held sometime after the first of the year. They need to be thinking about activities they would like for next year and also how they can participate in the OYC scheduled events.



Secretary's
Comments
Ned Rhodes

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am sure that our thoughts are turning to family gatherings and turkeys (is it possible that they are one in the same?). For me, in addition to thoughts of food, I have to now worry about getting the boats out of the water and winterized. Before joining OYC, I thought the boating season was over in October. This year I discovered that the river is beautiful during early November and I am still hoping to get out that "one last time".

The newly elected Executive Board met on November 18th to discuss a number of issues. Most of the issues concerned the upcoming social events such as the Chili Cookoff, boat lighting, Santa to Occoquan and the Change of Command and Christmas Party.

There were three other topics discussed at the board meeting that might be of general interest. First, OYC sends copies of the Daymarker to other clubs and organizations in the area. This year, we have asked these organizations to return a postcard verifying their current address. Organizations that return a postcard will be kept on the mailing list and those that do not return a postcard will be dropped. Note, that as always, each member of OYC will receive a copy of the Daymarker.

Secondly, the Board spent some time discussing Club property. In the past, some of the Club property was kept in the shed at the marina and some was kept at member's homes or boats. The Board agreed that a complete inventory of Club property would be done in order to identify the property and to determine its present location.

Thirdly, the Board discussed the make-up of the Club. When the Club was formed, the majority of the membership were "rag baggers". Over the years, this has shifted and currently the majority of the membership have "stink pots". The Club's

purpose, as stated in the By-Laws, is "to promote the enjoyment of recreational and competitive boating AND sailing". The Board is concerned about this apparent shift and we would be happy to consider any input from the membership on the topic. The most obvious solution would be for each of us to buy another boat?

And finally, I wanted to mention to all those new members of the Club, that OYC has a Cooperating Group Agreement with the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BOAT/US). As a result, our members are provided full membership benefits in Boat/US at one half the normal rate (\$8.50 instead of \$17.00). You may join BOAT/US at the Alexandria store (880 S. Pickett Street), and be sure to take along a copy of the Daymarker as it has our BOAT/US accord number at the top, which is needed in order to receive the discount on membership. Rumor has it that Santa usually makes a stop at the Alexandria store on Christmas Eve, so study your catalogs and make a wish.

THOSE JUNIORS - WHAT A JOY!

- Tom Tilmon (or "Tom on the Docks") will never make it as a football pro. He broke his collarbone (for the 3rd time!) and although was laid up for awhile, is almost as good as new.
- Mike Tilmon is the skateboard guy of Lake Ridge. And a good artist too! It must run in the family.
- Sandy Tilmon is engrossed in books and plays a mean violin.
- Patrick Worcester is busy with school(?), guitar, and soccer. He's spending Thanksgiving (away from his mother!) playing in a soccer tournament in Nashville, Tennessee.
- Billy Petrey is keeping his parents busy this year after being in military school for the past three years. It's a whole new lifestyle and new set of rules to learn but we all have faith he will adjust.
- Chad Carmer is getting a jump on skiing early this year. Chad, like Billy, is spending this year at home instead of military school. Public school is nothing like military school, is it boys?
- Bobby Petrey, cousin to Billy, is into Industrial Arts and making propulsion rockets and lawn mower engines. When he's not working on his homework(?) he can be found racing his 4-wheeler.
- Cindy Kiesel is working hard this year as a football and basketball manager. In her spare time, she plays the piano.
- Kerry Kiesel became a basketball cheerleader this year and has really been having fun. The rest of her schedule is kept busy playing her violin in concerts.

If you have any Junior news, please call or write to any of the Board members.

WINTERIZING CHECKLIST

Forget anything? Using the winterizing checklist below may jog your memory and keep your boat safe over the coming months.

DID YOU:

- Close all thru-hulls, save the one for the cockpit drains?
- Double clamp all thru-hulls, especially the ones for the cockpit drains?
- Double up on all docklines (nylon only), with chafe guards at the chocks?
- Winterize your engine's water cooling system with mixture of water and antifreeze (usually 50/50)?
- "Fog" the carburetor with the engine running (gas engines only) using light lubricant to coat the internal surfaces to prevent rust? Cover the carburetor with a sandwich baggie to prevent damp air getting into the manifold?
- Outboards and I/O's - Drain the water from your lower unit?
- Outboards - Make sure all gear housing drain holes are open and flush system with fresh water?
- Top off the fuel tank(s) to minimize condensation that could corrode the tank and get into the engine?
- Remove all flammables from down below -- thinner, paints, cooking fuels, varnish, etc.?
- Leave a fully-charged fire extinguisher in clear sight and take the rest home for recharging?
- Drain the potable freshwater system and flush with non-toxic antifreeze?
- Winterize the head and holding tank?
- Take all removable equipment -- stereos, VHF radios, tools, anchors, etc. -- home for safekeeping and lock all hatches, outdrives, trailers, outboard motors, and propellers?
- Those people with diesel engines, if you are leaving fuel in the tanks did you remember to add inhibitor to prevent the growth of fungus in the fuel?
- Take all containers of foods, spices, and anything that is in liquid form home?
- Remove all CD's or tapes?

CHILI COOKOFF - NOVEMBER 29th

All right all of you OYC'ers. Get those boat lights out (and don't forget the plastic wreaths) and bring your appetites for chili next Saturday on the 29th! This year we have decided to start the festivities at 2:30 up in the A Dock Parking lot. The area will be cordoned off. The Club is not providing booze but will be providing cider for those who need their hands and their bones warmed. This will be a BYO Everything else party, i.e., nachos, salad, dessert, drinks. The Club will be providing bowls, spoons, napkins, forks and cups. If you don't like chili then bring some hot dogs or hamburgers (don't forget your condiments) and we'll cook them. The three docks which will be represented at the cookoff will be A, B and C. The present board will have the hard duty of having to decide which of these docks will win the prize which the Club will be presenting. If it's a cold day, dress warm (don't wear dock shoes or your feet will get cold) and bring your appetite for some good HOT chili!

It would also be great if some of you would volunteer to help set up and take down tables, cordoning off fence and anything else that needs to be done. We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

DOCK A PRE-CHILI COOKOFF PARTY

November 21st brought not only below freezing temperatures all day but a great night for the pre-chili cookoff for A dock at the home of Bill and Terri Petrey.

We had 20 people and 7 pots of chili arrive enmass. As each of the women started setting up their pots of chili we lettered each one A-G and started heating them up. The smell was enough to set the gastronomic juices of everyone there into eager anticipation of the judging. Side dishes like taco salad, garlic bread, nachos, jalepano peppers, LOTS of onions, cheddar cheese and hot dogs were provided by the various guests. Dessert included spice cake and pineapple upside down cake. For those who didn't want to eat their dessert, dinner liquors were served to satisfy that "sweet tooth".

It was so hard deciding whose chili was the best so everyone had to taste at least two or three times before casting their vote. (When you multiply that times 7 pots of chili it makes for a lot of BLOWN diets! I'll start on Monday!) We are happy to announce that Linda Broker of LA LINDA was the almost unanimous winner for A Dock.

I think a great time was had by all (at least I had a good time!) It was a good chance for those of us who have just passed one another on the docks and said "Hi" to really get a chance to know each other. Friends were made, appetites were definitely satisfied and everyone is looking forward to the REAL cookoff on the 29th. See you there!

P.S.This year we have decided to have a recipe exchange, so those winners on A, B and C docks, don't forget to bring copies of your recipe to hand out.

CHANGE OF COMMAND BANQUET AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

Attached as the last page of this months Daymarker is the invitation to the annual Christmas Party and Change of Command Banquet on December 12th at Mama's Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia. Once again, John Piper is responsible for the graphics and the incredibly fast job of getting it to me in two days. Thanks a million John!

At the bottom page of the invitation is the form which we would appreciate you filling out and mailing back to us (with check attached) ASAP in the self-addressed envelope. We thought this might help expedite matters so we could give owners Ernie and Tom Castro of Mama's a head count by no later than December 7th. When you cut off the mail-back portion of the form, keep the upper half because John has provided you with a detailed map of just how to get to Mama's on the back of the sheet.

Music will be provided by Capt. Buddy. If you attended last year's party then you will remember that Capt. Buddy kept us hopping right up until the last moment when we were almost chased out of Quantico Officer's Club. A great time was had by all and I anticipate there being no difference this year! We look forward to seeing a good crowd for this event. Plan on coming - it's a great way to end the year!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

A heart felt congratulations goes out to Nick and Debbie Katsarelis on the birth of their new bouncing baby boy, Nicholas Andrew Katsarelis born on October 29, 1987 and weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. I'm sure grandparents Nick and Phyllis are thrilled. We're glad it's finally over! Silly me, it's just beginning!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The OYC welcomes Ross and Sheryl Pickus aboard ABSOLUT from Hoffmasters, the family of Art and Mary Kent and Juniors Kim and Kerri Little aboard MARY C and Mike and Debbie Berard aboard NICE N' EASY.

POT POURRI

Halloween is a time for costumes, right? Well, the Rambo costume one of our members wore to his office on the Friday before Halloween brought him to the attention of the Alexandria Police Department. It seems he stepped outside his building during the afternoon for a cigarette. We're not sure whether it was the bow, bandoliers, or the bayonets, but the neighbors got nervous so the police sent a SWAT team to check out the terrorist walking down King Street. After convincing the cops that he was just a peaceable little pussycat, our OYC guy was allowed to return to his party. (You see Dale! We told you that smoking was hazardous to your health!!!)

MORE POT POURRI

In order to test the seamanship and emergency response of various members of the OYC, our newly elected Executive Rear Commodore conducted a secret exercise at Wade's Bay a couple of weeks ago. Observing a seven boat raft-up secured by a single anchor, she noted that many of the captains and crew had reached a stage of serious relaxation. Seizing this opportunity, the ERC proceeded to skillfully maneuver her vessel so that its twin outdrives with fifteen inch stainless steel propellers gently engaged, and then dislodged, the solitary anchor without severing the line. At this point, she commenced timing the derafting procedures put into effect by several semi-alert crew members. The ERC is pleased to report a highly successful operation. All seven boats were untied and underway in less than five minutes. None drifted onto the beach. Special credit is due to our new Commodore, Ron Tilmon, who remained adrift until all other boats in the raft were clear. We understand that several comments and suggestions on the exercise were offered to the ERC, but unfortunately, her VHF radio had been turned off, probably to maintain radio silence. It was obvious, however, from the shouting and waving going on that all who participated in the exercise were extremely excited by the results.

OK... JUST A LITTLE MORE POT POURRI!

It's been suggested that next year we have a Spaghetti Cook-off since no one will want to look at chili for at least another year! (RC)

One of our past Commodores made it very difficult trying to decide on the best chili. Comments like "Chili's E and G are great mixed together with taco salad" and "You should try Chili E with catsup!" (KD)

With puns to many to count and too many to remember, the Pun King got the last word! He was heard remarking while walking to his car "It's really 'chili' out here". How can you stand it Sam?

While most of us sat around a nice fire sipping our coffee and after dinner drinks and having a leisurely and interesting discussion, the men sat around the kitchen table talking about "toilets?"

A members wife reported this morning that her husband did an awful lot of dock walking today. I wonder what the problem was? (JP)

DECK THE HULLS!

Got the winter blues in all three colors?

HANDSOME TRANSOM BOAT LETTERING has a great winter "Club Only" offer! Just finishing the Annapolis Boat Show and having seen so many boat members there, HANDSOME TRANSOM is honoring the BOAT SHOW special. The "Club member only" offer is good through the months DECEMBER and JANUARY. Boat names and lettered life rings make great gift ideas. The rings make even great Christmas wreaths for the nautical diehards on your list.

Orders placed during DECEMBER and JANUARY will receive a 15% discount or a free port name of your choice in either 3" lettering for pleasure craft or 4" lettering for documented vessels. Any of the type styles and/or colors are all priced by the height of the name, not the length!

So! Why have the WINTER BLUES when you can have 14 colors to choose from?!

WE NEED A PRINTER FOR THE DAYMARKER. In the past the Daymarker has been printed compliments of some good people, free of charge to the Club except for the cost of envelopes and stamps. Believe me this is a considerable price cut. But now we are faced with no one's generosity and we are making a plea. Anyone out there working for a printer or has access to a printer that might give us free copies or a GREAT discount for printing costs? Please give Terri Petrey - 690-6577 a call.

FOR SALE: One complete set of official signal flags (Size 12 x 14") suitable for dressing a sailboat for festive occasions and holidays. Like new. \$35.00 Call Aaron Martin 491-1287.