

Occoquan Yacht Club
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The Daymarker

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 26	Third Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up & Feast
November 29	Second Annual "Chili Cook-Off" & Dock Lighting Party
December 5	Santa to Occoquan
December 12	Change of Command Banquet & Christmas Party



Past Commodore's Comments

Karl Day

Well, the year is coming to an end. The leaves are changing color by the minute, the mornings are more often than not frosty and another boating season is about to wind down. Don't give up yet though. Several of the year's nicest events are yet to come.

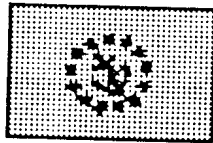
The Second Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dock Lighting Party will take place after Thanksgiving and then there is the trip up the river to Occoquan to deliver Santa Claus to a crowd of kids both young and old. Finally, on December 12th we will have the Christmas Party and Change of Command Ceremony at Mama's Italian Restaurant in Fairfax City. A grand time is planned for all so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

That word - PARTICIPATE - leads me to the closing comments I would like to make as outgoing - if not particularly outgoing - Commodore. The General Membership Meeting and elections were held on October 3 and, as you can tell from the masthead of the Daymarker, a fine group of club members were elected to positions of leadership for the coming year. They are all devoted boaters. They represent a diversity of boats, sail...power...big...small...etc. They have, just as did the departing Board, dreams and ideas as to how to make this the best year ever for the club. As I sat at the first joint Board meeting after the elections, I was both amazed and amused to hear things discussed, ideas put forward, and "new" directions suggested. I am sure that each and every year there is a desire - if not to reinvent the wheel - to at least modify it noticeably. Each year the Board embarks on their task with enthusiasm and dedication. Each and every board will have to adjust, however, to one or more setbacks that throw the program off track. Our year was one punctuated by deaths in families, extraordinary business conflicts and personal commitments that had to preempt club activities.

No apologies and no regrets. That is the way it was and that is the way it will ever be. BUT...the difference between a good year and a mediocre or bad one is often the attitude and the participation of the club members themselves. Please let your Board know what you want the club to do and please participate. Read your Daymarker. If I had a dollar for every time someone said they didn't know about something the Club was doing - and that event or happening had been reported in the Daymarker - I'd have done more than drool over the boats at Anapolis this year! If you have complaints or suggestions as to how to do something better, tell the Board - see them on the docks or call them up. We publish our phone numbers every month in the Daymarker and a membership list is provided to all with boat names, addresses and phone numbers.

The Occoquan Yacht Club is a volunteer organization. No one gets paid for working. By the same token, the Board is in the awkward position of having a lot of responsibility with virtually zero authority. The only way they can get things done is to do them themselves or rely on you, the club members, for assistance. So - my urging is for all of you to get on board early and let your new Board know you are behind them.

My closing note is a thank you to each of you who served so well in the past year. You put together an excellent year and the amount of effort expended was incredible. A second round of thanks goes to the Ad Hoc and Advisory Board members who worked so hard to arrange the social events, sailing events, etc. Finally, thanks to every single member of the OYC for your support and participation in the 1987 boating season. In my earliest comments I expressed a hope that the members of this club could exemplify safe and courteous boating to the rest of the community. My hopes were fulfilled. You're the best. God Bless you all and have a great 1988!!!



Vice Commodore's Comments

Terri Petrey

It's Sunday afternoon. I have spent all morning cleaning up the residue of a six year olds "all day and all night" birthday party. The REAL Redskins just won - by the skin of their teeth - the first game since their return from the football strike. I'm having alot of difficulty trying to change gears in my thought patterns to that of your new Vice Commodore but here goes.

Although the elections were almost three weeks ago, I am still in awe of the fact that I won! I am waiting with baited breath the beginning role as Vice Commodore. I know my duties as V.C. are to support the Commodore in his duties and act as Commodore in the event he should be absent (Ron, I forbid you from being absent!) I also have the responsibility of trying to inform the membership of boating safety, maintenance and proper protocol on the water. All very important topics which will be, as in the past, a tradition which has helped to make the OYC and the Daymarker what they are today.

As always, and as I have mentioned both as Editor and as your past Secretary, we need your cooperation and participation. The October 3rd General Membership Meeting and Elections were attended by 54 members. Although this was a quorum and the elections were able to be held it was a poor showing of less than 1/5 of the membership!

This years Board has decided to devote its attention to the quality and not the quantity of activities. It's hard to please so many people and we now realize we just can't do this. But we also know that only those who are really interested and devoted to the club will be the ones who will participate. We will just have to resign ourselves to the fact that we can only advertise, promote and talk about things so much and hope in the process that others will become as enthusiastic as we are.

Even though the end of the boating season is drawing near (Notice I didn't say it was finished because it's not!) there will be plenty of work to be done for the Club. I am looking forward to this responsibility and the chance to meet as many of you as I possibly can at the upcoming scheduled events for the remaining year.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The OYC welcomes the family of Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell from Fairfax.

FIRST COMMODORE'S CUP AWARD

At the first Joint Executive Board Meeting which was held at Commodore Ron Tilmon's house on October 21, the past Board came to a final decision on who should receive the First Commodore's Cup. The announcement of the winner will be at the Change of Command Banquet and Christmas Party on December 12th.

NOTES FROM THE POOP DECK by John Piper

Once again we are faced with the prospect of winterizing our boats. There are numerous articles and guides in the various boating magazines as to how to accomplish this and you should refer to them. However, there is one part of winterizing that I want to address here - how to properly secure your lines.

During the summer, when the weather is mild and forgiving, a casual tie up will generally get you by until the next weekend. But in the winter, we have extremes in weather, tides, ice and snow that can really strain your lines. Do it right.

Always control your lines from the boat and not from the pier. By this I mean have the excess line on the boat so that you can adjust it. I have seen many cases where the excess line is tied around a piling and adjusted so that the eye is at the right length to simply drop over the cleat. This is wrong!

Two years ago we had an extreme high tide and some of the boats were being pulled under by their bow lines. Where the line was controlled from the boat, it was a simple matter to step on board and slack the lines. Where the excess line was wrapped around the piling, we had to cut the lines.

In early October of this year, we had an extreme low tide and some of the boats were hanging on their bow lines with the bow out of the water. Try to untie a line wrapped around the piling with the weight of the boat hanging on it. Leave the excess line on the boat and cleat it properly. Then it can be easily adjusted in an emergency. Coil the excess and tie it to the life line or flemish it on the deck.

Double up your lines for the winter. This means two lines independently tied off so that if one should break, the other will still hold. Try to adjust the lines so that they are exactly the same length. In this way the load is evenly divided between them. If you are using an extra long line and doubling it back to the pier, look at it carefully. If the line should break, will the rest come undone?

Are your lines stiff and brittle? Replace them! An old brittle line that has been soaked and frozen can snap without warning. Try to picture the worst combination of wind and tide. Will your boat ride comfortably or will your lines be stretched to the limit? Too much slack and you may be banging the dock. Think it through and put out plenty of fenders. Check your dock cleats. If they are loose, let your marina management know.

And finally, visit your boat during the winter. Just drop by every now and then and check things out before they get out of hand. A small adjustment in January just may prevent a calamity in March.

THIRD ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY RAFT-UP

We are less than a month away from Thanksgiving and for those hearty boating souls the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up. John and Marilyn Piper (aboard DUNMOEN), both originators and coordinators for this event, had to give up going out this year in order to take advantage of an insurance break they just couldn't afford not to take advantage of. I guess when you have a 50 foot boat it would be foolish not to take advantage of any breaks passed your way! In any case, Marilyn and John did inform us that if there was no interest to go out and anchor but still an interest in doing something at the docks that she would still be willing to coordinate this event. I mention this because at this point in time I have heard nothing to the contrary that anyone is interested or will be able to go out for this event. If I am wrong, please give Ron Tilmon a call. If there is an interest to stay at the docks, give Mer a call at 490-4857.

2nd ANNUAL BOAT LIGHTING PARTY and CHILI COOK-OFF

At the end of the month brings the Chili Cook-Off and Boat Lighting Party. Now I realize that this is Thanksgiving weekend but if you have no plans for going out of town, why not come down to the docks and have some chili and decorate your boat? Within the next two weeks each member will be called and asked to participate in a pre-chili party to decide the winning pot of chili for their dock. Plan on attending! What better way to get to know all the people on your dock than at a party? In the event of rain on the 29th the cook-off will be postponed until December 5th. This is also the date the O.Y.C. takes Santa Claus to the town of Occoquan.

SANTA TO OCCOQUAN

On December 5th the OYC will be taking Santa Claus by boat to the Town of Occoquan. The flotilla will leave Occoquan Harbour Marina at approximately 12:30 p.m. arriving at Prince William Marina docks in Occoquan at 1:00 p.m.

We are looking for anyone interested in leading the flotilla and transporting Santa and his elves to Occoquan. In the past we have had a very good turn out for this event with lots of adults and as many children as we could muster all wearing our Santa hats. The boats will be decorated with banners, burgees and flags, not to mention the lights we will have already put on the previous week! It's quite a festive affair and something that shouldn't be missed! If your boat is out of the water and you still want to participate there is always room on someone else's boat. Anyone interested in participating in the flotilla please be at the Marina no later than 12:15 p.m. For further information give Terri Petrey at 690-6577 a call.

CHANGE OF COMMAND BANQUET and CHRISTMAS PARTY

Just a reminder, so mark your calendars now, that the Christmas Party and Change of Command Banquet will be held this year on December 12th at Mama's Italian Restaurant in Fairfax. Information regarding this affair is being prepared and will be mailed by separate flyer within the next week.

HELP WANTED

The 1988 Board is now accepting volunteers for the following Advisory Board positions and Ad-Hoc Committee positions:

Rear Commodore (Sail)
 Rear Commodore (Power)
 Rear Commodore (Racing)
 Training / Safety Officer
 Property Officer
 (Already filled) Representative to PRYCA, CBYCA, etc. - Bob LaSerte
 (Already filled) Social Officer - Eileen Kiesel
 Historian
 Junior Activities Coordinator
 Membership
 (Already filled) Quartermaster - Rita Jacobs

Even though the few people who have already volunteered might have filled a position you might also be interested in, these people can always use some help just in the event they are not able to participate. Please consider joining in and helping?

ANAPOLIS REVISITED (AGAIN)!

This year the weather was much kinder to those of us who participated in the annual migration to the Annapolis Boat Show on October 16th. Although our group was not as large as in years past we all had high hopes of finding the right boat that would just sweep us off our feet. Well, believe it or not, none of us walked away from the show feeling that way. Sr. Martin was leaning toward a new 32 Bayliner but his better half was tugging the other way (at least for another year). Our new Executive Rear said that she had found the boat that she could live on, the new 53 Ocean but the Colonel just said "_____". The Carmer's, who's goal was to get a boat with a generator (and A.C.) didn't like what some builders had done with the interiors of the boats they were interested in. The general consensus was that too many boats had all become so high tech looking inside that it was an instant turn off. I wonder when the next used Boat Show will be?

We all made our rendezvous at the still popular Chart House for some refreshments. While we waited for our tables, we all tried to convince ourselves that we had done the right thing and really probably saved ourselves a bundle of money. Oh boy, now I can reseed my lawn in the Spring!

There were 17 people this year with the same area of tables that we have had for the past 2 years so it really did feel like we were coming home. The dinner was delicious (of course) and the salad bar was an incredible myriad of every imaginable kind of vegetable and bread possible. I could tell this year that my friends are really starting to know me. I had no salad but there were four people who all brought me caviar and crackers. I gave them a hard time because they forgot the eggs and onions but I really did appreciate the intentions and the GOODIES. The evening was capped with the "passing of the pie" (the famous Mud Pie, that is) which made its yearly migration around our table three times. It might have gone further but junior member Chad Carmer kept taking two bites because he said someone else didn't want any pie and he just wanted to be fair. I think each year the town gets prettier, the people get friendlier, the quantities of food get larger and the Mud Pie tastes better! I can hardly wait til next year.

We all departed at a reasonable hour this time and made it home safely. Even though none of us bought new boats (at least not as of this printing) there really isn't anything wrong with what we have but who can afford to pass up the deal of the century with the boat of our dreams. And so it goes....

POT POURRI

Who was the Captain who left his first mate on the dock at the Capital Yacht Club? (JP)

Who is the member who is so intimidated by the size of her boat that anytime there is wind or a stressful situation she is sent down below because she might panic? (TP)

The OYC sends get well wishes to Ken Gemsheim who is in Bethesda Hospital undergoing open heart surgery for the second time. The prognosis must be good because I hear he is getting his boat NADINE surveyed for sale and has already picked out a 68 footer! Get well soon Ken.

She did it! She decided to go for it and she did it! After their return from Robertson's (which by the way closed for the season on October 25th but will be open on April 1st) and two Back Rub's later she decided to clear her name as the dock "sissy" and take the helm seat and bring their boat in. I wouldn't say she looked like a pinball bouncing around making points but she did give the dock a nudge with the swim platform. All in all though a pretty good performance for her first time.

GALLEY NOTES by Betty Petrey

It's pumpkin time and if you like pumpkin, this recipe is very simple and great to make now or for the holidays! Yes, it has a few extra calories but it is so.o.o... good!

PUMPKIN ROLL

Mix 3 eggs, 2/3 cup pumpkin, ½ tsp. cinnamon, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 tsp. baking soda, and 3/4 cup all purpose flour and 1/4 cup pecans (chopped)

Grease cookie sheet with Crisco shortening (10 x 15) and line sheet with wax paper and then grease the wax paper.

Pour batter on paper and spread (the batter will not be runny). Sprinkle with pecans (or any kind of nut you prefer)

Bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

Sprinkle or sift powdered sugar on a linen towel. When cake is finished baking invert onto powder sugar towel (direct from oven) Remove wax paper. If edges appear dry just trim off. Then roll the cake lengthwise (still wrapped in the towel) Let cake cool for 2 hours.

Filling

8 oz. cream cheese, 1 cup of powdered sugar, 1½ tsp. vanilla and 2 Tblsp. of soft margarine or butter.

Beat together until smooth. Remove the towel from the cooled cake and spread the filling onto the cake. Roll the cake back up and place foil around the roll and put into the refrigerator. Refrigerate for several hours before serving. Keep refrigerated. Now eat until your hearts content!

OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB INCOME STATEMENT - FISCAL YEAR 1987
Fourth Quarter (1 July 1987 - 30 September 1987)

Beginning Balance \$2,689.93

Income

Family Membership Renewals	\$ 105.00	
Junior Renewals	5.00	
New Family Memberships	315.00	
New Individual Memberships	75.00	
New Junior Memberships	20.00	
Sale of Burgees	96.00	
Sale of Decals	2.00	
Sale of Windsoxs	5.00	
Refund from Giant - (discount on dock party food)	75.00	
Sale of leftover chicken	10.00	
Donation	4.00	
Entry Fees - Predicted Log Race	<u>40.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 752.00	\$3,441.93

Expenses

Week-long Cruise (Deposits at marinas or refunds*)	\$ 434.40	
June 27th Dock Party	131.01	
OYC Apparel (Purchased by Club to be sold)	200.00	
OYC Stereo; 2 Folding Picnic Tables	347.74	
OYC Shed Transfer to Holly Acres	115.00	
Xmas Part Reservation Fee	50.00	
Deposit on Lake Ridge Rec Center (10/3 meeting)	200.00	
Regatta Awards (Race & Power)	145.25	
Regatta Dock Party - Food	<u>387.85</u>	
TOTAL	\$ 2,011.25	

Remaining Balance \$1,430.68
End of Quarter

Mary O. Worcester
Treasurer, OYC

10/17/87
(Date)

*Money spent or refunded was previously paid by individual members (See 3rd quarter statement)

Correction (-): 01:15

	DATE	EST TIME (DC)	EASTERN STD. TIME (OCOQUAN)	TIDE
	Saturday-Oct-31	02:21	01:06	2.7
		09:53	08:38	0.2
	Sunday-Nov-1	15:11	13:56	2.6
		22:11	20:56	0.1
		03:40	02:25	2.6
		10:50	09:35	0.0
		16:16	15:01	2.7
		23:16	22:01	-0.1
		Saturday-Nov-7	03:36	02:21
	08:45		07:30	2.6
	15:26		14:11	-0.1
	20:51		19:36	3.0
	Sunday-Nov-8	04:20	23:51	-0.2
		09:31	08:16	2.5
		16:04	14:49	-0.1
		21:31	20:16	2.9
	Saturday-Nov-14	01:48	00:33	2.4
		08:49	07:34	0.2
		14:39	13:24	2.3
		21:01	19:46	0.3
	Sunday-Nov-15	02:51	01:36	2.4
		09:36	08:21	0.2
		15:30	14:15	2.4
		22:00	20:45	0.3
	Saturday-Nov-21	02:23	01:08	0.0
		07:26	06:11	2.6
		14:05	12:50	0.0
		19:29	18:14	3.3
	Sunday-Nov-22	03:11	01:56	0.0
		08:10	06:55	2.6
		14:53	13:38	0.0
		20:14	18:59	3.3
3rd. Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up and Dinner with overnight Mattawoman Bay	Thursday-Nov-26	06:35	05:20	-0.1
		11:35	10:20	2.4
		18:39	17:24	-0.1
	Friday-Nov-27	23:50	22:35	2.7
		07:30	06:15	-0.2
		12:40	11:25	2.4
	Saturday-Nov-28	19:44	18:29	-0.1
		01:00	22:50	2.5
		08:26	07:11	-0.2
	Sunday-Nov-29	13:47	12:32	2.4
		20:51	19:36	-0.2
		02:13	23:45	2.4
	Dock Lighting Party Light your Boat for the Holidays	09:23	08:08	-0.3
14:52		13:37	2.4	
21:57		20:42	-0.3	