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The Daymarker

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Schedule of Events

October 3	OYC General Membership Meeting & Elections 7:30 p.m. Tall Oaks Community Center
November 26	Third Annual thanksgiving Day Raft-Up & Feast
November 29	Second Annual "Chili Cook-Off" & Dock Lighting Party



Commodore's Comments Karl Day

The year has gone by so swiftly and I find to my amazement, and probably to your amusement, that this will be the last time I will open the Daymarker with my comments. It has been a year of fun, frolic and joy and disappointments for others. The annual OYC Sail Regatta and Predicted Log Race which took place on September 19th was no exception. A total of thirteen boats showed up for the sailing event (none from OYC unfortunately) and I believe Ron Tilmon told me that five boats competed in the Predicted Log Race.

Although it was a gray day, that ended in a miserable downpour, there was a nice breeze and the sailors seemed to have a fine day of it. The trophies were nicely spread between the clubs that participated and despite a protest that erupted at the end of the last race and which resulted in a rather extensive discussion of race rules and deeper issues of the fundamental philosophy of "right and wrong", the vast majority of the contestants seemed content with the day's racing and experience.

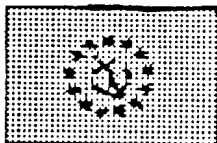
The Predicted Log event is becoming somewhat predictable as I understand that the younger Nick Katsarelis won first place for the second year in a row. Second place was won by Bill and Terri Petrey on POWER PLAY (the original POWER PLAY!) and third place was won by Roland Felton on OUR VICE. Congratulations to all who participated whether you took home a trophy or not. After all, the most important part of these events is the good fun and competitive fellowship which comes from participating.

Thanks very much to Ron and his team for the success of the power event. A special kudo is due Pat Utter who bravely assumed the responsibility of running the sailing events when Doug Borden found it necessary to vacate his position as Rear Commodore for Sail (Racing) in mid-season due to personal conflicts. I know that Doug provided invaluable guidance to Pat as she prepared for this event, but in the end, it was she who had the final accountability for the success of the day's racing and she did an outstanding job. Thanks too to Dennis and Joyce Moeller who graciously volunteered JOYDEN as the committee boat, Stacy Hampton who helped with the very exacting record-keeping and scoring and to George Kiesel who served faithfully with IRISH MIST as the

chase boat - putting out marks, chasing down sailers with special information, etc. It was a great team effort all around and all the contestants appreciated it.

A real blessing was the incredible effort by those who set up the facilities for the picnic. By the time we returned from the regatta, it was raining steadily but despite the dismal day, the spirits of the club members seemed undampened. There are entirely too many people to name who give of themselves unselfishly to make OYC events successful. Thanks to all of you!

Some of the best boating weather is yet to come so I look forward to seeing all of you on the water. Don't forget the Fall General Membership Meeting on October 3rd at the Tall Oaks Community Center in Lake Ridge when we will elect the new Board for 1988. See you there!!!



Vice Commodore's
Comments
Bob LaSerte

Just because it's October does not mean boating season is over. On the contrary, some of the season's best boating is right now. Most of the fair weather boaters haul out at Labor Day and won't be seen again until May. But those of us who hang on until the bitter end know that the water stays warm, the sun still shines and when the leaves begin to turn, the view is spectacular. Fall brings stronger winds, so sailors can rejoice. Power boaters have had free reign during the doldrums of summer so if you are still on the water be courteous to sail boaters. They usually have the right of way and are at the mercy of your wake.

Fall also brings some pretty wicked weather. If you are caught out in rough water, batten down and take your time. It's so easy to try to power home quickly - in the process pounding your boat incessantly and causing needless damage.

I spent Labor Day weekend running out of Rudee Inlet at Virginia Beach into a very rough Atlantic. The trick is to count the series of waves and run out between the big ones. On one day, at low tide, I misjudged the speed the waves were moving and got caught in the "line of death" at just the wrong time. When a roller breaks over your cabin, you quickly learn to take your time and not to rush into anything. A little canvas damage and some loose items were lost - all in all not a big price to pay for a careless mistake.

By the time this Daymarker reaches you it will be just in time to make your final decisions as to who you want to represent the OYC. Don't hesitate to pass along your ideas and suggestions for next season. It's never too early to get started. Volunteers are always welcome to help out so don't be shy - get involved.



Editor's Comments
Terri Petrey

I love this time of year! The weather is starting to take on the crispness of a typical Fall day. Although the weather has been a bit damp lately (that's an understatement!) we do have ever increasing days of clear skies, low humidity and crisp breezes. It will soon be time to break out those sweaters and other warmies.

This time of year always brings a racing heart beat due to the fact that numerous boat shows are beginning. What was comfortable on our boats for the summer has been replaced with thoughts of maybe "bigger is better". For some, a generator is now a must!!! Six months of watching every imaginable kind of boat cruise up and down the Occoquan and occasionally having some racing fun with other boats has given a few the urge to move up in speed. I'll be the first one to admit that three times faster is definitely better! It's also the time for the annual group of OYC'ers to gather and

take that well deserved day off (this year it will be Friday, October 16th) and join in the fun of touring , what seems like thousands, of boats at the Annapolis Boat Show on October 15-18. After a full day of ooh's and aah's, wishing, drooling and hopefully making a "real deal" the group heads for the Chart House for some incredibly good food and the world famous Chart House Mud Pie. Don't be bashful if you want to join in the fun. The more the merrier. The Chart House loves to see us coming because our table always has 20-25 people at it. The day wouldn't be complete with "the passing of the pie" - which usually makes it around the table three times (just an idea of the size of the portions!). So if you want to spend a day of shopping or if you would just like to come along and look, give me a call and I will fill you in on what is happening.

The most important event of the month is, of course, the election of your new 1988 Board. If you can't attend, please be sure to get your proxies in to Jerry Cavanaugh or hand them to any present Board member at the docks. Time is running out but I hope you've had a chance to meet some of the nominated candidates. Since I am running for Vice Commodore, I tried my best to introduce myself to as many new members as I could during the Regatta Weekend and dock party. I met a couple of new faces, alot of OLD faces and reaffirmed my concerns for improving activities and relations in the OYC. Don't forget - October 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at the Tall Oaks Community Center 12298 Cottonmill Drive (on the same street as the Gourmet Giant), Lake Ridge. The Club usually has a celebration after the meeting. Bring your favorite libation and, if you want, some sort of hors d'oeuvre or late night munchie. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The OYC welcomes the following new members: Roger and Debbie Cook-Family and Sissy Cook-Junior aboard D'DONZI; Rodney and Hazel Smith-Family aboard RUN AWAY; Robert and Karen Horne-Family aboard "the blue and white SeaRay out of Riverview; Gene and Pam DeLancey-Family aboard AFFINITY; Peter and Mary O'Brien-Family and Erin and Shannon O'Brien-Juniors aboard RIGHT BRAIN; and, John and Penny Dudley-Family aboard TUPPENCE.

FIRST COMMODORE'S CUP AWARD

The Executive Board will be making its final decision sometime in November for presentation at the Change-of-Command Banquet/Christmas Party (December 12) for the Commodore's Cup or Yacht of the Year award. Your recommendation can be in the form of a verbal comment but we would prefer that you follow up with a written recommendation if we are to present this award cup. The cup was donated to the OYC by Bill and Paula Shaw who wanted it given to the OYC member who met the following criteria: "The First Commodore's Cup is to be presented to the member or family whose yacht best tipifies the title 'Yacht of the Year' based on all factors including underway operation, maneuvering and docking, anchoring and year round appearance and upkeep." The Board would appreciate any input from you because this is not an easy decision making process.

OYC APPAREL

During the Regatta Weekend Rita Jacobs reported selling \$60 worth of T-shirts. An additional \$688 worth of orders were taken with ladies T-shirts, mens T-shirts and a jacket left over. These items will be for sale at the Meeting on October 3rd and if we don't have what you want at the meeting, we will also be taking more orders. Rita reported that orders are taking approximately five weeks to be filled.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences from the entire Occoquan Yacht Club and Marina Staff to Don Hancock on the loss of his wife Barbara.

COMMENTS FROM THE SAIL COMMODORE'S DESK by Pat Utter

On Saturday September 19th our best efforts were put forth to hold our annual OYC Regatta. A total of thirteen boats, six in the spinnaker class and seven in the non-spinnaker class entered and rounded the marks through two courses measuring 6.78 and 4.86 miles. The yachts ranged in size from 22 feet to 37 feet and we had one skipper who came all the way from the sailing marina in Alexandria

Several mistakes were made by an inexperienced race committee chairman (me) however, most of these were corrected to everyone's satisfaction and all agreed that in spite of the cool temperatures and rain soaked picnic, the sailing and the food were great.

Awards were presented to the winners in three divisions:

Division A - Spinnaker

First Place Tie	RELENTLESS	Skipper - Mike Fallon	Quantico Y.C.
	WHITEBIRD	Skipper - Dave Vennell	Mt. Vernon Y.C.
Third Place	WINSOME	Skipper - Jay du Von	Neabsco

Division C - Non-Spinnaker (3 entries only)

First Place	CREW'S MISSILE	Skipper - Howard Coons	Neabsco
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Division D - Non-Spinnaker (only 4 entries)

First Place	AURORA	Skipper - Bill Davenport	National Y.C.
Second Place	FAITH	Skipper - Charlie Porter	Neabsco

I would like to thank our Commodore, Karl Day for all his indispensable help before, during and after the race; The Moeller's for providing us with a beautiful race committee boat and for the care and feeding of the race committee; Stacy Hampton for her hard work at record keeping; Oscar Walker and all who helped put on a "great, even if soaking wet" picnic; Aaron Martin for his expert advice; and, Marilyn Piper for steering me in the right direction of any information I needed.

For those of you who might be interested, the annual Neabsco Sailing Club Kids Kup Race for the benefit of Children's Hospital will be held on October 31st at 10 a.m. Individual starting times will be determined by handicap for this pursuit-type race. The staggered starts are supposed to bring all boats to the finish line at the same time if the boats are sailed to their potential ratings. Following the race will be a social at Fairfax Yacht Club at 5 p.m. to benefit Children's Hospital also. Anyone wishing more information regarding this race is urged to give me a call at 971-1905.

Quantico Yacht Club's Frostbite Regatta will be held on October 24-25. Anyone wishing more information regarding this race is asked to give Pat Utter a call (971-1905) or call Hayes Bryan 703-659-6807 or write Quantico Yacht Club, P.O. Box 21, Quantico, VA 22134.

NOTES FROM THE POOP DECK by John Piper

If you have been down to the marina recently, you may have noticed a lot of squirrels running about. Even a few on the docks. This time of year the squirrels are looking for a place to nest for the winter and a covered boat is an ideal spot to hole up.

If you see a squirrel on the dock chase him back to the shore. Clap your hands, stomp your feet and move toward him. By all means, check your own boat. If left alone, a squirrel will chew all of the canvas and make a real mess. Just think of it as a part of winterizing.

It's surprising how many boaters feel that the season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day. October can have some of the nicest cruising weather of the year. Don't just turn your back on a golden opportunity to enjoy your boat just a little longer.

Actually, this is the start of another season - the season from Labor Day to Memorial Day when a life is so dull at the marina. It started this year on September 19, Regatta weekend. One of the Virginia Concrete barges broke loose and was gently leaning against one of the boats on E dock. No wind or current, fortunately, and no damage. I never realized that Dick Lynn could move one of those monsters with the work boat, but he did.

And so the season begins. I will report on the dullness as it happens but try to visit your boat in the winter. It really is fascinating.

VOLUNTEERS OR COORDINATORS WANTED!!!

With the arrival of November just around the corner comes the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Raft-Up. Originators and coordinators in the past for this event were John and Marilyn Piper aboard DUNMOEN. Interest has always been good for this event with 8-10 boats participating. In the past, coordinating this event meant trying to find out how many boats would be participating, getting each boat to bring at least one dish, i.e., turkey, veggies, stuffing, potatoes, rolls and of course the most important ingredient, to which no Thanksgiving can be without - GRAVY!!! The Piper's always gave high tide on that day and where the boats would be anchored and the time they would rendezvous. If the weather was lousy, then the option of having a "round robin" affair by boat hopping on the docks was always a last resort. If you think you might be interested in getting a group together for this event and would like any information on just what to do, give the Piper's a call - they would be glad to answer any questions.

The end of November bring only the 2nd Annual Boat Lighting Party and Chili Cook-Off. Last year, Rita Jacobs, the originator of this event, was trying to break from the norm of hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken. Rita's idea was to have one entry from each dock and one entry from members not at OHM submit their best pot of chili. The entry from each dock was chosen by a partying soul at each dock inviting anyone (on their dock who wanted to participate) to their house for a pre-chili cookoff. Each person bringing his or her best pot of chili. At the party, all participants would chose which pot of chili from their group was the best and that recipe would be used at the cookoff. This year, if we have this event, it will be held on November 29th. Also included in this day's activities will be the boat lighting. This usually amounted to coming down to the docks with your lights and timers and lots of wire or plastic bag ties (don't use tape!) and adorning your boat with lights, wreaths or whatever you would like to see on your boat. Even if your boat is dry-docked don't feel you are excluded from these events - you're still welcome! If anyone thinks they might like to get the ball rolling on this event, give a Board member a call for details.

Let's try not to let these two traditions with the OYC die because someone is afraid to make the first move or afraid of having problems. Problems can almost always be worked out with a little help and interest.

RENEWALS DUE BY OCTOBER 31st

This is your second reminder that renewals are due the end of October. Renewal forms will be passed out at the General Membership Meeting on October 3rd for anyone interested in joining in for another year of FUN!!!

POT POURRI

Anyone wishing to contribute any pictures of boating activities within the club is asked to forward prints to Rose Marie Lingo for incorporation into the Clubs photo album.

Sad commentary to have to report - someone stole the U.S. flag, the Virginia flag and the OYC burgee from the OHM flag pole sometime during the evening of September 19th - our Constitution's 200th birthday.

Which Captain (and First Mate) has been overheard saying "Bad Duck" at feeding time when the big ducks chase the baby ducks? (J/MP)

OHM now has its very own family of ducks - five babies arrived the last week of August bringing the total to nine at various feeding times.

The geese fly over occasionally and honk at the marina. Suppose they'll bring their babies by next Spring?

It's contagious! It seems that one of our members, who coincidentally is running for Commodore this year, fell overboard again - this time trying to pull up a stern anchor? (RT)

Regatta weekend, one of our past Commodore's was trying to get his boat started for the Predicted Log Race. I understand he had everyone and his brother down working on his boat trying to find the problem. When everyone had given up, someone noticed that his "dead man switch" had been pulled. Those buggers really DO work, right AM?

Have you ever seen a fly swatter covered with cotton balls? Ask GK how it comes in handy when trying to kill horseflies!

CLASSIFIED ADS

1975 - 28 foot Marinette (NO CATCH) Partially restored. \$18,000 Firm. Call Art Morton at 703-560-4144.

Enclosed for your convenience are copies of the 1988 Application to the OYC and a Proxie for the General Membership Meeting and Election of the 1988 Board to be held on OCTOBER 3rd at the Tall Oaks Community Center in Lake Ridge at 7:30 p.m.



OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE 19____ SEASON

Date _____

New Membership
 Renewal Membership

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, ZIP _____
Spouse Name (Family Member) _____
Junior Member Name(s) @\$5 ea. _____


Phone () - _____

BOAT DATA (will be held as confidential):
Boat Name _____ Length _____
Builder _____ Power or Sail? _____
Where Berthed _____ Slip # (If OHM) _____
Call Sign _____

Type of Membership:

- Family \$35
- Individual \$25
- Associate \$15
- Junior \$5 (10-21 yrs)

Please make check payable to OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB
P.O. BOX 469, OCCOQUAN, VIRGINIA 22125


Assignment of Proxy
To: Secretary, Occoquan Yacht Club
Post Office Box 469, Occoquan, Virginia 22125

Since I will be unable to be present for the 1988 election of Officers for the Occoquan Yacht Club October 3, 1987, I do hereby assign my proxy to: _____

_____ _____ _____
Date Printed Name Signature

OCTOBER TIDES

	Correction (-):	00:15	01:15	
		EST	EDT	
	DATE	TIME (DC)	TIME (OCOQUAN)	TIDE
ANNUAL FALL MEETING AND ELECTIONS SATURDAY OCTOBER 3	Saturday-Oct-3	03:46	03:31	2.9
		11:16	11:01	0.3
		16:31	16:16	2.8
		23:27	23:12	0.2
	Sunday-Oct-4	04:55	04:40	3.0
		12:10	11:55	0.1
17:29		17:14	2.9	
	Saturday-Oct-10	04:41	04:26	-0.1
		09:51	09:36	2.9
		16:35	16:20	0.0
		22:00	21:45	3.2
	Sunday-Oct-11	05:28	05:13	0.1
		10:41	10:26	2.7
		17:15	17:00	0.1
		22:45	22:30	3.0
COLUMBUS DAY	Monday-Oct-12	06:16	06:01	0.2
		11:31	11:16	2.5
		17:58	17:43	0.2
		23:31	23:16	2.9
	Saturday-Oct-17	03:41	03:26	2.6
		10:32	10:17	0.4
		16:22	16:07	2.6
		22:39	22:24	0.5
	Sunday-Oct-18	04:34	04:19	2.7
		11:19	11:04	0.4
		17:08	16:53	2.7
		23:35	23:20	0.4
STANDARD TIME STARTS!	Saturday-Oct-24	03:28	23:59	0.3
		08:31	08:16	2.9
		15:17	15:02	0.3
		20:35	20:20	3.5
	Sunday-Oct-25	04:13	02:58	0.3
		09:12	07:57	2.9
		15:56	14:41	0.3
		21:18	20:03	3.5
	Saturday-Oct-31	02:21	01:06	2.7
		09:53	08:38	0.2
		15:11	13:56	2.6
		22:11	20:56	0.1
	Sunday-Nov-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

STANDARD TIME STARTS OCTOBER 25TH