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Commodore's Comments

Ron Tilmon



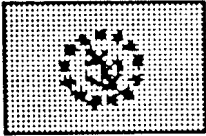
I hope all of you have been as busy as I have this past month. It sure helps the time pass quickly. Between snow storms, business travels and house repairs, I managed to squeeze some time in for the Executive Board to meet and plan the 1988 Schedule of Events. We think you will be pleased with the Schedule. We've basically kept the old schedule format but planned some really nice cruises on our three 3-day weekends during the summer and fall. We've left more time between OYC activities to leave more individual time for cruises. We think you will be happy but if you're not - SPEAK UP! So without further ado, here it is:

1988 OYC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 19	General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party
April 23	USCG Inspection and 3rd Annual I-95 Raft-Up
May 7	4th Annual Flag Raising and Overnight to Wades Bay
May 28-30	3-Day Cruise to Colonial Beach
June 3	Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet
June 11-12	Alexandria Waterfront Festival
July 2	4th Annual July 4th Dock Party
July 4	Cruise to Washington to See Fireworks & Overnight (This will be an individual decision)
July 23-31	Summer Cruise - North on the Chesapeake (St. Michaels, Solomons, Annapolis, Baltimore Harbor, etc.)
August 20-21	Overnight to Somewhere, with Someone, and/or Somehow?
September 3-5	3-Day Labor Day Cruise to Tides Lodge

1988 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Cont)

September 24-25	Regatta Weekend and Dock Party
October 1	General Membership Meeting and Elections
October 29	Chili Cookoff
November 11-13	3-Day Veteran's Day Hearty Sou Cruise & Raft-Up
December 3	Santa to Occoquan & Dock Lighting Party
December 10	Christmas Party and Change of Command Banquet



**Vice Commodore's
Comments**

Terri Petrey



We are at the midway point of winter - have you been down to your marina to check on your boat? Even if your boat is on dry land, check the ventilation and that all lines on the covers are holding tight. And for heaven's sake, don't forget to check your dock lines. February has been known to give us some hellacious weather!

A couple of weeks ago as I was shoveling snow off of POWER PLAY's covers and bow deck for the second (and I'm sure not the last) time, my mind couldn't help but to wander and to start thinking of warm days and boating weather. But in that hour I shoveled snow off I really enjoyed it! It was a sunny day, very crisp but not chilly. The herons were walking across the ice in the Occoquan channel and the ever-present sea gulls were circling overhead. And best of all - THERE WERE NO WAKES! As I worked, I started feeling a little guilty because I hadn't even shoveled all of the snow off of my front door step and driveway and there I was back on the boat - as Bill would say "piddling". This shows you where my priorities are. Well, I am going to continue to dream of warmer days and an early start to boating and start getting her ready now. A sunny warm day is a great time for airing out those cabins and closets and doing some spot cleaning and inventory taking. One can never be too early.

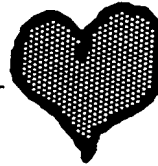
As you can see from the new Schedule of Events, this year promises to be a good one. A few of the events will mean that we will have to have some idea of how many people will be cruising with us in order to make reservations early, i.e., Colonial Beach, Alexandria Waterfront Festival at the City Docks, Summer Cruise to various Chesapeake Bay ports, and the Labor Day cruise to Tides Lodge. As in years past we will be looking for volunteers to help George Kiesel, your Commodore for Power, with arrangements for these places. Please join in and not wait until the last moment to help. We can use your help in any amount, any capacity or for any length of time; whatever is convenient for you.

Some of the other activities on the schedule are subject to changes due to the fact that they are city activities, but we will keep you posted. As for some of the other non-descript cruises we will wait to hear from you and if we don't hear from you we will still go somewhere with someone and/or somehow.



Secretary's Comments

Ned Rhodes



Even though our boats are winterized and we are not actually out on the Potomac, the Executive Board continues to meet in order to make plans for the coming year. The last Executive board meeting was held January 20, 1988 at the home of Ron Tilmon. The meeting was called to order around 8:00 p.m. In attendance were Mary Jo Worcester, Terri Petrey, Ron Tilmon and Ned Rhodes.

The stated purpose of the meeting was to discuss the notes from Terri and Bob LaSerte and to plan the calendar of events for the coming year. The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and approved pending the suggested changes.

A review of the following near-term plans and activities was made:

- a) The Board discussed the fact that the marina has no obligation to call boat owners in the event that there is damage due to weather. The Board understands this position and would suggest that each boat owner check their boat before, during and after any bad weather (including snow storms).
- b) Joe Fisher wants to donate a motor to the Club. The Board will ask him to hold on to it for the moment until the status of the Club shed is finalized. Ron has had discussions with Dickie Lynn concerning the Marina and the county permits. Dickie indicated that once he procures the final county permits, he sees no problem with bringing the shed back from the storage facility the Club is using and making monthly payments on. For the moment, the Board decided to leave the shed at the storage facility.
- c) Pier 5 is going to change management as witnessed by the closing of their doors in December. The Board discussed the possibility of talking with the new management (when that is established) about hosting club events or possibly providing a trophy case or bulletin board to be used to display club burgees and memorabilia received from other yacht clubs.
- d) The issue of visitor docking was discussed. The Board would like to solicit any thoughts that the membership might have concerning the issue. The board also discussed the recent Prince William tax notices. A few of the members have requested additional information from the county. This information will be reviewed in the hopes that the Board can formulate a position.
- e) A closing point was made that the issue of membership attendance at the monthly Executive Board meetings be reiterated. We do urge you to attend if you have any suggestions or thoughts about upcoming events, boating or personal questions, or if you are just curious. Give one of your board members a call first if you think you might like to attend.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thurs. Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Call for location.



Serving over $\frac{1}{4}$ million boaters nationwide, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BOAT/U.S.) is the single source for over 20 time and money-saving services and benefits. And it's ours for only \$8.50, half the \$17 regular annual dues rate. At no cost to our organization and a benefit to you, we have renewed our Cooperating Group Agreement. Our members are provided full membership benefits in BOAT/U.S. at this specially reduced dues rate. A list of current

OYC members has been furnished to BOAT/U.S. for their records. Please ask for "GROUP ACCORD RIGHT" when joining or renewing membership. Present your OYC card if you are a new OYC member. Our Group Accord No. is 80979. If any further questions arise, contact BOAT/U.S. 880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304, (703)823-9550.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Through hurriedness on my part (your Editor) I neglected to give thanks to another lady who helped with another aspect of the Christmas Party back on December 12th. Josie Ellis (second mate aboard SEADRIFTER) supplied to the Club the centerpiece arrangements at each table. Thank you Josie!

BONES

It has been said that in every association it is made up of five kinds of bones. There are LAZY bones that do nothing. There are WISH bones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work. There are JAW bones who do all the talking, but very little else. There are KNUCKLE bones who "KNOCK" everything that anyone tries to do. And, finally, there are BACK bones who get busy and do the work.

WHAT BONE DO YOU USE THE MOST????

BEATING THE BOATERS BLUES (Cont.)

If you were one of those lucky souls who had a video cam this past summer, break out those tapes and reminisce over old times and better times to come.

Also available on the market are videos to interest both the experienced and novice boater. Other topics include navigation principles, engine and boat repair and maintenance, trailering, using marine electronics, racing, fishing, windsurfing and more.

What better way to get rid of the boaters blues than to attend the Washington Boat Show being held at the Convention Center on Wednesday, February 3 through Sunday, February 7. We've had all winter to read up and decide whether its better now to trade up or maybe even trade smaller? Order now so you will have your new boat in plenty of time for all of the OYC activities.

Visit a nearby maritime museum for an interesting look at nautical history and lore in your vicinity. It's sometimes interesting to learn how boats and boating have changed over the years and the impact they've had on the histories of our cities and towns.

MARITIME MUSEUMS

Calvert Marine Museum

Solomons, Md. 20688 (301) 326-2024

Located at the site of the lighthouse, this museum has artifacts of maritime history, small craft, naval paintings and an 1899 log built oyster boat.

Hours: Mon-Fri - 10am-4:30pm, Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12-5

Admission: \$1.00

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Navy Point, St. Michaels, Md. 21663 (301)745-2916

This 16 acre complex is dedicated to preserving the history of the Chesapeake Bay region. Exhibits highlight boat building, fishing, water fowling, yachting, etc. Also on site is a 100 yr. old "screwpile" lighthouse, restored log bottom buckeyes and a skipjack.

Hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Admission: \$4.00, \$3.00 Senior Citizens



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



The first planned activity for the 1988 season is the General Membership meeting followed by the 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party, to be held on March 19, 1988. Place and time to be given in the March Daymarker. So mark your calendars now.

As in the past, the first hour will be our general meeting and then PARTY TIME! Each member should bring an hor d'oeuvre or snack and BYOB. The club will provide setups, glasses and ice for your drinks.

The club is soliciting its membership for the services of a D.J. If this can't be done then bring your favorite tape and be prepared to strut your stuff as there will be a dance off with a prize going to the best couple.

So mark your calendars and don't forget that the leprechauns will be watching for anyone ^{or} touch o' green.

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SAILOR'S TAKE NOTE

We are still looking for a Commodore for Sail. As a member of the Potomac River Yacht Racing Association and each year being invited to participate in various other member club sailing events we need our sailors to participate. In the past the OYC has been a representative club that has been looked up to by other sailing clubs because of its great participation. Last year this was not the case. Let's not have another year like last year. Someone has got to get the ball rolling and take the first step. Why not let it be YOU! Don't know how to sail race? The PRYCA sponsors sailing seminars in the Spring to help and to encourage participation.

If anyone is interested, please give one of the board members a call. We'll be more than happy to help and even more happy that you called!

POT POURRI

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ron and Karl for finally putting their winter covers on their boats to protect them from snow. You realize now boys that we will probably have no more snow, right?

Richard Charles is already hard at work on his latest acquisition, a 37 foot Marinette. By the time he finishes with it in the Spring, it will look like a 1988 model!

Mer reports that there is no excitement at the docks this year, no sinking boats, no one driving off the ramp & no eagles (rumor has it that they are nesting at Mason Neck). The beavers are still around and have a nest going over where the new dock is suppose to be.

With Ground Hog Day just around the corner, we will either have 6 more weeks of winter or 42 days of winter!

Ron says that this year he will be offering a metallic retrieval service. Recently, while working on a home project he dropped a screwdriver down a pipe. Jean had to go out and buy a heavy magnet which worked fine in getting the screwdriver out of the pipe. Now, Ron says, "I can retrieve half my tool box which has fallen into the river off the platform of my boat". How about fishing rods?

POT POURRI (Cont.)

Our best wishes for a fast recovery go out to Adam Gemsheim who was in a serious accident on New Year's Eve. At my last talk with Adam he was recovering slowly but everything was expected to be fine with time.

DIGNIFIED CAPTAIN DAVID BECOMES DESTITUTE

by Mary Jo Worcester

Dozens of days ago, in a dream of a boat, Captain David did dwell. Captain David was dumpy, but dignified. And he had a darling first mate named Dorothy who was a delight (not smart, but a delight).

One day Dorothy danced through the dream boats' door in dear little shorts decorated with ducks. "Hello, dear dumpty Captain", said Dorothy to David.

"Dorothy, my dear dimpled (we won't say where) first mate", said Captain David, "You're delightful and I have a dandy gift for you." "Do describe this doo-dad", said Dorothy. "It's dazzling new dock lines to drape around the cleats", said David. "How devine!" Dorothy exclaimed.

Dorothy draped the new dock lines through the cleats on the dream boat and also the dock. Days passed. Dorothy, not being smart (however, a delight), and David, being too dignified, didn't dutifully attend to the dock lines. The lines became dingy, dank, dirty, decayed; in other words, a real mess!

Then one dreadful day the dock lines gave way, and the dream boat went adrift. Down and out of the docks, dinging other boats, deep out to the dark see, drifting against dangerous rocks. The dream boat became "drafty".

The moral of the story: Now is the time to sit down and thoroughly check all of your lines. If they are stiff, frayed, etc., get new ones. Your dream boat deserves protection from costly damage.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Executive Board, on behalf of its membership, would like to welcome Chip and Ann DeMatteo as new family members.

