

Occoquan Yacht Club
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The Daymarker

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Upcoming Events

March 19 – General Membership Meeting and
 St. Patrick's Day Party at Fairfax Yacht Club
 April 23 – USCG Inspection and Third Annual I-95 Raft-up



Commodore's Comments
Ron Tilmon

Time marches on!!! How much time is left in the 6 weeks or 42 days (which is it John?) from Ground Hog Day until Spring gets here?

Since our previous Daymarker, I attended a meeting of the PRYCA member club commodores. While attendance was a little on the light side, those of us present did manage to conduct some business. I won't go into a lot of details; however, I will relate the planned PRYCA activities for the 1988 boating season:

- April 23, Seafarers Yacht Club/PRYCA sponsored clean up of the Anacostia River. Note: This is the same day as our OYC USCG Courtesy Inspection/I-95 Raft Up. However, if not one, then perhaps the other.
- April 30, PRYCA Spring Fling at Aquia Harbor—meal included, approximately \$18 per person/\$36 a couple.
- July 23-24, PRYCA Float In/Fish Fry at Aquia Harbor. Note: This is the launch day for our Summer Cruise. Once again, if you are not going to be able to go on the week long cruise you might want to consider attending this function.
- Fall PRYCA Picnic at Ft. Belvoir, date to be announced..

We'll pass along additional information as it becomes available. If possible, you should plan on attending these events as they serve as a great way to get to meet our fellow PRYCA boaters.

Now for some OYC news. We recently held another Executive Board meeting. Below are some notable "quickies":

Our fourth annual 4th of July Dock Party was rescheduled from July 2 to June 25 so it would not interfere with any of our member's plans for the three day weekend.

As with all organizations, our's included, costs keep going up. While we do our best to give our funds back to the membership, we still need \$\$ to work with!! Therefore, we feel that we must recommend a dues increase for 1989 as follows. Please take into consideration that the OYC is in its fifth year and we have never had any price increases. The time has come for these changes.

<u>Type of Membership</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Family	\$35	\$45
Individual	\$25	\$35
Associate	\$15	\$25
Juniors	\$ 5	\$ 5

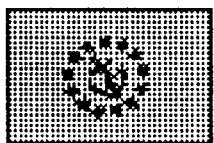
As indicated above, this is a recommendation by your Board and must be voted on/approved at our next General Membership Meeting/Party on March 19th. Therefore, please plan to attend, have a good time, and vote!

If we are going to sponsor/participate in OYC or other Clubs sailing events, we desperately need a rear commodore for sail. So far, no one has jumped forth and demanded the privilege of helping us out with this position. Luckily, Pat Utter has been attending meetings for us and representing the Club. However, we sure could use some help, so, let one of us know if you're willing to help.

While on the subject, we also need cruise coordinators and could use a Safety/Training Officer.

With our current OYC shed situation, our Club property has become somewhat dispersed. If you have some of the Club property, please identify/return it to one of us so we can regain control. Hopefully, we'll be able to get our shed back on Occoquan Harbour Marina property soon.

Enough for now. I hope to see all of you at our St. Patty's Day Party/General Membership Meeting on the 19th of March at Fairfax Yacht Club.



Vice Commodore's Comments Terri Petrey

At last! February is almost over and if you haven't been listening to Bob Ryan's recent weather reports, the Ground Hog didn't see his shadow, temperatures are rising almost daily (except today!) so Spring must be just around the corner. Right?

With the rising temperatures we start feeling ourselves getting geared up for boat cleaning and replenishing supplies. Women and the men are really into dieting and fitness so they can fit into those even briefer bikini's this year. Boat/U.S. loves this time of year - wives hate it! Everytime the men go to "pick up a few things" they come home with half the store and the excuse that "you can never tell when this might come in handy." And they say women are bad? And so life begins again...

Bill and I went to the Boat Show at the Convention Center and once again we were disappointed by the showing of boats. I think our problem is we try to compare it with the Annapolis Boat Show and there is no comparison. More important, there is no Mud Pie!!! If anyone did buy a new boat at the Boat Show, whether in Annapolis or Washington, I didn't hear of it. Share your joy with the Club. I can think of a dozen or more happy souls who would love to greet you when you bring her in with a bottle of champagne.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments Mary Jo Worcester

The 1988 OYC activities have been scheduled and I'm just waiting for warm weather and the boating season to begin! We have some fun trips planned for this year and I hope everyone will participate.

Although we have a Commodore for Power (George Kiesel) we are looking for cruise coordinators - people to volunteer to take responsibility for arrangements. The following guidelines for cruise coordinators have been helpful in past years.

- First and most important, the coordinator must be at the designated anchorage at the designated time.

- Establish times of departure, arrival, and routes to destinations where applicable.

- Establish contact with marinas, when appropriate, to make reservations.

- Determine tides, where appropriate.

- Have depths taken at mean low tide.

- Coordinate with participants for special foods/ refreshments/etc., if a party is involved.

- Determine any special requirements such as harbor master permission for anchoring or tying up at docks where appropriate; i.e., Riverfront Festival at Old Towne Alexandria City Docks.

- Provide "mini chart" (not for navigation purposes) to indicate anchor area(s) where this information is required.

- Serve as a source of information for interested parties.

Our General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on March 19th. We will have a sign-up sheet for all those interested in volunteering to coordinate a cruise. If you have never gone on a cruise with the OYC, or coordinated a cruise before, don't let that stop you. It's a great way to make new friends, learn a little more about boating, and everyone is always willing to help.

The following cruises will need coordinators. Look them over and choose the one of your choice on the 19th.

- Overnight to Wades Bay - May 7
- 3-Day Cruise to Colonial Beach - May 28-30
- Alexandria Waterfront Festival - June 11-12
- Overnight to Somewhere, with Someone, and/or Somehow - August 20-21 (This is an opportunity for some really creative thinking)
- 3-Day Labor Day cruise to Tides Lodge - Sept 3-5
- 3-Day Veteran's Day Hearty Soul Cruise & Raft Up - November 11-13



Secretary's Comments Ned W. Rhodes

A board meeting was held on February 18th to finalize plans for the coming year's activities. The details of these

activities are reported elsewhere in the Daymarker.

The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the details of the flag raising ceremony (including a live trumpet, maybe) and fine tuning the dates and times of future club activities.

There was also some discussion about increasing the membership dues in order to increase our working capital to allow us to keep pace with the increased costs of supplies for parties. This issue will be further discussed and voted on at the Spring general membership meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 March, 1988. The primary purpose will be to discuss finalizing the agenda for the General Membership Meeting and St. Patty's party plans. If you are interested in attending, you will need to contact a board member for the latest information as to the time and place.

This issue of the Daymarker may appear a little different. This is due to the fact that it was produced electronically, using a Macintosh II, an Apple LazerWriter printer and PageMaker software. (Thanks JP for the templates) As a result, it should allow us to continue to publish a quality newsletter. Ron Tilmon reported back to us from a PRYCA meeting that it was felt that "OYC has the best newsletter on the water." At least we can all agree on something.

St. Patrick's Day Party and General Membership Meeting

Don't forget March 19th. It's our fifth annual St. Patty's party and first General Membership Meeting for 1988 and it will be held at Fairfax Yacht Club at 7:30 p.m.

This will be a BYOB and an hors d'oeuvre or dessert and the club will furnish the mixers, paper products, utensils, napkins and cups.

Rita Jacobs, the Club's Quartermaster, will have a supply of OYC shirts and jackets on hand and will be taking orders in time for Spring wearing?

Burgees will also be available for sale at the new price of \$8.00.

For those of you who don't know where Fairfax Yacht Club is, these are the directions:

If you are coming South on 95, take the Woodbridge/Rt. 1 South exit. When you come to the stop light, make a left on Old Colchester Road. (If you are coming from the Woodbridge direction, then you will obviously make a right at the light) Go under the stone bridge and continue until you see what looks like a four-way intersection. Old Colchester bears a hard left, but you will want to continue straight ahead. If you turn right you will be going to Capt. John's Beach Marina. This road will take you right to the front door of the club's recreation facility.

As a closing remark, as with any of the OYC functions where we have to rent or are using the facilities compliments of someone, we must have a clean-up crew to leave the place in the same condition we found it in. We would like to be able to use the facility again. We have never had any problems in the past but I feel that it never hurts to mention this information again.

Membership Secretary's Report Merilyn Piper

Currently, OYC has a membership of 165 which is made up of 122 Family memberships, 17 Individual memberships, 3 Associates and 23 Juniors. Of the 165 memberships, 119 are renewals from last year and 46 are composed of new members. The only disturbing fact is that 96 members have not renewed for this coming year and so they are missing out on receiving the Daymarker. This is typical and we call it the mid-winter slump when there is little boating activity. As soon as the boating season begins, there will be a rush of renewals and new members that will put us over 200 members. Remember that we have applications and new membership packets aboard the *Dunmoen*. If you know of someone that would be a good candidate for membership, send them around!

Notes from the Poop Deck John Piper

There is a light at the end of the tunnel! No, it is not the light of an oncoming train. It is the salvation of Spring! It is March and we have survived the worst part of the Winter and Spring is almost at hand. The first day of Spring is March 20th. This is the vernal equinox when the length of daylight equals the length of darkness. From then on, it gets better. The following Sunday, the 27th of March is Palm Sunday, just a week before Easter. The temperature is warming, the crocuses are blooming, and the ice eaters have been removed from the marina. This must be Spring! We have survived again.

This winter has been quiet and calm at the marina. No sinkings and no drunks driving down the loading ramp. We did watch one sailboat being hauled in mid-February to be trucked to Florida. A job transfer to Cocoa Beach where the employer paid all expenses to move the boat! Not too shabby. The sailboat owner was rather frustrated though. He had come from Tantallon Yacht Club on Swan Creek with little local knowledge of the Occoquan. With very low water and breaking through the ice to get here he did not know the channel and was aground more than once before making it. Local knowledge is a very special ingredient to saying afloat. According to the charts, we can't even get in here, but local knowledge allows us to come and go about half of the time.

If you plan to go exploring in unfamiliar waters, consider a trip by car first. Seek out the locals and explain your needs.

We have never found anyone who was not willing to show off their knowledge of the area with detailed piloting instructions as well as hints as to the best restaurants, marinas, etc. (Double negative there, but it reads the way it was meant.) March would be a good time to make such an excursion. It's warm enough to enjoy a car trip to some other area, but a little too early to go by boat. So make your plans now and seek out the local knowledge to make your summer boat trip a real pleasure.

And while you're at it, March is a great time to open up your boat, air it out and give the engine a Spring tune up. Do it now and she will be ready for that first trip in April! Think Spring.

Our eagle has visited a couple of times. The mallards are in the area and have been around to take nourishment and I have started my ritual of hoarding bread. If last year is any indication, we may need a bread grant! But, we do enjoy our little feathered friends.

News for Sailors

With the coming of Spring, comes great sailing weather. The Neabsco Sailing Club is gearing up for Spring activities towards providing opportunities for newcomers to racing. There will be seminars and some on the water practice sessions for those people who might like to try racing. They will have their "old hands" available to help out. Anyone who thinks they might be interested in one of these seminars, call one of your Board members or Mike LaVersa from Neabsco at (703) 960-0521.

For those experienced sailors who might like to try their hand again and compete for individual honors in the Championship Series you must have your PHRF Certificates for your boats before the first regatta. You need to apply for your PHRF Certificates right now while things are slow. Contact Mike Laversa or Jay duVol at 490-4774 or work # 690-1153.

On March 22, the Race Committee will conduct a seminar at Mount Vernon Yacht Club. This will not only give anyone interested an understanding of how the Race Committee operates but how it sets up courses which will certainly be an advantage to any racing skipper.

The Potomac Yacht Racing Schedule for 1988 is as follows:

Fairfax Regatta	April 23-24
Neabsco Sailing Club Spring Regatta	May 14-15
Mt. Vernon Y.C. Memorial Day Regatta	May 28-29
Quantico Y.C. Frostbite Regatta	October 29-30
PYRC Kids Kup Regatta	November 5

So, When Do You Want The Daymarker?

The question has been raised- "When are Daymarker articles due?" And for the umpteenth time - the 20th of each

month. Typing is usually started by the 22nd and it is usually mailed out by the 25th.

There have been incidents when the Daymarker has been late, but those were extenuating circumstances such as this month when I was in Florida.

So, if you are really interested, get your articles to me by the 20th. I have even been known to take dictation over the phone as a last resort.

Pot Pourri

Who in the OYC is it that has the nerve to fly the Mt. Vernon Yacht Club burgee in the home port of OYC? (CdeM)

A word to all new members, the OYC has ears!!!

Who was the OYC member who just got back from a week of sun and fun and had to refrain from making mention of it? Moi?

Galley Notes

From Jean to all sweet toothers :

Arkanas Wedding Cake

Ingredients :

- 1 box of yellow butter cake mix
- 2 boxes of instant vanilla pudding
- 1 can of crushed pineapple
- 1 can of peach pie filling
- 2 cartons of sliced strawberries
- 1 large container of cool whip

Bake cake as directed. Let it cool. Mix pudding as directed. Place one layer of cake in bottom of punch bowl. Put half of each of above ingredients on layer. Add the second layer and repeat with the remaining ingredients. Top with cool whip. Refrigerate and keep cool until ready to serve.

Note to Lynn Martin, give this recipe to Aaron and let him have the kitchen for the day.

Classified Ads

'84 Sea Ray 260 Sundancer, *TMAC*, on blocks at Pier 5. Aft cabin, galley, head, VHF radio, depth finder, stove, fridge, charger, full canvas, low hours. \$27,990. Call 323-1675 (Fairfax). Tom Coldwell

'76 Marinette, F/B Exp. *She's a Lady* (703) 455-3455 Ed Detwiler.

AMERICAN MARINE TRAINING

MID-ATLANTIC REGION

SPRING 1988

Annapolis, MD M-W	4/11	4/13	4/18	4/20	4/25	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11
Alexandria, VA T-Th	4/12	4/14	4/19	4/21	4/26	4/28	5/3	5/5	5/10	5/12
Geithersbg, MD M-W	4/13	4/18	4/20	4/25	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11	5/16
Solomon's, MD M-W	4/18	4/20	4/25	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11	5/16	5/18
Waldorf, MD T-Th	4/19	4/21	4/26	4/28	5/3	5/5	5/10	5/12	5/17	5/19
Williamsbg, VA M-W	4/20	4/25	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11	5/16	5/18	5/23
Wilmington, DE M-W	4/25	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11	5/16	5/18	5/23	5/25
Philadelphia T-Th	4/26	4/28	5/3	5/5	5/10	5/12	5/17	5/19	5/24	5/26
Cockeysvl, MD M-W	4/27	5/2	5/4	5/9	5/11	5/16	5/18	5/23	5/25	6/1

* All Captain's courses meet from 7:00PM to 9:30PM.
 **Cost: \$445.00
 \$395.00 with registration prior to 2/14/88.
 Cost depends on the date AMT receives a deposit.

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Dear Commodore:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to American Marine Training. We are an organization teaching the USCG Captain's Prep Course. We have classes from Boston, MA to Williamsburg, VA. I hope that at least one of these classes is conveniently located in your area. We teach a course which lasts five weeks and meets twice each week either on Mondays and Wednesdays or on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our current schedule for the Mid-Atlantic states and Chesapeake Bay area is included with this letter.

I am writing because it is quite possible that some of your members at Occoquan Yacht Club are (or were) interested in acquiring their license. Recently the USCG reorganized the licensing structure. There was alot of talk about how difficult it could get to acquire a license after these changes took effect and consequently many people now think that it is not possible for them to get a license. This is NOT the case. Although the structure was changed, the minimum requirements for passenger carrying licenses was not changed. It is still possible for a recreational boater with a minimum of 360 days of experience to acquire a Captain's license.

I think that American Marine Training has the best licensing program because not only do we teach students the necessary information to pass the test but also, because of our five week program designed after a college level course, the students learn alot of material that will accompany them hopefully for the rest of their boating careers. WE ARE NOT A CRAM COURSE!

We want the members of Occoquan Yacht Club to have the opportunity to contact us if they desire to obtain a license. We ask only that you make available to your membership, by whatever means you see fit, this letter and our schedule.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. If there is any additional information we can provide please call or write the address below.

Best Regards,

Earl Henderson
 Regional Director



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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March 19	General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party
April 23	USCG Courtesy Marine Inspection and I-95 Raft-Up
May 7	Flag Raising Ceremony with Over night to Wades Bay
May 28-30	Memorial Day - Three-day Cruise to Colonial Beach
June 4	Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet
June 11-12	Alexandria Waterfront Festival
June 25	Fourth-of-July Dock Party
July 4	Fireworks Cruise to Washington
July 23-31	OYC Cruise - North on the Chesapeake
August 20-21	Overnight to Somewhere, with Someone and/or Somehow?
Sept. 3-5	Labor Day Cruise to Tides Lodge
Sept. 24-25	Regatta Weekend and Dock Party
Oct. 1	General Membership Meeting/Elections
Oct. 29	Chili Cookoff
Nov. 11-13	Three-day Veteran's Day Hearty Soul Cruise & Raft-up
Dec. 3	Santa to Occoquan/Boat-Lighting Party
Dec. 10	Christmas Party/Change of Command

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