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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27-29

Memorial Day Week-end three-day Cruise to Cobb Island. D. Charles Coordinator.

June 9-11

Alexandria Waterfront Festival. Terri Petrey Coordinator (690-6577).

June 18

Father's Day. See your Mother for details, although Dad may have an opinion.

July 1

Fourth of July Dock Party at OHM. Eva Nanni Coordinator (670-4633).



Commodore's Comments

Marilyn Piper

This comment will probably come off sounding like Preacher Mer, but with the boating season having already started, I feel compelled to remind us all to exercise respect and courtesy for our fellow boaters. There has already been one incident of foul language exercised on a passing boater and a couple incidents of loud "music" blaring across the marina. People who want to enjoy their boats any time of the week should be allowed the peace and quiet and tranquility of their investment. Please respect your neighbors when you are on board or just messing around the docks.

I don't know about the other marinas in the area, but OHM was once again bombarded with nature's debris from the recent rains. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and helped push the stuff down and out. Some people feel the large "stuff" should be hauled away by land rather than letting the current carry it off to its destination (naturally away from the main channel!), but the logistics of that exercise are formidable. Besides, if you didn't see it, you wouldn't think about

it when you go boating. Now that you have seen it and you know you helped push it out in the current, keep that forward lookout and stay in the channel.

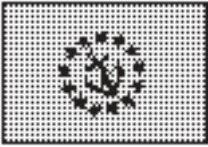
Because of the amount of debris still in and on the rivers, participation as a Club function in PRYCA's Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on May 21 was canceled. Because of Alexandria's Waterfront Festival June 9-11, we have canceled our planned Blessing of the Fleet in Occoquan Bay, which we had scheduled for June 10.

Some of our members have planned separate cruises to coincide with their vacation plans. Please keep an ear out for pot pourri and share the highlights of your trips with the Club with an article in the Daymarker. As a reminder, the deadline is the 20th of the month.

As a matter of interest to some, Dave Yarnell is trying to pull together a Coast Guard Captain's License course here in the local area. He asked that any OYCers who might be interested to please give him a call at 703-491-3797.

I exchanged burgees with Fairfax YC on May 21st, so we have another burgee to add to our ever growing collection.





Vice Commodore's Comments

Ned W. Rhodes

By the time that you read this, the Memorial Day trip to Cobb Island will be history. I wanted to report on the activities over that weekend. You see, it is trips like that one, that make this club fun. If you think we had fun on that trip, just wait until the next one!

The weather Saturday morning was a little overcast, but the morning fog had lifted by 9 for the early departure of eight boats (including the *Dunmoen*) for Cobb Island at 1:30 pm. The trip down was uneventful, except for Bill Petrey who ran into a submerged shipping pallet. No damage was apparent, so he continued on. The flotilla kept in contact with each other via cellular phones until hitting the 301 bridge, when they switched over to VHF radio. Carl and I were seen making endless trips to the parking lot to unload bedding materials from the boats in order to make room for an extended supply of wine.

A few people chose to barbecue on Saturday night. We want to thank Dale for bringing the chainsaw and providing the necessary fire wood. With the exception of two people falling in on Saturday night, the crowd was rather subdued. The Pam and Debbie Margaritas were well received although it doesn't seem fair that we have to wait to buy the OYC cookbook before we can get the recipe. The Strip Bridge game aboard *Captains Choice* was in high gear most of the night as was the Dirty Dancing lessons on deck and the Porcelain Wok "cooking" demonstrations aboard *Southern Nites*.

Sunday afternoon Debbie and Guy celebrated the emptying of the box of wine by serving Kahula cake and milk. The Sunday night dinner was filled with the standard club traditions. I wore Guy's dinner home on my white shirt and the men all stood on chairs to shoosh the women present.

The Pipers arrived early Monday morning, just in time for the departure of the club. They may cruise slowly, but they do it in style. After a short stop at Robertsons for Backrubs and Backfins, the Club roared home to make up lies about another trip.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Ginny Kildoyle

Just a few tidbits this month. First, our cookbook has been sent to the publishers and sometime in August will be on sale. The supply is limited, but \$5.00 in advance will hold a copy in your name. Just mail in your check to my attention, or give it to me or Marilyn on the docks to reserve your copy. Second, I have exchanged burgees with Fort Comfort Yacht Club of Piermont, "On the Hudson", New York. We will proudly add it to our collection in the OHM store. Last, but not least, our week-long cruise is going to be here before you know it. If you have ever taken a boating vacation, I know you're already looking forward to it. If you haven't please try to join us - it's a lot of fun. More about this elsewhere in the Daymarker.

Flag Raising



The official opening of the OYC boating season was accomplished with our 6th Annual Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday, May 6. There had been fear that we might have to come up with a rain date, but we were blessed with beautiful weather, with

appropriate acknowledgment made. Approximately 68 OYCers and guests were in attendance as we fired the ceremonial cannon and raised the Colors and our Burgee. Junior Members Patrick Worcester, Jessica Utter, Robin Charles, Tallie Walker, and Chris and Corin DeLancey were presented with certificates of participation for their flag raising efforts. Ken Kelly, VC of PRYCA and PC of Aquia Harbour YC joined us, as did "Past-Everything" Bill Trimpin of Capital YC with whom we exchanged burgees. The Fairfax County Marine Patrol was represented by three officers with Sgt. Crosby briefly explaining what the Patrol accomplished last year and what their hopes are for this season. They were encouraged by our response to them and they requested any comments we might have to help them perform more effectively. Announcements were made regarding the PRYCA's Blessing of the Fleet and Boat Parade on Sunday May 21 and the Memorial Day Cruise to Cobb Island. A couple more families were welcomed into the Club, and it was delightful to have Dennis and Joyce of *JOYDEN* return from North Carolina for the festivities. The ceremony was capped by all enjoying punch and cake. A very special thanks to the entire Charles family for the two cakes they provided for the function. Also, thanks to Dale and Rita Jacobs who, at the last minute assisted in obtaining the new U.S. Flag for the flagpole. And, thanks to all who participated in kicking off the 1989 OYC boating season.

Day on the Docks

The "Day on the Docks" Saturday, April 22 dawned clear and sunny. There were 27 boats inspected by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, four of which needed additional attention. Fifteen OYCers took advantage of the fire extinguisher exercise. Those extinguishers with plastic nozzles were not able to be recharged; however American Fire did have "proper" extinguishers for sale at a very reasonable price. The Fire Marshal strongly urged that we have the "A/B/C" types on our boats even though the Coast Guard only recommends the "B/C" type. Several members who either missed the exercise or could not attend have expressed a desire to have a repeat which will be done. Five members learned some of the basics of line handling. Once the coals got started and the odor of burgers and hot dogs began wafting over the docks, there were approximately 60 OYCers and guests enjoying the good food and beer. We welcomed a couple of new families into our wake. We learned that for this bunch we need both grills roaring and more than one chef. It was disappointing that we could not take a tour of the tug, but it may still be possible at another of our dockside functions. All in all a successful first dockside function.

Log Push and Lumberjack Camp

The Board

The Board was pleased at the participation in the First Annual Log Push and Lumberjack Camp the weekend of May 13th and 14th. Approximately 50 OYC members participated in the festivities. A Dock was the winner of the sunken boat contest and the wood collection contest. C dock won the award for most wood pushed in an hour (Terri Petrey put in a fine personal effort here) and D dock won the award for the most broken boat poles (2) and the award for the biggest log guided through under the dock by an amateur (once again, thank you C Dock). E Dock took the honors for the best looking pile of wood in a downriver dock.

The Board has other impromptu activities planned for the coming year. Wait until you see what we have planned for hurricane season! Once again, thanks to all that participated. Just remember those fateful words, "Incoming!!".

Alexandria Waterfront Festival

Bill Petrey

We know that summer is almost here when the Alexandria Waterfront Festival begins **June 9/10/11**. In the past, we have been blessed with great weather, peaceful anchoring and a great group of friends all sharing good times together. I'm sure that this year will be no different.

Last year at Festival time, I remember waking up and finding Steve and Diann Polk bringing their dog over to our boat by dinghy. Rocky, whom she hadn't seen in two years, had just arrived at National Airport from Washington State (kennel and all), a bit groggy but very happy to be back on "land" (well, at least for a short time). Steve and Diann had gotten up at dawn, dinghied over to the town docks, gotten a cab ride to the airport and picked him up. See? There are no limitations to the variety of excitement this Club provides.

As I said before, this is a wonderful event. Capt. Dave Rutherford will once again be in charge of anchoring at waterside. Dave did a fantastic job of taking care of all of us last year and making sure that we all had our ditty bags full of goodies with information on what was happening. There are a variety of sights and events to take part in.

The invitation letter says that "at least four Tall Ships, and Navy and Coast Guard vessels will be making port calls and welcoming visitors. The 177-foot *GAZELA* of Philadelphia is returning, as is the *PROVIDENCE*. The 161-foot *BLUENOSE II* from Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the skipjack *NORFOLK* will also be there, all hosted by the 125-foot three-masted *ALEXANDRIA*. Of special interest will be the *AFRICAN QUEEN*, the original 35-foot steamboat used in the 1951 Humphrey Bogart film. Built in England in 1912, she is being brought from her home port in Key Largo, FL."

In addition, I have just learned that the 185' ship *The Domino Effect* will be arriving. This vessel is owned by – you got it – Mr. Domino's Pizza himself. This ship has no engine, but it does have it's own 40' tug to take it wherever it wants to go.

If you do not have a Guest Fleet Registration form but would like to go to the Festival, give me a call at 690-6577 (after 6 p.m.) or 691-2433 (at work) and we will take the appropriate information over the phone and give it to Dave. He does ask that you make your tax deductible check for \$25 (\$30 at the Festival) to the **Alexandria Red Cross** and mail it to **Capt. Dave Rutherford, 3689 Russell Road, Woodbridge, VA 22192**, as soon as possible so that he will have enough ditty bags for all of us. I will pass them out when you arrive at the anchorage on Friday or Saturday.

There will be a group of us leaving on Friday, June 9th, in the afternoon – probably around 4 or 5 p.m. Last year it was to our advantage to get there early and get a good anchoring spot. If you are interested in joining us, let us know. This time may change depending on our work loads at the office, but we are aiming for an early departure. If you can't make it until later, or the next day, we will be there monitoring Channel 16 to let you know where we are. My new boat name is *Flashback*. Just a reminder, if you have a dinghy, bring it.

Dave also informed me that there may be dock space available at the very last minute (probably Saturday morning). There is no guarantee there will be space but it will be there for those who want it. He also informed me that Washington Sailing Marina has extended an invitation to those who don't want to raft out, to stay at their marina for \$10 a night. If this is what you prefer, you might want to call ahead of time and reserve a slip. Proceeds for slip rentals will go to the ALEXANDRIA RED CROSS. Give Terri or me a call if you have any questions and we hope to see you there.



Fourth of July Picnic

The annual Fourth of July picnic will be held on Saturday, **July 1** at the picnic area at Occoquan Harbour Marina. There is a flyer with this issue of the Daymarker as a reminder. The Club will be providing the chicken/hot dogs beer/sodas and we are requesting that each participant create a unique side dish to share. Because of the 4th falling on a Tuesday this year, there is no organized cruise; so, the hours will be from 11:30a.m. until 2:00p.m. to allow plenty of time for those OYCers who do want to go out. The coordinator for this event is Eva Nanni, who is looking for volunteers to help with the setup/cooking/cleanup functions. Please call her at 202-554-2664 or 703-670-4633 if you feel the urge to assist.





Letters to the Editor

The mailbox is overflowing with letters to the editor. Here is just a sample.

Dear Editor,

What has happened to the Daymarker? I miss the lightheartedness and family air it had. I miss the recipes!!! I want to hear more from Captain Bob and his childhood stories. I want Harry Hawspipe to lighten up and get back to his "old self". And how about some poems from Mary Jo or some of Steve's great stories? Let's get back on track. The purpose of this Club is to have fun and promote camaraderie and good boatmanship.

Your faithful Editor was deeply touched by all your good comments about the Daymarker. In order to promote the timely exchange of information and to provide up to the minute, late breaking news items, your editor has installed a FAX machine right here in the editorial office. The number is (703) 237-9654. Contributions are always welcomed and I hope that some of the people mentioned in your letter will be moved to contribute articles, poems and recipes. Come on, help me out with some material!

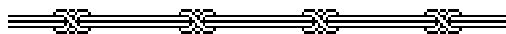
Dear Editor,

We have a "handicap" parking spot at the top of "C" Dock which has been used on numerous occasions by members who are not "physically" handicapped. I realize that one of our members who is handicapped does not come down to the docks anymore, but there are friends of members who are handicapped and find it very frustrating to have to park in the farthest reaches of the parking lot to visit. Let's be more considerate of those who are not asking much more than a little consideration.

Dear Editor,

~~I would like to know why whenever we are in a group together, you always disappear never to be seen or heard until the following day? Have I (or we) got bad breath? B.O. problems? Personality problems? Come on, you can tell me! Have we been ragging on you too much?~~

Oops, please disregard the previous letter. Sometimes I get lost for hours at a time and wind up at a different party. Don't take it personally.



Errata The Editor

It has come to my attention that there were a few errors in some of the articles in last month's Daymarker. The following should set the record straight.

1. Carl Way spells his name with a "C" and not a "K".

Sorry Karl, thanks for being such a good sport about it.

2. Also, Karl's boat name was incorrectly published as Andromeda LXXXXVII. Obviously the number is incorrectly specified, it should be XLVII.

3. It was reported that Bill had hit a crap pot. No matter what you normally call them, they are really crab pots.

4. Carl's boat name is really Andromeda LXXXII, not LXXXXVII as was previously reported.

5. The Editor regrets the implication that Bill had hit a crap pot last month. In reality, it was a rudder problem.



I owe you an apology. In the April Daymarker there was a serious error in the Tide Tables. For the weekend of 29-30 April, the high and low tides were exchanged. I could blame it on a computer error, but we all know that a computer will only do what you tell it. I could also claim that it was an April Fool's joke but if that is what I had intended, the joke would have been obvious. No - I goofed, plain and simple.

These tables are not self-generating from some master software. They are based upon the published NOAA tide tables, and the data is manually entered into the form that we use for the Daymarker. I had updated the table for April 1988 to create the table for April 1989. All of the times were correct. However, the height of the tide was not corrected for the last weekend of the month. I suspect that I got a phone call in the middle of this data entry and was diverted into once again saving the Nation from the forces of evil but that is no excuse for the screw up. I apologize.

Let's talk reliability. Most of us commute to work every day. Every weekday we hop in the car, punch the starter and drive off with no thought or concern. Every 30,000 miles or so we get a tuneup but unless we left the lights on all night, we never worry that the car won't start. In round numbers, this averages out to 20,000 miles per year or about 600 to 700 hours on the road.

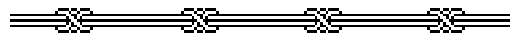
Can you say the same thing about your boat? Not likely. An average boat will be run about 100 hours in a season and up to 200 hours for the heavy user. All the rest of the time your boat is just sitting there doing nothing. If a gas engine boat gets 500 hours without a valve job, it's doing well. If the water pump impeller lasts for more than two years, it's remarkable. Why? Lack of usage.

If you started your car once or twice a month only in the summer, — well, you get the message. When your engine sits idle, there is a fine film of oil in the bearings that is slowly

oozing out. The longer you wait, the less oil and the more wear when you first start up until the oil is replaced. Your water pump impeller is forced into an unnatural shape by the pump housing. If left for long periods of time, the impeller tends to take on this shape permanently, losing its ability to flex and pump water. The list goes on, but the message should be clear. Use your boat!

Our boat was recently in the yard for extensive overhaul. When she was put back in the water, it took several days to get everything working again after only seven weeks. This included a head that had never failed in four years, a sink drain that had never clogged, a transfer relay that had never stuck and so on. The longer things sit, the tougher it is to get them working again.

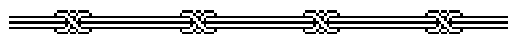
If you don't have the time or inclination to go out, at least start it up and let the engine get thoroughly warmed up. Do it weekly if at all possible. This also applies to other systems such as the bilge pump or the head. There is an impeller inside the bilge pump and up to two impellers inside some heads. Even if your bilge is dry, run the pump manually for a few seconds to flex the impeller. On a manual pump style of head, the "leather" will dry out and lose the ability to provide pump suction. Like most everything else in this world, "Use it or lose it!"



Welcome New Members

John Piper

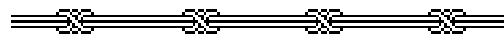
The OYC welcomes Tom and Nancy Lensis-Family aboard a 27' SeaRay berthed on "D" dock at OHM; Dennis and Trude See-Family aboard a 27' Sea Ray berthed on "A" dock at OHM; Carleton and Susan Haley-Family aboard **The Honey** berthed on "A" dock at OHM; Bennie Bacle-Associate; Michael and Bonnie Gallagher-Family aboard a 19' Formula; Ken and Sandi Lang-Family aboard **ENCHANTRESS** berthed at Harbor Point; Bryan Petrey-Junior aboard **FLASHBACK** berthed at OHM; Cort and Joan Randell-Family and Juniors Kurt and Chris aboard **SEA JAY** berthed at OHM; and, welcome back to Past Commodore Bill Shaw aboard **RELIANT** berthed at Poquoson, Va., and Doug and Rachele Thrasher-Family aboard **CAP'N D** berthed at OHM;



Marine Patrol Summary

The Fairfax County Marine Patrol has provided OYC with a written summary of what Sgt. Crosby told us at Flag Raising about their activities during the 1988 boating season. Quoting from part of the memorandum: "The marine patrol unit's goal for 1988 was to establish waterborne law enforcement on the waterways of Fairfax County. This goal was not only met, but exceeded with the high number of boater contacts being made in 1988. Violations, boat inspections, rescues, tows, and other assistance accounted for over 1,092 different contacts

with the boating public. The unit's goal for 1989 will be to increase the level of enforcement by issuing a larger percentage of summons per violation. Summons were only issued in 10 percent of the violations observed in 1988." Some of their statistics are worth sharing with the Club. Under "Violations", they had 120 dealing with numbering / registration; 22 with negligent operation; 2 with DWI; 445 causing a wake in the no-wake zone; and, 157 miscellaneous including one concealed weapon. Under "Assists/Rescues" they assisted 44, towed 29, and effected 10 rescues. Under "Safety Inspections" they inspected 260 boats and found 231 violations, and they removed 11 boats from service. They issued 378 oral warnings, 286 written warnings, issued 77 summons, and had 3 physical arrests. Let's hope they have a good season during 1989 and that none of the 1989 statistics involve an OYC'er.



Safe Boating Week

This year National Safe Boating Week is set for June 4-10 with the theme "Know Before You Go". This theme stresses the need for boating education and is aimed at the non-traditional boater who would be someone using a boat for fishing, water-skiing or hunting. This theme could also be aimed at us all which would encompass knowledge of proper ways to handle lines, knowing the rules of the road, exercising common courtesy particularly in narrow channels, watching our wake, etc. Let's try to continue that theme throughout the boating season.

Nature Corner

Mate Mer



I guess I need to thank all OYC-ers/OHMers who must have maintained the feeding vigil of "my" ducks. Within one-half hour of our docking, two male mallards came by quacking up a storm. With no ladies by their sides, I could only presume they

were nesting. Well, now occasionally the ladies do join the fellows, which I guess means we'll have some babies shortly. On Sunday, May 14 some of us witnessed a case of "nature in the raw"... a baby duckling had made its way to the docks and was being ignored by "its parents" as well as the geese. While the duckling was struggling with the current and the debris, it was obvious that the mother wanted nothing to do with it - obviously not one of the fittest. Although sad and disappointing to our nature loving members, this is the way nature takes care of its own. Our fine feathered friends must know more than they appear.

On Thursday, May 11 two families of geese appeared - one with six babies and one with three babies. So, I am now in the bread-hoarding mode until the babies are old enough to eat the toasted oats.

Another fine sign of Spring.

Week-Long Cruise - July 22-30

Mer Piper

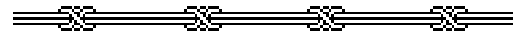
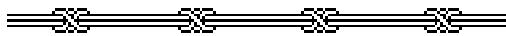
The Board has come up with two possible trips to "do" the River. The first one listed below is the suggested one because it gets us to four marinas on the southern part of the River and a tiny taste of the Bay by scooting up to Solomons on the Patuxent River and then visiting Vera's on St. Leonard Creek off Pax River. The second one listed gets us to five marinas and an anchor out, but it doesn't give us the opportunity to "use" our boats. All of the marinas listed have slips, electricity, gas, and ice. Most have a pool and restaurant - Capt. John's at Cobb does not have a pool; and, White Point on the Yeocomico does not have a restaurant, but it has courtesy transportation to The Mooring Restaurant at Yeocomico Marina and the facilities are delightful. I've listed the approximate nautical miles from point to point so you can gauge how long each leg of the trip will take you. Since the week-long is nine days, both suggested cruises allow for seven days doing something and two days left over for weather/repair or just plain relaxing. If you've read this far and are the fourth person to call me, you win a nautical key chain. We are requesting that if you have any interest in going on either of these cruises, please call either me at 490-4857 or Ginny at 250-6746 **NO LATER THAN JUNE 15**. The absolute cut-off date for a deposit of \$100.00 is **JULY 1**. Reservations are a **MUST** at each marina. So, go get a beer, grab your charts, and sit down with your other half and fantasize about how much fun it will be. Then, pick up the phone and call either of us.

Week-long on the Potomac and a Taste of the Bay

72nm	OYC to either Yeocomico Marina or White Point Marina on the Yeocomico
8nm	Yeocomico or White Point to Point Lookout Marina on Smith Creek
32nm	Point Lookout to Spring Cove Marina at Solomons on Patuxent River
11nm	Spring Cove to Vera's on St. Leonard Creek
45nm	Vera's to either White Point or Yeocomico on the Yeocomico
29nm	White Point or Yeocomico to Capt. John's Marina at Cobb Island on the Wicomico
45nm	Capt. John's to OYC

Week-long on the Potomac

45nm	OYC to Capt. John's at Cobb Island on the Wicomico
18nm	Capt. John's to Tall Timbers Marina on Herring Creek
15nm	Tall Timbers to Dennis Point Marina on Smith Creek (approx. 9nm to gunkhole to Horseshoe Bend and Tippetty Witchedy - just for fun)
8nm	Dennis Point Marina to either Yeocomico Marina or White Point on the Yeocomico
32nm	Yeocomico or White Point to Colonial Beach on the Virginia Shore
29nm	Colonial Beach to Wades Bay to anchor and search for shark's teeth
16nm	Wades Bay to OYC



Emergency VHF Radio Information

There are three emergency calls that are used on the VHF Radio. The following in quotes is taken from the FCC Rules for Recreational Boaters:

a. "MAYDAY - The distress signal MAYDAY is used to indicate that a station is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance. MAYDAY has priority over all other messages." Being out of gas or needing a tow because your outdrive caved in is NOT a case for a MAYDAY call. If your wife or husband, or other crew members may be having a heart attack, that would be a MAYDAY call. It is pronounced exactly as it is written.

b. "PAN PAN - The urgency signal PAN is used when the safety of the vessel or person is in jeopardy." An example of the use of PAN would be an overdue or missing boat. PAN



This coupon is good for \$1.00 off the price of any tab through June 30, 1989.

Limit: One per customer!

PAN is pronounced PAHN.

c. "SECURITY - The safety signal SECURITY is used for messages about the safety of navigation or important weather warnings." When we had the water spout sited off Gunston Cove last year, a boater would have issued a SECURITY broadcast; other possibilities are a barge aground in the channel, or a truly submerged obstruction in the channel (not a large floating piece of flotsam like we've been pushing). As a final example, last year when JOYDEN was towing MAGGIE LYNN back from Washington, Dennis issued a SECURITY as he began his approach to the Occoquan requesting boaters to slow down to no-wake speed because he had a tow. A proper call. SECURITY is pronounced SECURITAY (as with a long a, not security.)

" River Watch"

The Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners, Local Notice 19 dated May 9, 1989 provides the following information of interest to boaters on the Occoquan River: "Mariners are advised that the Virginia Department of Transportation will be conducting test borings in Occoquan Creek at the I-95 bridge, mile 2.9, at Woodbridge, Virginia. The work will be conducted by barges adjacent to the bridge. The navigation channel will not be blocked, but the barges may protrude slightly into the channel at various times. The barges will be lighted and marked in accordance with Inland Navigation Rules. Mariners are advised to exercise caution when transiting the area. Chart: 12285, 12289." Note that no date was provided for the start of this exercise, so keep that forward lookout.



For June, our resident know-it-all once again shares his vast and half-vast knowledge on nautical subjects. If you need information, just ask the "Answer Man", c/o the Day-marker, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan VA. 22125.

Dear Harry - Several of the boats in the marina have long poles on each side of the cabin that are raked backward. I have heard these boats called "Sport Fishermen". Are these poles part of the fishing equipment? D.F.

A common misconception, but no. Back in the sixties, automobiles used to have little whiskers on the right side called curb feelers. They would make a scraping noise when you were close to the curb. Those long poles are called "bridge feelers" and their use should be obvious.

Dear Harry - Last week, Miss B.B. on F-Dock was having a wild party on her boat. There were six or seven people and they were all naked as a jaybird. I was watching them pour champagne over each other when they saw me peeking. They gestured for me to join them in the fun. I, of course, did not. To whom should I report this aberrant behavior? O.F.

Possibly you can get help at your mental health clinic, although I don't think there's much hope for you.

Dear Harry - In Nautical Time, is it ever possible to be "Sixteen Bells" ? C.W.

Yes. In the British Navy, sixteen bells are sounded at midnight on New Year's Eve.



Overheard at the Harbour Inn ... They weren't here for drinks, if you know what I mean?

Ask Debbie F. about the joke that starts "Speaking of cops..."

Which OYCer has a reef named after him on the south branch of the Yeocomico? - J. Welsh

Overheard on C Dock ... Look at the size of that thing!! The "thing" happened to be a flag staff.

Janeal W. says that she does so know what a stove is. It is a night light that can be used to roast marshmallows.

The Beach Boys never sounded so good except when Ned R. starts to sing, "She's real find, my 409..." Yea Ned!

Rumor has it Debbie F. can really unwind after only 5 bottles of wine.

Bill P. has finally brought C Dock up to standard by finally washing and waxing his boat. Bill's theory is "the rain cleans my boat".

Word is spreading on the docks that a male bikini bathing suit contest is in the making. Sounds really good to me!

Steve and Diann P. opened their boat to find all of the Winter's melted snow and Spring rains inside their boat. Don't worry kids. Just think, the water is cleaner in the boat than what you have to put your boat back into.

Want to know a fool-proof method for opening a fellow's mouth? Just ask Carl W.

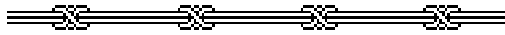


OYC Shed

The OYC shed has been returned to the marina. In cleaning it out, we found the following items which are not OYC property:

- 1 pair of water skis
- 1 ski vest
- 1 ski rope
- 1 PFD - small
- 2 crab pots
- 1 flying bridge ladder
- 1 flying bridge
- 1 5-Gal gas can, plastic
- 1 5-Gal gas can, metal
- 1 pair mauve BVDs

If any of the above is yours, please see Marilyn, otherwise we will auction them off to the highest bidder on July 1 at the 4th of July picnic.



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Expired Harbour Inn Cents off coupons. Half price. See Miss B.B. on F dock.

