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UPCOMING EVENTS



March 18

General Membership Meeting and
St. Patrick's Day Party—Fairfax Yacht
Club—7:30 PM



Upcoming Events

The only planned Club Activity for March is the General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, **March 18** at the Fairfax Yacht Club Clubhouse. The map on the last page of the Daymarker provides you with directions and a telephone number for those of you who might need it for relatives or babysitters.

The Meeting will start at **7:30 p.m.** We will be voting on the proposed By-Law changes as outlined in last month's Daymarker and conduct any other business that shall come before the Membership. If you are unable to attend, please exercise your right to vote by completing either the proxy or the absentee ballot, also included in last month's Daymarker and send it to P. O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125, or give it to someone who will be attending.

Immediately following the Meeting, we will continue the evening with our annual St. Patrick's Day Party. The Club will provide the utensils and set ups; however, you are asked to BYOB and a snacking dish for all to share. We need to vacate the premises by 11:00 p.m. to allow for cleanup and securing the facility.

So, put on the traditional green (or orange!) and join us for a fun evening.



Commodore's Comments

Merilyn Piper

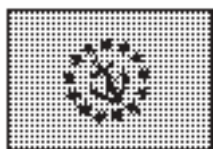
We have a winner in the "Free Burgee" offer that appeared in last month's Daymarker. The winner will be presented her burgee at the March General Membership Meeting/St. Patrick's Day Party. There will be additional free offers, but you can bet I'll keep you guessing. The response to the free offer was interesting - and encouraging. For those of you who don't know of what I speak, re-read your February Daymarker. You should anyway, 'cause we're going to vote on the proposed By-Law changes at the March meeting without rehashing it all again.

One-third of John's New Year's Resolutions was upheld. Being conservative, he took his resolutions one month at a time and he resolved **not** to have to shovel snow during January. Now he's working on February. Will he make it?

Since our Bob LaSerte is the Executive Rear Commodore

for PRYCA, he can no longer fill the position of OYC's Delegate. I will attend the February 26th PRYCA meeting as our Delegate, but I would like for someone to offer to attend the other three during the year. And, no the phone did not ring off the hook after last month's plea. And, no I wasn't surprised. So now comes the real down-to-earth bugging, which has led to Bobbie Smith taking the Historian position (so everyone turn over your extra photos to Bobbie for inclusion in our photo albumns), and Debbie Mullan taking the Quartermaster position.

Hope to see a good turnout at the March meeting.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Ned W. Rhodes

With the start of boating season just around the corner, it is time for all OYC members to practice their nautical skills. I have some pointers on a skill that cannot be learned from Chapmans. I am talking about the art of inviting yourself onto someone else's boat.

Over the years I have perfected the art of inviting myself over to another person's home for dinner. I figured I would apply all my knowledge to boating. As a result of my efforts and others in the yacht club, the following techniques were developed.

Whining Technique – This technique was tried on Steve Worcester with excellent results. What you do is mention that you have not been invited onto many of the member boats. You mention this a number of times over a period of time until the target, uh boat owner, has had enough. Then he will invite you on his boat and give you the grand tour if only to shut you up.

Whining Pyramid Technique – If you have been successful with the preceding technique, this one comes easily. With this technique, the person who invited you on their boat because of your whining, will say something like, "Hey, Bob, Ned was whining to me about the fact that he has never seen your boat. How about giving him a tour?" This can go on for a long time.

Water Elevator Technique – I have never used this technique, but I did see it demonstrated. You walk along the dock admiring the boats. People say hi and you nod and stop to talk with them. They say come aboard for a moment. You say fine and then step aboard, completely missing the second rung of the ladder. Boom, down you go, putting your foot in the water. Well, now all kinds of wonderful things happen. People help you on board now and escort you down below all the while offering you drinks. Another successful boarding.

Opinionated Technique – To use this technique, you just have to have an opinion. As with the previous technique, you again walk the docks looking for victims. When you see a boat you want to get on, you just say "Ahoy captain (boat owner love nautical talk). You know, that (choose a current board member) is a real (choose a name)." Now, if he agrees, he'll probably invite you aboard to continue the conversation and to cement a wonderful relationship based upon mutual admiration of your viewpoints. If he disagrees, he still might

invite you aboard to dispute the statement. In either case, you win.

In The Market Technique – Here you roam the docks with boating literature. You stop next to a boat and say something like, "Is this a (fill in the brand of their boat)? I've heard that they are really well made." Look out if you use this technique, since you will probably be dragged on board and escorted all over the boat right as the question leaves your lips.

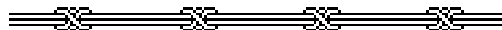
If you have developed your own techniques for visiting others boats, please share them with me. I'll invite you aboard to discuss them. You might even get a tour as well.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

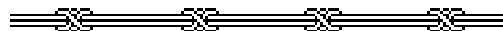
Ginny Kildoyle

My comments this month are primarily to thank those of you who have submitted your recipes for the OYC cookbook, and to remind those of you who have not yet submitted yours, that we are making the **cut-off date** for submission the **end of March**. So, plan to bring your recipes with you to the **March 18th General Membership Meeting**. This will allow us time to get them organized and submitted and have the finalized cookbook returned to us for sale this fall - in time for the 1989 bazaar/holiday season.



OYC Apparel

We will have OYC apparel for sale at the March General Membership Meeting. Shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets with the OYC burgee embroidered on each have been ordered. Debbie Mullan, our new Quartermaster will be prepared to take additional orders at the Meeting. Payment with the order is requested, so bring your checkbook.



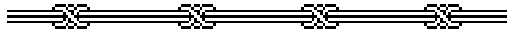
Caravan Report

The first-ever "Caravan For A Feast" happened on Saturday, February 11. Most everyone met at OHM, received a map, and a piece of orange streamer to tie to an antenna or door handle (for ease of identification if one of the troupe should have trouble, to let the rest of the world know some people were out doing something unique and different, and, as it turned out for ease of spotting the bunch in the parking lot at Cobb Island). Those that couldn't meet the caravan at OHM joined the bunch at Capt. John's. The weather was perfect for the outing and the traffic was tolerable. Wish it was like that during the week.

A final head count of OYCers and guests was three young ladies, 27 adults, and Dennis. The libations, the com-

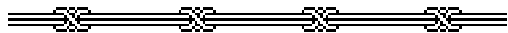
pany, and the food were excellent - oysters on the half shell, steamed shrimp, steamed oysters, fried shrimp, crab cakes, giant (no humungous) crab legs, and hamburgers. Thirty-one well stuffed people then ventured outside to admire Ed and Ginny's new car, joined together for a group photo, and spotted a pink jellyfish. About half of the group departed while the other half went for a needed walk.

The walk turned into a fun afternoon of frolicking on the beach, skipping stones on the water, with an ultimate transformation back into childhood for the adults. After a bit of bar-hopping, a bit of playing pool, and a lot of typical OYC fun, everyone left Cobb Island about 6:30p.m. with a good feeling and an eagerness to de-winterize and get back on the water.



Boat Show

The 1989 Washington, D. C. Boat Show will be held from Wednesday, March 15 through Sunday, March 19 at the Washington Convention Center. Open Noon to 10:00p.m. Wednesday through Friday; on Saturday 11:00a.m. to 10:00p.m.; and, on Sunday 11:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. The Convention Center is located at 9th and New York Ave., N. W. For further information call (202)371-4200. (This information was taken from an ad which appeared in Chesapeake Bay Magazine.)



BOAT/U.S. Responds

Mer Piper

There is an explanation why our proposal for funds from the BOAT/U.S. Foundation Grant was denied. I quote in part what the explanation letter said:

"The reason the Occoquan Yacht Club's proposal for a Foundation grant was not funded does not really involve the fact that your request was for a relatively small amount of funding.

"The Foundation received over 130 proposals totaling nearly \$500,000. Since we had only \$25,000 to distribute, there were many proposals of merit-like yours-which we simply were unable to fund.

"The grants committee deliberated at great length over each of the proposals. Those that were chosen were ones that the entire committee agreed were appropriate to fund. Even so, there were a number of proposals the committee supported, but the funding would not. In fact, only one of the eleven projects chosen received the maximum grant amount of \$5,000. Several other proposals were funded at levels below their original requests."

We do have on file a press release giving the grants and the types of projects that BOAT/U.S. found worthy of funding. I must admit that I really didn't stop to realize that this effort was **nationwide** -for some strange reason I presumed it was a local effort. Yeah well- maybe next year.

Money From...Richmond?

Guy Ferrante

What would you say if Governor Baliles and the rest of the Commonwealth of Virginia government offered to buy, or at least help pay for, your first tank of gas this spring? Boy, was I surprised to find out that it's true.

Every gallon of gasoline sold in Virginia has a road tax automatically built into the price. Those tax receipts are used by Virginia to pay for construction and maintenance of its vast, ever-improving system of highways and byways. If your boat is anything like mine, though, it hasn't been driven on a road in quite some time; nor is it likely to be driven on one in the near future. Therefore, every time you buy a gallon of gasoline for your boat, you are subsidizing those other residents of Virginia who use the roads just as much as you do, but who have never been afforded the privilege of also paying tax on the gas they put in their boats.

Well, relief is apparently out there. Virginia will actually refund the road tax on gas that you buy in Virginia and put in a boat. All you have to do is apply for the refund. I just got off the phone with the Department of Motor Vehicles people in Richmond (that's right, DMV is responsible for collecting and spending this road tax) who advised that it's as simple as filling out a form and sending it in with receipts showing the amount of gasoline that was purchased. You can save receipts up to one year from the date of purchase. The only restriction, at least according to the woman with whom I spoke, is that you can't apply for a refund unless it is for more than five (5) total gallons of gas (Shucks, I guess I'll have to save up a whole bunch of receipts before even being eligible!!). At 16 cents per gallon, it really adds up quickly. Even if you didn't save your receipts from last year, this should be inspiration enough to save them in the future.

In the way of disclaimer, I asked the DMV lady to send me a whole box of application forms, but, not having seen a copy in person, I don't know if there is any fine print. By the time this issue of the Daymarker gets to you, I should have one firmly in hand. Hopefully, there won't be any surprises. Depending on how many are received, I will leave some in the marina store and give some to the Executive Board. I also plan on attending the General Membership Meeting on March 18th and will bring some with me. If all else fails, give me a call at home (703-644-0415) and I'll see what we can do to get you one.

P.S. If the boat is being towed overland on a trailer, I understand that the tax on the gas in the towing vehicle is deemed legally sufficient.

P.P.S. There are apparently special rules and requirements for diesel fuel which I did not inquire about. You should call DMV at (804-367-6327) about the specifics.



Professional Captain's License

The Club has been notified of a schedule in Alexandria for those who wish to take the course to prepare you for your Professional Captain's License. The course is being sponsored by Charter Industry Services, Inc. of Stuart, Florida and according to the notice, the **Alexandria** dates are **March 3-7** and **April 10-14**. For further information, call their toll-free number - 1-800-526-7979.



EPIRB Info

The following is quoted from Lookout, the "voice of the National Boating Federation":

"From: USCG Local Notice to Mariners - Satellite Detection of EPIRBs - On October 12, 1988 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration advised the Coast Guard that as a result of tests performed on samples of Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacons (EPIRBs), the following Class A EPIRBs failed spectrum coherency requirements specified in Section 80.1053(a)(8) of the Federal Communications Commission rules:

"Manufacturer/Model: ACR Electronics, Inc./RLB-14; Modern Products, Inc./SAT-ALERT B-CON 200a; Dayton Granger, Inc./DOLPHIN EB-2BW

"Users should be aware that when activated, these EPIRBs may not be detected by satellites used by the CO-SPAS-SARSAT system."



On several occasions, I have overheard great concern as to the proper flying of the United States flag from a yacht club flagpole. Perhaps it is time to review the proper etiquette in this situation.

The flagpole or mast of a yacht club is considered to represent the mast of a vessel with the "bow" of the vessel toward the sea. Thus, if you are standing on the shore looking out to sea, the right hand spreader would be considered the starboard spreader. The Occoquan Harbour Marina has a mast with spreaders and the OYC burgee is flown from the starboard spreader which is the position of higher rank than the port spreader.

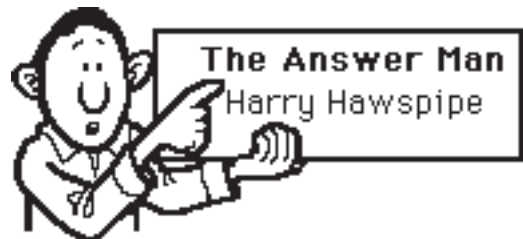
The confusion comes in when a gaff is added to the pole. Again, remember that the pole represents the mast of a vessel. On a gaff rigged vessel, the position of honor is at the peak of the gaff and this same holds true for the yacht club flagpole. Proper etiquette requires that no other flag be flown *above* the

US Ensign, and a burgee at the mast head will obviously be *higher than* the US Ensign when the latter is flown at the gaff. This is entirely proper since "above" in flag etiquette means "directly on top of" as would be the case if the burgee were above the US Ensign on the same hoist.*

As an interesting side note, if we were being visited by some foreign dignitary such as the Commodore of the Kiel Yacht Club, it is perfectly proper to display the United States flag from the starboard spreader and the German flag from the port spreader with the Club burgee at the masthead.

With all this concern over proper flag etiquette, it still amazes me as to the number of people who fly the US Ensign on their boat 24 hours a day. To be proper, the US Ensign should be flown only from 0800 until sunset. If you will be going out to a restaurant and do not expect to return until after sunset, please take down the Ensign before you leave.

* There is one circumstance in which it is proper to fly another flag directly on top of the United States flag on the same hoist. And no, it is not an emergency situation. I'll answer that one next month and give credit to anyone with the correct answer who calls me before the publishing deadline.



Freshly returned from the American Virgin Islands, our resident know it all resumes his pontification and sharing of his wealth of knowledge. We have been told that he is still working on his expense account for the trip.

Dear Harry - I am brand new to boating and I just can't wait for the OYC Cookbook to be printed. Can you tell me how to boil water on my boat? F.F.

Boiling water can be very useful. It can be used to make a cup of tea or a bowl of instant soup. Boiling water on your boat is very simple.

Ingredients:

Two (2) saucepans filled with water.

Two (2) beers, chilled to 38°.

One (1) large box of wooden kitchen matches.

One (1) pair of pliers.

Prime your alcohol stove and light it with one of the wooden matches. After it flares up, use the first pan of water to extinguish the flames. After everything has cooled down, relight the alcohol stove. Adjust it for the hottest flame possible. Place the second pan of water on the stove. Do not watch the pan! Everyone knows that a watched pot will not boil.

Consume the two (2) beers while you are waiting for the water to heat. After the second beer has been consumed check on the pan of water. When you discover that the stove has gone out, pour a small amount of the water into one of the empty beer cans. Hold the beer can with the pair of pliers and use the remaining wooden matches to heat the beer can.

When you have used that last of the matches, your water is as close to boiling as it will ever get. Use it for that cup of tea.

Dear Harry - In which direction should I look to see heavenly bodies? S.W.

It depends on the time of day. This month, March, look high in the Southwestern sky on the evening of the 12th. There will be a beautiful gathering of the moon near Mars, Jupiter, Pleiades and Aldebaran. Venus will be visible after sunset beginning in mid May very low to the WNW, and will remain visible through the end of the year, slowly moving to the West and finally to the SW.

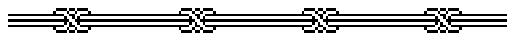
On the other hand, if you look to the South during the summer, Miss B.B. on C-Dock is not bad either.

Dear Harry - What is the difference between a Lieutenant in the Navy and a Lieutenant in the Army? D.K.

There are two Lieutenants in the Army, a 2nd Lieutenant and a 1st Lieutenant. There are also two Lieutenants in the Navy, a Lieutenant Junior Grade and a Lieutenant. The two Navy Lieutenants are one grade higher than the Army Lieutenants. There is also Lieutenant Commander in the Navy which is one grade lower than the Lieutenant Colonel in the Army. And don't forget the Captain in the Navy which is three grades higher than the Captain in the Army. This is a direct outgrowth of "Military Intelligence".

Dear Harry - I was in a restaurant the other day and noticed one of the menu items was a "Captain's Seafood Platter". Do I have to have my Captain's license before I can order this entrée? H.C.

Not at all. The Captain's Seafood Platter is a platter of seafood that has been recommended by a Captain not for a Captain. Bon Appétit!



Galley Gourmet

Ned W. Rhodes

(Confidential to Jean – The cookie recipe in the January issue wasn't the one for the cookies that we took on the Hardy Souls Cruise. Here is the real recipe. Let's just keep this to ourselves.)

Quakers Best Oatmeal Cookies

1 1/4 cup Margarine	3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup gran. sugar	1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla	1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. salt (optional)
1 tsp. baking soda	1/4 tsp. nutmeg
3 cups oatmeal	

Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla. Combine flour, soda, salt and spices. Add to margarine mixture and mix well. Mix in oatmeal. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 375 8-9 minutes for chewy cookie. Bake 10-11 minutes for crisp cookies. Cool 1 minute and remove from sheet to plate to cool. Store in tightly covered container. You

can add 1 cup raisins, chopped nuts or 1 cup Nestle chocolate chips, butterscotch or peanut butter chips. You can also use Sugar Twin artificial brown sugar and Sprinkle Sweet for white sugar if you don't use regular sugar. It is also fun to add M&M chocolates.



Condolences to those OYCers who have lost loved ones recently. Also, to Tantallon Yacht Club on the loss of their Commodore, Luther Woods.

Ask Dennis about Joyce's "dating slacks" with the fake pocket.

Will Terri P. share her recipe for waffles with us?

Who beat her mom "fair and square" at a game of pool during the "Feast" trip? Robin C.

Did Billy and Rosemarie every find their glasses from the "Feast" trip? Or, who were those funny people sitting in the Harbour Inn Lounge with their sun glasses on at 11:00p.m.?

Congrats to the Petrey's and the Nanni's on selling their boats.

Which Skipper held an Open Boat and invited all of his friends but had no food? Mike E.

Who shot his very first hole in one on a golf course in NC - and it was the first hole in one for that course? Ed K. (Congratulations! Will you share a picture for the Club's album?)

Which First Mate is apparently so paranoid about a birthday ending in zero that her friends decided to give her a birthday party a couple of years early? Lynn M.

Who has said, "Got to run, Dennis is banging on my hull?" Mer P.

Get well/speedy recovery /and glad you're feeling better to all OYCers who have been plagued by the flu (too many to mention), Nick K. on recent surgery, and Dick L. with a broken foot.



This coupon is good for \$1.00 off the price of any tab through March 31, 1989.

Limit: One per customer!

Classified Ads

25' Chris Craft Catalina Hardtop. 225 H.P. V-8. Closed water cooling system. Private head, sink and electric running water. Galley w/2 burner electric/alcohol stove. Refrigerator. Sleeps four. 25 gal. fresh water/50 gal. fuel. VHF and CB. Trim tabs. Electric auxillary fuel pump, brand new barrier coat on hull. Excellent condition. Low hours. Call Rich Ellis at 690-6186.

1981 17' Formula. 470 Mercruiser (225 CI, 170 HP), with Closed Cooling System. 175 hours on engine. Great ski boat. Seats 5. New bottom paint and barrier coat this year. Still faster than any boat on this page. Call Ned W. Rhodes at (703) 534-2297.

Harbour Inn Cents Off Coupons from March Daymarker. \$1.00 plus \$0.50 handling fee. Cash only, no checks. See Miss B.B. on C-Dock.

Classified Ads

Chris Craft 28 Ft. 1980. Large open cockpit w/full camper canvas. Large cabin with full galley (110V/12V frig, 100V/alcohol stove, hot water, etc), private head w/shower, dinette (that makes a dbl bed); large "V" berth; sofa that makes 2 bunk beds. Swim platform, trim tabs, remote spotlight, VHF radio, all safety equip. \$24,500. Berthed at Tantallon YC. Call (301) 868-1161 (eve.) for appt. to see.

Stainless steel prop. 14" Pitch. Fits Cobra outdrive. \$200. Used one season, mostly at the dock. Bob Smith. 385-7461. Call after 5:00 pm.

