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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10-12

Hardy Souls Cruise to
Alexandria. Contact
Steve Worcester

November 15

Deadline for signup
for December 8
Christmas Party.
Contact Ned Rhodes.

December 1

Santa to Occoquan.
Contact Mer Piper.

December 8

Christmas Party and
Change of Command.
Harbour Waterfront
Club 6pm - 1am.



Past Commodore's Comments

Ned W. Rhodes

There is an old saying about boats that the two happiest days in a boat owner's life is the day he buys his boat and the day that he sells it. Well, let me tell you, that can also be said about the office of Commodore. I am happy to have served and I am also happy to step down and turn things over to Aaron (who won by the way, just in case you didn't attend the General Membership Meeting).

Traditionally, this is the issue where the former officers wax philosophical about their past term and the new board members introduce themselves. Well, you will be happy to know that I am not about to break with tradition.

This past year, my primary goal was to try to get together with other Yacht Clubs on the River. Since I get to do my own scoring, I would give myself a B. We did visit the Old Dominion Boat Club during the Hardy Souls Cruise last year, we had a good turnout at the PRYCA Float-in, we partied with White Point Yacht Club and we almost scheduled an overnight with Tantallon Yacht Club. We didn't do as many things as I wanted to, but I think that it is a good start.

Through my connections with PRYCA, I hope to do better next year.

Looking back over the year, I remember some pretty good times. I remember a bad weather cruise to Cobb Island, impromptu raft-ups, a great week on the Bay, a wonderful weekend at Ragged Point and few good parties at the Marina. I couldn't have done it without my Board. Terri was always there to remind me of all the little things I forgot, Pam was there to handle the social functions which all went so well, Debbie Shay was always there to take care of the paperwork and to keep me in line and Debbie Mullan was always there to give me bank and account balances and to write that same check three times. I thank you for helping to make this year a success.

But, don't hang it up for the year yet. We still have the Hardy Souls Cruise coming up in November and our gala Christmas Party and Change of Command Ceremony in December. And let me remind you that you need to sign up **NOW** for the Christmas party. Please see the article in this issue of the Daymarker. Tear out the sign-up sheet and return it with your check **NOW**. This means you.

Congratulations incoming Board. I know you will do a great job.



Commodore's Comments

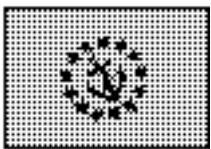
Aaron Martin

As your Past Commodore elect I would like to express my "thanks" to the club for your vote of confidence. I would also like to congratulate the members of the new board for having been elected to serve in 1991. Your Vice Commodore - Dave Yarnell, Executive Rear Commodore - Linda Dobbins, Secretary - Pat Urick and Treasurer Barbara Siegfried and I look forward with eagerness to get started. With your help we will have a busy and happy and safe boating year in 1991.

Surely the new year will offer a challenge to the new board to live up to the example set by the outgoing board who have done a most splendid job in 1990. Who can forget Commodore Rhodes' collection of impossible hats, the Executive Rear Commodore's oratorical skills, the Vice Commodore's ability to keep the membership excited about club activities (vices??), the Treasurer's ability to spend it as fast as the club made it, and last our scribe (Secretary that is) for her ability to record the amassed wisdom of the club for posterity. I speak for myself, the new board and the club membership in expressing a hearty "Thank You" and our fondest wishes for safe and happy boating in the years to come. By the way, don't go too far.. we will be looking for cruise directors shortly.

A joint board meeting will be held in early November in order to get the new year started right and to make the transition between boards as smooth as possible.

More about the coming year later, for now we need to remember that the boating year isn't over yet. Check elsewhere in this newsletter for coming events - a hardy souls cruise to Old Town, and best of all for the young folk, Santa's trip to Occoquan in early December and the Christmas Party and Change of Command Ceremony at the Harbor Inn later that month.



Past Vice Commodore's Comments

Terri Petrey

This time of year always brings a mixture of feelings for me. I hate for boating season to end and each weekday I always pray for just one more weekend of good weather. Boating and anchoring out on clear, crisp Fall days and nights can be some of the best boating times. It can sometimes be too cool to sunbathe so just sitting in the sun and reading can be enjoyable. I have to better my reputation as one of the "illiterate women". Just enjoying the scenery and looking at the leaves changing color from week to week can be so relaxing and, of course, catching up on what's been happening with my friends whom I haven't seen for a while is always nice. The upcoming Hardy Souls Cruise on Vetrans's Day to Old Town is always a blast. Don't forget your bikes if you are planning on coming and read on for information from Steve Worcester who is the Cruise Coordinator for this trip. If anyone has any questions about this trip, you can call either

of us since we have been on every Hardy Souls Cruise since the beginning of time!

I can't help thinking of all the great things the Club has done this year and the tremendous success of all our planned activities. This year's cruises, raft ups, activities and impromptu outings were the best times I have ever had!!! Working with Ned has been an incredible amount of fun and my fellow Board members have made the job really enjoyable and easy. Debbie, through what seemed to her to be an inordinate bout of morning sickness, has stuck it out and continued to be a hard worker and still maintain her good humor. Pam's energy to do all the things she does for her kids and still find time to coordinate one of the largest activities for the year shows an incredible amount of organizational skills. Debbie Mullen has her own business, is working on renovating their house and also does all the bookkeeping. She still finds time to join most of the cruises which shows true participation and support for the Club. All of these wonderful people should be commended for their hard work because I couldn't have done anything without them.

I want to say this in closing. Each new Board needs to know they have the support of their fellow members. It's easy to sit and read the *Daymarker* and SAY you belong to a yacht club. But unless you contribute either by way of constructive criticism or helping in activities when asked you are not truly supporting your yacht club. Sure the money is nice but wouldn't it be nice to have some input as to where and how your money is spent? Help Commodore Martin and his new Board. They really do want to work for you and an occasional show of support and appreciation can really go a long way. Have a great year and if I haven't told you all before now, "THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART".



Past Exec. Rear Commodore

Pam DeLancey

Wow, it's hard to believe its been 36,523 days since last year's elections. But I'm ready to surrender my flag and position to a wonderful lady!

It sure has been a full year and an experience that has made me a better boater! I'm truly the lucky one for the opportunity to serve such a supportive, fun and caring group of people. OYC has provided my family and me with not only new friendships, but a sense of security while on the local waterways. You see, if another OYCers on the river, you are never alone! So, in serving this club, I could give something back! Many thanks to my fellow board members for putting up with all my questions and always understanding. We got to know one another and came to depend on each other - that's what it's all about.

My family also deserves a big thanks for loving me and supporting everything I do. You guys are super!

I hope I have served the Club well, my only regret is not being able to change "Executive Rear Commodore" to Executive "AFT." A campaign promise too big to change. Some things are better left alone... On a more serious note, if I could express a final thought, it would be to emphasize

the importance of boating safety. Please find the time to take a boating course along with basic first aid training. I think this year's Board did a great job with this topic and I know it will be a major concern with the new Board. And getting your children involved with every aspect of boating should be a **must**. Your life could depend on them.

Again, thanks to all OYCers, you made this year very special for me! Good Luck to the new Board, your service to this club will be rewarding!!!



Past Secretary's Comments

Debbie Shay

Well another year has gone by, and I must say that it has been a very enjoyable and productive one for all. In reflecting on the entire year's activities, I came to realize how much I actually got to do.

I think we got to make all the trips and they were all great trips. I did eventually get the Women's Piloting Course going thanks to Guy and Ned. It's funny though, it still turned out being a lot less than I originally planned - but there is always next year.

If any members have any ideas on anything, please share them. We are all looking forward to learning or doing something new. Remember that just paying dues and sending in proxies will not keep this Club great — it will take active and constructive participation by all of us to do that.



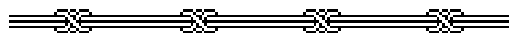
Past Treasurer Comments

Debbie Mullan

Sorry to disappoint you all, but it looks as if I'll be one of the outgoing Treasurers who will not be buying a new boat!

I have enjoyed serving as your Treasurer this year. It provided me the opportunity to meet more people in the club and to play with more money! Thanks to all members who gave their time and energy to coordinating cruises and various functions.

It helps so much when there are eager volunteers! Looking forward to another fun filled year with our Board!



Minutes of the General Membership Meeting October 6, 1990

The General Membership Meeting of the OYC was held Saturday, October 6, 1990 at Charlie Brown's thanks to Mer Piper. There were approximately 70 people in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Thank you's were extended to Aaron Martin for organizing the successful Shrimp Feast at the Dunes and also to Mike McCormick for getting the great shrimp.

Bill Haire of the Fairfax Marine Patrol briefly reviewed the activities during the season as well as plans for next year.

A copy of the minutes from the last Membership meeting was approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report for the Fourth Quarter was approved as published.

Beginning now, OYC clothing can be purchased by special order only. There are also still cookbooks and magnets for sale. Contact Walt Cheatham our Quartermaster for any questions or orders.

The Vice Commodore reviewed upcoming events - the Annapolis Boat Show, Veterans Day Trip to Old Town and the Christmas Party. A boat for Santa is still needed although one has been offered if someone will help Jim Walters winterize his boat. Call Mer Piper with questions.

The Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest was discussed with a possible raft up at Mattawoman (weather permitting) and a "hitch a ride with a friend" trip to Robertson's for crabs the following day.

Awards were given for the Women's Piloting Course. Graduates were Arleen (Get Your Hands Off Of My Controls) Poluha, Susan (Throttles) Cheatham and Debbie (Neutral) Shay. Instructors were Ned Rhodes and Guy Ferrante.

Nominations are needed for Commodore's Cup and Bent Prop Award.

By-Law change specified in *Daymarker* was approved.

Following oral presentations by each of the candidates, the election was conducted. The results are as follows:

Commodore - Aaron Martin

Vice Commodore - Dave Yarnell

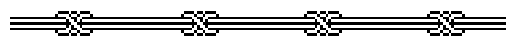
Executive Rear Commodore - Linda Dobbins

Secretary - Pat Urick

Treasurer - Barbara Siegfried

There were 60 ballots cast at the meeting; 12 absentee ballots were received (including one which was unsigned); and, a total of 25 absentee ballots or proxies were exercised.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Victory celebration followed.

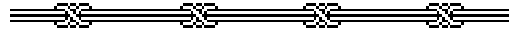


New Members

John Piper

The OYC welcomes new members Mike Wilmesmeier, Individual; Rick Lundy, Individual aboard LAUGHIN' LOON, berthed at Gangplank; Warren & Regina Heising, Family aboard INNISFREE, berthed at Gangplank; Ray & Nancy Garrett, Family aboard WAR EAGLE IV, berthed at Riverview; Linda Lee Leverenz, Individual aboard VIEWFINDER berthed at Gangplank; Diane Graul, Individual aboard LADY PEDDLAR, berthed at Prince William Marine; Wm. Reed & Susan Robbins, Jr., Family aboard FOR MY EGO, berthed at Riverview; John & Laura Bolick, Family aboard POCKET CRUISER; Kathy & Bill Ellingsworth, Family aboard ONE AYE berthed at Gangplank; Gary & Ann Chevalier, Family aboard MAGIE SEA berthed at Tyme & Tyde; James & Dianne Bissett III, Family and James Bissett IV, Junior aboard THREE B's berthed at Harbour Point; Ralph & Roz Swetlow, Family aboard JUSTA JOY berthed at Hoffmasters; Dawn M. Way, Associate aboard ANDROMEDA berthed at OHM; Soraya Mashat, Individual (who is still looking for her boat); Mark & Sue Hanson, Family and

Matt & Meli Hanson, Juniors, aboard KOKOMO berthed at OHM; and Jaye C. Gardner, Individual aboard M.T. POCKETS TOO, berthed at OHM.



Hardy Souls are Here Again

Steve Worcester

Yes, my friend, it's that time of year again. Another boating season is drawing to a close and soon we all will be in the throes of haul out and winterization. The days are growing shorter, the nights are growing colder, the geese are flying South, and Ron Tilmon is letting his forelock grow out. But first, my friend, allow me to let you in on one of the best kept secrets in town. Am I talking about Congressional budget deals? Nope. Am I talking about U.S. plans to topple Hussein? No! Am I talking about why Arleen calls Ned "Sugar Britches"? Wrong again. What I'm talking about is one of the last and one of the best cruises on the OYC calendar! That's right, my friend, I'm talking about the Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria on Veterans Day weekend.

You mark that date, my friend. November 10th and 11th is one hot ticket! That weekend will find the **true** hardy souls embarked on their annual pilgrimage to that most venerated of all boater shrines, Old Town City Dock. Once there, they'll pay homage to the gods of the Fish Market, Ecco Cafe, George Washington Tavern, the Porcelain Wok and a host of lesser deities. They'll (meaning the "Born to Ride" Dahon Bike Club) take their tour of the bike path and Old Town on their most popular and talked about folding bikes.

They'll trod the paths of the ancients like Aaron Martin and Tom COLDwell. They'll try to stuff more than 22 inebriates onto *Southern Nites*. Now listen close, my friend, and I'll tell you how you too can take advantage of this opportunity before it's too late. First, you get in touch with the cruise coordinator, namely me, and get your reservation in early. What's that? You say you signed up at the General Membership Meeting on October 6th and I should have your name on the list? **DO NOT DESPAIR!** I have the list. What I **need** is a deposit. Additionally, my friend, I need to know how many nights you want to stay. I need to know your boat's length. I need to know your boat's name. I need to know whether you're having Eggs Benedict or champagne and smoked salmon for breakfast. I need to know if I'm invited to breakfast.

So here's the deal, my friend. You send me a check for \$25, payable to the OYC. Or send me your credit card. Not the number, the whole card. Tell me your boat's name. Tell me how many nights you want to stay. Some folks are going up Friday, the 9th, and some are staying over through Sunday night, the 11th. Don't worry about power, each slip has a 30 amp source. Get your reservations in before it's too late! Slips are limited! Don't miss this golden opportunity! You'll hate yourself in the morning if you do!

And me, my friend? What will I be doing that week end, you ask? Well, I'll do what I usually do. I'll be the club conscience, the minder of morals, the chaperone of chastity, the purveyor of purity, the vicar of virtue, the one and only pontificator. I'll be the Saint on *Saint 'n Sinner*. What else?

Christmas and Change of Command Party

December 8, 1990

6 pm - 1 am

Harbour Waterfront Club and Restaurant

Ok, Halloween is almost upon us, so it must be time to think about **Christmas!** The details for our Christmas and Change of Command Party have been finalized and here are the details.

When : December 8, 1990, 6pm to 1am

Where : Harbour Waterfront Club and Restaurant, right next to the Occoquan Harbour Marina.

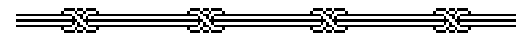
Why : To have our official change of command and to have some fun.

How Much : \$22 per person if you sign up now, \$25 if you wait.

Our evening will begin at 6pm, with a cocktail party in the restaurant dining room. A buffet dinner will be served starting at 7:30 pm that will consist of dinner salad, Chef's choice of vegetable, stir fry rice, seafood Creole, baked chicken, beef bourguignon, rolls and butter, coffee and tea and a dessert. Around 8:30 we will hold our official change of command, awards ceremony and prize drawing. Around 9pm, after the change of command, we will roll up the rug and let the dancing begin to our very own DJ. It should be a fun evening.

In order to get all of this to happen, the Club had to guarantee 120 people and we have to let the restaurant know the head count by **November 15**. So, here is what you need to do. Take out your checkbook and make out your check to OYC. The cost of the fun-filled evening is \$22 per person, if you sign up before November 15th. If you procrastinate, the cost of the evening will be \$25 per person. Because the Club had to guarantee a minimum, we wanted to give you an incentive to sign up early. Also, the Club will provide an open bar during the cocktail party if we reach our minimum of 120 persons. How's that for an additional incentive?

So, re-mark December 8th on your calendar. I think this will be the first year that we haven't taken Santa to Occoquan on the same day, so maybe things won't be as hectic as they have been in years past. No special costumes are required, just normal everyday cocktail attire - suits and boat shoes are perfectly acceptable. But, you **have to sign up now, right this minute!!** See you there.



Santa to Occoquan

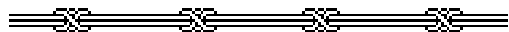
Mer Piper

The annual trip taking Santa from OHM to the town of Occoquan by flotilla will happen this year on Saturday, December 1. Jim Walters aboard LOTUS IV has agreed to be the "Sleigh Boat". General procedure is for kids of all ages to gather at OHM approximately 11:15 a.m. to share in the festivities of awaiting Santa's arrival. Donned with Santa hats, we share egg nog, champagne, juice, nibbles, greet Santa and any elves who may accompany him, and then load

up the boats who will participate in the flotilla for the short delightful trip to town. Don't be shy about asking for a ride on someone's boat who will be going - this is a short trip and often times the more the merrier. Potential skippers - please make certain you carry enough PFDs for the number of people. If you do plan to join the flotilla, I would appreciate a phone call just for planning purposes (490-4857).

Jim's only request is that he receive some assistance in winterizing his boat - his two hands are not enough, so let's pitch in. Also, should we have a hard freeze which will require Jim to winterize his boat, we will look at alternatives.

This is a fun function, and one that is a delightful way to cap the calendar year of Club activities. SEE YOU AT OHM on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.



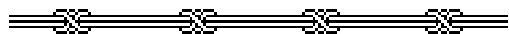
Awards

This is a reminder that the Board is still receiving recommendations from the membership regarding the First Commodore's Cup and the Bent Prop Award candidates to be selected sometime in November. These awards will be presented at the Change of Command Banquet and Christmas Party on December 8, 1990. Your recommendation can be in the form of a verbal comment to any Board member but we would like you to give us a written recommendation and mail it to the OYC P.O. box or give it to any Board member.

Just to refresh your memories and to enlighten those who have never heard what these awards are for, the Commodore's Cup was donated to the OYC by Bill and Paula Shaw back in 1985 who wanted this award to be given to the member whose yacht best exemplified the title 'Yacht of the Year' based on many factors such as underway operation, maneuvering, docking, anchoring and year round appearance and upkeep.

The Bent Prop Award is an award which will be given to the member who throughout the year has had various kinds of bad luck. It was suggested to one of our members (by a fellow yacht club member from N.J.) who expressed that "It's simple to give an award to someone who has nothing but good luck all year, but for the majority of us who have, at one time or another, run aground, bet a shaft(s), dinged our prop(s) or just had something go wrong, it's more difficult because there are so many contestants!"

So put on your thinking caps and get your recommendations in as soon as possible.



Md. Announces Noise Regulations

Nov 1990, *Soundings*

It doesn't pay to be noisy on Maryland Waters under new regulations governing boat noise level limits.

Limits for vessels have been lowered from 82 decibels at 50 feet or more to 75 decibels on shore. The rules don't apply to commercial fisherman or to service people testing engines.

Violators are subject to fines of \$500 to \$1,000, plus up to 30 days in jail.

The Boat Show

The Boat Show came early for some OYCers this year, For some went on Thursday, an extra day to leer.

Friday's weather was gorgeous, in fact it was HOT! But that didn't stop us, no it did not!

I heard Bill Shaw was at Alban, I missed seeing him, Coldwell's were selling Marinettes, heat wearing them thin.

Richard & Debbie Charles wandered here and then there, Connors and Martins looking and saying, "Well, maybe next year".

Worcester's and family were comparing a years change Petrey's were just hoping for a deal or exchange.

Ferrante and Rhodes, there was Guy and then the 2, Tilmom's came from PA. to be with the crew.

After a full day of walking and jumping and then rain, We all met at Chart House to begin killing pain.

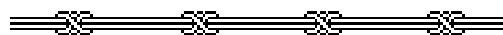
The food was OK, I'm surprised to say this For it wasn't up to par, which we all really missed.

As the day winded down, and dessert time drew near Our decision was the same as it's been for the 6th year.

If for no other reason than to have the Mud Pie The Chart House will always be favorite for the Commodore and I?

As we all parted ways at the end of the day Some for hotels, the others driving away.

Will I go back again to the Boat Show next year? Does a Captain call the aft of his boat a rear?



1990 OYC Dunes Shrimp Feast

Aaron Martin

The fall of the year is certainly one of the best times to go boating on the Potomac and it's tributaries. There is a crispness in the air at night and not too warm temperatures during the day, clear skies and low humidity The weekend of September 29th and 30th was no exception when 25 OYC boats gathered at the "Dunes" in the Mattawoman Creek to participate in the annual Shrimp Feast.

OYC members present included Howard & Charlene Devol, Ned Rhodes & Arleen, George & Ginny Frank, Tom & Mary Ann Coldwell, Walt & Susan Cheatham, Aaron & Lynn & Maggie Martin, Ed Connor & Cindy Butler with Bobbie and Stephanie, Don & Kathy Paul & kids, Bill & Terry Petry & Bryan, Carl & Janeal Way & Dawn, Guy Ferrante & Debbie Shay, Bert & Betty Bennett, Glenn Decint & guests, Gary & Theresa Lance, Henry Lovell & Monica &

young'uns, Sandy Phillips & guests, Jean & Pam Delancey, Jeffrey Perryman, Bob & Laura Petry, and Steve & Mary Jo Worcester. If my memory serves me right I believe this was everyone but if I have overlooked anyone, please forgive me.

OYCers started showing up at the Dunes about noon on the 29th and by 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon there were 25 or so OYC boats snuggled up to the shore. Several of the more hungry members suggested that the shrimp be distributed and before long the fires were burning and the pots boiling. Some of the more venturesome even grilled some of their shrimp. The ladies brought out their best side dishes and we all ate and ate and ate. It was even rumored that your commodore elect downed three pieces of the most delicious cherry pie. (They were very small pieces.) As night began to settle in the bonfire was lit and soon was ready for roasted marshmallows. As we sat back with our bellies full we watched some of the younger members dancing and we swapped questionable nautical tales with anyone who would listen. The night was quiet and we all slept easily. The next morning the boats started leaving after breakfast. It was kind of sad that the weekend was winding down so soon. By noon most of the boats were gone and as we left our spirits were lifted by the knowledge that there would be another shrimp feast next year and that we hoped to have a larger turnout then.

Our "Thanks" go to Mike McCormick for the excellent job in getting the shrimp and packaging it for us. We were sorry that he wasn't there but we will let him come next year if he gets the shrimp again.



Winterizing Checklist

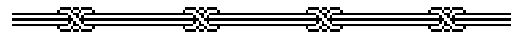
This was published back in 1987 but alot of you told us that it was valuable information, so here it is again. This is not to mean that it's time to winterize your boats now but keep this list handy for future use, say December, after Santa's Cruise to Occoquan?

DID YOU:

- * Close all thru-hulls, save the one for the cockpit drains?
- * Double clamp all thru-hulls, especially the ones for the cockpit drains?
- * Double up on all docklines (nylon only), with chafe guards at the chocks?
- * Winterize your engine's water cooling system with mixture of water and antifreeze (usually 50/50)?
- * "Fog" the carburetor with the engine running (gas engines only) using light lubricant to coat the internal surfaces to prevent rust? Cover the carburetor with a sandwich baggie to prevent damp air getting into the manifold?
- * Outboards and I/O's - drain the water from your lower unit?
- * Outboards - Make sure all gear housing drain holes are open and flush system with fresh water?
- * Top off the fuel tank(s) to minimize condensation that could corrode the tank and get into the engine?
- * Remove all flammables from down below — thinner,

paints, cooking fuels, varnish, etc.?

- * Leave a fully charged fire extinguisher in clear sight and take the rest home for recharging?
- * Drain the potable freshwater system and flush with non-toxic antifreeze?
- * Winterize the head and holding tank (after emptying, please)?
- * Take all removable equipment - stereos, VHF radios, tools, anchors, etc. — home for safekeeping and lock all hatches, outdrives, trailers, outboard motors, and propellers?
- * Remove all CD's or tapes?
- * Those people with diesel engines, if you are leaving fuel in the tanks did you remember to add inhibitor to prevent the growth of fungus in the fuel tank?
- * Take all containers of foods, spices, and anything that is in liquid form home? (This includes toothpaste tubes)



A Jewel Unveiled

Boating Magazine, September 1990

Here is a preview of the types of recipes that will be appearing at the chili cookoff this weekend.

Find yourself a dutch oven and a stove (landlubber-type or marine, it doesn't matter.)

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoons peanut oil
- 2 pounds lean beef, coarse chili grind
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons Louisiana Hotsauce
- 1 tablespoon paprika (preferably straight from Budapest)
- 1 tablespoon oregano (don't count unless it's Mexican)
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 medium cloves of garlic
- 1 (and only one) exotic Serrano chili, minus seeds and stem
- 1/2 cup chili powder
- 1 small can of green chilis
- 2 fresh tomatoes
- 1 large can of V-8 juice
- 2 cups or more of water

Heat oil in dutch oven, add meat and cook until evenly browned. Drain off fat and stir in ingredients. Bring to a boil, then simmer (uncovered) for a couple of hours, adding water to get preferred consistency. Taste and adjust spices. Remember — If you're cooking Texas-style chili: **no** beans. I repeat: **no** beans. No celery either.



MORE HURRICANE STUFF

David R. Wright V.P. and Dockmaster
Georgetown Yacht Basin/Granary Marina
October Newsletter

At the risk of repeating myself, I have more hurricane information that came to me from the Boating Administration of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and since I have been reading constantly about the increasing risk of being visited by a hurricane, I thought I'd pass it along. Interestingly enough, hurricanes are bred off the east coast of Africa. The conditions for the formation of the storm originate from the plains of east and central Africa. When the amount of rainfall on these plains increases, the number and intensity of storm centers generated also increase. The rainfall is cyclic in nature running over a twenty year span. We are in the second or third year of the upward swing in rainfall. Scientists expect the upswing to continue and peak in the next seven to eight years and correspondingly the threat to the eastern seaboard of the United States increases. This theory is statistical and doesn't really fall in with popular theories about global warming and greenhouse effect. We saw several major hurricanes during the late 50's and early 60's and as Africa suffered through a drought our hurricane activity was less intense. Anyway, the rain is mainly falling on the plain and we should be prepared.

The Department of Natural Resources' bulletin is so timely and well done, I will touch on its highlights:

1. Have a written storm preparation plan. It would take about 15 minutes to write one up. Who has time to think when a storm is threatening?

2. Purchase and stow line out of the sunlight specifically for use in case of hurricanes. These storm lines should be twice the diameter of everyday docklines. Marine stores and hardware stores will run out of line, as proven during Hugo, when a major storm threatens.

3. Monitor National Weather Service marine broadcasts and begin preparation at the earliest hurricane alert stage. ALERT = storm within 72 hours. WATCH = storm within 36 hours, and WARNING = storm within 24 hours of striking. When emergency management advises evacuation DO SO.

General preparations:

1. All preparation should be completed 48 hours in advance of storm to allow you to concentrate on your family and home.

2. Secure all hatches and doors, tape windows from inside.

3. Check battery for charge and insure that bilge pumps are working properly. Make sure deck scuppers are unobstructed and fully open.

4. Shut off fuel lines at the tank, and close thru hull fittings, except scuppers.

5. Remove all electronics and valuables to prevent destruction or thefts.

6. **DO NOT STAY ON BOARD YOUR BOAT.** You will notice that Georgetown Yacht Basin, Inc. and the Granary Marina are completely encircled, all points of the compass, by high stable land. There is no better place for your boat to be

in the event of a hurricane, there is no worse place for you to be. Stay home; your family needs you there. I never knew I had so many friends until a hurricane threatens, then everyone wants to bring their boat to good ole Georgetown Yacht Basin, Inc. or the Granary Marina. "Remember me Dave, we stayed with you on July 19, 1979, we had a wonderful time — can we come back today?!!"

7. Trailerable boats should be removed from the water and secured to a trailer which should in turn be anchored to the ground.

8. The rest is common sense stuff — loose gear, bimini tops, unsecured dock boxes should be stored. Double up lines, center the boat in the slip, chafing gear on the docklines, particularly on the docks facing down river. Disconnect electric, water, and other connections, i.e., phone from the dock.

I think the best advice in the whole bulletin is don't stay on your boat. If the worst happens and your boat is lost, at least you'll be around to collect the insurance check, if you stay aboard you may not be! There are other dangers as well that are not mentioned in the bulletin — when the dock is underwater and the power is out even we have difficulty walking the docks and we live here! Enough, enough we are safe now. Since I have gone to the trouble of boring you with all this preaching I have guaranteed no storm for this year.



Did L. Martin really say "who says you can't make S'MORES with wheat thins and after-dinner mints?"

Did S. Phillips really ask "do generators run on air?"

It was reported that D. Way said to A. Martin, "Your cinnamon coffee is the best!" (ed. note - This must be an inside joke, since we don't get it)

Also, J. Perryman is reported to have said "I am positive it is the men's room!" (ed. note - We don't get this one either)

The Esther Williams Way family held a performance at the Shrimp Feast. Father Carl performed his raft roll out and anchor line trip (that is two separate splashes, not one big one). Daughter Dawn, not wanting her famous father to look foolish also performed the anchor line trip. H. DeVol still holds the record for most falls at a single OYC event. S. Worcester, not wanting to be bested did make the biggest splash (five feet) in the least amount of water (nine inches) while not spilling a drop of his Bloody Mary (12 ounces). Congratulations Steve.

(ed. note - We do get this one since we might have said it) Everyone agrees that Dawn looks good in wet white lace! Yeah! (still another ed. note - I guess this is not the time to remind certain people about their swim attire at last year's weeklong cruise?)

What Past Commodore Elect has not renewed his dues yet? All of his board has! Does this mean he can't take office on November 1st?



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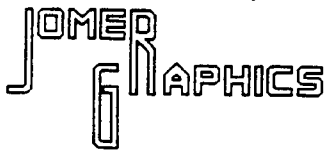


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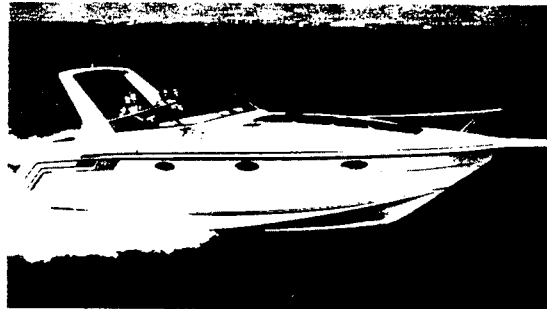
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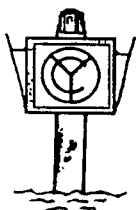


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