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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6

General Membership Meeting and Elections. Charlie Browns at 6:30 PM.

October 12

Annapolis Boat Show.

October 20

Tentative Cruise to Tantallon Yacht Club for Overnight and Dinner. Contact Ned.

October 27

Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest. Harbour Point Marina. 12:00.



Commodore's Comments

Ned W. Rhodes

Well, you know it is Fall when you get that first notice from the Marina concerning winterizing and storage and you start seeing the ads for the Annapolis Boat Show. Oh, how I look forward to cool nights, an uncrowded river and football raft-ups.

We did something different this past week and that was to take a non-boating vacation to the beach at Duck, North Carolina. I had forgotten what a non-boating vacation was like. Ours went something like this. The week before we left we went down to the boat and took everything off. This included the bikes (they would be good exercise), the deck chairs (which would be good on the beach), the fold-up table (which would be good on the beach), the portable grill (which would be good on the beach), the spice rack (cause the condos never have them), a cooler or two (to carry drinks to the beach), towels (since they never have enough), the TV (because the VCR is built-in and it might rain and we can watch videos), the boom-box (since they never have a stereo in the condo), the blender (it's small and won't take up any room)

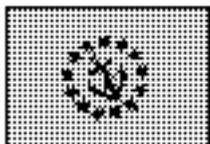
and the citronella candle (to keep the bugs away). We now attempted to pack all of this stuff that came from a 29 foot boat into a 20 foot van. Where is that aft cabin? In the end, we decided that we did not have room for the toaster oven (there is no oven in the condo) or the Cuisinart (I may get the urge to bake). The trip down was exciting whenever we passed over the Intercostal Waterway or went near a marina. You see it seemed like a boating vacation even though we were in the van.

The highlight of the trip (for me) was driving to Ocracoke Island. This is no small feat. First of all you must drive 80 miles from Duck to the end of Hatteras Island. Then you take a 40 minute ferry ride to Ocracoke and then drive 20 miles to the town. We watched our captain dock the ferry and immediately the graduates of the Lady Captain's Course were eager to give it a try. Then, on the way over, we were the envy of the boat when we set up our deck chairs and table and proceeded to have drinks and snacks. Now this is boating!

Now, I am obligated to describe an incident on the ferry that I hope will be a learning experience for you. This happened to the driver in a van very similar to mine. So that the cars will not rock, they put wheel chocks under them for the trip. Then, as you approach land, they sneak around and

take them away while you are not looking. Then they motion you to move forward to leave the ferry and so you attempt to go, but hey, they left the wheel chock in! So you motion and mouth the words something like... "Hey you big dweeb, you left the wheel chock in and I can't move!" To which he mouths back... "I am sorry sir, but you are mistaken, we took that chock out a long time ago and there is no reason why you can't move that sorry excuse for a van off my boat. And if you don't hurry up, the line of cars behind you will push you out, Sir." So I, no he tried again and still you can't move. Then in unison, the entire contents of the van, as well as the ferry (including the captain and crew), say, "Take off your parking brake and move your big behind!!!!" Needless to say, the van finally moved and a good time was had by all. Next time we take one of these non-boating vacations, I think we may just take the boat. It sure is easier to pack.

October is still filled with Club events. Don't forget the General Membership Meeting on October 6th. Then we will have a caravan to the Annapolis Boat Show on October 12th. The weekend of October 20th, we were going to have a cruise to Colonial Beach, but since no one volunteered to lead the trip, we are canceling it. Instead, we have been invited to visit with Tantallon Yacht Club that weekend. See the details in this issue of the Daymarker. And then we finish off the month with our massive Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest. See you at the Membership Meeting and as they say in Chicago, "vote early and vote often."



Vice Commodore's Comments

Terri Petrey

To all of those women who were on the Dennis Point Cruise and kept getting caught in a blackout in the bathroom and showers, I'M SO SORRY! I just can't believe that a 1250 watt hairdryer can keep cutting off all of the electricity in an entire marina. It seems that wherever I go (or my partner in crime, Mary Jo) I am using my hairdryer and I keep blowing circuit breakers. Don't these marinas expect more than one hairdryer to be used in a shower room filled with women? I will answer this probing question sometime in the near future when I have a chance to talk to an electrician.

Where has the time gone? I can't believe that October is almost upon us. This October not only brings the beginning of Fall weather and crisp cruising on afternoons and evenings, but the General Membership Meeting and Elections for the 1990-91 calendar year. Don't forget that this meeting will be held at Charlie Brown's Restaurant located at Tacketts Mill Shopping Center in Lake Ridge. There will be a \$6.00 per person charge to cover the cost of the food and a waiter/waitress to take care of us. Give Mer or Ned a call if you plan on attending this meeting so that we can give the restaurant a head count of how many people plan on attending. Payment in advance is encouraged but you will be able to pay at the door.

With the month of October also comes my most favorite activity (next to boating that is) which is going to the Boat Show in Annapolis which is being held on October 12-14 this year. After deciding to hold on to *Flashback* just a little longer

than planned (I guess because everyone has **exactly** the kind of boat they want and no one wants to sell?), it's always nice to wish and dream of another new boat. This boat has to have the promised items such as more places to store things, vents, hatches in the head and opening port light windows; important things like that. Then of course, the trip would not be complete without the ritualistic dinner at the Chart House and a few "rounds" of the restaurant's world famous Mud Pie. Some of us will be spending Thursday and Friday nights so that we can be at the gates bright and early on Friday morning and at days end not have to worry about trying to drive for an hour to get home. If you haven't done so already, make your reservations now - places are filling up quickly.

If you haven't already done so, get those photos together in time for the deadline for entries in the Photo Contest which will be held on the same day of the Chili Cookoff at Harbour Point Marina on the 27th. The next day a suggested trip to Robertson's or Captain Billy's for crabs and possibly getting a chance to ride in another boat with your friends.

With October also comes the passing of one Board and the entry of another contingent of fresh new faces and ideas with an eagerness to make this Club the best. I hope all of you will attend this election and choose from the candidates who have decided they would like to serve you. They will need your support and a good turnout will make them feel confident and willing to do their best.

See you at Charlie Brown's and thanks for a great year!!!



Exec. Rear Commodore

Pam DeLancey

Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest Update

The Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest is October 27th at Noon at the Harbour Point Marina (same place as last year). We will need to know how many creative cooks will be entering a chili pot so we can add up extension cords, outlets, and table space. Included in this Daymarker is a sign-up sheet for this reason. It will also include side dishes, condiments, and desserts. The Club will be providing sodas, beer, hotdogs, buns, and paper supplies. These sign-up sheets can be mailed to the Club or given to any Board member at the Shrimp Feast/Bonfire at the Dunes on September 29th. There will also be sign-up sheets at the upcoming General Membership Meeting on October 6th. Sooooo, no excuses!

The same day as the Chili Cookoff the club will be hosting its Annual Photo Contest. Now is the time to finish off that ten-year-old film in the camera and enter a prize-winning photo. The categories for the contest are "Wildlife", "Boat Profiles", "People" "Landscape" and "Junior Visions". All photos must relate to boating. We ask that these pictures pertain to the Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries only. This contest will also be included on the sign-up sheet. There will be a professional photographer judging this contest, but it will still be for fun!!!

Please put this date on your calendars and don't miss out on all those great prizes!



Past Commodore's Comments

Merilyn Piper

This is my last opportunity as Immediate Past Commodore to comply with the request for an article. I've been quiet (believe it or not) for the past few months, and I am taking this last opportunity to speak to the entire membership. Being on the Board of the OYC is a very time-consuming but oh, so rewarding activity. Each year that we continue with a strong Board means the OYC will continue to command the respect it has grown to accept along the Potomac as well as the Bay. We still hold the top spot of the largest Yacht Club on the River, and our newsletter has been well received (even to the point of some of our articles and/or format being copied - the greatest form of flattery) throughout the River/Bay area.

Participation in this year's activities has been great; Ned and the Board can be proud. Let's give the new 1991 Board our support - volunteering to set up, clean up, bring something, be a coordinator for a function, writing about your experiences (hint-hint P. Utter). If you are afraid to write, call me; I will be very happy to assist (at no charge!).

We still have many fun functions left on this year's Board's agenda - let's participate and close out the calendar year with a real bang. (By the way - I'm looking for a Santa Boat for the trip with Santa to Occoquan on December 1 - anyone not planning to winterize by then, please call me.)

General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 1990 at Charlie Brown's Restaurant in the Banquet Room. (Charlie Brown's is located in Tacketts Mill Shopping Center - Upper Level - on Old Bridge Road.) This year we're moving away from the traditional norm of renting a Community Center and all the hassles that go along with it and we're going to spoil ourselves a bit. Instead of setting up/cleaning up, bringing a side dish, bringing our own beverages, the Club providing this and that, we're going to let Charlie Brown's do it all for us. The only catch is that we are going to have to assess a per person fee of \$6.00 to cover the cost of the food and a waiter or waitress to keep an eye on things. We will be permitted to enjoy the live entertainment which starts at 9:00 without the typical \$3 per-person cover charge, and we can stay as late as we want (with last call being 1:30 a.m.).

The suggested buffet will include a cold dip, a hot crab/brie dip with the appropriate crackers and chips; an antipasto tray (eggs, stuffed tomatoes, ham, salami, etc.) and accompanying rolls; a tray of different kinds of cheese and fruit; b-b-q meatballs, chicken nuggets, and egg rolls; and coffee/tea. Each will be refilled as long as necessary as long as they are being consumed.

The bar will be set up with a bartender and Rail Drinks are \$3.00; Call are \$3.75; Beer is \$2.50 (Michelob is \$2.75); Wine \$3.25/glass.

It is anticipated that we will begin gathering about 6:30

p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. so we can conduct the necessary business before the live entertainment begins.

In order to give the restaurant a count, please phone your intentions to either Mer Piper (490-4857) or Ned Rhodes (534-2297) **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 1**, and send payment to the Club PO Box.

We will not be doing the 50/50 at this meeting; however, there will be burgees, jewelry, the few remaining cookbooks, and magnets available. And, of course, Mer and John will be there ready to take your membership renewals for the 1991 season; along with Quartermaster Walt Cheatham, taking orders for Club clothing.

This is an election meeting and there are By-Law changes to discuss. If you are unable to attend, please complete the Absentee Ballot that is enclosed with this issue. Mail the Ballot to P. O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125 so your vote(s) can be counted. (A reminder - Associate Members will not receive the Ballot.)

Let's have another good turnout at another fun OYC function. See you at Charlie Brown's 10/6.

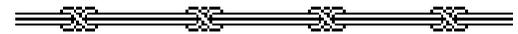


October 6th General Membership

Meeting Agenda

7 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Certify Quorum
- III. Bill Haire, Fairfax Marine Patrol
- IV. Va. Department of Fish and Game
- V. Minutes of Spring Meeting
- VI. Treasurers Report
- VII. Other Old Business
- VIII. VC Report
- IX. October Cruise Report
- X. Chili Cookoff/Photo Contest
- XI. Awards Ceremony
- XII. Bylaw Change
- XIII. 1991 Board Elections
- XIV. Victory Celebration



Candidates for 1991 Board

As of publication time, we have the following candidates for the 1991 Board. They are:

Commodore: Aaron Martin and *Maggie Lynn*
Vice Commodore: Dave Yarnell and Mary Jo Worcester
Executive Rear Commodore: Dick Kelly and Linda Dobbins
Secretary: Pat Urick and Watson
Treasurer: Mike Morris and Barbara Siegfried

The current Board thanks all the candidates for stepping forward to help with the running of the Club. The job will not be dull and it will be rewarding.

Campaign speeches will precede the elections at the General Membership Meeting on October 6th. Enclosed in this issue of the Daymarker is a proxy / absentee ballot. If you are not going to attend the Membership Meeting, please fill out the ballot and mail it to the Club or drop them off with any Board Member. Because time is short, **send in your proxy/ absentee ballot now. This means you!** (You have to say that so you know we mean you and not just those other guys) In the past, the Membership Meeting has always been fun and it provides great Daymarker material.



Quartermaster's Report

Walt Cheatum

Now that you have gone through almost the entire boating season and I have not been able to contact you for one reason or another, I do want to let you know that I have a number of clothing articles which were ordered and not paid for at the Flag Raising Ceremony way back in May. Clothing that was ordered at the picnic in August has not been sent in because I need more purchases to make an order. Anyone whom I have listed can give me a call at 491-3956 and you will receive what you ordered: Moura, North, Randall, Pesnicak, Jacobson, Lierskowitz and Lovell.

I will be at the General Membership meeting taking more orders so that I will hopefully have my quota and be able to send in an order. See you there.



Cruise to Tantallon Yacht Club

October 20-21

One of my goals this year was to try and get together with other Yacht Clubs on the River. We did at the PRYCA Float-in and we tried to at the cruise to Ragged Point. Bud Clark, the Fleet Captain at Tantallon Yacht Club called and suggested that our two clubs get together for a Fall weekend. I think this sounds great. They are about an hour up river and they have a wonderful clubhouse barge where we can all get together for drinks and dinner.

So, here is the deal. We will leave the Occoquan around 11am and raft up in front of Mount Vernon for lunch. We will break up the raft up at 1:30 pm and head to Tantallon Yacht Club in Swan Creek near Fort Washington. Tantallon will be hosting a dinner in their clubhouse that evening and there will be dancing and joviality throughout the night. On Sunday, depending upon the football schedule and the weather, we will leave Tantallon around noon and do a football raftup at Gunston Cove and head back to the Occoquan in the late afternoon. An alternative would be to watch the game at the Yacht Club on their big screen TV.

This schedule is tentative at publication time and we will have more information at the General Membership Meeting. So, if this sounds like fun to you, please fill out the enclosed signup form and mail it along with a check to the Club. The \$25 deposit is for one nights dockage and the dinner on Sunday night.

Dennis Point Revisited

Some of the Club just couldn't wait until September 1st to start the trip to Dennis Point. So *Flashback* and *Sun Club* left on Friday afternoon and made it to Cobb Island where we spent the evening. It was an ideal day to start the cruise and the weather couldn't have been more perfect. I understand that we have Mer to thank once again for this. THANKS MER! Once we arrived at Cobb Island we were joined by *QB III*, *She's A Lady* and *Grumpy Bear*. We arrived about 7:30 p.m., had a leisurely drink and got ready for dinner in the restaurant. The evening couldn't have been nicer and there were **no mosquitos**. I had been worried that Bryan was going to be the only little kid but thanks to *QB III* and *Hanky Panky* for bringing along other siblings who all spent the evening catching crabs and fishing, which just happens to be Bryan's most favorite activity.

The next morning we listened to our radios and heard the rest of the Club cruising down river and decided to go over to Ragged Point Marina to fuel up because the gas was cheaper, \$1.37 a gallon. When we got to Ragged Point we were met by *Robin's Nest* and *Affinity*. After fueling up we headed up river right behind the boats *Debbie's Guy* and *Southern Nites*. We arrived at Dennis Point en mass with Tom and Mary Anne Coldwell trying to capture the moment on camera and also trying to keep their dinghy from being swamped by all our wakes. It made for a few moments of hectic reorganizing and shuffling of boats into slips but Tracy Gardner took good care of us and we were all squared away and hooked up to electricity in no time. Our coordinator Debbie and Travis Mullen were the last to arrive (I understand because Travis had a rough night the day before or was it because of the air conditioner?).

I was greeted with open arms by Nancy Gardner, the owner of the marina, which sure made me feel welcomed back. We spent most of the first day on the new patio deck swapping stories and just having a relaxing afternoon. That evening we were treated to an early buffet prepared by Nancy and her staff and the rest of the time was spent sitting at the picnic tables outside under the stars telling jokes. Scott and Cheryl went to bed by 8:30 p.m. which caused alot of whispering and snickering. Sunday morning brought another beautiful day and a great bike ride to Bataan for the "Born to Ride" Dahon Bikers Club. We started out with the intention of trying to find the closest town because we needed to find a drugstore (I needed hayfever pills real bad) and maybe some groceries. Ned asked a trucker where the closest town was and after an initial giggle, he told us that we had to "ride down this road for a mile, then take the right fork and then the High's would be about 3 miles down the road". When we started out the road was fine but after we started encountering more and more hills, we knew that we had either been duped or else this guy didn't know what he was talking about. After an hour of riding, 5 ladies quit (Ferrante's, Terri, MJ, Arleen, Cheryl) and the "men" kept going. While we were waiting for them to return, all we could think of was a nice tall glass of water. We had stopped on the property of what looked like an small operation air conditioning company. Arleen and Guy went and asked for

water. Everyone said it tasted like "old pipes" but it was refreshing. We knew the "men" would not bear the shame of coming back empty handed so we waited what seemed like an incredibly long time and then decided to start back. We rode for 10 minutes when the men caught up with us and had brought us some water but no allergy pills. By now I was sneezing about every 2 minutes and I had no tissues. Because of my spray, everyone rode in front of me. The ride back did not seem as bad somehow but when we returned we were informed by Rosie Betts that when they had passed us on the road that it was 7 miles back. So we had ridden a grand total of 140 (by my calculation) miles that day. A lot of us went back and napped and the rest of us just relaxed by the pool or sat under the trees recovering. It was warmer this day, of course. That night we had 2 bushels of crabs and everyone had brought side dishes. There was an entire bushel of crabs left over. What happened to them? The night was extremely hot and everyone did their own thing but there was still the contingent that spent the evening under the trees. Scott and Cheryl went to bed at 8:00 p.m. this evening. Petie brought out his speakers and furnished the music and dancing. Bryan and Ben were still catching crabs.

Monday brought another warm day but considerably windier than the previous days which caused the waters to be a bit rough but not too bad. We had to get back early because Bryan was having his first day of school on the 4th and we had made plans to meet Carl and Janeal and Dick Lynn at Captain Billy's for crabs. They met us and we were joined later by the rest of the crew just returning from Dennis Point. It was a great cruise and we had a wonderful time. I think it is one of my favorite places to go

Not wanting to be rushed, *Southern Nites* left at 3 pm on Sunday and stopped by Ragged Point to get fuel. Even with the wind, the River was like glass (right Dale?). After pumping 67 gallons of gas, they discovered that their tanks were dry and we would have to get home on what they had. *Saint 'n Sinner* and *Debbies Guy* decided that the River was way too rough for them and decided to stay an extra day at Dennis Point in the hopes that things would calm down. They were able to make it back home on Tuesday after getting lost up the Tobacco River looking for Robertson's. (Ed. note - we did not participate in the Tuesday Cruise and so we can only guess as to what really happened.)



Galley Notes

Jim de Boisblanc

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Two of our readers have shared recipes that deserve our attention.

Mrs. Joyce Orr (better known as "Pokey") of Diamond Head, Mississippi, shares her summer picnic dinner at anchor. This combination of healthy, light fare seems just right for our hot dog-days of summer

Summer Picnic Dinner at Anchor Amaretto Punch Minted Fruit Marinated Shrimp & Vegetables

Amaretto Punch Serves eight

- 2 qts. chilled orange juice
- 1 qt. orange sherbert
- 2 cups Amaretto
- 1 qt. chilled orange soda

Float orange slices and drink.

Minted Fruit Serves eight

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lemon juice from concentrate
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/8 tsp. peppermint extract
- 4 cups assorted sliced fresh fruits

In medium bowl, combine all ingredients except fruit; stir until sugar dissolves. Place fruit in 1-1/2 quart shallow baking dish; pour on juice mixture. Cover; refrigerate three to four hours or overnight to blend flavors. Serve chilled.

Marinated Shrimp and Vegetables Serves eight

- 1 cup fresh cut cauliflower
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, pierced with fork
- 4 oz. small whole mushrooms (1 cup)
- 1 cup sliced zucchini
- 1/2 lb. (1 cup) cooked shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 3/4 cup lemon juice from concentrate
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. dried dill weed
- 5 drops hot pepper sauce

In 1-1/2 quart shallow baking dish, combine vegetables and shrimp. In small bowl, combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour lemon mixture over vegetables and shrimp. Cover; chill several hours or overnight, stirring occasionally. Served chilled.

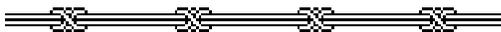
Si Williams, one of our local yacht surveyors, had just finished a survey for one of our buyers and as the end of the workday was upon us, he suggested that we repair to a local watering hole for some refreshments. As we were both marveled at the golden color and tiny bubbles of the Abita Beer, the conversation turned to food. Si knows his way around the galley, both on board and at home, so I was eager to hear his story about Shrimp Patty Jean.

One day Si was smiling around on the *Patty Jean*, his 57-foot lugger yacht at Grand Isle. The shrimp were running good that day and Si began rummaging around the galley cupboard for ingredients and ideas. He came up with butter, onion, green bell pepper, three turnips and the rest is history. I have tried this simple recipe and it is a winner. I refer to it as mystery shrimp because if done properly, your guests will never guess the ingredients.

Shrimp Patter Jean Serves four

1 cup turnips, peeled and diced
3/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
3/4 stick butter or margarine
salt and pepper to taste
1 to 1-1/2 pounds medium size deveined shrimp, cut in half

In a large saute pan combine all ingredients except bell pepper, cover and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes. Add bell pepper, cover and cook an additional eight minutes, or until shrimp are pink and just cooked through. Remove most of the remaining liquid, mash the soft turnip pieces, cover and cook for two more minutes. Serve and let your guests enjoy while they try to solve the mystery of the ingredients.



Cobb Island's Duck Man

On our way to Dennis Pt., we stopped at Cobb Island
Ate dinner, back to *Sun Club* for an evening of 'smilin'.
It was late in the evening, just the stars up above us
When we heard a commotion we thought was a ruckus.
Off in the distance the sound was becoming clearer
It was a goose and some ducks, they were coming nearer.
We went to our bows, turned the lights on and found
300 ducks and a goose making waves for the sound.
On the shore was a man, waving his hand
After checking it out, we found the "Duck Man".
Dick Culver's his name, been boating 30 years
Kind of sounds like Dale, sorry for the jeers!
He'd raised these ducks for 4 generations
When they heard his truck coming, it was their salvation.
He'd cared for them through Summer heat, Winter cold
And he could tell you the youngest and which ones were old.
The goose was the leader, thought he was a duck
He protected each one, he was their luck.
A sight to behold, all these ducks and this man
Cobb Island is lucky to have this Duck Man.



Move Notice Mer Piper

The Uppers went South and their new address is Harbour Mews #18, P. O. Box N-4812, Nassau, Bahamas (809) 327-7522. Along with their move notice, the following note tells us a lot: "Can you think of anything more frustrating than being landlocked in the Bahamas? We are applying for membership at the Nassau Yacht Club in an attempt to get hooked into the boating community. But have not as yet finished the process. In the meantime, John plans to go to most Redskin home games, so we might do some sailing then. Hell of a thing - live in the Bahamas and go to the Potomac to do your sailing. Not conventional us. See ya soon - Pat". Say, Pat - when you are included in the Yacht Club how about exchanging burgees for our collection. At least seeing the OYC burgee at the Nassau Yacht Club will give you a warm fuzzie feeling - Best, Mer.



New Members John Piper

The OYC welcomes new members Tom & Lynn Dosey, Family, aboard *Four Knots*, berthed at Ragged Point.

I'm taking this opportunity to remind everyone who has not yet renewed that the membership year ends October 31, 1990. There is a renewal form included with this issue for your convenience. You can mail it to P. O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125, bring it with you to the General Membership Meeting, or drop it off at the *Dunmoen* and save the Club some postage by receiving your new cards on the spot.

For those of you who plan to travel over the fall/winter/early spring, remember to take your OYC membership card with you - you may be pleasantly surprised what it may give you if you are going to an area where boating is a busy past time.



Most Asked Boating Questions

Boating, August 1990

What do boatmen *really* want to know? According to the Technical Advisers at Overton's (a leading mail-order company), these are two of the most often-asked questions on their toll-free hot line (800-334-6541).

Q: *What anchor is right for my boat?*

A: It depends on where you're boating, maximum depth and the kind of bottom. For rock or coral bottoms, the advisers recommend a CQR anchor; for sand or mud, use a Danforth.

Q: *How far can a VHF transmit?*

A: The general rule is one mile per watt. Handhelds usually range from one to six watts; a stationary goes up to 25 watts for a 25-30 mile range. Of course there are other variables, such as height of antenna.

More Static on FCC Fee

BOAT/US Reports

Yet another twist to the Federal Communications Commission fee schedule has some boat owners seeing red over this latest government "user-fee."

A BOAT/US member who sent in her VHF ship station license application and a check for \$35 was stunned to find out that because she forgot to sign her application, it was returned and she will have to resubmit it with another \$35.

According to the FCC, the intent of Congress was quite specific in that the fees are intended to reimburse the government for time spent processing applications, even if the application was filled out incorrectly and must be returned.

In another development, some members are receiving rather misleading mailings from a private company that appear to be official letters from the FCC.

At least several BOAT/US members who recently applied for FCC radio licenses received official-looking letters from "Federal Licensing Inc." of Gettysburg, PA, that promise

"Important FCC License Info Enclosed." The letters contain photocopies of the members' own license applications with the FCC.

The letters are no more than a sales pitch hoping boat owners will shell out \$45 for a copy of the FCC regulations. (These same regulations are available from the Government Printing Office for \$20.) Contrary to what the letter implies, recreational boat owners are not required to have a copy of the FCC regulations.

According to the FCC, license applications are public information and anyone may have access to them. The U.S. Postal Service took action against Federal Licensing Inc. last year for mail fraud and misrepresentation for a similar sales pitch to another group of FCC licensees. An attorney for the Postal Service has told BOAT/US she will look into this latest sales pitch. Stay tuned.



Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest
Sign-Up Sheet

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Entering Chili Pot? YES/NO

Can you provide an extension cord? YES/NO

Condiments: Lettuce YES/NO
Cheese YES/NO
Onions YES/NO
Mustard YES/NO
Other: _____

Side Dish: _____ (Thanks in advance)

Dessert: _____ (Thanks in advance from Ned)

Other: _____ (Thanks if this is not Elephant Stew)

Entering Photo Contest? YES/NO

Category: Wildlife YES/NO
Boat Profile YES/NO
People YES/NO
Landscape YES/NO
Junior Visions YES/NO

Category Unknown at this time: YES

THANKS!

MARINETTE

Aluminum is the material of choice in multimillion dollar Megayachts



41'
MARINETTE

37'
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OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
OCTOBER 6, 1990



VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

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Aaron Martin _____

Vice Commodore:

Mary Jo Worcester _____

Dave Yarnell _____

Exec. Rear Commodore:

Dick Kelly _____

Linda Robbins _____

Secretary:

Pat Urick _____

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For There are four places in the By-Laws where the words "...a majority vote of the quorum..." appear. We feel that the wording should be "...a majority of votes cast...".

Against The affected sections are Article IV, Section 2, Page 5, Lines 13-16, Article IV, Section 5, Page 6, Lines 7-10, Article IV, Section 7.b, Page 7, Line 2 and Article VI, Section 1, Line 1 (which would read "...by a vote of two-thirds of the votes cast..."). In Article IV, Section 7.b, Page 7, Line 12 after "proxy.", insert the following sentence, "An absentee ballot shall be printed and signed by the person casting the absentee ballot."

Proxy Statement:

Date: _____

- Please cast my vote exactly as indicated above without exception!
- Please cast my vote as above. If I have not indicated a choice on any of the issues, the Board is free to vote as they see fit.
- I hereby assign my proxy to _____ . He/She is restricted to voting as I have indicated above unless I have not indicated a choice.

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