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Sign Up Now For OYC Christmas Party

January 18

1992 Planning Meeting. 1PM at Harbour Inn.

February 8

Atlantic City Winter Event. Cruise Coordinator, Garland Dobbins

February

Check your boat, she misses you.

March

Make reservations for the Weeklong Cruise.

Commodore's Comments



David Yarnell

Season's Greetings to all of you OYCers! I hope this Christmas season and New Year are the best yet for each and every one of you. I also hope you will consider this my Christmas Greeting Card to you as well, now that I have said that! It was wonderful to see all of you at the Change of Command Ceremony and Christmas Party on the 7th. I want to thank you for your comments and well wishes that all of you bestowed on myself and members of the new Board. Both the trip up the river with Santa and the evening at the Officer's Club were nicely attended and festive for all who were present. Congratulations go out to Ned and Arleen Rhodes for their part in earning the distinctive Commodore's Cup Award. And to Henry Lovell and mate Monica, our condolences for successfully attaining the Bent Prop Award. A very special "thank you" goes to John Kinter and Mate Dora for graciously offering their motor yacht *Panacea* to parade Santa in style to Occoquan! All of the vessels in our entourage were festively decorated and the weather was exceptional. Best Dressed for the occasion went out to M/V

Hanky Panky. Congratulations again Henry and Monica.

Your new Rear Commodore, Garland Dobbins has initiated negotiations with a Tour Bus Company to take 30 to 40 OYCers to Atlantic City for a casino excursion! The event is to take place Saturday, February 8th and your seats on the bus can be secured with a non-refundable \$35 per person. This should be a great winter socializer and we need 30 members minimum to make it happen!

New Board Hard at Work on '92 Schedule

The OYC 1992 Schedule of Events is already taking shape and the newly elected board has met formally on three occasions to date. In an effort to expedite this information and get as much of it confirmed as possible before the January 18th Harbour Inn Planning Meeting, the new Board has been reviewing the schedules of events from seasons past and doing some brainstorming for some new events to take place this year. The planning session scheduled for January 18th is an open membership meeting to be attended by all interested members and will afford us an opportunity to gather and confirm or implement changes to the schedule as you see fit! Please mark your calendar and give this meeting

your priority if you would! It should be a fun gathering, informative and will set the stage for the whole season to come.

Flotilla Concept Taking Shape

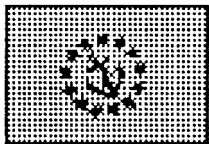
One of the most significant contribution that the 1992 Board brings to the club this year is the concept of creating flotillas. The nature of our club is somewhat unique in its format and its ability to operate in that:

1. We do not have a physical headquarters, meeting house, or clubhouse with the exception of calling OHM home base.
2. We enjoy the largest membership of any club on the Potomac.
3. Our membership is located at many marinas up and down the Occoquan and north and south on the Potomac.
4. We hope to maintain a close and interactive group of members that enjoy the club for the reasons that it was created.

After much consideration, the concept of creating OYC Flotillas was born. The introduction of flotillas within the club organization does not change anything about the club itself, but offers additional structure to its operation and brings the club news, events, activities and flow of information closer to its membership. What this means to you as a member is simple. Each participating marina on the Occoquan will enjoy a Fleet Captain who will be appointed by the Board. The Fleet Captain will serve as liaison, organizer, spokesperson and whipping post within your own marina to voice your concerns and rally your resources for whatever reasons are needed at the time. This format in no way limits your clubwide response, attendance or individual participation to any aspect of the club, but should serve as a conduit for camaraderie, participation and maybe even some competitive events between flotillas.

The Flotillas have been initially organized by your new Board as follows and suggested names of potential Fleet Captains, objections, comments and suggestions should be made to Dave Yarnell, Tom Coldwell or Garland Dobbins. Our phone numbers are listed on the masthead.

The suggested flotillas are Occoquan Harbour Marina, Harbour Point Marina, Fairfax Yacht Club/Captain Beach, Prince William/Riverview, Aquia Creek Marinas, Neabsco Creek Marinas, South Potomac Marinas and North Potomac Marinas.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Tom Coldwell

What a swell party it was! And a nice way to close out that wunnerful boating year of '91. Congratulations to the outgoing (and ever vivacious) Commodore Aaron Martin and his crew for putting together this nifty bash on the shores of Fort Belvoir high above the stately Potomac.

Congratulations especially to the winner of this year's Commodore's Cup, Arleen Rhodes, proving again the joy of boating while contending with and caring for multiple dogs.

Just kidding, Jessie. No, really, serious now, hearty congratulations to Ned and Arleen. Not only are these two newlywed lovebirds super boaters, they contribute greatly to the OYC esprit and are totally involved in and support all OYC functions.

Well, not quite all. They most definitely did NOT support the Scavenger Hunt, which was otherwise heavily patronized by up to as many as—one boat. But, whatever.

Congratulations also to Henry Lovell, stalwart captain of the M/V *Hanky Panky*, for winning the Bent Prop Award—richly deserved for all the disasters that befell him during the season. That did not deter him, however, in the dedicated support he gave to his yacht club by participating in and supporting all OYC functions this year.

Except, of course, for the Scavenger Hunt. There was neither a Hanky or a Panky to be seen out there with all the rest of us, wracking our pea-sized captain brain, chasing all over the Chesapeake watershed looking for plastic worms in a paper sack.

Ah, but what a great party it was. The room was nicely arranged, with a Republican side and a Democrat side, snazzy table decorations by Linda Dobbins and the incoming (and ever vivacious) Commodore Dave Yarnell, in uniform, yet. Nobody talked too long and the food was excellent, although my cut may have been a scratch from Laurel, but, hey, what are the odds for that? Everybody danced, even the Electric Slide was heavily subscribed, numerically, I mean, of course.

Mary Ann and I certainly had a good time and hope you did, too. Except for a little car trouble, we made it safely home, seeing as we had a designated driver. Only way to go. The Petreys and the Ways even hired limos for the roundtrip to Belvoir. I didn't understand what a class limo service they used until I spoke to one chauffeur waiting outside and learned that even he had a designated driver!

Onward to Planfest '92

All right now, enough of that wintertime sniveling at home while your boat is in hibernation, it's time to think about the season ahead. And do something about it. So please plan to be at Planfest '92 at Harbour Inn (at OHM) at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18—cash bar and finger food, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The board will be passing out. Wait, there's more to that. The board will be passing out a strawman schedule for 1992, and we will seek your suggestions for alternatives. And we'll call for volunteers to serve as cruise coordinators and hope to get some answers back for this essential but not at all difficult work.

Y'all come, heah?





Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Garland Dobbins

Now that the new Board has been officially installed into office, I can personally say for myself and the rest of the Board that we are looking forward to a fun-filled year of activities and Club events. Plan on participating, meeting new friends and renewing acquaintances with fellow boaters.

I certainly hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party. Congratulations to Ned and Arleen Rhodes (especially Arleen for putting up with Ned) for the Commodore Cup Award. And for Henry Lovell, the Bent Prop Award winner, my sympathy. I would like to personally thank John and Dora Kinter for taking Santa and all the little elves to Occoquan aboard *Panacea*. What a wonderful day for a cruise up the Occoquan while attempting to sing Christmas carols. Next year, we will have sheet music for the Twelve Days of Christmas instead of making them up as we go. Congratulations to Henry and Monica for winning the Best Decorated Boat. Letting the balloons go as Santa arrived in Occoquan was a great tribute to an eventful cruise.

Now, for upcoming news. We have planned a day "bus" trip to Atlantic City. We will be departing on Saturday, February 8 from Harbor Pointe Marina (that is the port of call for the chili cookoff). There is plenty of parking available and the area is secure since the marina manager lives on the premises. Back to the bus trip, the bus will depart promptly at 8 am with an anticipated arrival time in Atlantic City of 12 noon. Currently, the Showboat Casino is giving ten dollars of chips (their incentive to get people into their casino) but the bus line will take us to the casino giving the best deal. More information will be available at the January 18 Planning Meeting at the Occoquan Harbour Inn. If you are planning on going, fill out the coupon in this issue of the Daymarker. Depending on the turnout, we may need to reserve two buses. Departure time from Atlantic City for our return trip home will be around 7 PM which will put us back in Woodbridge/Occoquan between 11 and 12 pm. Don't hesitate, fill out your form early and return it to me by February 1, 1992. The cost is \$35 per person - what a way to break the bank and beat the winter blues.



Treasurer's Comments

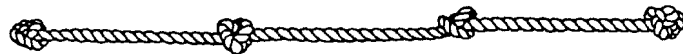
Allen Herskowitz

When last you tuned in to the treasury goings on, I was trying to get my hands on the accounts. In spite of the many attempts on the part of Sovran Bank to make the transition as painful and difficult as possible, we have succeeded! Now that I can almost get the bank statements - they have finally agreed to send them to my address, but insist on using Barbara Siegfried's name - and my mailman, knowing that no one by that name lives in this house has trouble leaving the stuff in my mailbox. But enough of this chit-chat you say! How is the dear old account?

Since you heard about the treasury last, we have taken in

\$2060 in memberships. The Christmas party is \$431.48 in the loss column on the books, but I know of \$325 in income and one \$99 bill yet to be delivered so the net for the party will be -\$226.48 when all accounts are settled. Bills left over from the last administration that were paid include \$244.11 for the Chili Cook-off supplies and prizes, \$497 for the October Membership Meeting, and \$27.90 for the Hardy Souls Cruise. We have also paid out \$846.61 in accumulated membership activity related expenses - including printing, copying, postage. The bottom line is a current balance of \$919.30 as compared to the balance on November 14 of \$817.50.

Stay tuned to this space for more exciting developments.



Rhodes Gets Cupped Lovell Gets Bent

Past Commodore Martin surprised the Christmas Party crowd with the announcement of the winners of the Commodore's Cup and the Bent Prop Award. This reporter does not have the full text of Commodore Martin's address or of the acceptance speeches, but he does remember that they sounded something like this:

Martin: Welcome blah blah blah awards blah blah Bent Cup blah blah Green arm blah working on his head in Alexandria blah blah blah wonderful wife blah blah Daymarker blah Commodore's Cup winners Ned and Arleen Rhodes.

Rhodes: Babble babble babble Tom Coldwell babble babble Arleen did it all, Thank you.

Martin: Expensive blah blah both engines blah blah blah both carburetors blah blah blah Carl forgot the award blah blah old boat blah blah most money blah blah wonderful Monica blah blah blah Bent Prop Award Winner Henry Lovell

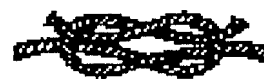
Lovell: Babble babble Couldn't have done it without Monica babble babble How could things get any worse babble Thank you.

Congratulations to both of our winners.

Membership Notes

John Piper

Longtime members John and Maxine Ringle recently renewed for the 1992 season including Junior member Koko Ringle. Koko has been a Junior member since joining the Ringle clan in 1989. We had referred to Koko as Mister, but were severely chastised by the Ringles when they informed us that the proper address is Miss Koko. Since Koko is a three year old, 300 pound black gorilla, I have only one question: How do you tell?





Coast Guard User Fee Repealed?

CBYCA Chartroom Chatter

Under the 1990 budget agreement any subsequent tax reduction must be accompanied with a corresponding tax offset elsewhere. HR534 was passed by the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, with an offset from funds to be raised from sales of tariff data from a new computerized data base being developed by the Department of Commerce.

A dispute developed between the House Budget Office which calculated that data sales were sufficient and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) which calculated a \$173 million shortfall in the sales.

Next, the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over taxes, attached HB534 as part of the national highway and mass transit bill that they passed on to the House. The wording was modified to limit the repeal to the amount of revenue realized from sale of the Federal Maritime Commissions' new tariff information and to make the repeal match the starting date for the sale of data in 1993. OMB originally calculated the yield of the data to be short by a total of \$173 million. This was the so-called partial repeal for boats under 27 feet but that's not what the bill reads. The bill left it up to the Coast Guard to compute how to repeal the fee insofar as far as the money goes.

In the last week before Thanksgiving OMB reexamined the question and now has agreed with the House Budget office which calculated there is sufficient income to replace the entire Coast Guard Users Fee beginning in 1993. With this action there is now no substantive reason to prevent the complete repeal of the Coast Guard Users Fee for 1993, 1994 and 1995.

The highway bill passed the House and the Senate, went to conference, and was finally passed on the last day before the Thanksgiving recess.

Did the repeal pass or was it modified or removed along the way? None of the staff members contacted were certain of the answer to the question.

Virginia Boating Advisory Committee

CBYCA Chartroom Chatter

Past Commodore Ken Kier was recently appointed by Virginia's Secretary of Natural Resources to the state's Boating Advisory Committee, as its CBYCA member. This 11 member Committee was established by the 1991 General Assembly as an advisory body for the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Marine Resources Commission and other State agencies concerned with boating activities. The Committee is charged with the review of all proposed rules, regulations and administrative policies affecting recreational boating. The CBYCA, the US Power Squadron and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary are each statutory members, with the remaining 8 members being selected from general boating and fishing communities.

CBYCA congratulates Ken on his appointment and knows that we will be well represented.

Miss Koko News

Koko

The following letter was received from Miss Koko, dated December 11, 1991

Dear fellow Boatdrivers,

My crew, John and Maxine Ringle, are still slathering sunblock 15 all over the place here in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

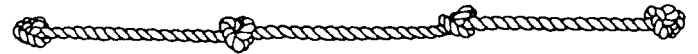
John got to the point where he got the nervous twitches from all the high-tech office equipment stuffed into the forward cabin of my trawler, *Harmony*, and rented an office overlooking the north side of the marina (Bahia Mar) and at least made it possible for me to be a bit more comfortable in the forward double berth, although clothes hanging there still tickle my feet at night.

Right now, Maxine is back in Virginia, expecting Michelle to "get" an adopted baby sometime in the next few days, while John tries to suffer through the time by forcing himself to check out the thong bikinis on Fort Lauderdale Beach while he waits for the annual boat parade this Saturday. He keeps mumbling about how much he misses the really neat people he likes so much back there in Virginia.

I read the Daymarker, with the very creative dues notice. Please let me know what the dues are, so I can be sure John doesn't get so relaxed he forgets to send them in. I don't want my membership to lapse because of some dumb procrastination on his part. Boy - having to keep a retired businessman on the ball is getting to be quite a job!!!

And, it is really good to read all the entertaining news about my friends in the Occoquan Yacht Club.

Love, Koko



Potpourri

It is rumored that Ed Connor can cuss fluently in Japanese as he demonstrated at the Christmas party.

It has been confirmed that both Steve Worcester and Ned Rhodes are not married to Jean Tilmon and so do not have to do as she says.

Welcome Motorboat and Dinghy, two new additions to the Piper family. No they are not junior members and yes, they did start out as Port and Starboard. Their vessel is now alarmed and protected by attack cats.

Steve Worcester, your mother would still like you to call more often.





GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
D. C. FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001



WATERFRONT FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE

The winter season is fast approaching and the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department would like to make you aware of fire safety measures to help prevent and minimize the possibilities of injury or death due to preventable accidents on the waterfront.

The following are a few fire safety tips:

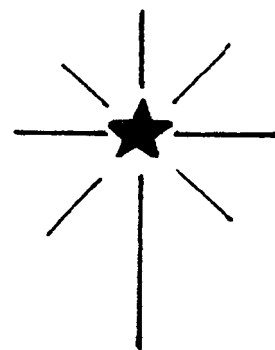
- Portable heaters should be legal and in excellent working condition. Look for the "UL" approval and keep it away from flammable materials. Information regarding heaters may be obtained by calling 673-3200.
- Ensure that bilge pumps are in good working condition.
- Make certain that seacocks are lubricated and are in good working condition. All seawater connections should be double clamped.
- Have a responsible person check your boat while you are away for an extended period of time.
- Do not attempt to move your boat in ice formation unless the hull is rated for ice.
- When working on deck wear a "PFD" and be cautious of slippery surfaces.
- Signs of hypothermia in cold weather are: shivering, difficulty in speaking, stumbling, falling, inability to use the hands, respirations slow, etc. Should these symptoms occur get to a warm area or come in out of the wind, replace wet clothing with dry clothing, insulate all exposed parts by wrapping with warm objects, and drink warm nonalcoholic liquids.
- Do not, under any circumstances, walk on ice.
- Should a fire or medical emergency occur, call 911 immediately.

The D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department wishes you and your families a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Rayfield Alfred
Fire Chief

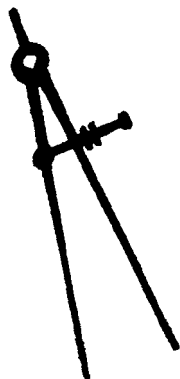
Sharon Pratt Dixon
Mayor

Set your sights



on a bright Christmas

and plot your course



for a Happy New Year

Seasons Greetings:

This month we are happy cruisers again. The weather gradually improved as we wound our way (at times we were heading west of north) down the Mississippi, then up the Ohio. We finally found a place to stop and sightsee even though it was only Paducah, KY, tied to a rusty old barge behind their convention center. It was great to stretch our legs and walk to stores and restaurants.

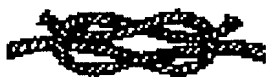
Kentucky Lake, the Tennessee River and surrounding areas lacked the colors of spring and autumn, but it was very peaceful and warm enough now to anchor without a chain weighted with ice. We have seen many eagles, bison and even a zebra in a field. No, we haven't been drinking too much river water!

The Wilson Lock on the Tennessee is the highest in the eastern US at 93 feet. What an elevator ride! Have also gone through an 84 foot one on the Tenn-Tom Waterway. This newest man-made wonder required moving more earth than building the Panama Canal. Again there were few marinas and limited information and charts for anchoring. We really ran hard aground one morning. There was 15 feet of water on our starboard side but only 3 feet to port. Dennis was elected to go overboard and rock *Joyden* while I spun the wheel with the engine in reverse. Took an hour and a half to float her off.

Joyden is in northern Mississippi, but we are here in Raleigh, NC, again. You would think we would have learned our lesson the last time. Should be far enough south that we don't have to worry about snow. We will be in Chicago for Christmas, then back to Mississippi to continue toward the Gulf.

Hope your holidays are jolly,

Joyce and Dennis



Planfest '92



Come, Let Us Reason Together

**Saturday, January 18th, 1:00 p.m.
Harbour Inn**

Cash Bar & Finger Food

**Fun-Filled Afternoon Planning the
OYC Adventure for 1992**

**Participate in planning this year's schedule of events.
The OYC Board seeks your ideas.
What do you want to do in '92?**



**Bring your OYC buddies for this first
event of the New Year.**



**OYC Atlantic City
February 8, 1992
Reservation Form**

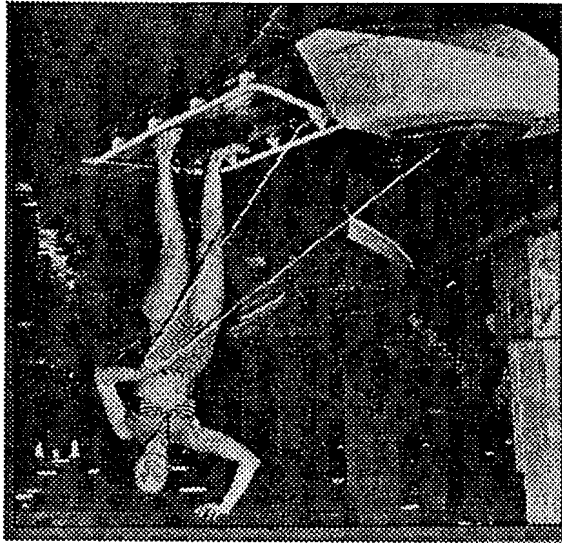
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

How Many? _____

**Enclose with non-refundable check for \$35 per person made out to
OYC, and mail to Garland Dobbins, 103 Howard Street, Dumfries,
VA 22026. Reservation deadline is February 1, 1992.**



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