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Coming Events

November 7

Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria. Mary Jo Worcester @ 703-494-2383.

November 26

Eat turkey, sleep late and think about winterizing your boat.

December 5

Santa Cruz to Occoquan @11 am. Christmas Party @6:30 pm. at Sea Sea & Company.

December 6

Winterize your boat, the season is officially over.

Past Commodore's Comments

David Yarnell

Congratulations Commodore Tom Coldwell and your brand spankin' new Board of Directors! I sincerely wish you and your staff all the success and gratification that is certain to be yours in the coming year! Best wishes Al, Sandy, Pam, Janis and to all those who continuously give their time and energy to the maintenance and operation of this fine club.

**Christmas Party and Commodore's Ball
and the
Annual Change of Command Ceremony
Saturday, December 5th, 1992
6:30PM till 1:00AM
Sea Sea & Co. Ballroom**

Tis the time to fill out the RSVP reservation form and make your intentions known! Plans for a very fine extravaganza of food, drink and song are well underway, so let us know you'll be there!

A delightful buffet of poultry, seafood, vegetables, and

desserts will be highlighted with a magnificent steamship round carved to your specifications and seasoned with the Sounds of Joy and a D.J.!! A reasonable sum of \$30.00 per person will secure your place at this prestigious event and will ensure that a good time will be had by all, without severely depleting your shopping allowance! This is the event of the year. The awarding of the coveted Commodores Cup, Bent Prop Award, and the Hard Charger Award will be witnessed by all present and you will inaugurate your 1993 Bridge of club officers! Be there or be Scrooge!! Please fill out your RSVP and send it before November 20th to OYC, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125.

**The Annual Santa Cruz Cruise
Saturday, December 5th, 1992
11:00AM till 2:00PM
C Dock (Dunmoen Dock) at OHM**

Hot toddies and bloodies, eggnog and kids! Santa comes down the ramp at 12:00PM sharp to be delivered by our OYC Flotilla to Occoquan! ETA Occoquan 1:00PM, Prince William Marina, where he'll be whisked away on a fire truck.

Christmas boat decorating competition brings out the challengers! Last year it was *Hanky Panky*, this year it could

be some *Lucky Duck!* You won't know unless ya go! And hey...this is not every man for himself, this is Christmas...yeah, give that guy and his girl a ride...the "Mer" the "Merr"ier. So if you're winterized you've got no excuse, and if you've got little mariners, this is the place to intercept "the Claus" on the dock before any of the landlubbers do. So, bring your kid and his list, bring something palatable—and dress warm, you fool, it's December 5th!



Commodore's Comments

Tom Coldwell

Groucho Marx said he would never want to belong to a club that would have him as a member. Let me turn that around by saying how glad I am to belong to a yacht club that would have me as its Commodore. Shows the spunk, the flinty-eyed sense of adventure and daring of all you folks—a carefree willingness to "let Mikey try it!"

Now that I am safely in office, I guess I should confess that during my 26 years in the Navy, the Navy in its infinite wisdom never put me in command at sea—or, for that matter, let me be around sharp instruments. They DID surround me with sharp people, however, enabling me to succeed reasonably well without breaking anything—which, by the way, is the way I plan to succeed as Commodore of OYC.

On that score, like the Navy you've done a great job of surrounding—with Al Herskowitz as His Vice-ship, Sandy Leathers as Executive Rearmostness, Pam Beaulieu as Chancellor of the Checkbook and Janis Hobson as Chief of the Secretariat.

The Navy also had this thing about training and inspiration, particularly from one's own leaders—comparable hereabouts as from Commodore Dave Yarnell, in whose board it's been a pleasure to serve this year. We owe much thanks to Dave for putting together a great OYC year, a year with traditional events and some great new ones, e.g., the breakfast cookout, the dinghy raffle and the dinghy regatta, for all of which Dave was the primary motivator.

Dave's year (your year) still has two significant events to go—the Hardy Souls Cruise this month and the cappers next month, the December 5 Santa Cruise and, that evening, the Christmas Party and Change of Command Dinner-Dance at Sea Sea & Company in Occoquan. (I hope you and your crew will participate in any or all of these events. Please sign up now for the Dinner-Dance.)

On the point of training and inspiration, there are some other good people who have gone before and, thankfully, are still around to lend their wisdom and support to the new board—all former OYC officers and our cadre of durable retainers, membership gurus John and Mer Piper, *Daymarker* publishers Ned and Arleen Rhodes, and Quartermaster Walt Cheatham.

So now I want to say thanks to the club for electing Al, Sandy, Janis, Pam and me as your board for 1993. We pledge to you our energy and commitment to make the coming year a success. We are eager to put together a good program, and with all the aforementioned help and support we have around and behind us, then the only thing needed to make this a great year of OYC boating is YOU.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Sandy Leathers

Congratulations!—to Tom, Al, Janis, and Pam for their successful election to the 1993 OYC Board. I would like to thank all of you who supported my re-election to Executive Rear Commodore. I will give it my best to work with the newly elected bridge and OYC membership for an active, safe and fun boating season, filled with exciting boating adventures.

Dave Yarnell, 1992 Commodore, deserves our applause for a successful term, leading us through a challenging year. To Dave, I say thanks, and please don't disappear. We hope that we can call upon your expertise as Past Commodore.

All of us can help ensure a great boating season during 1993 by offering to support and attend as many events as possible. Best wishes to Tom Coldwell and the new bridge for a great season of boating. A special THANKS to Dave and his 1992 bridge for a job well done.

Speaking of fun events, mark your calendar for the remaining events this year—the Hardy Souls' Cruise to Old Town Alexandria Nov. 7th, the Santa Cruise up the Occoquan River Dec. 5th, and to close out the year with a BANG, the annual Christmas Party and Change of Command Ceremony at Sea-Sea & Co. in Occoquan December 5th.

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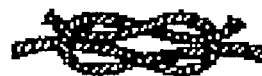
Past Secretary's Comments

Monica Storz

It's that time of the year again. Time to find out who the hardy souls of OYC truly are. Last year we had 18 boats signed up—8 showed up. Don't forget, if you have already winterized, "hoofers" are welcome. With the 16 who arrived via water last year, 14 "hoofed" in. So, come on and join the fun. I understand that 6 OYCers have already reserved hotel rooms for the weekend. We are also looking into the Old Towne Ghost Tour which was a big success last Fall. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this year. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget to sign up now for the December 5th Commodore's Ball/Change of Command Banquet to be held at Sea Sea & Company in Occoquan. The accommodations are beautiful with plenty of room to mix, mingle and "boogie." Good food, fun and great music await you—hope to see you there!

See you at the next *Daymarker*.



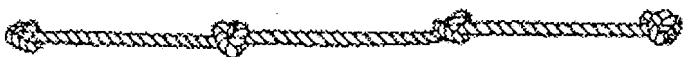


Secretary's Comments

Janis Hobson

As a relatively new member, it is an honor to have been elected to the board. I hope I can live up to the reputation of this office as established by the previous secretaries. We have a great line-up for this board and we may even aspire (with the proper motivation, of course) to do good and wonderful things. Al and I have supremely enjoyed our first year in the club. We've had a great time meeting new people and going new places. We are looking forward to our first Christmas Party—THE social event of the season. The outgoing board has outdone themselves to set up an elegant evening of dining and dancing. Hope to see you all there.

Speaking of seeing other OYCers, Al and I made our annual odyssey to the Mecca of the Annapolis Power Boat Show on October 16th. As usual, we spent a lot of time looking and wishing. Having already been afflicted with a terminal case of the Bigger-Boat disease, we were seriously looking for that one special vessel. You know, the one which has all the toys but costs nothing; the one which is hardly used, has all original everything in mint condition; the one which cruises at 50 mph and uses no fuel; the one which only exists in our dreams. We had a great time looking through the tents, picturing ourselves on a brand new boat with the latest gadgets. While we were wandering around with a crazed look in our eyes, we were run to ground by Ned and Arleen Rhodes. (We tried to run away, but Ned has a pretty strong grasp.) Ned and Al had a lively discussion on various GPS units and compared their navigation techniques (Ned uses placemat charts, Al prefers the "he-looks-like-he-knows-where-he's-going-follow-that-boat" technique.) Arleen and I listened intently, rolling our eyes a lot. The guys can't wait to resume this conversation on the Hardy Soul's cruise (I think we can assume that these guys can find Old Town-despite their navigation techniques).



1992 OYC Fall Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

OYC held its General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers, Saturday night, October 3 and Brittany's sports bar. There was an excellent turnout, about 40 OYCers.

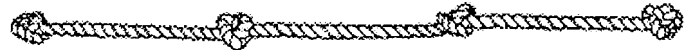
The club heard reports and comments from all the officers and voted to amend the bylaws to provide for filling unexpected vacancies occurring in the board. After attending to other official business, the club heard campaign speeches from candidates for the 1993 board. The results of the election are as follows:

Commodore:	Tom Coldwell
Vice Commodore:	Al Herskowitz
Rear Commodore:	Sandy Leathers
Secretary:	Janis Hobson
Treasurer:	Pam Beaulieu

(Congratulations to the 1993 board. Let's all give them our support in whatever way we can.)

While waiting for the votes to be counted, drawings were held for a free family membership for the 1993 season and for a free night's slip fee on any OYC cruise in 1993, and for a 50-50 raffle for cash. The winners:

Family membership:	Frank and Ursula Schwartz
Free night's slip:	Dick and Peggy Jones
50-50 cash drawing:	Ned and Arleen Rhodes



Chili Cook-Off Draws Nine Pots, Eight Desserts, Eleven Dozen Photos

Photo Contest Postponed Until Christmas Party

'Twas a beautiful day, Saturday, October 24, for the OYC's traditional Chili Cook-Off (including dessert contest and photo contest). OYC's top chefs brought out their best chili and desserts. Dockmaster Tom Tokash brought out all the tables to the end of B-Dock at Woodbridge Marina. Ned Rhodes, Tom Bryant and Frank Schwartz brought out their best (and most) photos for the year. The weatherman brought a warm, sunny day. Computer graphics-meister Al Herskowitz brought out a collection of dazzling award certificates.

The chili competition was hot, and no single judge could be expected to separate the chili losers from the chili rellenos. So the choice was put to a vote by the members present, by secret written ballot. And the winners are...

First Place Prize of \$25.00 to Lynn Martin.
 Second Place Prize Certificate to Pam Beaulieu.
 Third Place Prize Certificate to Steve Wexler.

John and Mer Piper graciously agreed to judge the dessert competition. And the winners are...

First Place Certificate to Rosie Betts.
 Second Place Certificate to Dana Bryant.
 Third Place Certificate to Maggie Martin.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered the competitions.

What about the photo contest? Owing to some unexpected SNAFUBAR-ness, the judges went to the wrong river and were last heard judging a paint-by-(negative)-numbers affair at the Treasury Department cafeteria. So Vice Commodore Coldwell, the only officer still standing at the end of the Cook-Off, made one of those command decisions that, by definition, are sure to anger everyone, i.e., no judges, no contest. The photo contest is being put off until the Christmas party, at which time photo submissions will be judged properly, fair and square. We'll either hire a judge who won't take Ned's money or we'll resort to a People's Choice approach after all. (Gosh, what some people will do to get a free roll of film.)

Bottom line on the photo contest: there's still time; bring your entries to the Christmas Party, December 5, for any and all categories (preferably one per category but you may

submit more if you wish). The categories are Wildlife, Boat Profiles, People, Land/Seascapes. The prizes are the same—enlargement and framing in each winning category, rolls of film for the runners up.



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Happy Birthday CBYCA
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter,
Sept. 1992

35 years ago CBYCA was born. First meeting was held on September 25, 1957 in Baltimore.

Virginia Boating Education
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

The Virginia Boating Advisory Committee (VBAC) has recommended that the Department of Natural Resources give serious consideration to the establishment of a mandatory boating safety education program. The Maryland graduated boating program was suggested as being acceptable to the boating public and amenable to the legislative process. This unanimous recommendation by the eleven member committee was taken in view of the state's consistently high boating fatality record, which has exceeded the national average in recent years. Also it is now recognized that boating accidents and serious injuries have been woefully under-reported. A recent Coast Guard funded study, by the Red Cross, using hospital and insurance company records, has found that less than 3 percent of such accidents are reported, as required. We now know that the boating safety situation is far more serious than traditional data would indicate. It is also to be noted that the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) has dropped its opposition to mandatory boating education in favor of a graduated program, a significant reversal.

PERHAPS IT IS NOW TIME FOR THE NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION TO RECONSIDER ITS LONG-STANDING OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY EDUCATION.

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Woodrow Wilson Bridge—Yet Again!
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

Just when it was assumed that a reasonable compromise had been achieved on the opening schedule for the Woodrow Wilson bridge, across the Potomac, Congress, in its infinite wisdom, has injected itself into the process. An amendment to the Coast Guard Authorization Bill, sponsored by Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and others, would preempt the Coast Guard schedule and sharply curtail bridge openings. The available window for commercial vessels would be further limited and a 24 hour notice of intent would be required. Recreational boats would be permitted separate passage only between the hours of midnight and 4am, with no day time openings available. The Bill has been passed by the House and will go to a joint conference committee as no similar

amendment is included on the Senate version of the authorization Bill. As Mike Scuille of Boat/US puts it, "it is excessive and political overkill in an election year."

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New Commodore
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

Karl Homberg was elected Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association at a meeting held at Miles River Yacht Club on August 15, 1992. Commodore-elect Homberg will be formally installed as Commodore at the Change of Watch ceremony to be held on November 21 and will lead CBYCA in 1993. CONGRATULATIONS to Commodore-elect Homberg and to the entire Board of Governors.

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CBYCA Trophy
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

Congratulations to Art Hale of Sassafra's River Yacht Club for winning the CBYCA Trophy in the recent United States Power Squadron District 5 Navigators Contest. Forty boats participated in the USPCS/5 contest. Of the 40 boats, 16 were from CBYCA member yacht clubs and thus participated for the CBYCA Trophy. The CBYCA Trophy is awarded each year to the Captain of the boat from a member club with the best score in the navigators contest.

Razz Ma Tazz, Art Hale captain, placed second overall in the contest and first among the 16 boats from CBYCA member clubs. After running the 90 minute course, *Razz Ma Tazz* had a 2 second error!

Commodore Beuscher presented the CBYCA Trophy to Captain Art Hale and his wife, Barbara, and crew members, Bill and Marie VonBehren, at the Delegates meeting on 15 August.

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Users Tax
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

The House has voted to repeal the Users Tax (HR 2056). The Senate has not taken any action yet (S2702). The proposed repeal is phased—A & B in October 1992, C in October 1993 and D in October 1994. Who knows what will happen and Who is not saying....

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Luxury Tax Repeal
CBYCA Chartroom Chatter, Sept. 1992

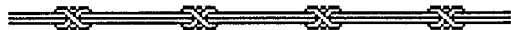
Ah yes, repeal of the luxury tax. Voted by the House, to be offset by a tax on diesel fuel used for marine use!! No Senate action; overall bill not well liked in the Administration; veto possible if, and it is a big IF, the bill ever gets out the Congress.



New Members

John Piper

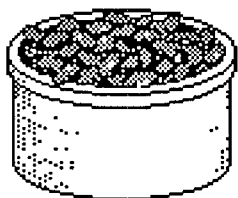
The OYC is pleased to welcome new members Richard and Bronwyn Ziegler, family aboard *Leisure Leigh* berthed at Fairfax Yacht Club.



Galley Talk

Fairwinds, Fells Point Yacht Club

We found this recipe and thought it sounded interesting. Of course we are not sure of the proper method of serving. Maybe you can find some interesting side dishes for it.



Dryer Lint Modeling Clay

3 c. dryer lint
2 c. cold or warm water
2/3 c. not self-rising flour
3 drops oil of wintergreen
old newspapers

Put lint and water in a large saucepan and stir to dampen all parts of lint. Add flour and stir thoroughly to prevent lumps. Add oil of wintergreen. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture holds together and forms peaks. Pour out onto several thicknesses of newspapers to cool. Makes about 4 cups.

Shape over forms such as boxes, bottles, balloons, etc. Or, press into molds or use as a papier-mache pulp. This clay will dry in 3-5 days to a very hard, durable surface. When wet, it has a felt-like consistency. It dries smooth or rough, depending on how it is used. When pressed into a mold, a hard, smooth finish is obtained. Stored in an airtight container, it will keep several days.

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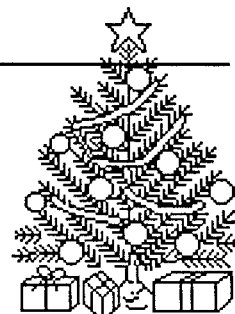
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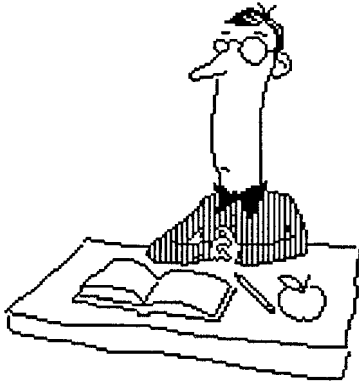
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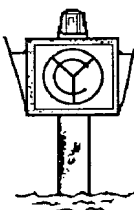
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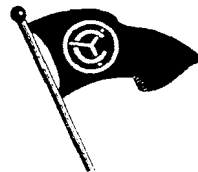



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