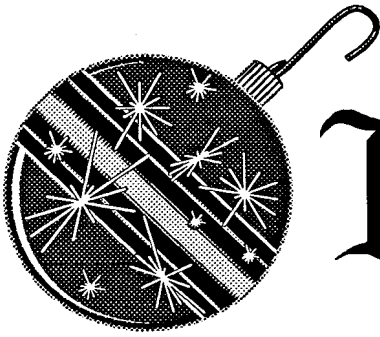


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Coming Events

December 4

Canceled! Santa
Cruise to Occoquan.
Meet at 11:30 at OHM.
Canceled!

December 4

OYCHoliday Party at
Fort Belvoir. See the
OYC Board Members
in real clothes. Boat
shoes optional.

December 5

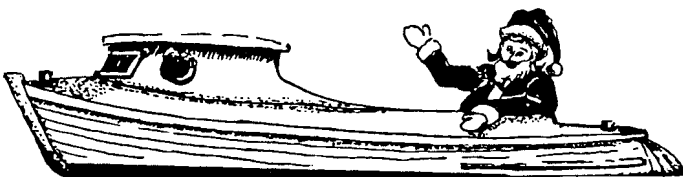
Time to winterize
your boat.

December 25

Ask Santa for a new
boat and have a Happy
New Year.

Santa Not

No Virginia, there will not be a Santa Claus this year. At least not one delivered by the OYC on December 4th. Immediate Past Commodore Tom Coldwell received the word the Wednesday before Thanksgiving that the Occoquan Merchants Association has decided to cancel Santa's trip to Occoquan by boat in lieu of a "more traditional Christmas theme." To those of you who had held off winterizing, you now have permission to winterize. To those of you planning to take Santa to Occoquan, stay home and prepare for the OYC Christmas party instead. We are sorry for this late notice and we hope that things will change for next year.



Commodore's Comments



Ray Steele

Participants in the Hardy Souls' Cruise to Alexandria enjoyed an extension of summer-like weather. With temperatures in the sixties to upper seventies, this cruise turned out to be a real treat. The word on the street is that the excellent preplanning by Cruise Coordinator Mary Jo Worcester allowed the majority of cruise participants to eat together aboard boats at the dock, when a shower dampened their desire to go out to eat. Is there any truth to the rumor that the great weather experienced during this event has caused some to consider another attempt at a REAL Hardy Souls' Cruise in February?

My best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Al and Janis Hobson, whose involvement in an auto accident precluded their attendance at the Hardy Souls' Cruise.

The Holidays are here!!!

The response to our Holiday Party/Change of Command Ceremony has been very gratifying. This event will conclude our 1993 season with style. My thanks to the outgoing Board

for their hard work on this event. We'll try to do as well next year.

I have enjoyed speaking with those members I have been able to contact, both to encourage your participation in the aforementioned holiday celebration and to discuss your ideas for our 1994 boating season. I'm pleased to report that most of our members are happy with their club and the events that we schedule for their enjoyment. Multiple requests were made for more raft-ups, and some members showed interest in weekday events. I urge everyone to bring your suggestions to our OYC Planfest, scheduled for January 22, 1994, from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Gecko's Waterfront Cantina at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Next month's Daymarker will contain an overview of the Board's recommendations for the upcoming 1994 boating season, as well as an outline of suggested events that need additional input. This hope this will be an interactive event, when your new suggestions are added to this lineup.

As we go to press the State of Virginia's proposed modifications of the Metropolitan Washington Ozone Nonattainment Area would not include recreational boating restrictions. In addition, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations has voted a resolution which supports the deletion of credit for episodic measures, such as boating. This position is not final, but will be watched closely by your leadership team. My thanks to those of you who took time to oppose the imposition of weekday restrictions on boating activities.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!



Past Commodore's Comments

Tom Coldwell

As I sit here staring at the old Underwood and the blank, crumpled paper in its grip...waiting, waiting for the urgent pecking of news that will become another month's profound revelation for the teeming masses of OYC members, I realize that as Immediate Has-Been Commodore the only function I have at this point is to give directions to the Fort Belvoir NCO Club for the Change of Command and Holiday Party.

Mere street directions...port and starboard orders to the automotive helms of our celebrants.

Nothing lofty this month.

No learned discourse on the efficacy of interconvolutionary schemes to promote multi-dimensional interfaces with other yacht clubs...

No theoretical analyses on the merits of wet and dry T-shirts...

No impassioned exhortations to the few laggards in our number to get off their sterns and renew their memberships...

Nope, this month it's just directions to the Fort Belvoir NCO Club, to wit:

The easy way: On your ADC map book of Northern Virginia, proceed to block D-10 on page 29, follow the little squiggly lines to the red dot marked Enlisted Club. If you can't find it from there, go home...you should not be going to parties.

The boater's way: From a flashing red, yellow and green marker where channels US-1 and Backlick Road meet, proceed

on plane on an easterly course approximately three-quarters of a mile to Fort Belvoir's Pence Gate, to starboard. Proceed at no-wake speed to Pence Gate and, if allowed to proceed by the channel lookout (in Army uniform), proceed through gate and take an immediate port turn on Taylor Road, then the first hard starboard turn on Woodbury Road. Again at no-wake speed follow this channel to the NCO Club. Find a slip of your choice, secure your engine and debark.

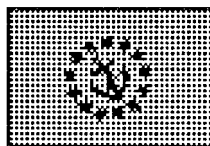
The landlubber's way: Go to Fort Belvoir's main gate (Pence Gate), ask the guard for directions. Try not to bump into anything, o.k.?

Change of Command and Holiday Party

And that, too, December 4. By now, of course, you are already signed up. I already got my speech put together, and it's sure to be greeted with a veritable crescendo of unstified yawns. One thing for sure, it will be a fun evening, a great time to welcome the new Board and send them cruising happily into their year, with all of us following faithfully in their wake.

Can you believe this new Commodore Ray? He's already got the lion's share of the traditional events locked on the calendar, plus he's leaving ample latitude for member inputs in the January planning meeting. This is going to be a great year.

See you on December 4.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Sandy Leathers

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Christmas Party/Change of Command Dinner-Dance at the NCO Club at Fort Belvoir beginning at 6:30PM, dinner at 7:30PM. Contributions are \$37.50 per person (includes open bar). Please call Ray Steele with your reservations and also please send in your contributions ASAP. This party is always one of OYC's best events of the year, so please call now with your reservation.

Please renew your dues for 1994! We need your support. Please send in your 1994 dues now—and if you have not already done so, would you also please take a minute to help the new bridge by completing the questionnaire in your October Daymarker so that we know what you want to do this coming boating season. We aim to please!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Many Thanks

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends in the OYC for the flowers, cards, and phone calls we've received since our accident. It's very comforting to know we have such a large family of friends in OYC.

As an update, we are both recovering slowly but nicely and are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Change-of-Command/Holiday Party on December 4th.

Again, our sincere thanks to all.

Al and Janis Hobson



Treasurer's Comments

Steve Wexler

The frost is on the pumpkin, the turkey leftovers are in the freezer, and Mary Jo's Hardy Souls' Cruise was a smashing success. Now we can look forward (?) to winterization of boats and bodies. Well here's a warming thought for this chilly season...Memorial Day at Yeocomico Marina. That's right—it's never too soon to think wonderful Spring thoughts. I've reserved slips, but will have to start confirming with names and deposits in February. Please start calling me (I need friends!) in January.

Also remember the Planfest—January 22nd at Gecko's (Ococoquan Harbour Marina). And most importantly—Merry Christmas, Happy Channukah, and Happy New Year to all!!

Ococoquan Yacht Club Financial Statement as of November 18, 1993

Beginning Balance		\$1,662.33
Income:		
Renewal Family Memberships	\$405.00	
Renewal Associate Memberships	25.00	
New Family Memberships	135.00	
New Individual Memberships	35.00	
New Junior Memberships	10.00	
Club Sales	76.00	
General Membership 50/50	49.00	
Holiday Party	<u>1,087.50</u>	
Total Income		\$1,822.50
Expenses:		
Membership Activities	\$161.74	
Postage	37.70	
Printing/Reproduction	60.20	
Bank Service Charges	<u>9.02</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$268.66</u>
Ending Balance		<u>\$3,216.17</u>

Vision 2003 Funding Initiative

Ned W. Rhodes

On November 9th, I attended a meeting sponsored by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The purpose of the meeting was to present the Department's Vision Statement for the next 10 years and to discuss the ways in which it could be funded.

Throughout the evening, I kept learning interesting facts such as:

- Virginia is the fifth fastest growing state.
- Outdoor activities paid \$10 million into the state treasury (not including titling fees and personal property taxes) and the state expended \$2 million on outdoor related activities.

• 63 percent of the Virginia population actively participated in hunting, fishing or watching, photography or feeding wildlife in 1991.

• There were 206,000 boats registered in Virginia in 1992.

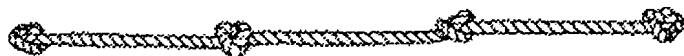
• Virginia expends about \$4 per person on wildlife related programs, which is one of the lowest, if not the lowest, of all states. Some states such as Missouri, expend about \$16 per person.

• Currently, the 2% watercraft sales and use tax and the 4.5% sales tax collected on other boat sales goes to the state's general fund.

• Only hunting and fishing license fees go directly to the Department to fund wildlife, boating and outdoor programs.

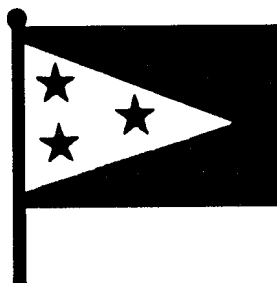
The Department outlined a few of the ways it felt it could raise the needed funds including taking a small percentage of the sales tax revenues (since outdoor activities generate purchases which generate sales tax revenues) and channeling the watercraft sales tax directly to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

And finally, it was pointed out that there are two ways to help fund the programs of the Department. One way is to check the VA Nongame Wildlife Program box on your Virginia tax return. The other way is to purchase a hunting or fishing license even though you may not hunt or fish.



Potomac River Yacht Club Association

Steve Wexler



Some notes from my first meeting as OYC's delegate to the PRYCA:

1. Change of Watch a/k/a Election of New Bridge a/k/a Rhodes' Rise to Rank. That's

right—our own Neddy is now King (i.e., Commodore) of the Potomac!!

2. In the November edition of the Daymarker there was a superb article by PC Coldwell regarding the activities of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Air Quality Committee (catch this acronym—MWAQC). The Virginia hearings were held on November 29th. This is an important issue which affects our boating "rights." Call or write your local, state, and federal government representatives and let them know that restricting boating activities is not the solution!

3. The PRYCA Change of Command dinner/ceremony will be held at the Army/Navy Country Club in Arlington from 7:00PM-Midnight on January 29th. Remember this is the night when Willie/Jess/Sally/Ned (pick one) get crowned. Let's get a cheering section together and show him that we care. (OK—it's an excuse to party in January.) For \$30 per person you get a choice of Cluck, Moo, or spawning Salmon, cash bar and dancing with Al Hobson all evening (business attire). Mark your calendars—more importantly, call me at 703-437-0687 (home) or 703-734-0202 (work). We have to give them a count by December 27th.

4. The PRYCA has requested member clubs to become more involved in the Standing Committees of the Association. I will discuss this further with our Board.

5. Lots of good info on the October 2nd General Meeting of the National Boating Federation. Call me if you're interested.

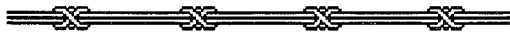
By the way...Capital Yacht Club has a great bar with super prices..but who was noticing?



New Members

John Piper

The OYC is pleased to welcome new members John Wilson, Individual aboard *Southwind*, berthed at Fairfax YC; Leo and Gail Moore, Family, and Tricia & Bryan Moore, Juniors aboard *False Alarm* berthed at Hoffmasters; William and Bonnie Fulford, Family aboard *Lady Anne* berthed at OHM; and Terri Petrey, Associate aboard *Flashback* berthed in Phoenix.



FCC Eyes New Fees on Recreational Boaters

BOAT/U.S. Reports

As this issue goes to press, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is planning in mid-November to propose new "user fees" on holders of VHF marine radio licenses of \$7 per year, or an extra \$35 for a five-year license. This new fee would be in addition to the existing \$35 license fee now required. BOAT/U.S. believes doubling the cost of a marine VHF license will have a negative impact on boating safety. Members and boating groups are urged to send comments to: Secretary of the FCC, c/o Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

SAV: The Good News

Potomac Sav News, Summer 1993

Although the growth of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV), particularly hydrilla, can hinder boat traffic on the Potomac, its presence is considered to be another indication of the river's resurgence in recent years. After virtually disappearing from the estuary throughout much of this century, substantial stands of SAV reappeared in the 1980s. The amount of acreage it covers has grown from several hundred in the early 1980s to more than 6,000 in 1990.

The SAV is both a sign that water quality has improved in the river and a contributor to that improved water quality. Among other benefits, the SAV provides food and habitat for a variety of animals, filters suspended sediment from the river and absorbs excess nutrients.

PRYCA Burgees For Sale

Just in time for holiday gift giving and for those nautical events where you want your boat looking her best. Yes, we have PRYCA burgees for sale at \$15 per flag. These high quality, long lasting burgees may be flown by any yacht club

member whose club belongs to PRYCA. Yes, these babies are guaranteed to pull out your burgee staff before they shred, tear, rip or fade.

They are available by mail from VC Ned W. Rhodes. To order, send a check made out to Ned W. Rhodes for \$16.50 (\$15 for the burgee plus \$1.50 return postage) to 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205-3130. Your new burgee will be returned to you in a matter of days. The burgees are in stock now.

'User Fee' Tax Phase-Out is Nearly Complete

BOAT/U.S. Reports, Sept. 1993

Owners of recreational boats larger than 21 feet and less than 37 feet who broke down and purchased their "user fee" tax stickers this year will be pleased to know that they can scrape them off at midnight, September 30. Under the only tax repeal bill approved by Congress last year, the infamous federal boat "user fee" is being repealed in phases. As of October 1, 1993, only those boats 37 feet and larger will be required to display a sticker and then only until October 1, 1994, when the entire "user fee" program is shut down. The cost of the 1994 sticker is \$50 for boats 37 feet to less than 40 feet, and \$100 for boats 40 feet and larger. For further information, call the Coast Guard at 1-800-368-5647. The number for ordering next year's stickers is 1-800-848-2100. Meanwhile, BOAT/U.S. Legal Defense Fund Director Michael Sciulla hears that two years after the organization filed a lawsuit challenging the "user fee," the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia is getting around to the case.

The Daymarker is published monthly by Ned, Arleen, Jess, Willie and Sally Rhodes. The deadline for submission of materials to the Daymarker is the 20th of every month. Just remember that the dress for the Christmas party includes boat shoes.

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Boat Owners Association
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BOAT/U.S.
BULLETIN



URGENT MESSAGE!

From: Elaine Dickinson, Assistant Vice President Nov. 1, 1993
Government & Public Affairs (703) 461-2864

**Boating Ban Proposed as Part of
Metropolitan Washington Air Pollution Plan**

A plan devised by local government officials to ban motorboating on smoggy weekdays in the Washington Metropolitan area will go into effect next year unless your elected officials hear from you now.

At this point, the ban would primarily affect those using the Potomac, Anacostia and Occoquan rivers, as well as the Chesapeake Bay from North Beach to the Solomon's Island area. It would prohibit boats with motors (including sailboats using auxiliary engines or outboards) from operating when a smog alert is issued.

Reasons to oppose this proposal:

- Recreational boaters are not the problem. Local politicians are singling out boats rather than dealing with the very real problems of automotive emissions and Washington area commuting habits.
- A ban on boating on smoggy days will do little to improve air quality because the number of boats assumed to be out on weekdays has been grossly overestimated by the consultants advising the EPA on marine emissions.
- No other form of recreation has been targeted — no restrictions are proposed for dirt bikes, motorcycles, motor homes, private aircraft, or RVs.
- If the government succeeds in banning *weekday* boating, the next step could be a ban on *weekend* boating.
- While over 100 metro areas around the country are required by federal law to cut pollution, only Washington, D.C. has chosen to ban motorboating.
- Enforcement will be next to impossible because of a shortage of marine police and the problems of notifying the public in a timely manner when a smog alert day occurs.

What can you do?

Attend one of the public hearings listed below in November, write a letter to voice your concerns, and post this bulletin at your club or marina. This will be the only chance for you to comment on the plan before it becomes final.

PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THESE HEARINGS, OR WRITE:

For D.C. RESIDENTS:

NOV. 23, 6 p.m.
Martin Luther King Jr. Library
Room A-5
901 G St. NW
Washington, DC

NOV. 29, 7 p.m.
Univ. of District of Columbia
Van Ness Campus
Bldg. 41, Rm. A-4
4200 Conn. Ave. NW
Washington, DC

SEND D.C. COMMENTS TO:
Elaine Mosby or Don Wambsgans
Dept. of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
Environmental Regulation Administration, Room 404
2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20020
202-404-1180

For MARYLAND RESIDENTS:

NOV. 18, 7 p.m.
Frederick Community College
Sweadner Hall
7932 Opossumtown Pike
Frederick, MD

NOV. 22, 7 p.m.
Calvert Pines Senior Center
450 Dares Beach Road
Prince Frederick, MD

NOV. 30, 7 p.m.
Parks & Planning Commission
First Floor Auditorium
8787 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring, MD

SEND MD. COMMENTS TO:
Dorothy Guy, Chief Legislative Liaison
Air and Radiation Management Admin.
Maryland Dept. of Environment
2500 Broening Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224
410-631-3240

For VIRGINIA RESIDENTS:

NOV. 29, 7 p.m.
Northern Virginia Community College
Annandale Campus, Forum C.E.
Community Cultural Center
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA

SEND VA. COMMENTS TO:
Manager, Air Programs Section
Dept. of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 10089
Richmond, VA 23240
804-786-6035
(must be received by 11/29)



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

You Are Cordially Invited to Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association's Change of Command Dinner/Dance

- When:* Saturday, January 29, 1994
- Where:* Army-Navy Country Club
Arlington, Virginia
- Time:* Cocktails - 1900 - 1945 hours
Dinner - 1945 - 2045 hours
Change of Command - 2045 - 2115
Dancing and Socializing - 2115 to ??? hours
- Entree Selections:*
- Sliced Tenderloin of Beef*
cooked to your specifications
served with choice of sauce: pink peppercorn, bearnaise, or demi glace
- Chicken Oscar*
sauteed, boneless chicken breast finished in lemon white wine sauce, garnished with fresh asparagus and Maryland lump crabmeat, and crowned with hollandaise sauce
- Poached Filet of Salmon with Leeks and White Grapes*
boneless, skinless filet of North Atlantic salmon,
poached in white wine and finished with a leek and grape sauce
- Cost:* \$30.00 per Person
Cash Bar
- Dress:* Winter Uniform, Business Suit
Black Tie Optional
- R.S.V.P.* Steve Wexler
Occoquan Yacht Club's PRYCA Delegate
(703) 437-0687

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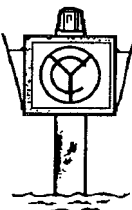
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