

Our Tenth Year

Occoquan Yacht Club
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The Daymarker

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Coming Events

October 2

General Membership Meeting and Pot Luck Party @ Fairfax YC 6:30 pm.

October 9-11

Columbus Day Weekend and OYC's Last Season Raft-Up.

October 16

Annapolis Boat Show weekend. Time to trade up.

October 23

Chili Cookoff at Prince William Marina.

Commodore's Comments

Tom Coldwell

Last call...October 2—Potluck Party ... and General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers at Fairfax Yacht Club. Please plan to join your fellow OYCers this Saturday, 6:30 p.m., for a great evening of fun at the Fairfax Yacht Club. Check last month's Daymarker for the map.)

Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and your own beverage. The club will provide ice and soda.

We'll meet the Nominating Committee's slate for next year's board, hear the candidates' rousing campaign appeals, and then vote.

Great news! There's a full slate on deck: answering the call of her club, **Teresa Sorrenti**, First Mate (or Captain, maybe) of *Sea Ducks* has agreed to stand for the position of Secretary. Thanks a million, Teresa!

The Nominees for the 1994 OYC Board

Commodore — Ray Steele
Vice Commodore — Sandy Leathers
Rear Commodore — Tom Egmore
Treasurer — Steve Wexler
Secretary — Teresa Sorrenti

Stan Mawyer, one of two nominees for Rear Commodore, has asked to have his name withdrawn because he and Leslie are moving to Baltimore. Stan still plans to be active in OYC as his schedule permits. (Stan, by the way, is our coordinator for the Chili Cook-off, October 23.)

Membership Survey

Another item of business at the General Meeting is to conduct a survey of members on cruising preferences for next year. *We need your input!* You have three ways of giving it:

1. Fill out the questionnaire in this Daymarker and mail it in with your membership renewal for '94 (form provided).
2. Bring the filled-in questionnaire (along with your membership renewal) to the General Meeting.
3. Fill out a questionnaire (and membership renewal) provided at the General Meeting.

Getting the picture here? We want BOTH the survey response and, just incidentally, your membership renewal for next year.

Oh, and this is exciting, when we compile the survey responses, we will publish the results.

Looking Ahead...

We told you about these last month and will tell you again:

October 9, Columbus Day Weekend and OYC's Last Season Raft-Up. A one night raft-up in Mattawoman Creek, this is the club's last (organized?) raft-up of the season. Show up in the afternoon in the little bay beside Smallwood State Park. Bring your snuggies and whatever else keeps you warm.

October 15-17 (Friday, Saturday, or Sunday) United States Powerboat Show in Annapolis. The Board places this wish-filled event on the club schedule as a helpful reminder but declines to organize a car-avan through the rocks and shoals of greater Washington traffic on a fall weekend. Independent steaming recommended.

October 23, Chili and Dessert Cook-off and Photo Contest.

Here's another fun day at Prince William Marina, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. It's the 8th year for this popular event and another chance to show your stuff, chili-, dessert- and picture-wise. Secretary Jan Hobson tells you more, just a few inches ahead from here.

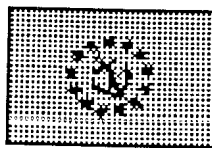
November 12-14, Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria, VA, just below the Arctic Circle. Please make your reservation NOW with Cruise Coordinator Mary Jo Worcester, 703-494-2383, week nights after 5:00 p.m. Mary Jo is making reservations for 10 slips at the Alexandria City Docks for two nights (although staying two nights is not required).

Membership Renewal – Just Do It.

C'mon, gang, it only takes a moment with your checkbook to renew. Let's get the new board off to a good start of solid, member support.

Now, about that week-long cruise report I owe you... With surveys, announcements, forms, etc., this month's Daymarker is extremely... full of it, so to speak. I will delay my report another month, deferring to others for what I expect will be their highly animated and grossly conflicting accounts of the recent canceled Shrimp Feast at the Dunes attended by eight boats. No doubt this will be another he-said, she-said chronicle. But it's what I have been reading while you were reading this.

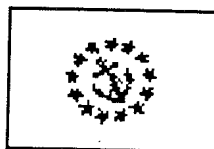
See you Saturday night.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Allen Herskowitz

It is time to renew your membership in the OYC. We appreciate your support and interest during the year. The key to successful operation of your yacht club is a large and active membership, and the key to the officers planning next year's activities is knowing what budget will be available early in the winter planning season. The message is: don't delay until spring—re-up now. If you don't, I might come by to help you change your oil.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Sandy Leathers

Mark your calendars!

October Events

Oct. 2, General Membership Meeting/Party/Potluck, Fairfax Yacht Club, 6:30PM. Please put on your calendar of special events Oct. 2nd to elect new officers for the OYC 1994 season. What a great excuse for a party! OYC needs you—to support and lend your leadership, experience and suggestions for OYC to remain a strong and active yacht club. Just paying your dues is not enough. You know the old saying—you only get out of something [OYC] what you put into it," so please join us to show your support for the new Board that will be elected Oct. 2nd. Give them your personal support, suggestions, advice and experience. Many of our members have vast boating experience that can be shared with new boaters and the general membership. Again, show your support by attending this membership meeting/party, and if you can, volunteer to help the new Board. By volunteering, you are giving back something you probably learned from another OYC member in years past. Also, bring something to snack on and drink (ice and soda provided)—plus, how about bringing a prospective new member? Renewal membership and new membership forms will be available at this meeting. You must be an OYC member Oct. 2 to vote for the new 1994 Board.

Oct. 9th, The Last Raft-Up. As the boating season comes to a close, the current Board has suggested we have one last raft-up at Mattawoman Creek. There is no cruise coordinator, but since it was really Tom's (I mean Commodore Coldwell's) idea, please call him at 703-323-1675 for reservations. A late raft up like this is great—hopefully you have learned how to drive your boat, have boating stories to tell about yourself or others, and the fall weather is beautiful on the water. There is no set time for the raft-up, so come to Mattawoman Creek (Maryland side of the Potomac) and give an OYC hailing call on Channel 16 for location of the raft-up.

Oct. 23, Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest, (New) Prince William Marina, B-Dock, 1:00PM. The Annual Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest is always one of the OYC biggest and best events of the season. There will be judging (impartial) and

awards presented for the best chili and photos (see Jan Hobson's article for the rules). Stan Mawyer has volunteered to coordinate this great fall event. We have extended an invitation to the Prince William Yacht Club to join us in this event and look forward to seeing many of our friends past and present from the "other" yacht club on the Occoquan. Beer, sodas, and hot dogs will be provided by OYC, so bring your best chili (or whatever) and your best smile for a fun afternoon.



Secretary's Comments

Janis Hobson

As we wrap up another season of boating I can truly say: "It's been a good year for boating." We've had really great weather all summer long. (Aside, of course, from that one nasty incident in August, but we won't talk about that.) The Intrepid OYC Board planned and executed an outstanding list of events from the Navy Memorial visit last March to the Shrimp Feast in September. But, the year is not over yet. We still have to elect a new Board and hand over operation of the club to them. As you probably know, membership in the club has been a bit down this year. In order to continue our great calendar of activities, it is very important that old members renew their membership NOW. It is also very important to get some new members on our roster. So mark your calendars with the events listed on page 1. Come on out and have a good time at the club events. Bring a friend and try and help increase our numbers.

Annual Chili Cookoff

The annual Chili Cookoff/Desert Bakeoff/Photo Contest will be held at the Prince William Marina (formerly Woodbridge Marina, et. al.) on Saturday the 23rd of October. Festivities will commence at 1 p.m. There will be beer, soda and hotdogs to accompany the chili and deserts. Bring a side dish to share.

Be sure and bring your best snaps for entry to the photo contest. Entries must have been taken in the last year and there will be a limit of four pictures per category per photographer (Rhodes rule). Categories for prizes are: Wildlife, Boat Profile, People and Land/Seascapes.

'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. 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.

Shrimp Feast at the Dunes

Lonni Love

Although the *New Love* is not a regular contributor to the *Daymarker*, we felt compelled to comment on the fun and adventure experienced by all at our Annual Shrimp Feast (that was called off by most). I think we set the Club record for most attendance at a canceled event.

In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Commodore Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell aboard *Shalimar*; Capt. Butch and Admiral Lonni, along with first mates Frank and Jane Schoeneman, aboard *New Love*; Paula and Steve Wexler along with friend Richard on *Sweet Gussie*; Tom and Barb Egmore on *Sara III*; Ned, Arleen and Jess Rhodes on *Southern Nites*; Howard DeVol (without Charlene, who was out of town) on *Pasha*; and Howard's friend George on *Best Bet*. Not a bad turn out for an event that was called off due to bad weather!

Saturday night was a roaring success because of the efforts of our chefs Ned and Steve. Tom Coldwell ably handled the delivery of our shrimp by dinghy. (We've all heard the song "The shrimp boats are a coming;" well, Tom coined another version of the song, "The shrimp dinghy is a coming!") Cooking the shrimp did not get started until after a very pleasant extended "cocktail hour" which meant cooking by flashlight. Actually it took a looong cocktail hour to figure out how we were going to get the shrimp steamed.

Sunday began with the aroma of coffee brewing, followed by eggs and bacon. Breakfast always smells and tastes better on the water when the morning is still cool. Sunday turned out to be a beautiful sunny day with cool breezes—a great day to relax and unwind after the party the night before! The only "hitch" occurred after lunch when *Shalimar* decided to head for home, taking his anchor with him. It was then that we discovered that *Southern Nites'* anchor, at the other end of the raft-up, wasn't doing its job. That, coupled with a brisk breeze, set our raft-up temporarily adrift, till Ned returned from his dinghy ride to re-set anchors so we could all relax again! This was a feat in itself and we saw darling little Neddy writing away.

The rest of the afternoon was spent watching Jess dig huge holes in the sand, reading, doing needlepoint, sleeping and listening to the Redskins set themselves up for a loss. In other words, a regular Sunday afternoon.

Quartermaster's Comments

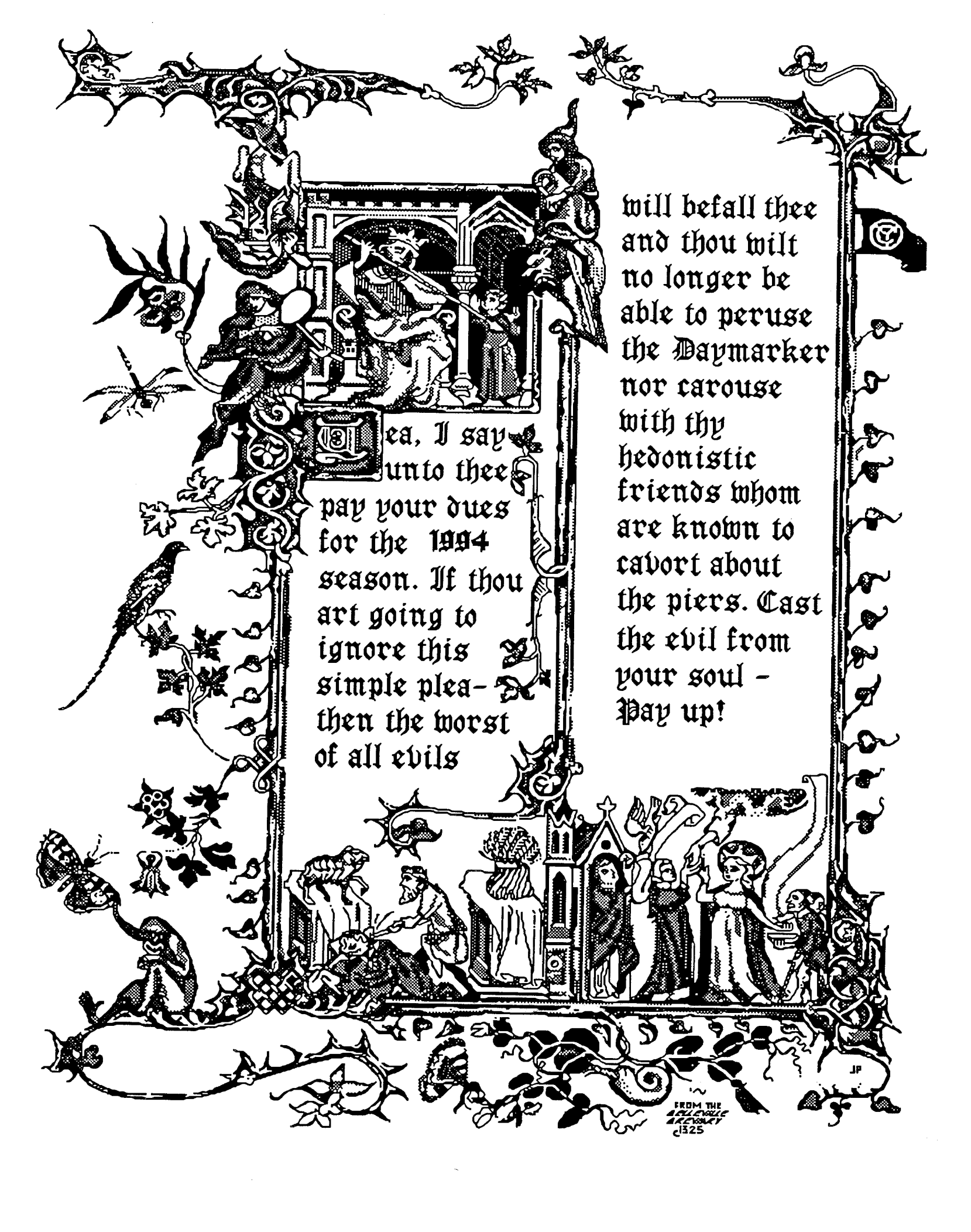
Walt Cheatham

I'll keep it short and sweet. The shirts are here. They, Susan and I will be at the General Membership meeting. Technical Question: What if we will not be simultaneously co-located? Answer: Call me at (703) 491-3956 (H) or (703) 685-3549 (W) and we will make arrangements.

New Members

John Piper

The OYC is pleased to welcome back members Gerry and Peggy Hoffmann, Family aboard *KEBEBA* berthed at Prince William Marina.



Hea, I say
unto thee
pay your dues
for the 1994
season. If thou
art going to
ignore this
simple plea-
then the worst
of all evils

will befall thee
and thou wilt
no longer be
able to peruse
the Daymarker
nor carouse
with thy
hedonistic
friends whom
are known to
cavort about
the piers. Cast
the evil from
your soul -
Pay up!

OYC Membership Survey—Please answer all questions.

1. Please circle the letters below indicating events of 1993 in which you participated:

- a. "At Sea" screening at Navy Memorial
- b. Land cruise to Cobb Island
- c. Early bird cruise to Alexandria
- d. Flag raising, May 1
- e. Breakfast cookout, May 15
- f. Blessing of the Fleet, May 23
- g. Memorial Day cruise to White Point
- h. Alexandria Waterfront Festival
- i. Dock Party & Dinghy Regatta, June 26
- j. July 4 cruise to Washington
- k. July 4 cruise to somewhere else
- l. PRYCA Float In, July 16-18
- m. Weeklong cruise to the Bay
- n. Independent cruise to the Bay
- o. Exotic Drink raft-up Aug. 14
- p. Labor Day to Dennis Point Marina
- q. Labor Day cruise to Crisfield, MD
- r. Shrimp Feast Bonfire at the Dunes

2. Circle the letter of events in which you plan to participate (if you don't know, mark item "DK"):

- a. Oct. 9. Columbus Day Weekend. Last Raft-Up at Mattawoman.
- b. Oct. 16. Annapolis Boat Show weekend. Time to trade up.
- c. Oct. 23. Chili Cookoff at Prince William Marina
- d. Oct. 23. Wine tasting event in Alexandria (boat or land yacht).
- e. Nov. 13-14. Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria.
- f. Dec. 4. Santa Claus Cruise to Occoquan.
- g. Dec. 4. Change of Command and Holiday Party at the NCO Club, Fort Belvoir.
- h. Jan. ? 1994 Schedule Planning Meeting

3. What marinas or cities would you *most* like to visit as OYC cruise destinations in 1994?

4. What marinas or cities would you *least* like to visit as OYC cruise destinations in 1994?

5. How far away have you cruised (e.g., Mattawoman, Washington, Cobb Island, Yeocomico, Point Lookout, Solomons, etc.)?

5a. Estimate how many of the 22 weekends between May 1 and October 1 have you used your boat? _____

5b. How many overnights did you spend on your boat, homeport, anchored or other marina? _____

6. In each category below, please circle which you prefer:

Cruise destinations

Short distance or *Long* distance
Day trips or *Overnight* trips
Marinas or *Anchorage/Raft-Ups*
In or *Outside* the Potomac

Social activities ashore

(examples included in questions 1. and 2. above)

More or *Less* than currently

Raft-up events

More or *Less* than currently

7. How far are you willing to cruise for a one-night round trip cruise? Enter the name of a marina that is the farthest you would be willing to travel for a one-night round trip.

Marina name: _____

Please continue with additional questions on reverse side.

8. What activities would you like to see the club plan for 1994 in which you would like to participate?

9. Who do you believe should win the Bent Prop Award for 1993 and why?

10. Who do you believe should win the Commodore's Cup for 1993 and why?

11. Do you (circle) *favor*, *oppose* or *have no opinion on* merging with Prince William Yacht Club? Comments?

13. Would volunteer as a coordinator, helper or committee member for a cruise or other event in 1994?

Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes," please enter your name and phone number:

14. Please enter any comments or recommendations you have about the **Daymarker** newsletter:

15. Any comments about OYC organization, operations and/or the matters raised in this questionnaire?

Thank you for taking part in this survey.



OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
FOR THE 19____ SEASON

Date _____

New Membership
 Renewal Membership

Name _____

Address _____ Phone () - _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Spouse Name (Family Member) _____

Junior Member Name(s) @\$5 ea. _____

Family \$45

BOAT DATA (will be held as confidential):

Boat Name _____ Length _____

Individual \$35

Builder _____ Power or Sail? _____

Associate \$25

Where Berthed _____ Slip # (If OHM) _____

Call Sign _____

Junior \$5
(to 21 yrs)

Sponsored by: _____

Optional: Birth date _____

Burgee \$15.00

Spouse birth date _____

Wedding anniversary _____

**Please make check payable to OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB
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The names that appear below are the people who have indicated their willingness to serve the OYC for the 1994 season. If you are not going to be present to cast your vote and you wish to do so by Absentee Ballot, please do and mail to: POB 469 no later than September 24. If you wish to assign your Proxy, please make the assignment by Sept. 24. To be valid, all Ballots and Proxies must be given to the Secretary no later than October 1.

Absentee Ballot and Proxy

Please execute the below to reflect your desires



General Membership Meeting
Saturday
October 2, 1993



VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE

Commodore:

Ray Steele _____

Vice Commodore:

Sandy Leathers _____

Exec. Rear Commodore:

Tom Egmore _____

Secretary:

Teresa Sorrenti _____

Treasurer:

Steve Wexler _____

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.
(Printed Name)
- I hereby assign my proxy to _____ He/She may vote in any way that he/she chooses.
(Printed Name)

Printed Name _____ Signature _____

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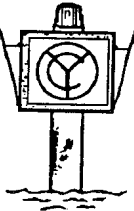
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10/23 Chili Cook Off Woodbridge Marina