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# The Daymarker

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## Coming Events

### February 19

Searching for CRABS!!!  
The Land & Sea Grill,  
Springfield, Va. Cruise  
Coordinator: Richard  
Ziegler, 703-590-4630.

### March 19

Membership  
Meeting/St. Patrick's  
Day Party at Fairfax  
YC.

### April 23-24

Early Bird cruise to  
Alexandria. Cruise  
Coordinator: Al  
Hobson, 703-642-  
5022.

### May 7

Flag Raising, Noon.

### OYC Suffers Great Loss

OYC's first Commodore, Bill Shaw, passed away on Friday, January 21, of a sudden illness. Bill was one of the five original founders of the OYC, and it was under his leadership that the OYC constitution and by-laws were developed. Bill and his wife Paula and three daughters were avid sailors—their first boat was called *Rusty Nail* and their second boat was *Reliant*. Bill and Paula donated the "Commodore's Cup" to the Club. After retiring from the Navy as a Commander, he had his family relocated to Poquoson, Va., where they remained active in sailing. He was locally active in supporting PRYCA and CBYCA. He was an inspiring leader while at OYC and has maintained his membership after leaving the area. Bill will be missed by all who knew him and our sincere wishes go to his family. Expressions of sorrow may be sent to Paula Shaw and Family at 29 Valmoore Drive, Poquoson, VA 23662.



### Commodore's Comments

"PLANFEST 94" is history. It concluded with a celebration of PRYCA Commodore Ned Rhodes' ninety-fifth birthday—I hope I look that good if I live to be that old.

The enclosed 1994 Schedule of Events should be maintained for your use throughout the year.

The next club event is Searching for CRABS, on February 19 at 3:30PM, with Captain Richard Ziegler as Coordinator (phone: 703-590-4630). The Land & Sea Grill in Springfield was chosen due to the great food they provide and the short distance members will have to travel during this winter season. Membership conversations can revolve around their visits to the Washington Boat Show, being held that weekend at the Washington Convention Center. Deadline for restaurant reservations is February 14th.

The 1994 OYC Membership Brochures made their debut at "PLANFEST 94" and one copy has been included with this month's Daymarker. This brochure has been produced to assist our membership in signing up new members. We plan

to distribute copies to boats berthed in the Occoquan River area this Spring. Please contact me should you need additional copies.

A sad note has arrived as this issue of the Daymarker is completed. Past Commodore Bill Shaw has passed on. Bill served as the first Commodore of the Occoquan Yacht Club. Our condolences go out to the Shaw family. The vitality being shown by the current membership and level of activities that this club enjoys is a testament to the forethought of our founding fathers.



## Secretary's Comments

Teresa Sorrenti

### Board Plans Planning

It may not sound right, but it takes a lot of planning to plan a Planfest, and that is what your Board spent hours on this month, trying to get an outline of events and ideas guaranteed to make you yearn for boating season. We hope you all attended, and signed up for these great events. Unfortunately, your Secretary was not present...my Captain was told he HAD to go on a business trip to Honolulu, and since we know he has trouble navigating, I as his First Mate felt obligated to go along. We will be looking over the local yacht club and will take notes (maybe that makes this trip tax deductible??). Meanwhile, while at Gecko's for the Planfest, we hope you kept a close eye on that huge white shrink-wrapped thing that is supposed to be the new *Sea Duck*! Also, my thanks to Pat Steele for filling in for me at the Planfest.



## Treasurer's Comments

Steve Wexler

Approximately seven weeks until Spring...I think that I remember the feeling of warmth—but I sure would like a reminder soon.

Thanks to everyone who attended Planfest '94. A particular note of appreciation for all the cruise coordinator volunteers. Remember we still need coordinators for the August Dinghy Regatta and the March General Membership Meeting. Please contact Commodore Steele if you can help.

Once again, welcome to Gail and Don Wright and Bill and Bonnie Fulford, new members who were with us at the Planfest.

As an update to my comments of last month—for those of you who missed it—the Badgers of Wisconsin destroyed the Bruins of UCLA, for the first Rose Bowl victory in the history of Dairyland...Go Cheeseheads!!

And talking about Winter watersports—how about those Figure Skating National Championships? Do you really think that Tonya Harding will be endorsing the Club?? How about Cover Girl for the NRA??

Rich Ziegler has graciously offered to coordinate a night of Crabs at the Land and Sea Grill on Franconia Road in Springfield (1-1/2 miles east of Springfield Mall) on February 19. Give Rich a call to get full details.

For all boats in the water—remember to check you bilge pumps (and associated fuses). Last month's freeze has caused a lot of pumps and/or fuses to burn out. Make sure your bilges are still being pumped out. Don't qualify early for the Bent Prop Award.

We're up to eight boats for the Memorial Day Cruise to Yeocomico Marina. I intend to give the Marina a preliminary estimate by the middle of February. Please call me if you would like to spend the weekend with us.

Stay warm and mark your calendars for the Membership Meeting/St. Patrick's Day Party on March 19th.



## Occoquan Yacht Club Financial Statement October 1, 1993-January 24, 1994

Beginning Balance (October 1, 1993)	\$1,041.50
<b>Income:</b>	
Renewal Family Members	\$1,440.00
Renewal Individual Members	\$175.00
Renewal Associate Members	\$50.00
Renewal Junior Members	\$5.00
New Family Members	\$225.00
New Individual Members	\$35.00
New Junior Members	\$10.00
Club Sales	\$166.00
Gen. Membership 50/50	\$81.00
Holiday Party	\$1,875.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,112.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Membership Activities	\$2,044.20
Awards	\$288.78
Postage	\$129.10
Printing/Repro.	\$171.50
Miscellaneous	\$145.06
Bank Service Charges	\$35.23
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,813.87</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$2,339.63</b>





## Past Commodore's Comments

Tom Coldwell

### Now it can be told...

In one of its first acts after taking office, the 1994 OYC Board has, over my vigorous objections, seized my official diaries, painstakingly compiled during my tenure as commodore of the Occoquan Yacht Club in 1993. We settled out-of-court under odious terms which neither side may discuss, on pain of being forced to holystone *Dunmoen's* main deck or attend a karaoke concert featuring Marcel Beaulieu and Steve Wexler. I tell you, it's a wholesale cover-up. And because of it, I cannot use one word, not a single word, from this copious and important archive. Nothing!

Wait. They did say I could use the part about the 1993 Week Long Cruise, provided I left out the naughty bits. To hell with that, if I use any of it, I'll use the naughty bits and all. No one touches MY copy. I can write wh

It began on Saturday, July 31, starting with four boats: Tom and Barbara Egmore in *Sara III*, George and Ginny Frank in *Empty Nest II*, Al and Jan Hobson in *Lucky Ducks*, and Mary Ann and me in *Shalimar*. First stop, Yeocomico. Greeted by Aaron, Lynn and Maggie Martin in *Maggie Lynn*. Richard and Bronwyn Ziegler and kids in *Leisure Leigh* showed in time for a swell dinner at the Moorings. Only incident, Aaron lost a prop, which confirms my loose, right?

Sunday, we got underway leaving the Martins and Zieglers to their renegade cruise plans. A great run up the Bay to Herrington Harbor, unremarkable except that as we made our approach, from behind us came the Zieglers roaring up the Bay. I fully expected Richard to leave our column in his wake. But no! As he came abeam, mysteriously he throttled back. Only later did I learn that dear Bronwyn reminded him what a breach of protocol that might be, passing the Commodore as we entered port. What a class lady and Captain! Not like those Sinner.

As we tied up at the gas dock, it dawned upon us that two of our boats had not yet arrived, *Lucky Ducks* and *III*, which, can you believe this, had run out of gas a mile off the channel entrance! Fortunately, Al Hobson came alongside and gave *III* some gas from the *Lucky Duckling* dinghy tank, enough to get *III* into port. After further lengthy explanation and study, it was learned that the aforementioned boat had not run out of gas after all; its gas tank soda straw had

rusted off, preventing the fuel pump from sipping all that was in the tank. It indeed had *nothing* to do with the last time the captain had fueled the boat, sometime in 1983.

We all got dressed in our finest for dinner, and the ladies looked Lycra Spandex, yet.

Next day, the regulation Week Long contingent cruised to Baltimore, and on the way we acquired radio contact with the OYC Vice Commodore and Original (But Interim) Week Long Cruise Coordinator, Captain Al Herskowitz in *Gadgeteer*, then flagrantly engaged in a Week Long Renegade Cruise which began several weeks before and continues now as you read this.

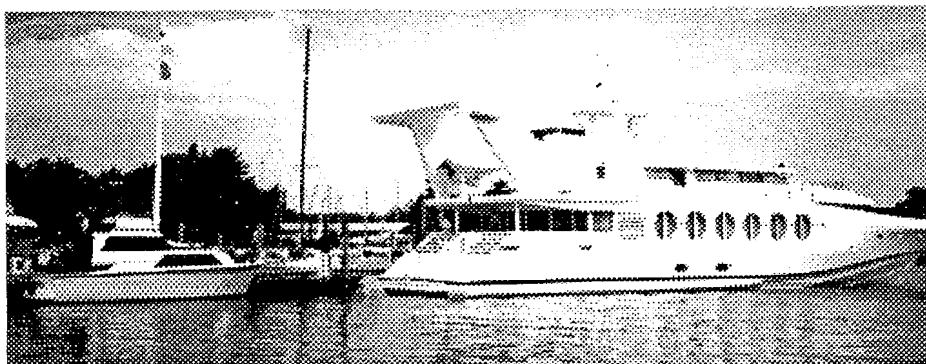
Another OYC stalwart, Captain John Harvey, was sighted near the Cheapskate Bridge, in a splendid Bertram stolen from his father. Several of us chatted up Captain Harvey as we passed. John, of course, is well known for his uncanny standing up in a hammock.

The marina where we stayed, insisted on guiding us to our slips on VHF Channel 8, the same channel being used that moment by a commercial tug trying to park a barge in the vicinity. Made for a lot of laughs as some of us reacted to the tug captain's orders to his helm.

After two great days touring and shopping, we steamed across the Bay to the Chester River and through Kent Narrows to Eastern Bay and the Miles River, thence to St. Michaels. OYC's proud fleet was duly upstaged by a 131-ft. megayacht from the United Kingdom. This Euro-styled boat took up nearly all of the Town Dock Marina's gas dock. It was rumored that the owner was aboard and had made a fortune cartel.

After two days in St. Mike's, the adventure part of the Week Long Cruise began. We departed under heavy cloud cover, encountered rain in Eastern Bay, pressed on into moderate seas in the C. Bay. As previously planned, George and Ginny Frank headed north to Annapolis running with the sea. And they say Marines aren't lucky. Let me tell you, Marines sailors to dance with.

Meanwhile, Egmores, Hobsons and Coldwells headed south for Solomons, seas and rain building to a fury until all radios were shorted out by the drenching. Egmores took refuge in Herrington Harbor, Coldwells reached Solomons just as the heavens unleashed a gigantic dump of rain. I restored one radio in time to hear *Leisure Leigh* reporting encounters with professional-sized waves during the fight to reach Spring Cove. There we were greeted by Aaron Martin,



*Shalimar*, at left (or right), and *Opal E* at St. Michaels, which suffered a brown-out when both of these vessels plugged into shore power.

who by this time had been re-screwed, so to speak, and made it over to Solomons. (Aaron will have to write his own story on that.)

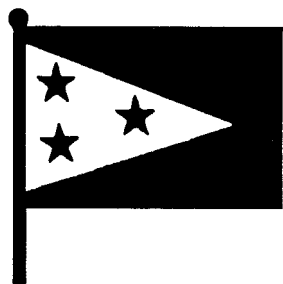
The saga of *Lucky Ducks* on that fateful day was reported here by her captain in exquisite detail in the September Daymarker. In short, Al and Jan made for shelter in the Little Choptank for a day and two nights of dewatering and drying out. The boat, I mean. The Egmores left *Sara III* for repairs in Herrington Harbor. The Franks left their boat in Annapolis, where George was readmitted to the Naval Academy to bulk up for the Army-Navy game.

In a pleasant dinner at the Naughty Gull with the Zieglers and Martins, we had a chance to talk about [REDACTED] other OYC members who do that in public.

Saturday, the Martins cruised home while Zieglers and Coldwells headed for Ragged Point as our last marina stop and the obligatory Mud Pie to soften the blow of re-entry into the work week which followed.

All in all a great cruise. The part I liked best was [REDACTED] wet tee shirts, the worst was when [REDACTED] discovered they were guys.

Such fun, this boating, right?



### PRYCA Change of Command

Ned W. Rhodes

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association held their 1994 Change of Command ceremony this past January 29th at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington. OYC was well represented by a

contingency of 22+ people, too numerous to mention here. They appeared to be a partisan crowd, cheering and carrying on whenever my name was mentioned and then even louder when Arleen's name was mentioned.

Before dinner, we were all calling each other "Commodore," which made many of the Navy members at the country club nervous since that rank had been retired years ago. Rather than risking embarrassment, there was much saluting going on.

After dinner, Commodore John Robey of Mount Vernon Yacht Club started the festivities by passing out certificates to the 1993 PRYCA Board. After his remarks, OYC Commodore Ray Steele made a special presentation of a bronze statue of the Lone Sailor which sits outside the Navy Memorial. Inscribed on the statue were the words "Presented to Ned Rhodes, Commodore Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association 1994 by Occoquan Yacht Club, January 29, 1994." Ray went on to say that OYC was behind me all the way. Arleen was later to remark that that was a bad place to be and that you should try, at the very least, to stay back and to one side.

After a few remarks and an introduction of the PRYCA 1994 Board, the dancing began and lasted well into the next day. All in all, we had over 100 people in attendance from eight PRYCA member clubs as well as representatives from CBYCA and the National Boating Federation.

Arleen and I had a great time, and I especially appreciated the support of OYC as well as the wonderful statue. Thank you all.

## A Winter Tip

Mer Piper

A tip for winter when visiting your boat. If you are so inclined to visit your boat during an ice situation, trust me, take a pair of jeans with you to put on over your good slacks. If you can't walk safely down the ramp, sit down—the jeans fabric gives you much better traction.

## What I Have Learned So Far

Ned W. Rhodes

As I write this, it appears that we are in for another snow storm of some unknown magnitude. Some have said that this is the worst winter in terms of cold and ice in 25 years. My question is why is this happening during the winter I left the boat in the water?

But, to date, I have learned a few things that I wanted to pass along to you. First, you have to visit your boat on a regular basis. What may be a half inch of ice at your house could be 1.5 inches on your boat. Secondly, if the temperature is cold enough, the scuppers that drain your cockpit will freeze. And finally, your bilge pump can actually freeze into a solid block of ice. This happened to me and I wound up replacing it now. Other boats have had their float switches freeze in the up position which has the effect of running your bilge pump continuously.

So, if the weather ever warms up and your boat is in the water, take a cruise down and check on the condition of your bilge pump and thru-hull fittings. We have already had one boat go down at OHM due to the cold and I would hate to see any more.

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. Sorry about cutting off the last sentence of your article last month, Tom.

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## Occoquan Yacht Club

### 1994 Schedule of Events

February 16-21	Washington Boat Show, Washington Convention Center	July 2-4	July 4th Cruise to Ragged Point. Cruise Coordinator: Tom Coldwell, 703-323-1675
February 19	Searching for CRABS!!! The Land & Sea Grill, 6141 Franconia Rd., Springfield, Va. has been chosen for this event. Cruise Coordinator: Richard Ziegler, 703-590-4630.	July 15-17	PRYCA Float-In, Ft. Washington Marina. Cruise Coordinator: Steve Wexler, 703-437-0687
March 19	1994 Membership Meeting/St. Patrick's Day Party at Fairfax YC. Event Coordinator needed.	July 23	Potomac River Raft-Up, hosted by Dave and Carol Moore, 703-494-0651
April 23-24	Early Bird cruise to Alexandria. Cruise Coordinator: Al Hobson, 703-642-5022.	July 30-Aug. 6	Week-Long Cruise. Cruise Coordinator: Richard Ziegler, 703-590-4630
May 7, Noon	This will be the traditional flag raising ceremony officially opening the 1994 Boating Season. The day will begin at 10AM with courtesy marine examinations by the USCG Auxiliary, followed by the Flag Raising with food to follow. In the afternoon a Photo Afloat opportunity will be followed by a raft-up at Mattawoman Creek. Dave Yarnell will work with the photographers and Richard Ziegler will pilot the chase boat.	August 13	Dinghy Regatta at Prince William Marina. Event Coordinator needed.
May 8	Mother's Day	August 20	Cruise for Crabs to Pope's Creek, to be followed with a raft-up at Goose Creek. Cruise Coordinator: Steve Worcester, 703-494-2383
May 14	Breakfast Cookout/Swap Meet at Prince William Marina. Event Coordinator: Dave Yarnell, 703-491-3797	September 3-5	Labor Day Weekend cruise to Harbor View Marina on Maddox Creek. Cruise Coordinator: Tom Egmore, 703-256-8442
May 15	Blessing of the Fleet, Washington Channel. Event Coordinator: Steve Wexler, 703-437-0687	September 17	Shrimp Feast Bonfire and Raft-up at the Dunes. Cruise Coordinator: Aaron Martin, 703-491-1287
May 28-30	Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Yeocomico Marina. Cruise Coordinator: Steve Wexler, 703-437-0687	October 1	OYC Membership Meeting
June 10-12	Alexandria Waterfront Festival. Cruise Coordinator: Pam Beaulieu, 703-490-4477	October 8-10	Columbus Day Weekend Cruise. Cruise Coordinator: Al Herskowitz, 703-860-2043
June 19	Father's Day	October 15	Annapolis Power Boat Show weekend
June 25	Exotic Drink Raft Up at Mattawoman Creek. Cruise Coordinator: Rick Sorrenti, 703-590-6724	October 22	Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest. Event Coordinator: Sandy Leathers, 703-690-0038 with Mer Piper, 703-490-4857, coordinating the Photographer
		Nov. 12-13	Hardy Souls' Cruise to Alexandria. Cruise Coordinator: Mary Jo Worcester, 703-494-2383
		December 3	Holiday Party/Change of Command. Event Coordinator: Steve Wexler, 703-437-0687

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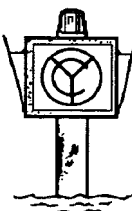


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