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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1

Hobsons embark for
Memorial Day Cruise.

May 1

OYC Board remem-
bers to fire the cannon
for flag raising.

July 3

Steve Worcester
calls his mother.

July 4

Ron Tilmon figures
out what is really go-
ing on in Greece.

"Rhodes is a twisted wizard, a genre-busting virtuoso, working at the outer edge of narrative convention."

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"This would have been great reading on the Loran Cruise of '88."

-Tom Coldwell, Captain (ret.) US Navy

"I read the last issue in the doctor's office while I waited for the results of my liver test."

-Stephen Worcester, *Saint 'n Sinner*

"Even though I don't work, I can still read while waiting at the bus stop to pick up my wife. And I read The Windbreaker."

-Al Hobson, *Lucky Ducks*



Commodore's Comments

Rhodes Sells Cruisers

In what is known as an annual event, Ned and Arleen have sold *Southern Nites* to Walt and Susan Cheatham. Arleen says that we just don't need two boats now that the kids are grown. Walt has been seen measuring stuff all over the boat with his trusty tape measure. He has discovered that the maximum beam in the head is 15 inches, the refrigerator has a beam of 16 inches, and that you can fit 3.5 people in the wraparound seat.

Moore Uses Ear Wax

The secret is now out, Dave Moore gets that special shine on his new Carver with good old ear wax. He was seen last weekend demonstrating his mining technique to PC Coldwell, who just didn't seem to get the hang of the wax on, wax off technique. Dave was also seen attempting to bounce his new quad-focals off the parking lot stones.

Tilmon Pays Wife's Ticket

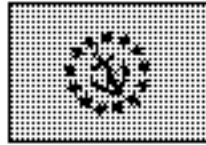
PC Ron Tilmon was observed putting money in one of those red violation things in some obscure Pennsylvania town a weekend or two ago. It seems that Jean parked the car and decided not to feed the meter. She was overheard to say, "All that car stuff is Ron's job and I wish he would hurry up and get a real job. When we left town in the other car, I saw the ticket, but figured it was too late by then anyway."

Commodore Opens Shelter

Commodore Leathers has long been known for his love of all animals, especially dogs. In light of all of his contributions to the plight of dogs, Prince William County has named the County Animal Shelter, "Sandy's Ark." His contribution of new fencing for the facility was a truly a selfless act. Thank you Sandy!

From the Cruise Coordinator

In order to make it easier on everyone in the Club this year, all cruises will be coordinated by Steve Donock. This is to prevent confusion and make it easier for the Chesapeake Bay Magazine to list the coordinators, as they did last month on page 93. Wait, which Steve is it? Oh yeah, the Board has decided that only people named Steve may coordinate cruises, although anyone may attend.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Anyway, OYC knows how to run a meeting. Although I wasn't sure what to do when nobody objected to anything or called someone else a liar or got pissed (except when it looked like we might run out of beer!) or otherwise acted like a jerk.

Still Searching for Crabs?

The Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic of the Greater Metropolitan D.C. area has clinics in D.C., Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties. Please call 1-800-DISEASE for location and hours of the clinic nearest you. Please don't delay! And don't dive off any diving platforms until you have been tested.



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

There were between four and five thousand people at the General Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party. Trust me.

There was mass confusion at the meeting when they announced the complete overhaul of the by-laws. Captains roared they "din't need no more" overhauls in this warm weather; first mates said "buy laws" would have a chilling effect on unregulated shopping.

OYC is really growing now that the recession seems to be gone. Biggest worry now is a hostile takeover bid from some conglomerate, hopefully like Victoria's Britches.

The Daymarker "neditor" keeps referring to that rag as "award-winning," and that's right if not being banned by the Postal Service counts.

The neditor, by the way, is living proof that a fool and his money are probably a boater.

Rick Sorrenti, a frequent traveler to Hawaii, still can't figure out why they don't have interstate highways there. (Susan, explain it to Walt.)

The Cheathams, by the way, are going to buy a boat, just as soon as he can make up her mind.

The club's irascible cheerleaders are working on a new dockside chant to serenade *Sandy's Run*. Out with "San-DY.. San-DY.. San-DY.." Now it's "Sandy-Sandee... Sandy-Sandee... Sandy-Sandee.." Same cadence, however.

The Greaseman misses boating on the Potomac and Chesapeake scene. He's got his boat in Marina Del Ray in California. He says when you leave the marina, you're in the beeg ocean. Santa Catalina is great but the trip to and from can be dicey. Hey, this isn't funny; it's the truth. Only place

you'll catch The Greaseman around here is WJFK on your FM dial.

Hey, if our club has The Greaseman, maybe we could get Rush Limbaugh... and then Rich Ziegler. What, we already got Ziegler?

Lew Norwood has spring commissioned the Prince William C-Dock tent frame. All they need now is the tent. (No wonder the flies are getting in.)

Treasurer Steve Wexler is really in shape. He rushed to the bank and got all the new members' checks deposited before they could stop payment on them.

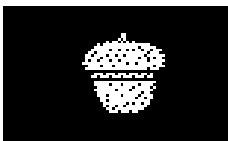
Steve had NROTC at Wisconsin but it cleared up with shots.

Remember Garland Dobbins? Me neither. Oh, wait. Word is, he and Linda are coming back from Germany where dey was undt das vitness prodeksion chorstfessel heidglassenpooopstrasser-blatz.

Jim Walters' boat is for sale, and Generalissimo Franco reportedly is still dead. Film at eleven.

At the general meeting, we were all embarrassed to see Steve Worcester begging Pat Steele to show him her burgee.

Attention new members! Please try to do something gross early on; we're tired of picking on the old members—however deserving they may be.



Treasurer's Comments

Larry and Christine Budd are expecting. Isn't it great, and with both of them showing.

No truth to reports that *Morning Mist* has no insides. And her captain, Tom Egmore, is not completely hollow, either.

Look at you sitting there, actually READING this stuff! You make me sick, sick, sick. But please continue.

OYC By-Laws Update

Amendment to Article VII-Amendments to the By-Laws.

1. These By-Laws may be amended by anyone after imbibing at least two drinks at Gecko's. Amendment changes must be written on a cocktail napkin and witnessed by a bartender and a waiter/waitress. Notice of amendment changes shall be published in future issues of the Windbreaker.

Amendment to Article VI-Financial Policies.

2. Expenditures.
C. The Windbreaker editors may obtain a petty cash account of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for which they shall be personally accountable.

Amendment to Article III-Memberships.

Individual Memberships shall be open to:

(G) Companion Membership shall be open to any person who is having carnal relations with a Regular Member outside a valid U.S. marriage contract. Companion Members must not attend any event to which the legal spouse of the Regular Member is in attendance. (This requirement may be waived, on a case-by-case basis, by a majority vote of the Executive Board.)

Muddy Waters for Mud Flaps

An OYC Daymarker article recently discussed the many often missed or overlooked winterization chores to be performed each fall. One item involved checking and cleaning boat mud flaps, especially if the owner or operator encountered any shallow water and may have stirred up some mud during the past season.

This article caused near panic in the local boating community since many boat owners realized the importance of mud flaps but, in fact, when inspecting their boat realized they had lost the original flaps or, in fact, never had flaps, but now definitely wanted to purchase new ones.

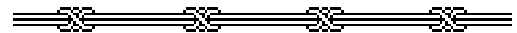
It seems boat mud flaps are in short supply. Upon realizing this, an OYC member jumped on the bandwagon, so to speak, and decided to invent a better nautical mud flap, mass produce it, and perhaps become a wealthy inventor.

A prototype was made after extensive research and development efforts. The paired units were attractive, functional and would be reasonably priced so everyone could afford to equip their boats with a pair of these updated high-tech flaps.

But, sadly, here the local inventor hit a snag. When applying for a patent, the computers cross-listed the idea and the national trucking associations got wind of the matter and now claim they have all rights to any kind of mud flap since they originally created the concept of mud flaps for use on trucks.

The only way to proceed with the production of the nautical mud flaps was to hire the best lawyers to go up against the trucking industry, and we all know the best lawyers are tied up in some ongoing California trial at this time.

So, sadly, our local to-be entrepreneur has had to cease efforts to mass produce this much-needed and in-demand item. Rumor has it that the prototype model will be available for sale or auction at the OYC Swap-Meet in May of this year.

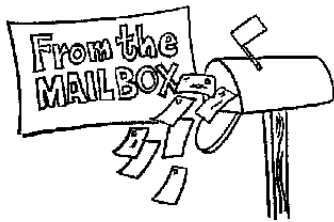


OYC is proud to welcome the following new members to the Club:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>
Nick Leeson	<i>Hong Kong or Bust</i>
Clint Eastwood	<i>Make My Day</i>
Dan Quayle	<i>Potatoe Boat</i>
Newt Gingrich	<i>The Orphanage</i>
Howard DuVol	<i>The Viking Ship</i>
Hester Pryne & Friend	<i>The "A" Boat</i>
Jimmy Hoffa	<i>Concrete Shoes</i>

Ishmael
 Gary Hart
 Steve Forbes
 PBS
 Marion Barry
 Al Cowlings
 Citizen Kane
 Jocelyn Elders
 Rush Limbaugh

The Pequot
Monkey Business II
Highlander
The Titanic
The Snort
White Bronco
Rosebud
Love Thy Self
Dittoboat



Letter to the Neditor

I have two points that I believe need clarification from the March 1995 Daymarker (I believe this is the poor sister or brother publication to the Wind-breaker). Regarding Mail

Call—what is the definition of “apocryphal” as in “apocryphal fan mail”? That sure is a 25 cent word.

I also seek clarification on a By-law, namely Article I, Name and Burgee (reprint #2 on the Burgee). What exactly is a hoist to fly ratio of 2 to 3? Is this physically possible? If so, by which OYC members? Perhaps you could place an appropriate icon by their name(s) on the new membership list. Also, if a white circle is centered 1/3 the length of the fly—what exactly is the length of the fly...in centimeters? And does this measurement vary, or is it a fixed length? Is this circle and interlocking letters business actually some kind of tattoo? If so, does it hurt? And which members actually fly the burgee? Does it hurt?

Inquiring minds want to know.

Change of Calendar

An emergency meeting of the OYC Board was held on March 24, 1995. It was unanimously decided to change the Schedule of Events. All cruises have been changed to dry land events. The Board members gave the following reasons for these changes:

“Boating is too much work and the Steves (Worcester, Wexler, Donock) never do anything to help.”

“The Rhodes boat won’t be ready anyway.”

“I hate using that head thing. It’s always clogged up and smells bad.”

“My cellular phone won’t work in the salt air.”

“Going fast makes me seasick.”

“I broke a nail last time.”

The new calendar of “cruises” is as follows:

Early Bird Cruise	Kite flying on the D.C. Mall
Blessing of the Fleet	Blessing of the trailers by Morphin Power Rangers, Newt Gingrich & Pat Robertson
Memorial Day Cruise	Charades and Twister Party
Tantallon YC Cruise	Chance for everyone to go home to visit their parents for the weekend (this means you, Steve W.)

4th of July Cruise	Old Fashioned Church Picnic at Ron Tilmon’s house. AM: Sack races, pie eating contest PM: Dirty joke telling, Most Swear Words Used in a Sentence Contest
Occ. Bay Raftup	Water Polo at the Eastern Market Natorium
PRYCA Float-In	In-line skating at the Navy Memorial; entertainment provided by the Navy Band
Week-long Cruise	Backpacking the full length of the Appalachian Trail
Exotic Drink Raftup	Espresso & Cappuccino Tasting Party
Dinghy Regatta	Lawnmower Rally at the <i>Dunmoen</i> residence
Labor Day Cruise	Mud Volley Ball in Ways’ backyard
Shrimp Feast	PB&J sandwiches in front of panda cage
Foliage Cruise	Leaf raking party at CIA HQ
Hardy Souls’ Cruise	Make your own Xmas decorations and craft party at AME Church
Santa Cruise	Showing slides / video of everyone’s vacations
Parade of Lights	Arnold Schwarzeneger video party and potluck

Napkin Notes

Your Roving Reporter-Mimi Rodriquez

We hear that *Dealmaker* will begin a new career as an “au pair.”

Sandy Leathers has just begun to “mend his fences.”

Dave Moore was having a beer and mistook a few OYC members as an intellectual group.

Highly labor intensive operation—Arleen’s shrimp recipe. Just ask her.

Who made the tuna and jalapenos? Not as hot as Rosie’s.

Did you know that Jim Walters was Maggie’s baby sitter. That explains a lot.

Steve Worcester was recently “published” in the Chesapeake Bay magazine. We knew he really was Cruise Coordinator for the Early Bird Cruise.

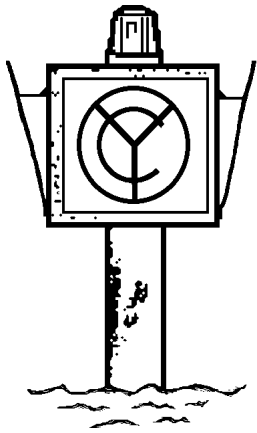
Ask Dave Yarnell the true definition of “flip phone.”

Dave Moore said that beers kind of go to his eyes.

“Dipso Facto” — what the hell does that mean?

Mary Jo was embarrassed to buy them. Arleen says they are a marriage saver. They are “Beans.” Ned thought they were a suppository.

We know where the saying “pull my finger” comes from. Steve Worcester’s canon ring that shoots puffed oats. Does any one else remember those? Really?



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Commodore's Comments

Sandy Leathers

A tremendous turnout for the General Membership Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party at the Fairfax Yacht Club March 18th. Tom Egmore, V.C., told me his head count was over 80 attendees, again making this another record breaking event. Thanks to Rich Ziegler, ERC, for making arrangements for this event at the Fairfax Yacht Club, coordinating the setting up of the Club House and getting volunteers to help clean-up after the party/potluck meeting. A special appreciation to all OYC members for bringing so much great food to share with the many attendees. At the meeting there were sign-up sheets for events and cruises planned for 1995. The sign-up sheets at the end of the event were full of names, so if you were unable to attend the meeting and you want to attend an upcoming cruise, call the cruise coordinator right away to have your name and boat included. Many cruises require deposits, so call now—don't wait! Also the OYC By-Laws were voted on and the "First Draft" printed in the March Daymarker was approved. Thanks again to Ray Steele, IPC and the By-Laws Committee for their time and effort to update and revise the OYC By-Laws so they would meet the objectives of our OYC club members.

Upcoming events in April you'll want to make a note of are:

(1) The Aquia Harbour Yacht Club Early Bird Cruise to

Occoquan—hosted by OYC and Prince William Yacht Clubs on April 8th and 9th. Al Hobson at 703-642-5022 is our coordinator. We will be providing a potluck cocktail party Saturday and bloodies, etc. Sunday morning. Please come and join in to show Aquia Yacht Club a great visit and OYC welcome.

(2) The Early Bird Cruise to Old Town Alexandria, April 21 to 23, is coordinated by Steve Donock at 703-255-0573. This event is full, so if you still want to attend I would suggest contacting Steve ASAP as a back-up to someone unable to attend.

(3) PRYCA Marine Safety Event—at Dogue Creek at Mt. Vernon Yacht Club, coordinated by Henry Lovell at 703-490-5986 or Steve Donock at 703-255-0573 from

1300 to 1600 hours.

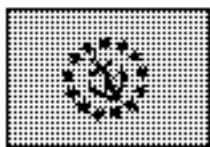
(4) OYC Flagraising and Dock Party—May 6 at Occoquan Harbour Marina behind Gecko's Waterfront Restaurant. This is the formal opening of the OYC boating season when we

“Steve Donock is [still] the Early Bird Cruise Coordinator”

raise the OYC burgee along with the American flag and the Virginia State flag which will remain on display throughout the boating season. Coast Guard Marine Safety inspections will be available from 10:00AM, the flag raising will be at 12:00 noon with the dock party to follow. The flag raising, including the National Anthem and firing of the OYC cannon, will open OYC's twelfth year of service to its members. OYC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and liquid refreshments. Members should bring side dishes—a casserole, veggies, salads and desserts to share. If the weather becomes inclement, we will move to the back deck of Gecko's as we did last year. If the weather cooperates, after the Dock Party, about 3:00PM, we will have a boat Pass in Review on Belmont Bay followed by a raft-up at Mattawoman Creek. We will try to have a photographer available for boat pictures.

OYC encourages all members to have their boats inspected by the USCG Auxiliary—it's free—and you will receive a Coast Guard inspection sticker to display on your boat attesting to its safety.

The 1995 boating season has arrived. Enjoy the many upcoming OYC events and cruises full of excitement and new experiences. Have a safe boating season, and I will see you on the River.



Vice Commodore's Comments

Tom Egmore

To all those who have signed up for the week-long: because of the predicted high level of boating activity this upcoming summer, all of the marinas are requiring a deposit. The total for all five of the marinas is \$85.00. I need a check made out to me in the amount of \$85.00 **NOLATER THAN APRIL 10, 1995.** I will let you know which marina charged what portion of the \$85.00 so that you will know how much will be applied to your slip fee. Eighteen boats have signed up so far and I know others will want to go, so the first 18 deposits I get will be the only way to guarantee that you'll get to go.

Now, time for the details about the second leg of the trip, **Somers Cove at Crisfield.** When we leave Dennis Point we are just about at the mouth of the Potomac. From here it is a straight shot across the bay (45 minutes) to Smith Island. There is a cut right through the island. It is sort of the "Main Street." On the other side, it's a short run across Tangier Sound to Crisfield and Somers Cove. Somers Cove is owned and operated by the State of Maryland. The marina has 500 slips, nice bathhouses, swimming pool and barbeque. The marina is adjacent to the town of Crisfield, which was built on oyster shells during the boom years of the 1920's. Erma Miley, Assistant Manager at the marina, has assured me that we will have plenty to do and they will take good care of us. There is also lots to do in Crisfield. Main Street, with grocery stores, gift shops, a pharmacy and plenty of restaurants as well as a library and post office, are just a block or two away from the marina dock. Also close by is the J. Millard Tawes Historical Museum, which chronicles Eastern Shore life and local fisheries. Two years ago we had a Labor Day cruise to Somers Cove. Labor Day is when Crisfield and Somers Cove host the infamous Crab Derby and Festival. This was quite an experience and although it was a lot fun, there were huge

crowds and probably 700 boats in the 500 slips. I am looking forward to a great time with what should be a normal level of activity on Sunday, July 30th, and we should have the place practically to ourselves Monday the 31st.

Next month I'll tell you about our next stop at Mears Yacht Haven in Oxford. Don't forget to send your deposits!



Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Richard Ziegler

An old sage (my company's owner) has said that if you want to get something done, give it to a busy man (or woman). But the truth of the matter is that the Saturday of the St. Patty's day party was beyond busy for this writer. For those of you who hadn't already heard, I participated in a 7-hour boat survey that started at 9:00 AM the day of the party. Like most surveys, I thought it would run about 4 hours and then I would have another 4 hours before the party to finish buying supplies, clean up, and dress for the occasion. With the survey still well underway at 3 PM that day, I knew I was in trouble. Fortunately, Duane and Jan Jeirles, who were with me for the survey, offered to help set up and decorate for the festive occasion to be held that night. At that point, things started looking up.

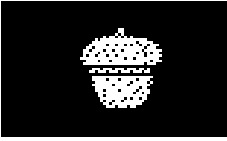
Then I heard from first mate Bronwyn. Apparently, our son Richard had won his 2 PM hockey play-off game and Bronwyn was informed for the first time that the second play-off game was at 4 PM that same day. Then to top things off, our babysitter canceled so the kids had to come to the party.

To top things off, instead of the 40-50 people that Bronwyn and I had bought provisions for, 70+ yacht club members came to the St. Patty's dinner meeting. Sandy Leathers threw me his car keys and I sped off to the nearest grocery store to supplement our provisions. I told Sandy to keep everyone drinking until I got back. By the time I returned, it was obvious that nearly everyone had been cooperating.

Dinner was served and everything went smoothly. As more and more people took their seats, it became obvious that not enough tables were set up. We started setting up more tables over every square inch left indoors. The dinner crowd overflowed onto the deck area and everyone continued to enjoy themselves.

At that point, I came up for air and asked our 50/50 designee how many tickets had been sold so far. The answer, none. Your Rear Commodore scrambled into a huddle with the rest of the Board and a plan was hatched. Yes, you saw it. Each of us became master salesmen to some, ticket boys to others. In the end, however, we raised enough net proceeds to pay for all the provisions of that night so we only needed to raid the club's treasury for the rental of the clubhouse. I want to thank each of you for making this such a successful raffle.

The club finished off 3-1/2 cases of beer and nearly an equal quantity of sodas. I think all of the beer might have been finished that night if some folks hadn't kept putting their empty plates with partially eaten food into the trash can holding all the beer on ice. By polling the faces, I think everyone had a good time. For some masochistic reason, I can't wait to do it again.



Treasurer's Comments

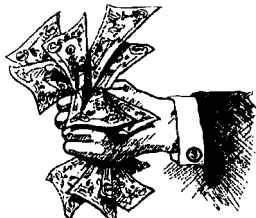
Steve Wexler

April—it's Spring at last. Open those sea-cocks and put up those wind socks—or something like that. Anyway, for those who missed the best General Membership Meeting I've ever attended—too bad...you also may not have heard the big news. Commodore Sandy Leathers has offered his hand in marriage to Ms. Sandee Bozutto of Reston, Virginia— lo and behold—she accepted. Rumor has it that she's agreed to take his first name (albeit a different spelling!).

On to business....

Aquia Harbour Yacht Club Early Bird Cruise to the Occoquan River—Aquia Harbour Yacht Club (AHYC) has chosen the Occoquan River as the destination for their Early Bird Cruise on April 8th and 9th. OYC and Prince William Yacht Club have offered to host AHYC. Specifically, on Saturday, April 8th, OYC will be hosting a "pot-luck" cocktail party starting at 5:00 PM at Prince William Marina. OYC and PWYC will be providing soda, beer and wine. We're asking the members to come on down and bring their favorite appetizer to share. Al Hobson is coordinating the event for OYC—please call him by April 6th at 703-642-5022 and let him know (1) you'll be there; (2) you will bring _____ (fill in the blank); (3) you would like to help Al set-up; and (4) you would like to help Al clean up. On Sunday the two host clubs are sponsoring "bloodies" and "screws," Marys and Drivers that is. The Clubs will provide the vodka and mixes—what Al and Phil McKnight of Prince William really need is the warmth and friendship of our members—let's make AHYC feel real comfortable.

PRYCA Boat Roster—The PRYCA is in the process of preparing a Boat Roster which will include information regarding each of the members of the various clubs which belong to PRYCA. Specifically, PRYCA had requested the OYC Board to provide them with Boat Names, Captain and First Mate Names, Boat Manufacturer, Boat Length and Beam, and the Marina at which the boat was docked. The OYC Board considered this request and advised PRYCA that the membership application forms which many of you filled out included a statement that the information would be treated with confidentiality. Therefore, without the specific approval of each member, the Board was not willing to provide the requested information to PRYCA. However, if any of the members would like any or all of the foregoing information to be included in the PRYCA Boat Roster they should notify me by filling out the enclosed form and mailing it to me during April. I will compile the information and provide it to the appropriate PRYCA representative at the May Board meeting.



Upcoming PRYCA Events—Delegate Henry Lovell has asked me to remind you:

Blessing of the Fleet—May 20th and 21st

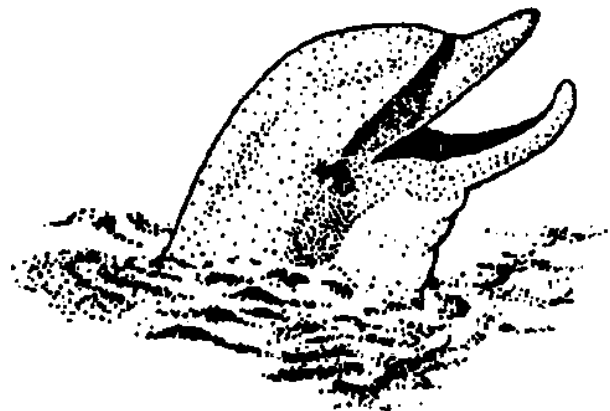
May 20th	
8:30AM	OYC Breakfast/Swap meet at Prince William Marina
Noon	Depart Occoquan for Tantallon Yacht Club an afternoon stopover
3:30-5:00PM	Dockage at James Creek Marina
5:00-6:00PM	Water Taxi Service aboard OYC or NPYC boats to Columbia Island/ National Potomac Yacht Club
6:00PM - ?	Catered dinner with entertainment, dancing under the stars
? - ?	Back to James Creek for after-hours dock party and demonstration of proper flashlight usage
May 21st	
??-Noon	Morning dock party (or repairing the bodily damage from the night before)
Noon-2:00PM	Blessing of the Fleet
2:00-5:00PM	Barbeque at Capital Yacht Club

If you signed up at the General Membership Meeting, please call Henry and re-confirm. If you didn't already sign up, please fill out the enclosed form and mail it to Henry Lovell.

PRYCA Float-In—July 14th to 16th

Sixteen boats signed up at the General Membership Meeting. Henry's got your names and will be contacting you. In the interim—once again—if you weren't at the meeting, or didn't make the commitment then—it's a great event. Over 100 boats at Fort Washington Marina. Food, dancing, entertainment, the Aquia Cup competition, and much more...and it's just up the River—a quick ride for everyone other than those Quacky Ducks. We'll be continuously bugging you over the next couple of months.

As usual too long, too boring, to-da-loo!



Occoquan Yacht Club
Financial Statement
October 1, 1994-March 23, 1995

Beginning Balance (10/1/94): \$2,080.08

Income:

<u>1995 Membership Dues</u>	
Renewal Family Members	\$1,485.00
Renewal Indiv. Members	105.00
Renewal Assoc. Members	135.00
New Family Members	330.00
New Individual Members	0.00
New Associate Members	0.00
Club Sales	812.00
Gen. Membership 50/50 (Oct)	41.00
Gen. Membership 50/50 (Mar)	88.00
Clothing/Burgee Raffle	105.00
Holiday Party Raffle	170.00
Planfest 50/50	42.00
Holiday Party	2,000.00
OYC Breakfast	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	\$5,313.00

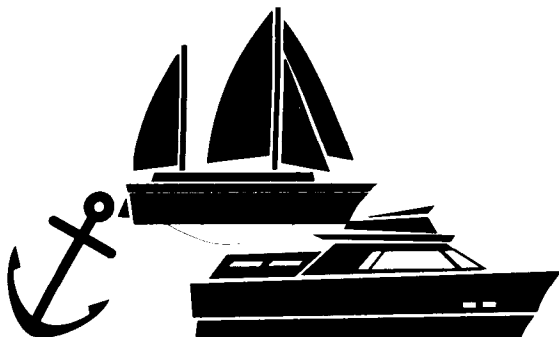
Expenses:

Membership Activities	\$2,861.97
Awards	454.85
Postage	341.75
Printing/Reproduction	411.27
Miscellaneous	50.00
Organizational Expenses	195.00
Clothing/Burgee Inventory	1,582.98 ²
Bank Service Charges	<u>86.94</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,984.76

Ending Balance \$1,408.32

¹Includes \$545.00 of 1995 Renewal Membership Dues and \$315.00 of 1995 New Membership Dues.

²The Club's Clothing/Burgee Inventory includes 29 burgees, 31 shirts, and 25 hats.



Joint PRYCA, MVYC and
Coast Guard Auxiliary
Safety Day Set For April 29th

Steve Donock
PRYCA Member-at-Large

Each year the Coast Guard Auxiliary conducts a Safety Day at the Mt. Vernon Yacht Club using Flotilla members from MVYC, helped by others from all over the area. This year the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) decided to hold the same type of event. So, a joint event has been planned for April 29th. Details are still being worked out, but here's some of what is planned at this point:

- Courtesy Marine Examinations by the Auxiliary
- Towing demonstrations off the Point
- Flare demonstrations (*please contact Jim Ball or me if you have any expired flares that can be used*)
- Fire Extinguisher demonstrations
- Boating Safety video tapes
- Boating Safety demonstrations especially for the younger crew members
- and, to get everyone's attention, a pot luck cook out on the Point when we're all done!

As you can see, we have a lot of things going on. We hope many people from other Yacht Clubs along the upper Potomac will attend— both by boat and by car. We'll raft you out in Dogue Creek and shuttle you in for the shore side activities. This is a great way to get to know other boaters in the area. In addition to enjoying time on the water, the PRYCA really takes safe boating seriously, and is looking to MVYC to lead the way. So, mark your calendars for April 29th beginning at 1:00pm and help us kick off a fun and, most of all, safe 1995 boating season.

Memorial Day Cruise

Ned W. Rhodes

Fourteen boats have already signed up for the Memorial Day Cruise to Yeocomico that will be held Memorial Day Weekend. I have been assured that they will be able to accommodate as many boats as we can bring, so there is still time to sign up. I will need a \$10 deposit and your boat information by **April 14th**, so that I can buy gas and send in the information to the Marina. In years past, some boats have gotten a jump on the weekend and left Friday evening to anchor out near Aquia Creek. If you are interested in this sort of an activity, please let me know.

For the rest of you with real jobs, the plan will be to leave the Occoquan at the crack of 8 or 9, which should put you down to the Birthday Cake around noon, unless you have one of those go-slo boats. A cocktail party is planned for Saturday and Sunday afternoon at a place and time to be determined. Dinner is available both nights at the Moorings restaurant and I will have a signup sheet available at the Marina that weekend, where you may reserve a time. As an alternative to eating out, we may grill out one night if we come up with enough grills. Toward the middle of May, I will send out an information packet detailing how we will be spending every waking moment that weekend. For now, you need to send in your \$10 deposit.

What is the CME?

Tim Chaffin

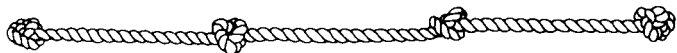
The CME stands for Courtesy Marine Examination. This service is provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The examination is free and is a courtesy check of safety equipment carried or installed in your vessel. The CME requirements parallel (and in some ways exceed) federal requirements for safety equipment and overall vessel condition.

What are the benefits of a CME? One of the biggest is to ensure that during the spring rush to get your vessel into operation, some small item was not overlooked. It also shows the rest of the boating public that you are a responsible boater.

Does having a CME decal on your boat mean you will never get boarded by the Coast Guard or Marine Police? No—but the Coast Guard and Marine Police do recognize the importance of the CME program. If they are out performing safety checks on boats, they recognize that you have taken the time to have your boat inspected voluntarily by a trained Auxiliarist. They will generally pass up your boat and look for a boat that does not have a decal on it.

If you fail the inspection, what happens? Nothing. The Coast Guard Auxiliary is not a law enforcement agency nor will they report any violations to any law enforcement activity. This is a service provided for the boating community.

We will be performing CME's on Flag Raising Day for OYC. Those of you who would like to have the inspection done before that can call me to schedule one (703-680-6048). If you have any questions concerning this or any of the Coast Guard Auxiliary programs, I'll be glad to help.



Wallops-Breaux Funds Zeroed Again

The Coast Guard budget request for FY 1996 contains no funds for Recreational Boating Safety.

Instead the Coast Guard budget request refers to The "Boating Safety Bill" or the 103rd Congressional bill HR 5577 both of which died in the closing minutes of the 103rd Congress as follows:

"Due to budgetary constraints and the increased role of the States in boating safety activities, no discretionary appropriation is requested in FY 1996 from the funds deposited in the Boat Safety account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund." ... "Current law, under the authority of Title V of the Oceans Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-587) authorizes the transfer of \$10 million for 1996. However it is anticipated that Congress will enact legislation (originally considered in 1994) to increase the amount transferred in 1996 to \$30 million."

The full membership of the House Subcommittee on the Coast Guard are Republican Representatives: Chairman Howard Coble (NC); Tillie K. Fowler (AK); Susan Molinari (NY); Bill Baker (CA); Vernon J. Ehlers (MI) and Ex Officio Bud Shuster (PA); and the Democratic Representatives are Ranking Minority member James A. Traficant Jr. (OH); Walter R. Tucker III (CA); Bill K. Brewster (OK); James L. Oberstar (MN) and Ex Officio Norman Minetta (CA).

Boaters must again entreat their congressmen to see that

our Wallops-Breaux tax funds are appropriated for our benefit. The Wallops-Breaux Boating Safety Account is the perfect example of a user's fee being passed on to the States to successfully meet the need to reduce boating facilities.

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Anniversaries and Birthdays

Happy Anniversary to the following couples for the month of April:

Marcel and Pam Beaulieu (4)
Jack and Katie Ann Jones (8)
Lynn and Aaron Martin (21)
Leo and Gail Moore (28)

April Birthday Wishes to:

Aaron Martin (4)
Carol Ann Moore (8)
Dianna Uber (9)
Patricia Clatterbuck (21)
Peggy Ball (23)
Jud Bireley (23)
Marcel Beaulieu (23)
Larry Budd (28)
Arleen Rhodes (29)

If you would like to see you name in print, make sure that the Membership Guy knows your vital statistics.

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. And don't forget to wish Arleen a happy birthday.

Articles should be sent to the Daymarker Editor at 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205. We prefer typed text (no crayons please) or you may submit your text on a disk in Apple Macintosh format or IBM-PC format (3.5" or 5.25"). Our preferred word processing format is Microsoft Word. Your articles may be faxed to our corporate offices at (703) 237-9654. In addition, we are also on the information highway at milepost_rhodesn@aol.com.

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PRYCA BLESSING OF THE FLEET

May 20 and 21st

I would like to attend the PRYCA Blessing of the Fleet activities.

Boat Name: _____
Captain's Name: _____
First Mate's Name: _____
Length: _____
Beam: _____

Dinner at Columbia Island/National Potomac Yacht Club
(\$17.50 per person). My check for ____ people totaling
\$_____ is enclosed.

Dockage at James Creek Marina: Yes _____
I will pay the marina \$0.75 per foot and \$1.50 per 30 amp electrical
hook-up or \$3.00 per 50 amp electrical hook-up upon arrival.

I will pass in review with my fellow OYC members before the
Blessing Stand on Sunday, May 21st: Yes _____

I understand that attendance at the after-blessing Barbeque at Capital Yacht Club is optional and payment is due to CYC at that time. Please mail this completed form to Henry Lovell, 2921 Madeira Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Call Henry with any questions at 703-490-5986.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE
TO YEOCOMICO MARINA
May 27th - 29th

Sign me up for OYC's Memorial Day Weekend Cruise.

Boat Name _____
Captain's Name _____
Size of Boat: Length _____ feet Beam _____ feet
Power Requirements _____
Number of Nights Stay: _____ 2 _____ 3 (check one)

Return coupon with \$10 non-refundable reservation check to
Jess Rhodes, 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA
22205-3130.



PRYCA BOAT ROSTER

I would like the following information included in the PRYCA Boat Roster (please print):

Boat Name: _____
Captain's Name: _____
First Mate's Name: _____
Marina: _____
Manufacturer: _____
Length: _____
Beam: _____

Please mail the completed form to Steve Wexler, 3601 Deerberry
Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22033 or call Steve at 703-437-0687.

Signature

**Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 14-6
Mount Vernon Yacht Club**

Safety Day - 1995

**29 April 1995
Mount Vernon Yacht Club**

Schedule of Events

- 1:00 PM Courtesy Marine Examinations by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
(Until 4:00 PM)
- 1:15 PM Boating Safety video tapes shown throughout the afternoon.
(On the Point)
- 1:30 PM Boating Safety Presentation on the Point.
(Displays in place all afternoon)
- 2:00 PM Fire extinguisher demonstration on the Point.
- 2:30 PM Visual Distress Signal demonstration on the Point.
- 3:00 PM Towing Demonstration.
(In Dogue Creek)
- 3:15 PM Boats and Kids presentation on the Point.
- 4:00 PM Pot Luck Picnic on the Point.

(Upon arrival at buoy 67, contact "Last Resort" on VHF channel 16 or 72. We will raft boats in front of the marina if slips are full. Shuttle service will be available all afternoon.)

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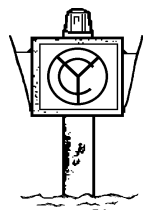
Coming Events

April 22-23
Early Bird Cruise to Old
Town, Steve Donock
(703) 255-0573

April 29
PRYCA Marine
Safety Cruise. Henry
Lovell (703) 494-5986

May 6
OYC Flag Raising.
1200 @ OHM.

May 20-21
PRYCA Blessing of the
Fleet. Henry Lovell
(703) 494-5986



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Address Correction Requested

If there isn't a ★ on your address label, you haven't started your boat yet