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# The Windbreaker

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1

Strunks embark for Memorial Day Cruise.

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OYC Board raises the flag and fires the cannon (in that order).

July 3

Zimpel's kids finally figure out that Herb was kidding.

July 4

Scott Shortnacy buys a new pole for his canvas for the third straight year.

### New (??) Boat for Rhodes

Ned Rhodes is now the proud owner of *Southern Nites*—again! Ned said, “I just got so darn tired of people always ragging on me about that little incident at Dennis Point, and how I was afraid to go fast on *Impulse*—stuff like that never happened with *Southern Nites*. Life was so much simpler then.” When asked about the sale, Walt Cheatham smiled and said, “It was just a matter of time—the handwriting was right there on the wall all along. I made a pretty penny on that deal, I’ll tell you!”

Arleen Rhodes, who is visiting her parents for an indefinite period, could not be reached for comment.

### Past Commodore Update

Sandy and Sandee have completed their transition from Virginia to Florida. While it was sad selling *Sandy's Run*, they couldn't stay out of boating for long. They fell in love with a cute Chris Craft named *AWOL Too* and just couldn't pass it up. “This new boat will always remind us of the Occoquan,” they said. Seller, Herb Saunders, was sad to see it go but said he needed time to devote to his book on cruising the ICW, called “Cruising the ICW on Five Fingers a Day.”

### Ned Finds Fours

Ned Rhodes has always been known for his early spring de-winterizations; however, this one may go down in history. He was recently observed down at the marina and decided that since it was such a nice day, he would fire up the engines and go out for a spin. Once out in the bay, he accidentally pushed his throttles too far forward, discovered that he had four barrel carburetors on his engines and that his mega-yacht would, in fact, go faster than a snail's pace. In celebration of this discovery, Arleen was observed donning a somewhat skimpy (albeit well-insulated) wet suit and proceeded to salom ski behind *Impulse!!* Ned now challenges anyone on the Potomac to try and outrun him.

### “Woos” Is A Nice Guy!!

Much to his chagrin, Steve Worcester will not be able to go on the weeklong cruise this year. Therefore, in somewhat belated but well-deserved recognition of Ron Tilmon's outstanding service as his cabin boy on last year's cruise, Steve has advised Ron that he wants him and Jean to take *Saint 'n Sinner* on an all expenses paid OYC weeklong cruise in his stead. Ron has reportedly accepted and Jean has

sobbed (happily, of course) her way through two boxes of Kleenex. (The Woos has always been able to make Jean cry at the drop of a hat.) Ron is all fired up and ready to go! His only concern is if he can get Ray Steele to change the weeklong cruise to the Bahamas.



## Commodore's Comments

### Egmore Under Investigation

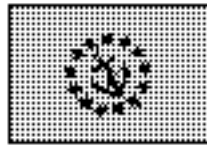
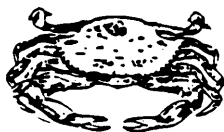
Authorities today announced an investigation into the campaign practices of OYC Commodore Tom Egmore. The investigation comes in the wake of allegations that Egmore illegally used funds from his political action committee, ETC; ETC (Elect Tom Commodore; Elect Tom Commodore). The allegations assert that Egmore used PAC contributions for personal use. Additionally, it is alleged that Egmore accepted free accommodations and cruises from wealthy contributors.

Egmore was elected to the OYC's highest position last October, virtually uncontested. His popular campaign slogan "Break Wind in Following Seas" struck a responsive chord among the membership, resulting in his landslide victory.

Shortly after the election, rumors began to circulate regarding certain improprieties, by both Egmore and his wife Barbara, which had occurred both before and after the election. Stories surfaced involving large suspender purchases, stockpiling of vintage wines, and gifts to many voting club members. Egmore was quick to respond, stating that he had actually purchased one pair of large suspenders, the Glen Ellen was on sale at Price Club, and that Barbara's gifts to the membership were well within current campaign rules, since they were not Petit Fours as alleged, but only Petit Twos. Egmore, in an emotional outburst, offered to make public all of his Boat/U.S. Discover card receipts as soon as he returned from his Cayman Island vacation. When asked about his trip to Florida with free accommodations and a cruise, which he himself had alluded to in a published article, Egmore retorted "That was no pleasure trip! Ziegler took the kids!"

Egmore pointed to his many years of service as an elected OYC board member and said he welcomed the opportunity to finally lay to rest the rumor and innuendo that had dogged his Commodorency. He stated "There is no skeleton in my closet, Barbara's just a little anorexic."

In an associated action, the OYC board hired the accounting firm of Wexler, Sorrenti, Cheatham and Moore to audit the club's financial management since Egmore took office. Certain members, who desired to remain anonymous, indicated that they felt the monthly treasurer's report "We took money in, we paid money out, we got money in the bank" lacked sufficient detail to meet standard accounting practices. In a gesture of support, a board spokesman issued a statement saying "We are way behind Commodore Egmore."



## Vice Commodore's Comments

### Shark Attack!

Sightings of Winter Snow Sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) have been reported in our local waters. Normally not found up in the tributaries, numerous reports during the month of February came in from as far north as the Wilson Bridge and Alexandria south to the 301 Bridge region. They travel in schools ranging from 6-10 sharks per sighting and most often are seen near shore faculties where drinks are served. One local marina bartender (who wishes to remain anonymous) said one of his customers swears one of the large snow sharks had a large gold earring through its dorsal fin.

### Tide's In, Tide's Out

Rick Sorrenti, famous boat buyer and local OYC member, when recently asked how his new tide clock was working, replied "Fine, but having to pull it out of the cold water to read it during this winter's extreme cold weather became an unpleasant chore." He went on to say, "It won't be so bad in the summer months."

### Attention Speeders

In past years, many boaters have often ignored the speed limit and no-wake zone on the Occoquan River from just south of Fairfax Yacht Club to upstream destinations. Fairfax County Marine Police have issued many citations to those violators they catch, but this year's budget cuts and less policing left the County with no choice but to install speed bumps in an attempt to curtail speeders.

As fair warning, be on the lookout for these new speed bumps which are now in place and often difficult to see. If this doesn't work, the County is considering putting up floating toll booths. None of us want this to happen, so let's all slow down in 1996.

### Butter or Parkay?

Strange as it may sound, marine officials have discovered a serious problem that developed this winter at many local marinas that use bubblers or water-agitation systems to keep ice from forming at marina docks. Evidence of greasy deposits form in these areas as a result of the churning effects of the bubbler systems. The material forms, floats and sticks to surrounding pilings, ladders and boat hulls.

A local laboratory analyzed the mysterious substance and reported that it contains cholesterol, is high in fat content and resembles butter.

Check your boat's waterline this spring when cleaning. Who knows, this could attract jellyfish.

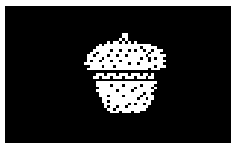


## Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

### OYC Surfs the Net

OYC has been collecting e-mail and homepage addresses from the members who are wired into the Internet. The complexity of these addresses is a little daunting, especially for those among us who are not so ckeinembtl when it comes to typnig, but here are a few worth contacting next time you are surfing the 'Net.

Tom Egmore: whatme\_aground?@like.hell  
Rich Ziegler: i\_am\_me@youre.not.ha.ha.ha  
R.Sorrenti: rick\_slim@cabbagesoup.diet.upwindplease  
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Ray Steele: seewhatahmsayn@thank.you  
Charlie Barrow: quickone.homesoon.vonda@seasea.co  
Ron Tilmon: stillboatless@eternal.leech



## Treasurer's Comments

### Overheard on Last Year's Weeklong Cruise

Voice 1: Vessel on St. Mary's River, this is the *Maggie Lynn*. Suggest you alter course to port.

Voice 2: *Maggie Lynn*, suggest you alter course to port instead.

Voice 1: I've been boating on this river for 20 years and think you should alter course to port to avoid a collision.

Voice 1: This is Daymarker 3 near Dennis Point, your call.

Voice 2: Never mind, we will alter our course to starboard.

**NOTICE:** Steve Worcester is coordinating the Million Boater March at the Mall. Please sign up with him. We really need everyone to participate in this.

## Early Boating Season Blues

A few of us were chomping at the bit recently, after the fourth foot of snow melted off the fly bridge, to go for a boat ride. So, we jumped aboard and realized we had nowhere to go. We'd been hearing all winter from the OYC, PRYCA and USCGA weenies of all the neat stuff they had planned, so we thought we'd get a head start.

We headed first for Mt. Vermin Yacht Club, site of the planned Safety Day in May. Well, it seems they did a lousy job of marking the channel and we ended up with two dinged props for our efforts. Of course when we tied up at the dock for repairs, somebody came running down yelling something about a private marina and no unregistered visitors and so and so might need their slip and so on. I didn't bother to mention that it was February, seven degrees above zero and quite unlikely that the slip holder would be back that afternoon. So much for Mount Vermin.

So, repairs made, we headed north for Fort Washington, site of the Float-In. What could go wrong there? I mean there's 85 feet of water in the channel! So, up to the dock we go—just for a look see. Guess what, it's now 94 degrees and humid. They must have known we were coming. There was no toilet paper in the head, so we left.

Since the Early Bird is so oversubscribed, we decided we'd get a jump on that, too. Well, shoot, wouldn't you know it—no slips available. Seems so many of the OYC folks from the Hardy Souls got frozen in that there was nothing left. Deake did have a big smile on his face and a new Rolex. So, I guess life is good.

We had heard that there was going to be something going on in May at National Potomac Yacht Club, so we thought we'd see if we could find our way there next. Is that anywhere near Hunting Creek? No? Hmm, well, maybe next year.

It was starting to get late, so we decided to head south to the familiar, friendly comfort of the Occoquan and our many (well, two) friends there. Of course, by the time we got to whatever the marina by Gecko's is called this week, it was dark. So, we hit the bar, threw our empties on Jess's boat and called it a night.

I think next February, we'll head south.

### OYC Fund-Raisers

Please save your Campbell Soup labels. OYC is collecting labels to purchase needed items. For only 1 million labels we can get a waterproof camera. For 2 million labels we can get our choice of a drink blender, postage meter (to save poor Jess's tongue) or ? Send all labels C.O.D. to Ron Tilmon, who has graciously agreed to cut the labels to the proper size, organize them according to variety of soup and personally deliver them to Campbell Soup International headquarters in Havana, Cuba.

P.S. It is not necessary to actually remove the labels from the cans. You can just send the empty cans—cleaning them out is also optional. Don't worry about those sharp metal edges. Ron recently got a tetanus shot—at least he told his wife Jean it was a shot for tetanus. Or you can send the full soup cans, C.O.D.—Ron is always looking for meal items on that one night a week he "volunteered" to cook for the family.

Not to be out done, Tom Coldwell is also involved in OYC fundraising. He mumbled something about "You know in these times of downsizing and outsourcing, it's hard to make ends meet....." So the following items are now available—all tastefully imprinted with the OYC logo. Please support this important effort and display these items proudly. They make excellent Xmas gifts for family and friends.

Bumper or Stern Stickers that say "Honk if you can pronounce Occoquan"

Emergency Flag that also says "Help, I am stuck on this X!@# \$ sandbar, please call the Coast Guard, but don't tell anyone from the Occoquan Yacht Club."

Refrigerator magnets

Heart rate monitor

Bookmark (one side lists 86 ways to say "You're Wonderful")

Band-Aid dispenser (can also be used as a condom dispenser)

Shoelaces (one is marked "Port" and the other "Starboard")

Litterbags (can also be used as Doggie Detritus bags for Jess!)

Keychains—plain fob style or with attached flashlight, waterproof camera or the "Band-Aid" dispenser)

Slide Rule (Ned claims he still uses his)

Economy Retractable Pens (also known as "cheap govt pens")

Soap-on-a-Rope

Hospital Bracelets

Bicycle spoke reflectors

Reflective Oarlocks for the Dinghy with Distinction

Wrist Pocket Pal (you have got to see it to believe this little beauty)

Squeeze Stress Ball (better yet, order a pair for those of you that are stressed but have no balls)

Drink Recipe Card

Scratch and Sniff Notepads (come in a variety of "interesting" aromas)

Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Prevention Guide

"How to Access All Those Dirty Pictures on the Internet" Guide

There is also a special section of coloring books-available with a pack of 5 non-toxic crayons. The series includes:

Good Touch, Bad Touch

Breast Self-Examination Guide

Safe Dating Guide

AIDS Is No Fun

Let's Learn to Get Along

Proud to Be ME

Neddy Goes to the Hospital (with special pictures of his knee operation)

XX has a Vasectomy

Let's Learn About Your Body

Let's Learn About Water Safety

Have a Safe Summer

## Word Search

Answers may read horizontally, vertically or diagonally, backwards or forward, but always in a straight line.

S	T	E	V	E
T	T	O	O	O
E	V	E	T	S
V	O	O	V	O
E	O	O	O	E

Find the answers to the following clues:

1. First name of Early Bird Cruise coordinator
2. First name of Red Cross Waterfront Festival coordinator
3. First name of Tantallon Yacht Club Cruise coordinator (bonus hint, also first name of Vice Commodore)
4. First name of Dinghy Regatta coordinator

## Minutes—OYC Building Committee Meeting, 1 April 1996

1. The meeting was called to order by Co-chairmen and Past Commodores A.H. Rhodes and L. D. Tilmon. A quorum of members was present, and the committee's statement of purpose was read and reaffirmed.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted with one exception. Co-chairman Rhodes requested the minutes be changed to reflect it was his turn to close the last meeting, and that Co-chairman Tilmon had been totally out of order in appropriating the gavel to close the meeting when it was Co-chairman Rhodes' turn. Minutes changed accordingly.

3. Old Business:

a. The committee voted 3 to 2 to refuse authorization of funds for the purchase of a second gavel to eliminate petty bickering over gavel usage by unnamed Co-chairmen.

b. By unanimous vote, the committee declined the donation of a plot of ground on which to build a clubhouse. The land, located somewhere around Phoenix, was offered by a member living in that area who wished to remain anonymous. Co-chairman Tilmon reported that he believed the land had previously been used for mining purposes. According to him, when the offer was made Terri said "Bill has found all the missing mines." In declining the offer, the committee cited inherent disadvantages. Chief among them was an extremely mean low tide and an infestation of horned toads. One of the attending members observed that the club already had an abundance of toads and didn't need any more. Co-chairman Tilmon suggested that Co-chairman Rhodes change his initials from A.H. to H. T. since the toad reference was obviously aimed at Co-chairman Rhodes' short, rotund stature. Co-chairman Rhodes retorted that he was equally sure that the toad reference had been aimed at Co-chairman Tilmon, since Co-chairman Tilmon was so old he must be ready to croak. Co-chairman Tilmon acknowl-

edged his advanced years but stated he could still call Past Commodore Coldwell "Dad."

c. The committee completed review of a building design submitted by a business associate of Vice Commodore Wexler. The committee submitted the following questions to the Vice Commodore and tabled the issue pending his reply:

1. Was there any significance to the fact the proposal was submitted on Lorton Correctional Facility stationery?

2. Could the architect explain in greater detail his plan to use the OYC shed as the core building element associated with the revolving bar and gas fireplace?

3. Were the fishnet stockings, mentioned in numerous places in the package, part of the interior decor and subject to this committee's authority, or work apparel for employees, in which case, would they fall under Commodore Egmore's contingency funding authority?

4. Could Vice Commodore Wexler define more clearly the terminology "kickback" and "relax" when applied to the Co-chairmen's decision making authority. (NOTE: Vice Commodore Wexler suggested that the Co-chairmen and he hold a private caucus to quantify the terminology).

4. New Business:

a. Co-chairman Rhodes made a motion that the committee use committee funds to purchase a second gavel to be jointly used by the Co-chairmen during meetings. Co-chairman Tilmon provided a second; however, the measure was defeated by a 3 to 2 committee vote. Co-chairman Rhodes complained he was being denied fair and equal use of the gavel. Co-chairman Tilmon observed that Co-chairman Rhodes would be denied fair and equal use of his arm if he [Co-chairman Rhodes] didn't keep his damned hands off the gavel when it was his [Co-chairman Tilmon's] turn to use it.

b. A design question was raised from the floor whether planning included construction of covered slips. Co-chairman Rhodes advised that the committee had received a petition from C-Dock slip holders recommending against covered slips. The petition claimed that covered slips would put an end to one of the club's most exciting winter events: the lottery to correctly guess the quantity of snow required to collapse *Sun Club's* canvas.

5. There being no further new business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Co-chairman Rhodes requested transfer of the gavel for closure since Co-chairman Tilmon had pre-empted his [Co-chairman Rhodes'] turn last week. Co-chairman Tilmon declined to accede to this request in somewhat pejorative terms, "sniveling wimp" being the predominant theme. Co-chairman Rhodes responded in kind, with "baldheaded," "limp," and other expletives being freely used. Co-chairman Rhodes stated his intent to publish the "Story of the One-Eyed Worm" in the next issue of the club newsletter. At this point, Co-chairman Tilmon suggested that Co-chairman Rhodes extend a portion of his anatomy out the window and make passionate love to the world. Shortly thereafter, the gavel having been put to other use, the remaining members of the committee voted 3 to 0 to depart.

## Steve Wexler So what?

*Heavily edited remarks of a past commodore  
on the occasion of  
Vice Commodore Wexler's 50th birthday*

Steve Wexler is what Ned Rhodes and the Pentagon would call a target-rich environment. Steve Wexler, a legend in his own mind, is a man who is often accused of first being stupid and then idiotic, whereas I truly believe it's just the other way around. And what does this night signify? That Steve Wexler has reached a certain age? Like, what if he hadn't made it this far, would we only get a lunch? Or wine cheaper than the stuff you're getting tonight? If that's possible.

They asked me to speak as a representative of the Occoquan Yacht Club, to reveal a part of Steve's life not known to the rest of you who are not boaters. Or as Steve often refers to you those social-climbing landlubber sleaze-bags.

Steve has been a member of the Occoquan Yacht Club for years. When I first knew Steve, he would not take his boat beyond the confines of the charming but tiny Occoquan River. Steve's boating skills were something of an abortion; it was row versus wade.

But over the years he has extended his horizons beyond the sleepy Occoquan. Confident in his own seamanship, daring and nautical skill, he will go anywhere. Sometimes up to but not including the 301 bridge.

Let's be honest here. Super-Wimp has never taken his boat to the Chesapeake Bay. He's never SEEN the bay, even by automobile, because he always makes Paula drive while he shuts his eyes tightly beneath those distinctive dark eyebrows... which seem to be growing together.

But let's give credit where it's due. He has worked very hard for the Occoquan Yacht Club...serving two years as treasurer and now this year as Vice Commodore. In fact, he has done the work of THREE men. Larry, Curly, and Moe.

The irony of it is that he is the current holder of the club Commodore's Cup, which Wexler thought was some sort of bronzed brassiere. In truth, he got the award for having gone a whole year without bumping into something that resulted in a lawsuit or a pregnancy...that we are aware of.

Here tonight are at least three and maybe more women whom Steve has dated or casually married. We ought to admire these dear ladies, especially for their sense of humor. And surprisingly, these gals are close. They went out to dinner to compare notes on Wexler. But when they got together, nothing came to mind.

They are in fact so close they are taking a singing act on the road. You've heard of the Supremes? These gals are calling themselves "the Steve-adores."

And they've picked out some great songs, some of them reflecting on their wonderful years with Steve:

"He Tore out the Left Side of My Heart, So It's All Right Now." "I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling." "I'm So Miserable Without You, It's Like Having You Here." "Tennis Must Be Your Racket 'Cause Love Means Nothin' To You."

Steve takes much pride in his Jewish faith, much to the consternation of the local synagogues. The rabbis have been

trying for years to get the Southern Baptists to adopt him. Baptists, by the way, are opposed to people making out while standing up. They are afraid it will lead to dancing.

Just to be a nice guy, for once, Steve went to church with me (it was communion and the wine was free). We had this really attractive soprano singing up in the choir loft. She hit a high note with such gusto, she fell forward over the congregation. She was saved from injury when her skirt caught on a chandelier. As she hung there by her skirt, the preacher said "Any man who looks will be struck blind!" And Wexler whispers to me, "I think I'm going to risk one eye."

I want to give Steve a couple gifts. First, here's this month's *Modern Maturity*. There's an application inside to join AARP; I would have bought Steve's membership, but I wasn't sure in his case "maturity" would take. (Don't worry, folks, I've removed all the pin-ups... June Allyson in bikini Depends, Wilfred Brimley pumping oats.)

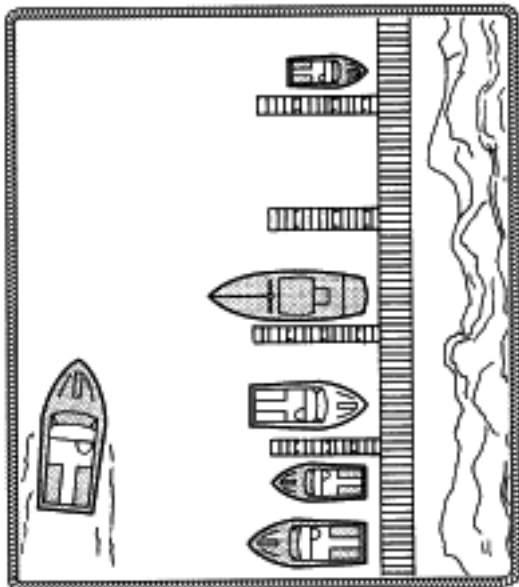
And last, something that celebrates Steve's life and future in boating now that he has become an elder statesman of the bounding main. When I saw this book down at the Old Sailors Home, I could only think of him. Ladies and gentlemen, this is boating. This is Steve Wexler. This is *SHIPWRECKS OF THE ATLANTIC COAST*. Happy birthday, Steve.

### Still Searching for Crabs?

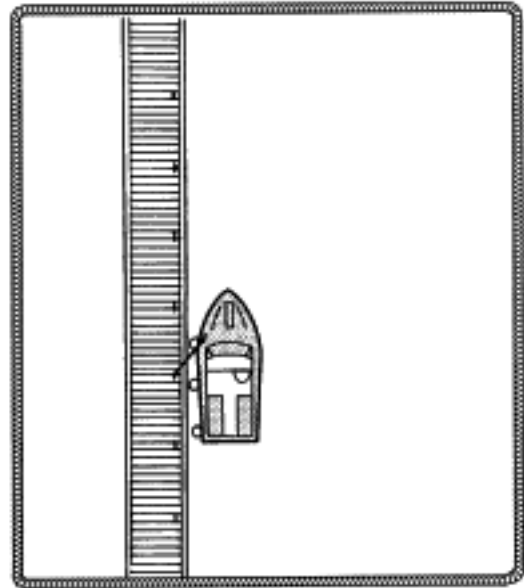
The Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic of the Greater Metropolitan D.C. area has clinics in D.C., Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties. Please call 1-800-DISEASE for location and hours of the clinic nearest you. Please don't delay! And don't dive off any diving platforms until you have been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

### Captain's Test

Given the following docking situation, where should the dock party be held?



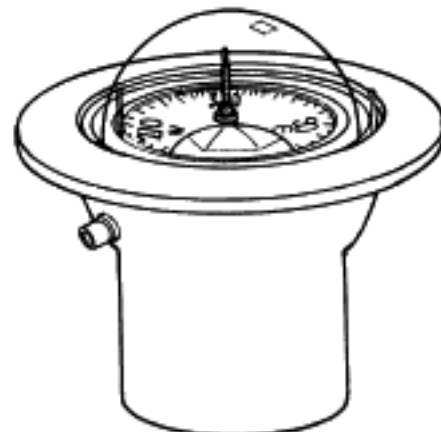
Which boat has the right of way and which boat is the burdened vessel?

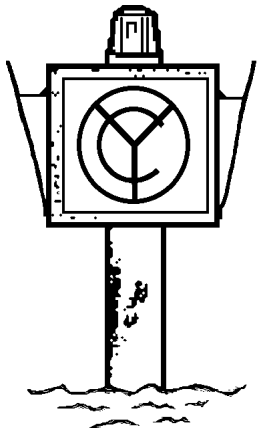


In the following diagram, where's Waldo?



Using the following nautical instrument, what is the depth of the water?





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## Commodore's Comments

Tom Egmore

As advertised, the St. Patrick's Day General Membership Meeting held Saturday evening, March 16th, at the Fairfax Yacht Club was a fun-filled time. There was a huge turnout, SIXTY members were there to eat, drink and be merry (Mary wasn't there so she didn't mind). In my last article I said that this event was when we had "our best pot luck dinner." That was a true statement if there ever was one. There was Food, Food and more Food!! There were over thirty pot luck dishes and desserts, each one good enough to serve five or more. Needless to say, we did not run out of good things to eat.

Executive Rear Commodore Teresa Sorrenti did a great job on her first real test of making sure we had sufficient plates, napkins, utensils, tablecloths, ice, drinks, etc., etc. We even had Irish beer. Thanks, Teresa!

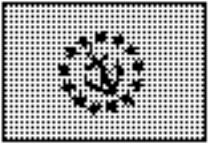
Bill and Bonnie Fulford did not disappoint us with their promise of new and exciting Quartermaster stock. They came up with a fantastic T-Shirt with the club name and logo—and, best of all, they're only \$12. They sold all but one of the first

shipment. Don't worry, they'll have more at the Flag Raising in May. Also, new items of OYC jewelry: pins, tie tacks, and one pendant charm. These were pieces of jewelry that Bill found out were left over at a supplier in Baltimore that made the items for us about six years ago. They showed off a sample hat from a new vendor which will also be available in May. Bill and Bonnie will have plenty of OYC burgees available at the May Flag Raising. You'll need a new burgee to start the season and to complement your boat that will be bright and shiny following spring commissioning.

Well, it's just a few weeks before the season opens with the Early Bird Cruise. Slips will be limited at Old Town so if you are still planning to go be sure to let Steve Donock know for sure, give him a call to confirm. In the

meantime, let's all hope for warm weather the next three or four weekends so we can get an early start on cleaning, scrubbing, fixing, dewinterizing and all the many things spring commissioning requires.

**"Let's all hope  
for warm  
weather the  
next three  
weekends"**



## Vice Commodore's Comments

Steve Wexler

Once again, the March Membership Meeting / St. Patrick's Day Party was a rousing success. To quote a former Commodore, the "Fun Index" was approaching 100. And thank goodness for some of the late arrivals—we did have desserts...it was touch and go there for a moment. But everything worked out great.

Gary Walsh accurately indicated that Fairfax Yacht Club has installed Ned Rhodes Memorial Decals on the sliding glass doors...I guess that they want to make sure that their doors are still there after an OYC event. My heartfelt (or alternatively "stomach-felt") thanks to Bonnie Fulford for her marvelous pork and sauerkraut. And a particular note of appreciation to our quartermasters, Bill and Bonnie Fulford for ordering the new T-shirts and their investigative efforts in locating the old OYC cookbooks—a great success.

I can report to you that I have finished one of my winter commutes with the bottom of *Sweet Gussie*. It took two days to get the old bottom coat dust out of my ears...only to face the prospect of an entire weekend of barrier coat and new bottom paint. Even as short as I am, I can't avoid getting that stuff all over my hair and clothes...but it's over again until next time.

A couple of quick reminders...

The OYC Early Bird Cruise is still being coordinated by one of the Steves...answer to follow in future Daymarkers. As usual we're overbooked...Deke apparently had a good laugh when Donock told him that we needed 24 slips. Since the date is rapidly approaching, make sure that you confirm with Steve that you really are going.

The OYC Flag Raising / Cannon Shot Ceremony is scheduled for May 4th at 12:00 Noon at OHM with a Mattawoman Raft-up to follow depending on weather and participation interest. The Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, beer and soda. You are to provide side dishes and desserts. The Board has arranged to have the Coast Guard Auxiliary available for CMEs at 10:00. Good opportunity to get your boat inspected.

The PRYCA Marine Safety Day is being coordinated by Jim Ball at Mount Vernon Yacht Club on May 11th. Jim promises that there will be enough water...and *Sweet Gussie* will not have to dredge a new channel this year. Even with a broken antenna, cracked side engine room vent, and bent props, Paula and I had a good time last year...just goes to show how medicinal wine can really be!!!

And finally, once again, start looking for those treasures which you can make available for sale at the OYC breakfast and yard sale at Prince William Marina on May 18th. Also, let Bill Fulford or Dave Yarnell know if you can help with the cooking.

It's Spring—See you on the River!!!



## Exec. Rear Commodore Comments

Teresa Sorrenti

### Spring is in the Air

Well, the first meeting of the year went off without a hitch (my point of view, of course). I did learn some important things, however. I was wrong to think that OYC members will drink anything; there are definite requests and preferences. So, Lynn, I will try to get some Diet Pepsi, and Al and Tom, you can look forward to the return of Miller Lite. I guess I can't shop like I do at home: just go for the sales, because Rick WILL drink anything!

Speaking of Rick, I think he had a good time in South America, not counting that stomach bug he got the last day. I am told he cannot contribute anything to this column, because if he told us any details about the trip he'd have to shoot us—an old line, but who am I to take a chance? I do know however, that he somehow picked up a Dutch boating magazine! You guys have some sort of radar about these things! If I have time to calculate exchange rates, it could be educational. In addition to some unique European boats, there were some Carvers, Tiaras and "De Sea Ray." Much to Rick's dismay, there were no Maxums advertised, even though the top dealer is in Germany.

Our next event is finally a floating one, so this long, record-breaking winter may at last be over! See you in Alexandria!



## Secretary's Comments

Walt Cheatham

Here it is the April edition and I am supposed to write another witty article. Impossible. How can I compete with Tom and Ned and even Herb. Herb? Yes Herb, he can really write. In fact he's great. Wonder if he will actually come in with a Windbreaker article this time. He could; he should, but it's hard to do these things—especially if you've just navigated the ICW and been consuming the easy life in Florida.

Me, I've still got winter. It's snowing all around D.C.—but that was last month's article. I am supposed to be into spring—April—Windbreaker Time. None of you would believe me if I started out an article about Susan's new 38-foot boat she bought for us at the D.C. boat show last month. You know her too well. So do I. I could write a few paragraphs about her obsession with a real aft cabin as opposed to a dog crate, and 38 feet instead of 29. I could write about the subtle colors of the new boats as opposed to the basic blue of the '87 antique Ned and Arleen and Ron and Jeannie sold us. I could write about elegance and keeping up with the Sorrentis and flying bridges and macho—but you would know it wasn't true even before you got the "April Fools." So here I am babbling about the seasons again. Would you believe two paragraphs' worth if I started out saying I bought us a trawler? (Not if you were with

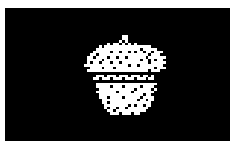


me today when I checked the ATM balance and it showed \$28.)

When will inspiration strike? Maybe I'll hire the kid. I've paid thousands of dollars to educate the only son in English at a private Va. institution of higher learning. He writes poetry. He is in a fraternity. He has vivid dreams and writes them down in his journal. But he cannot help me with these articles because it's work. Work is for old people—not for the young. He cannot help me work on the boat because it is work and because he majors in English. I'm screwed.

Susan is no help either. She is leaving me to go to Idaho—in fact she is packing right now. Now there's a Daymarker headline—"Susan leaving Walt for Idaho." Idaho who? you say, and why now?—the ice hasn't melted up there yet. That's no April Fools! She's going, and I have to spread the mulch while she is gone because she gets mad when I spread it when she is here. And you thought Steve has a problem. At least he has a bigger than 29' boat and a real aft cabin.

So at last I have mastered the art of writing these articles. The more I listen to the Seinfeld show, the easier it gets.



## Treasurer's Comments

Dave Moore

### Things Not To Say This Year When Boating

It's just a small leak.  
Fuel's cheap, don't worry about consumption.  
The depth gauge says we still have 4 feet.  
I know exactly where the swim platform ends.  
We can make it to our next destination before refueling.  
The bilge pumps will take care of it.  
I'm not lost; there are some buoys missing, that's all.  
The satellite's sending bad signals.  
We can get there before dark.  
No, those aren't thunderclouds.  
I should have replaced those wiper blades.  
That's funny, the fenders were airtight last year.  
We don't need a reservation, it's a big marina.  
Our towing insurance will cover it.  
It doesn't need fixing.  
I thought you brought the drinks.

If you've ever said any of the above and regretted it by not preparing your boat properly for the season, this year you will probably do it right. I know I enjoy working on our boat *Evermoore* performing the various maintenance tasks required. If you're not pressed for time, all boat chores can be enjoyable. I'll see you on the water soon.

### Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members Jim and Susan Thrift, Family membership, slipping their to-be-name 40' Sea Ray at Prince William Marina.

## Early Bird Update One Of The Steves

Well, so far, only one person has come close to the total LOA registered for the Early Bird, so the prize is still available. Remember, vote early, vote often, and keep the bribes coming. On to more serious matters, we now have 24 boats signed up. Unless you guys know something I don't about the City Dock, we just ain't gonna all fit! Now, we could split it over two weekends—nah, who'd be dumb enough to coordinate two in a row there—none of the Steves, that's for sure! So, I guess I'll have to rely on attrition. So, I'll be calling folks up to reconfirm. If you have signed up and don't think you're going to make it, please let me know as soon as you can. Ned promises that anyone who can't get a slip is welcome to stay on his boat. What a guy!

### Send in Your Money

Ned W. Rhodes

This is a secret coded message to all persons signed up for the Memorial Day Cruise to Yeocomico Marina. To actually reserve your spot, you will need to send a \$10 check, made out to me, along with your arrival date. Some of us may go down on Friday and others may go down on Saturday or even Sunday. The restaurant will be open and since this will be a busy holiday weekend for them, you should also let me know if you will be needing dinner reservations for Friday, Saturday or Sunday night.

For those of you who have missed the two previous opportunities to sign up for this cruise, you can still make reservations by sending a \$10 check and your boat particulars to me as well. Currently we have 20 boats signed up so it should be a lot of fun.

Weeks, or even days, before the cruise, I will send out an information packet detailing what boat will be leaving when so that you can pair up. *Impulse* may actually go on plane most of the way down, so take that into account when making your plans. Send your checks by April 15 (tax day, don't mix up the checks!) to Ned W. Rhodes, 2001 North Kenilworth Street, Arlington, VA 22205. Our phone is 703-534-2297. No email checks please, we can't cash them. Now having said that, we will publish the best email checks received (if any).

### Slips for Sale Rich Ziegler

I am interested in selling my D Dock slips (D-18 and D-20) at Fairfax Yacht Club. My asking price is \$25,000 for each of the slips.

I have consulted with several people in determining my asking price. Forty-foot open slips are rare at Fairfax Yacht Club in that there are roughly 17 in this entire marina of 190 slips. In addition, it is rare that one comes up for sale, contrary to the smaller slips 35 feet or less that you see in the papers all the time. I prefer an all-cash sale; however, if all other terms are satisfactory, I may consider providing some financing.

These slips are sized to provide fun in the sun for larger boats. Pass the word around or give me a call if you are interested. I can't close on the 55-foot motoryacht that I bought at the Miami Boat Show until this sale is completed. See you on the waterways!

Capt. Ziegler  
703-590-4630

### **Denial of Funding Troubles Boaters** **The Lookout, NBF, March/April 1996**

Recreational boaters continue to express concern about the denial of funds to state boating safety programs while Congress is not in session.

The National Boating Federation was explaining to state politicians why it is important that the Senate version of the U.S. Coast Guard Authorization Bill be adopted as a means of providing a permanent appropriation of funds for the Boating Safety Account, a component of the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund. Some state officials have contacted their Washington counterparts on the issue. Others are being asked to do so.

The NBF has been devoting extensive effort explaining to members of Congress that money collected from boaters and fishermen is not money from the general fund, rather it is dedicated money for boating safety. Its appropriation to the states will not have any effect on reducing the deficit nor increasing public spending.

### **Radio License Fees to Go; Maybe in '96** **The Lookout, NBF, March/April 1996**

Boaters got some good news and some bad news in early February when President Bill Clinton signed the much publicized Communications bill which calls for zeroing license fees for VHF-FM marine radios.

This action will ultimately cut the current \$75 fee to nothing. This change won't occur immediately, though, in that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must follow a cumbersome routine that starts with a "Notice of Proposed Rule Making." The process for implementing the new regulation was outlined for the National Boating Federation by Justin Zimmerman, a spokesman for Representative Bart Stupak (D-MI). Stupak was a chief sponsor of the measure along with Representative Jack Fields (R-TX).

Zimmerman explained that the FCC will issue the notice for public comment but that won't be done until, at the earliest, sometime in the second quarter of this year. This is because the bill was written with no set time for implementing the elimination of the fees.

Following the notice of hearing the new rule will be written and put into effect. The whole process, it is believed, will take anywhere from six months to a year.

The FCC said that until the new measure goes into effect, the full fee now in effect must be paid by boaters. Zimmerman said it was not known if refunds might be considered for those who buy the \$75 license before the fee is zeroed.

Last fall the NBF adopted a resolution that called for a nominal fee to be charged for recreational marine radio li-

censes, rather than nothing, fearing that dropping fees entirely would affix a stigma to marine radio on the order of Citizens Band radio. The so-called CB radio band is derogatorily likened to a zoo by many who listen to the clutter of "good buddies" of the road on the nation's waterways. The NBF recognizes the importance of marine radios as primary safety devices carried aboard recreational craft.

### **SAV Benefits** **Potomac SAV News, Winter 1996**

Submerged aquatic vegetation are essential components of a healthy aquatic ecosystem. SAV provides shelter and habitat for fish and other organisms, as well as food for wildfowl and a variety of water-grazing animals. These aquatic plants also enhance water quality by contributing oxygen to the river (during photosynthesis), filtering sediments flushed into the river from land sources, and absorbing excess nutrients delivered to the river from urban and agricultural areas.

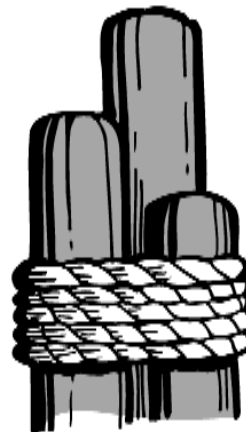
### **Tax Time Tip for Boat Owners from BOAT/U.S.** **News from BOAT/U.S., March 1, 1996**

The 1995 federal income tax return filing deadline is fast approaching and BOAT/U.S. advises boat owners to remember that interest paid on a secured boat loan is tax deductible if the boat meets the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) criteria for a "second home."

"For tax purposes, many boats are used and qualify as second homes just like weekend cabins in the country, beachfront condos and mobile homes," said BOAT/U.S. Government Affairs Director Michael Sciulla.

The IRS defines a second home as having "basic living accommodations such as sleeping space, toilet and cooking facilities." A secured loan is one in which a lending institution holds the boat as collateral. Interest on the loan should be reported on the federal income tax return, Form 1040, Schedule A. If you received a 1098 form from your bank, enter the amount on line 10. If you did not receive a 1098 form, enter the amount on line 11.

For more specific tax information, boat owners should consult their own financial or tax advisor.



## Anniversaries

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

Jack & Katie Ann Jones, April 8  
Lynn & Aaron Martin, April 21  
Leo & Gail Moore, April 28

## Birthdays

April Birthday Wishes to:

Jan Hobson, April 2  
Aaron Martin, April 4  
Carol Moore, April 8  
Dianna Uber, April 9  
Laurie Dahl, April 19  
Patricia Clatterbuck, April 21  
Peggy Ball, April 23  
Jud Bireley, April 23  
Laslo Bozoky, April 27  
Larry Budd, April 28  
Arleen Rhodes, April 29



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## **Occoquan Yacht Club 1996 Membership Renewal Application**

Please print clearly and as you would like to have information appear in the membership roster:

Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
First Mate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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- Family—\$60  
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