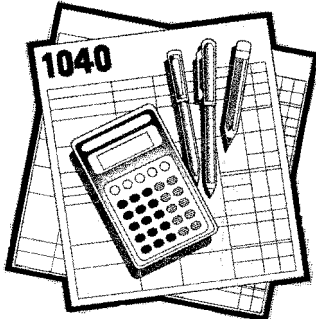


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**Commodore's Comments**

**Teresa Sorrenti**

**I**t's Spring! Yes, it's still cold, and yes, it's damp, and yes, there are still places getting snow not that far from here, but it's now legally SPRING according to the calendar, the cherry blossoms and all other official criteria. Many of you have been out and about the marinas, and even had your boats "out" - of the water, that is. We pulled ours last weekend to have some work done, promised by the manufacturer as "not a problem—hour and a half job, maybe."

Needless to say, poor *Sea Duck Too* hung from the lift from early morning until after eight o'clock (thank you, Dick Lynn, for your patience and Mike Farie for perseverance!). Another reminder that there is nothing on a boat that's 1) cheap; 2) easy; or 3) quick.

Our annual Saint-Patrick's-Day-Party-Have-A-Short-Meeting event was another great evening. Thanks to Rear Commodore Peggy Ball for seeing to the drinks, utensils, etc. (no, I won't mention coffee creamer, don't worry). We did have a slightly lower turnout than last year, which meant everyone was able to sit and eat without being on top of each other (maybe last year's crowd scared some of you away?). Anyway, thanks to all for the great food, with just the right mix of appetizers, entrees and desserts. Thanks to those who helped clean up.

To recap for those who missed it: we had a brief discussion of the three week-longs (one of which is *two* weeks). Again, anyone planning on the July week-long needs to contact the Worcestersters ASAP since some marinas need a deposit in April. You can still cancel up to thirty days prior, so do not be afraid to commit!

Our Historian Susan von Schaack-Brown is investigating doing a 1998 OYC Yearbook,

similar to one we saw from Spring Cove. It would be a great way to have a souvenir group of pictures without always having a camera—a great help to some people like our editor. It appears that the cost can be partially offset by ads. Thus far our talented Gary Linck and Tony Mirando have indicated an interest in assisting. If you wish to be included, give Susan a call, 339-6404.

Our Quartermasters Duane and Jan Jeirles were unable to be at the meeting (in search of

a warmer spring in Florida), so IPC Steve Wexler and Paula agreed to pinch hit. They did a great job, introducing the first of this season's new items, a light gray polo shirt. We also have some dark gray sweatshirts with a short



**"I swear by OYC's special tax tips for boaters. See Page 3, it's an offer you can't refuse!"—Big Al**

zipper that arrived two days after the meeting, and they look great. Both items will be available at the next event, as well as new decals (finally!) for your boat, car, dockbox, etc.

Be sure to take note of the change to Gangplank for the Early Bird Cruise. We are all disappointed to miss another weekend at Tantallon. It's especially distressing to see what the marina is going through, but I'm sure we can agree that the electrical and the docks need work. It's too bad things got so bad that they had to close docks. Hopefully everything will work out soon, as this is one of our favorite places, and certainly the most hospitable club around.

After the PRYCA Safety Day, the next OYC event will be our flag raising, all set for OHM on May 2. We will be optimistic that it will *not rain* and we can have our hot dog/hamburger grilling alongside the flagpole. Bring a dish to share. If it does rain, we will again prevail upon our friends at Gecko's to lend us the deck; remember, if we use the deck, it will be a cash bar, as we cannot bring club

beverages into Geckos. Be sure to mark your calendars for this first opportunity to see your new Board in their uniform attire (remember, Tony?) and raise the burgee for the official start of the season at noon. Coast Guard Auxiliary reps will be there to give you your 1998 Safety Checks (formerly known as CMEs; we hope that does not mean Courtesy is gone—but then, Jim Ball *does* seem to enjoy failing us.) We have invited Potomac Marine Towboat and the Fairfax County Marine Patrol to be on hand for advice and questions. We again plan a raft-up (weather permitting) that evening at Mattawoman.

As we move into the season, the Breakfast Cookout will be the next event; see PC Ray Steele's article. Don't forget PRYCA Blessing of the Fleet later that same weekend. Further down the road, we had to switch sites for Memorial Day (now set for Port Kinsale; see coupon for reservations) and Labor Day (now at Coles Point Plantation) due to marina scheduling conflicts.

## Which Week-long is Which?

Dates	Jul 5-12	Aug 8-15	Aug 23-Sep 6
Contact	Steve Worcester 494-2383	Susan Brown 339-6404	Peggy Ball 569-2159
Leave from	Pt Lookout (OYC Fourth of July)	Home Port	Mattawoman (Dinghy Race)
First location (# nights)	St. Michaels (2)	Port Kinsale (2)	Pt Lookout (1)
Second location	Great Oak Landing (2)	Somers Cove Crisfield (2)	Tides Lodge (2)
Third location	Herrington Harbor (2)	Onancock (2)	York River Yacht Haven (3)
Fourth location	Coles Point Plantation (1)	Colonial Beach (with OYC) (2)	Onancock (2)
Fifth location			Somers Cove Crisfield (2)
Sixth location			Spring Cove Solomons (3)
Seventh location			Coles Point Plantation,



### Vice Commodore's Comments

**Janine Washington**

As the nautical gods would have it, I didn't get through the winter unscathed. Boat buying fever hit us hard. Oh, sure, I staved off the fanatical advances of my spousal-unit during the February boat show. After that, I thought I was home free. Slip fees were due the first week of March. We were just a few short weeks away from the Early Bird Cruise. Mike had even begun making minor improvements (stereo upgrades, etc.) to *Kitt*.

Then, BLAMO!, it happened. I received a promotion at work. Basking in the euphoria of my latest accomplishment (and perhaps one too many margaritas during our celebration dinner?) I made the fateful comment, "Gee, if this promotion had been in the works just two short weeks ago, we'd be buying a new boat by now." As I said before, I'm an enabler. Suddenly, the boat fiend from last October's boat show was back!

Within 48 hours I was in the Sea Ray dealership, co-signing documents with way too many zeros on them. Mike wrote the word "Nirvana" where his signature was needed. Naturally, I was hyperventilating. Now, don't get me wrong. I see the merits of Mike's philosophy of enjoying life in the here-and-now. But as someone whose priority is saving for

her golden years, I also see the perils of being financially forced to serve cat food on saltines at the OYC happy hours!

So, the "damage" has been done. We're both now eagerly looking forward to the mid- to late-April arrival of our new, yet-to-be-named, '98 330 Sundancer. *Kitt* has been traded in. I don't think anyone will love her as much as we did. Or keep her as clean!

The new boat has most of the cool features we've always wanted (e.g., additional swim platform, cockpit wet bar, central wall vac, generator, cockpit heater/defogger). Although a cockpit ice maker is a standard feature on the 330s, we opted to have it replaced with a second refrigerator for the cockpit. Believe us, Ned! That's the truth! The next stop is Knoxville, Tenn. We'll tour the Sea Ray plant and get a glimpse of our new baby being built.

We're trying to think of a new name. Any suggestions from the membership would be welcomed. Just remember, the names must be something we can say in front of Dani Linck! Considering the fact that she came up with *Booty Call* (she has no idea what it means, she just thought it was funny!), I'd say you have a wide berth!

**Form 4-01-98**

Authorized by Occoquan Yacht Club  
U.S. Treasury approval  
pending but not likely.

# Audit Summons

**This is *serious*, we got you now, bubba!**

OMB No. OYC Yes. OMB No.

# 1997

Name(s)—As indicated on mailing label. Do not destroy mailing label under penalty of USC75, UCLA74 (halftime). Otherwise neatly and clearly enter name(s) here. Do not print or write in this space. Do not leave blank.

<b>Answer these questions first or there'll be trouble</b>	1	How long have you owned your boat, in feet and inches? If boat is under 10 feet, immediately apply for membership in Prince William Yacht Club.		
	2	If boat is stored in attic, refer to Line 1 above. Stop bothering us.		
	3	How many slips did you sell at Fairfax YC? Half slips?		
	4	Total (enter here and on lines 1, 2, 3 above) .....		
<b>What did you spend on boating?</b>	5	Amount spent on liquor, beer, wine, snacks (kibbles & bits, etc.)?		
	6	Of above amount, how much was shared with onboard guests?		
	7	If line 6 is more than line 5, you lie! .....		
<b>Where did you cruise last year?</b>	8	Check all locations where you cruised: Chesapeake Bay,		
	9	Occoquan Bay, Belmont Bay, Baywatch, Potomac Mills,		
	10	sand bar, Gecko's bar, COURCHEVEL's wake, wrong slip. ....		
<b>What errors did you make?</b>	11	Check all errors you committed in 1997. Wake the Commodore. Spill food. Fall in water. Bash a pier. Lose anchor. Yell at mate. NOT yell at mate. Spill gas. Pump out in raft-up. Fail to run blower 4 minutes before starting.		
	12	Enter total here (if zero or less, you do not own a boat) .....		
<b>Miscellaneous itemized deductions</b>		Deduct boat cost if you ever <i>think</i> of boat while working or receiving earned income, unearned income, jackpots, pension, wages, title, tags, PMI, PMS, tips, kickbacks, vacation pay		
	13	Enter amount here then cross it out. ....		
<b>What is the name of your boat?</b>	<p><i>ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN II, ALEXANDER'S DREAM, AMAZING GRACE, AMERICA, ANNA MARIE, BANDIT, BAY BEAR, CHECK SIX, CHEERS II, CHICHEN ITZA, CHUCKLES, CLASS ACT, COMPROMISE, COURCHEVEL, DEALMAKER, DON'T NEED A BREEZE, DOWN THE HATCH, DUFFY'S DREAM, ESMERELDA, EVERMOORE, EZ COMMUTE, FRENCH'S RIVIERA, GAIL WINDS II, GOING NOWHERE, GRIPEN, HALF SPEED, HANKY PANKY, HAPPENSTANCE, HEISSE LIEBE, HIGH FLIGHT, HOT SCHATZ, IMPULSE, KITT, LADY JACKIE, LAST RESORT, LORD BARRON, LOVIN LIFE, LUCKY DUCKS, MAGGIE LYNN, MARIETTA, MARTHA JANE, MARY VEE, MINNETONKA MAIDEN, MISS MEGAN, MISS VICKIE, MOON BEAM, MORNING MIST, MUTANTS ON THE BOUNTY, MY TURN, NAUTI BUOY, NEMESIS NOT SO FAR (C'mon, Tilmon, get a boat.), OFF THE WALLS, PARAMOUR, PAT &amp; RAY, PIER PRESSURE, POTOMAC PRINCESS, RAZ-A-DAZ II, RO-JO II, ROCK'N ROBIN, SAINT 'N SINNER, SANCTUARY, SCHATZIE, SEA DUCK TOO, SEA BRAT, SEA MISTRESS, SEADATED, SEMINOLE WIND, SHALIMAR, SLO COASTA, SNARLIN' MARLIN, SOURCER-R, SWEET GUSSIE, SWEETWATER, THE GOLDEN RULE, THE LAST TANGO, THE DOTTIE S, TNT, TOUCH OF FATE, TRIPLE CROWN, UFF DA! 3, URSULA, VIKING, WALT'S ON WATER, WAR EAGLE</i></p>			

**If your boat name is listed above, this summons applies to YOU! Go to Lines 14 & 15.**

**14. Total Lines 1-13 and divide by shaft horsepower multiplied by annual slip rental subtracted from the square root of insurance premiums paid, amortizing costs for SCUBA divers changing props or finding lost jewelry. Then enter that amount as a GPS waypoint to determine depreciation on unrealized gains from premature spontaneous raft-ups.**

**15. Bring this form, signed blank check, boat and crew to all OYC functions for the taxable year 1998. Withholding permitted without dire consequences including turning into dull people not subject to OYC fun index calculations.**

**Signature, VISA #, ATM PIN #, safe combinations, etc.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** April 1, 1998



# Now that you've been audited, here's more April nonsense...

## Authentic Minutes from the March General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Teresa Sorrenti at 7:00 p.m. There was an immediate move to adjourn by Ned Rhodes which was ignored. It was noted that Bonnie Fulford was not present, and more importantly, neither was her pork surprise. Steve Wexler moved that she be prevented from taking any vacations during membership meetings unless she made arrangements to have the pork surprise prepared and delivered to the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The officer reports were next.

Vice Commodore Janine reported that Mike never had a beard and that what really happened was that he got contacts. A motion was made and seconded to have Mike grow a beard to see if he looked any different, which passed.

Secretary Walt Cheatham refused to read the minutes of the last General Membership Meeting indicating, instead, that he wanted to have a "Ray Steele moment." No one knew what the hell he was talking about (Ray included) and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last membership meeting as they would have been read if we had elected a proper Secretary.

Treasurer Tony Mirando lead the congregation in the standard Treasurer's report chat of "We started with money, we took in some money, we spent some money and we have money left." He next got serious and indicated that the treasury had a good two boat payments left and encouraged everyone to renew and bring in new members.

PRYCA Delegate Jim Ball informed us about the Safety Day to be held at Mount Vernon Yacht Club on April 18. The date had been moved to coincide with low tide so as to provide maximum amusement for the land-based attendees.

We next heard about the three week-long trips planned for the coming year. Commodore Rick Sorrenti (That's how he was introduced. I don't know where this Club gets these

ideas) spoke on behalf of Steve Worcester who was home getting a haircut. The gist of it was, "send in your damn money and stop whining about where we are going. It will be fun. And, by the way, Mary Jo is really the coordinator." Susan Von Brown then described the second week-long trip that was going south to Windmill Point and Norfolk. She sounded like a better cruise coordinator than that Steve guy. Finally Peggy Ball described the two week-long trip going across the bay to fun places like Onancock and Crisfield. The crowd seemed to warm up to this trip as well, especially since they could say the word Onancock and make it sound dirty.

Our Early Bird Cruise Coordinator Laslo spoke about the cruise that was supposed to be going to Tantallon, but now would be going somewhere else. In essence this was the first he had heard that we could not go to Tantallon and he then had no idea where we would be going instead. The crowd agreed to follow wherever he led.

Under new business, Al Hobson and Dave Moore presented a plan to sell dirty pictures from the OYC web site in order to make money for the club. They asked for donations of pictures to be put on the Web site and offered to schedule appointments to photograph members who wanted to participate. The Board agreed to discuss the issue at the next meeting, but don't get your hopes up.

The obligatory phone calls were made to the members not in attendance. Steve and Mary Jo Worcester were home getting hairs cut and throwing up. It was rumored that their ailments were caused by stress and it was obvious that their children were probably the cause of their mutual stress. Kathy and A.H. Zimpel indicated that they were at home as well, tired from "washing their hair" and really not remembering that there was a membership meeting at all.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m., the tables promptly stowed and everyone kicked out by 9:05.

## For Sale 40 foot boat slip at Fairfax Yacht Club. Must

sell, leaving area. First \$1000 gets it. No agents. Send requests to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001 Attn: Monica.

## Boat Problem

**Solved Spider**  
Problem? New sure way to kill any spiders on your boat. Absolutely works. Send \$1.00 to P.O. Box 4463, Woodbridge, VA 22194 Attn: Dave



Uff Da! Makes a splash in Ballmer. Photo by Gary Linck

# From the Special Prosecutor's office—or the White House

Leaks of secret sworn testimony allegedly attributed to OYC witnesses.

**Rosie Betts:** When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

**Diana Uber:** The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

**Mitch Mutnick:** Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive.

**Jim Thrift:** One good turn gets most of the blankets.

**Bonnie Breneman:** Two kinds of pedestrians—the quick and the dead.

**Jay Wilmeth:** Life is sexually transmitted—and fatal.

**Steve Donnock:** An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

**Dave Rolston:** If quitters never win, and winners never cheat, then who is the fool who said “Quit while you're ahead”?

**Jan Hobson:** ASCII stupid question, get a stupid ANSI.

**John Ludwig:** A closed mouth gathers no feet.

**Paul Silverman:** Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

**Bob Wilcox:** It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere.

**Deloris Usher:** Jury—twelve people who determine which client has the better lawyer.

**Ron Tilmon:** Never lick a gift horse in the mouth.

**Tom Shank:** The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

**Aaron Martin:** Before marriage, a man yearns for the woman he loves. After marriage, the 'Y' becomes silent.

**Tony Martins:** If you want your spouse to listen and pay strict attention to every word you say, talk in your sleep.

**Dave Moore:** For fun, try picking up floppy disks with a magnet.

**Jud Birely:** Give me ambiguity or give me something else.

**Mike Strunk:** Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

**Audrey Puckett:** The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

**Gaert Sime:** All generalizations are false, including this one.

**Steve Wexler:** I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.

**Susan Cheatham:** I want patience... *and I want it now!*

**Al Setikas:** If you were to spread out all the sand in North Africa, it would completely cover the entire Sahara Desert.

**Chip Hayes:** Drink your Coffee! There are people in India sleeping.

**Nicky Linck:** The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up.

**Gary Walsh:** There are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't.

**Ray Steele:** Don't use a big word where a diminutive one will suffice.

**Susan Von Schaack Brown:** If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest have to drown, too?

**Randy Snowman:** If you're telepathic, you know what I'm thinking.

**Bonnie Fulford:** Why is “abbreviation” such a long word?

**Steve Worcester:** Look out for #1. Don't step in #2 either.

**Kathy Corley:** 90% of all statistics are made up.

**Gordon Cawelti:** It's sad how whole families are torn apart by simple things, like wild dogs.

**Paula Wexler:** *Karaoke* is Japanese for “tone deaf.”

**Ed Dodd:** On the other hand, you have different fingers.

**Duane Jeirles:** Three out of four Americans make up 75% of the population.

**Dave Williams:** A day for firm decisions! Or is it?

**Tom Egmore:** A day without sunshine is like night.

**Pete Kuzma:** A seminar on Time Travel will be held two weeks ago.

**Laslo Bozoky:** An unemployed court jester is no one's fool.

**Isabel Stout:** Any closet is a walk-in closet if you try hard enough.

**Ned Rhodes:** As I said before, I never repeat myself.

**Dick Lynn:** As long as I can remember, I've had amnesia.

**Leo Smith:** Bombs don't kill people, explosions kill people.

**Joe Grosson:** Bureaucrats cut red tape, lengthwise.

**George Seibert:** Circular Definition: see Definition, Circular.

**Steve Bell:** The Clairvoyants' meeting has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Dottie Jacobsen:** The bun is the lowest form of wheat.

**Henry Lovell:** Did ya hear? They took the word “gullible” out of the dictionary!

**Monica Lovell:** Really?

**Rick Zimmerman:** I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather, not screaming and terrified like his passengers.

**Bronwyn Ziegler:** Do not put statements in the negative form.

**Anna Burner:** Do vegetarians eat animal crackers?

**Bob Bennett:** Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected become the expected?

**Charlie Barrow:** Don't be a sexist, broads hate that.

**Frank Schwartz:** If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

**Bob Barron:** Friction can be a drag sometimes.

**Jim Henry:** He who places head in sand, will get kicked in the end!

**Bill French:** Honk if you love peace and quiet.

**Roger Dahl:** How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise MY hand!

**Mike Troup:** Hypochondria is the only disease I haven't got.

**Jimmy Jacobs:** I bet you I could stop gambling.

**Robert Carmody:** I couldn't care less about apathy.

**Allen Clevenger:** I got arrested in L.A. and boy am I beat!

**Dickie Tighe-Foster:** If the Energizer Bunny is arrested, is he charged with battery?

**John Robey:** I tried to daydream, but my mind kept wandering.

**Mike Fordham:** I used to be indecisive, now I'm not so sure.

**Russell Barnes:** I used to be schizophrenic, but we're all right now.

**Jim Ball:** I wouldn't touch the Metric System with a 3.048m pole!

**Ken Brunsvold:** I've got a mind like a.. a.. what's that thing called?

**Kathy Zimpel:** If at first you don't succeed, skydiving isn't for you.

**Jon Morrow:** If evolution is outlawed, only outlaws will evolve.

**Jack Ryan:** Tom Clancy is a personal friend of mine.

**Tim Chaffin:** The styrofoam cooler is the greatest invention of all time.

**Tom Lytle:** No, it isn't, it's the remote control.

**Richard Garverick:** I play bluegrass cello. Works for me.

**Richard C. Camp:** Years ago I discovered the meaning of life but forgot to write it down.

**Rick Sorrenti:** Right now I'm having amnesia and deja-vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

**Herb Saunders:** If I tell you, I'll have to kill you.

**Kevin McCarthy:** A bird in the hand can be very embarrassing.

**Jackie Michaud:** I cook Thirty-Minute Brownies in twenty minutes.

**Dave Yarnell:** I know the exact location of every food item in the supermarket.

**Sam Raines:** My boat is for *sale*—not sail.

**Gail Rogers:** Critics worldwide swoon over my original line of corduroy evening wear.

**Bud Wilson:** Help stamp out, eliminate and abolish redundancy!

**Richard Hedrick:** You can say that again.

**Ken Jones:** Cole's Law: Thinly sliced cabbage.

**Dawn Weber:** We just joined OYC. *What* have we done?

**Ed Quinto:** How could you believe me when I said I love you when you know I've been a lawyer all my life?

**Mary Ann Coldwell:** Gee, I get to proof-read this junk—*twice*.

## Reflections of Yesteryachting

by Steve Wexler, HBC (Has-Been Commodore)

Over the past several months, I've had the opportunity to enjoy my "retirement" from public OYC office. It's been refreshing to open my copy of this esteemed periodical and relish the languid tones of Commodore Teresa who presents the facts and nothing but the facts while keeping both the Commodork and Commodog on their respective short leashes.

And was I thrilled when Ricky told me that little Corky was excelling in obedience school. First, he told me that he positioned her on one side of the room, commanded her to "stay" and then when he moved across the room, she didn't follow. Think about it: was that obedience not to move toward Rick, or was it just good sense?

And Secretary Walt—that "Ol' Scrivener"—just keeps on rolling along. It always amazes me how he can take a small subject, and through embellishment and delusions of grandeur, grow it into something much larger—something to talk about. Come to think about it, guys, sounds familiar, doesn't it? (Think about it!) And the new addition, Treasurer Tony—and I thought that we needed an interpreter to understand Walt—whatever...

But I couldn't restrain myself any longer, not when these hot breaking stories were crashing down around us. The headlines follow:

**Sorrenti's don't buy new boat; they buy two—his and hers!**  
**Gary Walsh's "For Sale" sign disintegrates from old age;**  
**buys new sign to cover the hole created by the old one.**

**Gary Linck has Eskimo heritage; operates in open cockpit boat in -10 degree weather.**

**Steve Worcester organizes an alternative week-long ...just so he can truly be a coordinator.**

**Jay Wilmeth buying a real boat;**  
**still mutters "Wood is beautiful, wood is beautiful."**

**Tony Mirando builds dog house on swim platform;**  
**Tom begs to come inside.**

**Peggy Ball says hell with two weeks;**  
**announces six-monther to Argentina.**

**Zimpel chain-links the St. Moritz (whatever) to his jammies;**  
**won't lose boat again.**

**Rhodes buys a turbocharger...for his icemaker.**  
**Dave Moore new head of computer affairs for DC;**  
**six months on job and is offered Marion Barry's office.**

Enough. Aren't you glad that I stopped writing articles when I did? See you on the river.

## Show Business

Rick Sorrenti, Al Hobson and Laslo Bozoky decided to star in a musical about classical music, which, as everyone knows, is composed by foreign dead people.

"I want to play the part of Beethoven," said Rick.

"I want to be Mozart," said Al.

"I'll be Bach," said Laslo.

## Terror on the Beach

by Ned W. Rhodes, Editor Emeritus

It started out as an innocent adventure. Ron and Jean Tilmon invited us to go "four wheelin" with them on the beach in Carolina Beach in North Carolina. We said ok, but that we only had about two hours as we had to get back to my Father's place for more fun and frivolity. We met Ron at their beach-front condo and we all piled into his Blazer. There was much discussion (by Ron) about how he had just had the Blazer serviced and that there were all new seals put in and manual locking hubs and we were ready to go.

Jeannie had elected to stay on the beach, awaiting our arrival so that she could smoke and fish. Off we go over the sand. Arleen is in the back and I am in the front with Ron. After a while, I start to smell this oily kind of smell and when we discuss it with Ron, he assures us that it is nothing more than the transaxle heating up and there is nothing to worry about. A few moments later, smoke is pouring out of the engine compartment and as we get out, transmission fluid is gushing in a large puddle onto the sand. This does not appear to be good.

Okay, here is the situation now. We are half way between somewhere and nowhere. Ron has the cell phone, Jeannie does not. Ron decides that he will walk miles up the beach to where Jeannie is (although we cannot see that far over the horizon) and we should just sit tight and make ourselves a sandwich. He will be right back. Ron wanders off, and we open the back of the car and proceed to make a picnic lunch. We know that Ron is now on a fixed income, but lunch left a little to be desired. Lunch consisted of one slice and the heel of a loaf of white bread, a half of a baloney slice and one slice of processed cheese. Oh, we did have lots of mustard. And, we did have Fritos and BEAN DIP, which is the last thing Arleen wants me to be eating in a closed car.

Time passes. The food is all gone and we are down to two beers which may have to last the night at the rate Ron is walking. The only thing we feel we can do is call the Worcesters on our cell phone to let them know where to find the bodies in the event we don't make it back. It turns out they are unsympathetic and reply that nothing like this ever happens when they are at the beach.

The situation is now getting tense as we near the end of the Fritos (still got mustard), when a red truck stops and out come Jeannie and Ron and their line dancing friends. Jeannie is dressed in waders and proceeds to drop drawers and change into pants. This does not make the trip any better.

We now spend the next half hour "engineering" a way out of the situation. Do we push the Blazer out? Do we tow it out? Do we bury it here? Do we call the Coast Guard or EPA to report an oil spill?

Luckily their friends have a backup supply of beer, so that we can think straight. Finally, the solution is obvious. The friends drive us out. We call son Mike and have him get a case of transmission fluid and come rescue Dad. This works and we live to tell the story.

But heed our warning—if you go to visit the Tilmons, take along your own food and transmission fluid.

# Nautical Terms and Phrases... Their Meaning and Origin

## Boot camp

During the Spanish-American War, sailors wore leggings called boots, which came to mean a Navy (or Marine) recruit. These recruits trained in "boot" camps. Separate gender training now being considered by the Department of Defense undoubtedly would create "panty hose" camps or, worse, "knee-hi" camp.

## Down the hatch

Here's a drinking expression that seems to have its origins in sea freight, where cargoes are lowered into the hatch. First used by seamen, it has only been traced back to the turn of the century [and clear up to the time Gary Walsh named his boat].

## Dungarees

The modern sailor's work clothes. The term is not modern, however, but dates to the 18th century and comes from the Hindi word dungri, for a type of Indian cotton cloth. In India on weekends, they used to have dungri regattas.

## Fathom

Although a fathom is now a nautical unit of length equal to six feet, it was once defined by an act of Parliament as "the length of a man's arms around the object of his affections." The word derives from the Old English Faethm, which means "embracing arms." Apparently, Old English women were six feet around.

## Shows his true colors

Early warships often carried flags from many nations on board in order to elude or deceive the enemy. The rules of civilized warfare called for all ships to hoist their true national ensigns before firing a shot. [A corollary is, when waking another boat, hoist your Prince William Yacht Club burgee.]

## Weigh

To raise the anchor in preparation for departure. (Which we're going to do right now.)

## One more account of the General Meeting...



### Secretary's Comments

Walt Cheatham

### A View from the Top (Susan's not Walt's)

Walt insisted the morning after (after the St. Patrick's Day business meeting) that he was the secretarial dork. "Why are you a secretarial dork?" I asked. "Because I am a male OYC Board member," said he. There followed discussion from the origin of man to the decline and fall of the annual spring meeting. It is this decay order that perpetuates the club's existence. OYC is legendary. We have members from far Potomac shores who wish to participate and/or be witness to this March madness.

The meeting began with Hobson's all quiet ear splitting

whistle (he promised to give Audrey lessons) to announce the Commodorable. In tradition, Teresa had a few moments of order before the obligatory unraveling of the meeting. Commodores past, present and future were duly applauded. The secretary waived the minutes above his head and asked if anybody remembered last year's meeting. No one had. But the secretary, with history in mind, gave the club a "Ray Steele moment," reminding all of Ray's stirring discussion about the bylaws which enraptured us all only a year before.

The secretary's report duly dispensed, we moved on to the Treasurer's report where Tony announced we had something like \$4000 and all was well. Then Rick Sorrenti arose to begin a public service announcement. That was all the order the membership could hold. Ned shouted out "Its the Commodorable." Then some Official Heckler at Large shouted, "No, it's the CommoDORK."

Well, I could no longer focus on Rick, Rick's message or Rick's rugs. And just below Rick's belt line sat Gary. Gary, who, as Rick began to speak, decided to place a cellular call to Carol. Gary felt Rick should have a little courtesy since he was talking to his sick wife and kid. Never mind it was Gary who left his sick wife and kids to come to a rowdy meeting and sit right smack in the pack of OYC public servants to place a phone call. (What did you bring to eat Gary?) "Rick could you repeat that message just one more time?"

There was discussion about problems with the "Early Bird Cruise." Laslo was responsible for this information. He said he had just returned from Austria where he spent one week skiing and one week eating potatoes, so how was he to know what was happening in Tantallon. Teresa, however had the scoop: Tantallon's "C" dock is underwater and they are waiting for Titanic's director to make them an offer to raise it. Tantallon members could not be reached for comment; they were reported to be out dancing, presumably not on "C" dock.

There was further discussion about upcoming cruises, actually 4 weeks of week-long cruises. Audrey wants to know where these people get their time and money. I told Audrey we'd been in the club 10 years and I hadn't figured it out, but I was thinking about running for treasurer myself.

There was such rowdiness I didn't even get to give my report on Cobb Island and the Light House for the Blind. As befits a closing act, we had the 50-50 drawing. These drawings are gaining increasing suspicion. Von Schaack and Mirando collect the money in the name of public service, then they draw a member of her family. Move over Marion Barry, you've got competition. The high point of the meeting for me personally was when Eugene said he liked my coleslaw and was going back for seconds as long as it didn't have any cheese. He can't eat cheese.

Then Laslo struck again, this time with hausegemachht apfulsnapps straight from the old country. And he was serving them straight-up, too, from a very dorky bottle. Walt had one two many, and tried to talk German to anyone.

So I drove us up to Alexandria to dance with the Persians, which meant that, unfortunately, we couldn't be reached for clean-up.

We did come back after midnight however to pick up the second car and get the gate closed without incident. The secretarial dork did have an incident getting it open earlier, but that is another story, and I'm not telling.

## Now, the real news...

### Make this Boating Season a Safe One PRYCA Safety Day, April 18

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association will host its annual Safety Day at Mount Vernon Yacht Club on Dogue Creek Saturday, April 18. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-06 will host a number of events that will get you prepared for a safe boating season.

Events start at 1:00 p.m. and will include courtesy marine examinations, boating safety videos, safety presentations, a fire extinguishing demonstrations, a towing demonstration, live firing of flares and other visual distress signals (you get a chance to actually fight a fire so you will know how to do it safely if you ever have to), and a special boating safety program for kids at 3:15 p.m. Come and ask all those questions about boating safety, new laws, and other things that you always wanted to know about boating and were afraid to ask (No question is too stupid, we were all there once.)

Following all of the events, we will have a social hour starting about 4:00 p.m. which will turn into a pot luck dinner about 5:00 p.m. Charcoal grills will be available, so bring your main course and a salad or dessert to share.

PRYCA member clubs are invited to attend by land or by sea, and if by sea, you may wish to remain overnight. While Mount Vernon does not have a lot of slips, they will do their best to find a slip or support raft-ups in Dogue Creek with a shuttle service. Vessel skippers wishing to remain over night are asked to notify MVYC PRYCA Member at Large, Bonnie Breneman at 703-550-6023 by April 15. Upon arrival at Buoy 67, contact "Last Resort or Halfspeed" on VHF Channel 16 or 72.

### Potomac River Yachting Update

by PRYCA Rear Commodore Monica Lovell

The '98 boating season is just around the corner with great events coming to you courtesy of Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. Once again, the year's premiere event will be the PRYCA Float-In, to be held at Fort Washington Marina the weekend of July 17-19. Planning is already underway with many great new ideas coming in from new PRYCA Board members as well as past Float-In attendees.

Thanks to these suggestions, the Float-In Committee has come up with new PRYCA Cup Competition events. (Of course, we can't reveal any of the events to you at this time but believe that you will be pleasantly surprised.) Please note that due to suggestions from many member-clubs, this year's PRYCA Cup Committee will consist of a combination of six individuals, plus a Committee Chairman, from three member-clubs rather than three individuals from one club. I have already put in a request for beautiful weather and believe that we will be "blessed" with just that.

So, mark your calendars now, and plan on attending the 13th Annual PRYCA Float-In. Look for registration information in next month's newsletter.

## and Yard Sale, May 16

### Annual feast starts serving at 8:00

a.m. ,

Occoquan Harbor Marina has generously agreed to allow OYC to utilize their parking lot for our traditional breakfast and yard sale. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits, potatoes/onions, bacon, sausage gravy and orange juice. The quality of the Yard Sale will depend on what you bring!

Please invite friends, relatives and enemies to this event  
The cost will be \$5.00 per person.

Volunteers are needed and welcome for this event. They plan to arrive at 7:00 a.m. to set up.

Questions or volunteering, please contact PC Ray Steele, 385-8615.

### Beware of Fuel line Crossovers

by Dave Moore

Does your boat have not one but two fuel tanks and most often one on port and one on starboard sides of the boat? With twin engine boats this is the norm and most set ups like this require shut off valves on the fuel lines somewhere.

Likewise, you also may have crossover lines with valves that allow you to draw fuel for the port engine from either the port or the starboard fuel tank and the same configuration for the starboard engine.

Most people like to use the port tank for the port engine and starboard tank for the starboard engine even though they know they have a choice (we're creatures of habit I guess). However it is important that at least once each season you utilize the crossover lines. Why? To use and replace the fuel that has been trapped in the crossover sections of the fuel lines. Fuel (both gasoline and diesel) can become contaminated, breakdown chemically, gel and even can grow microscopic organisms. So much for fuel farming. Such fuel can foul injectors and clog carburetors causing engine misfiring and often stalling. Yes, you do have fuel filters but if the problem is bad enough the filters can become full and useless.

So once in awhile turn those valves (which keeps them working freely) and burn that stagnant fuel out of the fuel line before it gets ugly. If you've never done this the problem is only going to get worse. If necessary rather than burn off the old fuel, you could open up the fuel line and allow the fuel pump to pump this fuel into a container, but this must be done with caution. Fuel spills are dangerous and the lines must be reconnected properly and tightly. If in doubt have a professional do this for you.

Likewise when winterizing in the late fall, we all put fuel stabilizers in our fuel tanks, but that stabilizer never reaches the fuel in the crossover lines (which can be several feet in length) unless we open those valves. This spring burn off that old trapped fuel and you may avoid a problem later in the season.

How do I know about this? School of Hard Knocks. I learned the hard way; I'm good at this. See you on the water.

### Occoquan Yacht Club Breakfast



## Welcome New Members

Jim and Dawn Weber, Centreville, keep their 24' Sea Ray *Off the Walls* at OHM.

Allen and Candy Clevenger, Fairfax, keep their 32' Chris (as yet unnamed) at Hoffmasters.

Ed and Bonnie Quinto, Woodbridge, keep their 23' Sea Ray at OHM.

## The Datemarkers

### Anniversaries

Clara & William French, April 5

Michael & Dickie Tighe-Foster, April 8

Jim & Dottie Jacobsen, April 29

Lynn & Aaron Martin, April 21

### Birthdays

Jan Hobson, April 2

Aaron Martin, April 4

Diana Uber, April 9

Laurie Dahl, April 19

Peggy Ball, April 23

Jon Morrow, April 26

Arleen Rhodes, April 29

Colleen Brunsvold, April 2

Carol Moore, April 8

Tony Mirando, April 15

Jud Bireley, April 23

Michelle Foster, April 26

Ladislav Bozoky, April 27

Carol Barron, April 30

## Help wanted...

In addition to the bargains, discounts, cheese and beverages OYCers received in the recent Fleet Night at West Marine in Woodbridge, now comes an appeal from the store to help them find boat-savvy prospects for full or part time work as sales, cashier or stock personnel—from high schoolers on up extreme adulthood. Benefits include store discounts. Aspiring candidates should contact Mac or Bill, 703-492-6225.

## Prince William Yacht Club focusing on property tax issue

Prince William Yacht Club Commodore Tim Abel's had this to say in the club's latest newsletter:

"Over the winter, I have been working with several groups to bring about the demise of personal property taxes on boats in Prince William County. Some recent developments have brought this issue closer to becoming a reality. Recently County Executive Bern Ewert announced that he felt that Prince William could afford to eliminate the boat tax entirely, and as part of his proposed annual budget, he suggested cutting the boat tax in half in fiscal year 1999, which begins on July 1 and eliminating it altogether the following-year.

"This initiative started back in November as a proposal by the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors, Kathleen Seefeldt, who is positively on our side and feels elimination of the tax will revitalize the County's waterfront areas and marinas. [Chairman Seefeldt will attend PWYC's opening day festivities April 25. ] ...The elimination of the property tax applies to everyone who keeps their boat in the County, and this includes our marina. The battle's not over yet; it way still be necessary for our members to write letters or show up at a hearing in support of this initiative."



## Treasurer's Report

**Tony Mirando**

Beginning Balance		
January 1, 1998 (1)		2868.35
Income: Dues, sales, club events		2869.68
Expenses:		
Planfest	440.83	
Sweethearts Dance	563.85	
Holiday Party 98	200.00	
Bank Charges	7.18	
Organizational Expenses	175.00	
Postage & Printing	<u>425.34</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>1812.20</u>
Ending balance:		3925.83

## Boating Course Schedule Spring 1998

Northern Virginia Power Squadron  
Information: (703) 758-4442

**April 3**, (Friday), Prince William County Government Center, Woodbridge, VA. Contact: Mike Foster, (703) 590-7126 (h), (202) 720-2747 (o)

**April 21**, (Tuesday), McLean Community Center, McLean, VA. Contact: Stuart F. Stauss, (703) 734-1240 (h)

**Covered slip for rent** Fairfax Yacht Club, "downriver" side, maximum beam 13'. Annual rental is \$3200, electricity included. Available on April 1. Call Rick Sorrenti, 590-6724 (H), 917-2659 (W).

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The editor may be reached by phone at home, 703-323-1675

# Cruise News—Tomorrow's gripping sagas previewed today

## The OYC "Season Opening Cruise" April 25-26 (Early Bird Cruise)

The previously announced cruise to Tantallon has been changed to Gangplank Marina, Washington DC!

### Saturday, April 25:

5.00 p.m. Cocktail at the Capital Yacht Club (cash bar). Please bring an appetizer to share

8.00 p.m. Dinner at Phillips Restaurant

### Sunday, April 26:

10.00 a.m. Coffee and donuts on dock (weather permitting)

Gangplank Marina has updated their power outlets, 30 and 50 amp are now on all the docks. Pump out available. Gas or diesel fuel available at nearby James Creek Marina.

Fees: \$ 1.00 per foot, plus \$3.00/30 amp and \$5.00/50amp. **No deposit or payment required at this time!**

Even if you already signed up for the cruise to Tantallon, please resubmit the new registration form.

Registration form at right on next page. For reservation purposes, please indicate the number of adults and children in your crew attending dinner at Phillips Restaurant.

Questions? Call **Cruise Coordinator Laslo Bozoky**, 590-8440.

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## Memorial Day Weekend Cruise, May 23-25, to Port Kinsale, Yeocomico River

**\$15.00 non-refundable deposit required no later than May 1st!**

### Saturday, May 23, Arrival

5:30 p.m., Social (Happy) Hour. Bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

7:00 p.m., Dinner at the Moorings Restaurant (reservations required)

### Sunday, May 24, Bike ride, pool, walk to downtown Kinsale and/or White Point

5:30 p.m., Social Hour. Bring appetizer to share.

7:30 p.m., Dinner—your choice (grills available)

### Monday, May 25, Departure

Registration form at right on next page. Please be sure to indicate number of your crew attending dinner on May 23 at the Moorings Restaurant.

Questions? Call **Cruise Coordinator Rick Sorrenti**, 590-6724.

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## July Week Long Cruise—Chapter II

by Mary Jo Worcester

The July Week Long Cruise is ONLY 15 weeks away!

Last month we gave some insight on St. Michaels. Our second stop will be at Mears Great Oak Landing, a 70-acre resort located on Fairlee Creek. Great Oak Landing has three separate bath houses and two laundry facilities. There is a Ship's Store with groceries, marine supplies, gifts and clothing. (In other words, *shopping!*) It's a short walk to a newly renovated restaurant overlooking the inlet. Steamed crabs are served inside or outside on the Crab Deck. There's also a poolside lounge. If you want to take a break from the pool, there is a 9-hole executive golf course, an 18-hole miniature golf course, and all-weather tennis courts. You can relax in the hot tub or take a dip in the full size pool. Great Oak Landing also offers volleyball, basketball, horseshoes, bicycling, and a playground for the kids.

When you want to really cool off, you can stroll over to the private 600-foot beach and visit the tropical beach bar, *Jellyfish Joel's*, where you can sip on your favorite frozen drink. *Sell everything; I'm never going home!* There's also fascinating history, antiques, boutiques and more to discover in quaint, old Chestertown, which is approximately 10 miles away by land (and where Ned cost Steve a couple of props).

I'm ready, how about you? Remember, your \$120 **deposit is due by April 1**. Make your check out to OYC and mail it to Steve & Mary Jo Worcester; 2601 Woodfern Ct.; Woodbridge, VA 22192. *Remember that if your plans have to change, you do not forfeit your deposit, as long as you give*

*us a cancellation notice by the 5th of June*. So, please get that deposit in so we can accurately project the number of slips needed. Hope you'll join us for a really great time!

Questions? Call Steve, 494-2383.

**Note from Steve:** We have seven reservations, so far. The boats range in size from 31 to 65 feet. I'd like to reassure any of our members who may be apprehensive about going out on the Bay for a week (this includes you, Wexler) just because their boat may be under 30 feet. Between 1986 and 1989, the club averaged 9-10 boats participating in these cruises. Nearly all were in the 24 to 29 foot category. Mary Jo and I made those trips in a 27 foot Sea Ray express cruiser, and we generally had one or two kids with us. The club never lost anybody and never left anybody behind. There was always plenty of help available for mechanical or electrical problems. Marital problems were another matter.

Lastly, if the distances involved seem intimidating, be assured, they are not. I have plotted them very closely, using the *ADC Chartbook of the Chesapeake Bay*, 4th Edition, as my reference:

Pt Lookout Marina - St Michaels: 11 and ½ inches

St Michaels - Oak Grove via Kent Narrows: 5 and ¾ inches

Oak Grove - Herrington Harbour (South): 6 and ½ inches

Herrington Harbour - Coles Point Plantation: 11 inches

Registration form at right on next page. *Hurry!*

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**Registration for OYC's "Season Opening Cruise" April 25-26 (Early Bird Cruise)**

Captain and crew names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Electric service requested (check one): One 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ Two 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ One 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending dinner at Phillips: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

**No deposit required at this time, but you must register. Registration deadline is April 10.**

**Mail this form to Laslo Bozoky, 4307 Marquis Place, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

**Or fax the form to 703-590-1509**

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**Registration for Memorial Day Weekend Cruise, May 23-25, to Port Kinsale,**

Captain and crew names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Electric service requested (check one): One 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ Two 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ One 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending dinner at the Moorings, Saturday night: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and \$15.00 deposit, payable to OYC, due by May 1.**

**Mail this form and deposit to Rick Sorrenti, 3401 Carly Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192**

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**Registration for First Week-long Cruise, July 5—11**

Captain and crew names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft. Beam \_\_\_\_\_ ft.

Electric service requested (check one): One 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ Two 30 amp \_\_\_\_\_ One 50 amp \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and \$120.00 deposit, payable to OYC, due NOW, April 1.**