



# The Daymarker

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## Commodore's Comments

**Janine Washington**

**T**he New Board. Peggy, Jay, Gary, Gordon and I are all very excited about serving as OYC officers this coming year! As most of the long-term members are aware, each year the new board comes in with lots of fresh new ideas. Very often, the better ideas become legendary club events (e.g., Sweetheart's Night, OYC Week-long II, an evening at the theater during the Columbus Day Cruise, and many others). With that in mind, I've done a very informal poll of the new board to get a flavor of the kinds of preposterous, I mean, *innovative* ideas they have to offer.....

Vice Commodore Peggy thought that as part of your annual CMEs, Jim should check that OYC yacht club members in good standing (that means your check cleared), are

using fresh ground coffee as opposed to instant! Note: I actually liked this idea too. I'm just wondering how we could get the Coast Guard to enforce it!

Rear Commodore Jay didn't have any outlandish ideas (thank goodness). He just wanted to make sure he didn't have to wait until the Change of Watch on December 5 to get a key to the shed. He apparently needed a place to store his latest shipment of teak oil.

Treasurer Gary suggested we raise dues to \$2,000 per family membership. But that idea was quickly nixed when we realized he was simultaneously dialing the Cruisers dealership on his cell phone as he suggested it.

Secretary Gordon is always looking at the big picture. He wanted the board to fund his research on how we can all implement duty-



**Pretending Titanic**—Dave Moore catches the breeze as *Au Contraire* approaches a Chesapeake Bay channel marker. Moore thought it was an iceberg. The vessel did, however, arrive safely at its West River destination.

free shopping aboard our personal vessels!

This makes my idea of mandating that everyone wear thongs at all water-based events seem pretty feasible. Seriously folks, please feel free to contact any board member with reasonable ideas for making this the best yacht club on the Potomac!

#### And now for the news.....

Hardy Har Har - The official word is that this year's Hardy Souls Cruise was another blowout event! There were even quite a few die-hards, excuse me, avid boaters, in Alexandria on Friday night. See Mary Jo's article for the details.

Santa Cruise to Occoquan on November 28. The "Waltman" has this under control. We will meet at the OHM docks at 10:40 a.m. please don't delay as we'll need to get Santa to Occoquan by noon. Don't forget your egg nog and other goodies to take the chill off your bones. It would be great this year too if some of you would tune up your caroling voices the night before!

OYC Holiday Party and Change of Watch on December 5. Details of the event are in your November Daymarker. Please call Janine at (703) 590-3653 ASAP if you plan to attend and haven't sent your check. Cocktail hour at Ft. Belvoir will begin promptly at 18:00 (you have to subtract 12:00 to find out what that really means!). The dress is semi-formal which means suits, ties, shoes...



#### Vice Commodore's Comments

**Peggy Ball**

#### A New Year Afloat

As you read this the holidays will be upon us. After we have enjoyed all of the joy that we bring and count our blessings, we can also be thankful for our good friends and good times in OYC.

When the new year arrives, it will be time to start planning our wet and wild adventures for the coming boating season. That's the theme of the annual Planfest to be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Geckos starting at 2:00 PM. We're gonna talk about all our plans to do Valentines, have an early bird cruise, get safe for the season with safety day, learn to fix boat stuff, raise flags, shoot cannons, sale yards, raft up, bless the fleet, cruise downriver, cruise upriver, cruise cross river, race dinghies, cruise the bay, float-in, eat shrimp, race canoes, and, before we know it celebrate the end the Summer, cook chili, freeze our buns, welcome Santa, and change our watch.

Once again this year, we need you to step forward and take charge as a cruise coordinator for these great-time events.

Wow, what a meeting—all that to talk about with almost 90 of your closest personal boating buddies, and you can get free eats too! You don't wanna miss it, so be there!

Cheers!



#### Rear Commodore's Comments

**Jay Wilmeth**

The election is over and the new board is now proudly serving you. I am particularly proud as it was a tough race. The election spending limit and regulatory rules notwithstanding, I was able to pull off a stunning upset of my opponent. He was a tough competitor but the membership has spoken. For that I am grateful and will serve you with honor!

I really am looking forward to being your Rear Commodore. As an Army guy all my adult life, it is somewhat refreshing to sport a new rank. All of my Army friends think that I secretly wanted to be in the Navy anyway. At least that is what they both said..

Many of you know that up until two months ago, I had the distinction of having the smallest boat in OYC. I believe I still do, but recently I succumbed to the overwhelming pressure to "upgrade" to a larger boat. "Why don't you get a REAL boat, Wilmeth?" You saw a picture of it on last month's front page Did you see the size of those props?

Actually, I did recently buy a 36' Carver Aft Cabin that is occupying every waking hour of my time. I do enjoy and thoroughly appreciate all the wonderful encouragement and support that many of you have provided. Though I've been around boats all my life, this is my first "big" boat. I find it challenging yet greatly rewarding, especially as I try to cram an entire boating season into the months of October and November before I lay it up for the Winter.

My special thanks to Al Hobson, Dave Moore, and Jim Ball, all of whom held my hand and walked me through various situations thus far. There will be more, I'm sure, but it is sure is fun learning. How sorry am I now that I didn't save or even read many of those articles on winterizing that Jim published in the Daymarker over the last few seasons.

Don't worry, there will be other opportunities to relive those chilling days of yesteryear with me and my trials and tribulations with my *Au Contraire*.

## The Daymarker

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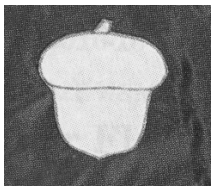
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## Treasurer's Comments

**Gary Linck**

How do you become treasurer of Occoquan Yacht Club?

1. A board member asks you to be on the nominating committee and to call people in the club to see if they would like to be on the board next year.
2. You call the list of people in the club and try to convince them they would be good at any position.
3. Call at dinnertime, people really hate that, and act like you are selling aluminum siding or magazines just to break the ice.
4. Try some Good Lies to convince them to take the job! (My favorite was saying, "Tony got to buy a new 3650 Cruisers yacht the year he was treasurer.")
5. You run out of time and the OYC board member calls you back and asks if you found anyone in the club that would be interested.
6. They convince you that Tom Coldwell needs a name for the Daymarker, and they volunteer your name.
7. At the next election/party they nominate you while you are outside getting a cold beer.
8. Tag You're It!

### The Hearty Fools Cruise!

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon so Buoy and I decided to pick my daughter Dani up from school early and get a head start on the weekend. We headed out around 3:30 with our friends Mike and Bandit from *Kitt 2*.

What a great run to Old Town Alexandria, we were there in an about an hour! We tied up and waited for my wife Nicky to show up from work who works in Old Town. We were the only one's on H Dock, that's the dock closest to the Anacostia River. Actually we had a great view looking up the Potomac River to D.C. and the monuments. What a great time of the season to be boating.

We quickly fired up the heater and made Buoy's dinner. We were in contact by radio with *Kitt 2* and decided to walk into Old Town and get something to eat. Armond's Pizza is no longer open in Old Town, what a bummer! So we decided to have dinner at the Fish Market, you know the place with the small beers.

While we were eating dinner we got a call on the VHF Radio from *Kitt 2*. "*Lovin' Life!* You upstairs or downstairs" Mike was walking into the restaurant with Janine talking on his hand held. I think we made some people nervous in the restaurant, and the waiter asked if we were cops or Secret Service. I explained we were just boaters, here for the weekend.

As we paid our check and began to walk out of the restaurant I couldn't help but stop, turn around and say "Officer Mike, I'll see you later."

We would also like to thank Mary Jo, of *Saint n' Sinner* for coordination of this event and Ned Rhodes of South of the Border *Impulse* for having happy hour on his beautiful 40' Wellcraft.

*Lovin' Life!* Tip of the Month: Don't wear a watch, God will tell you when it's time to leave!



## Secretary's Comments

**Gordon Cawelti**

Ten Top Reasons It Was A Privilege To Be An OYC Member In '98:

1. Because you benefitted from the visionary leadership by Teresa, Peggy, and Janine who probably ignored their mates' suggestions for what to do.
2. Getting to surf the OYC Web Site sustained by Ned Rhodes who brings new meaning to the word "nominal."
3. Being able to withstand bugging by Jim Ball for not complying with Coast Guard regs on fire extinguishers and macerator fuses.
4. Learning where such exotic spots as St Michael's, Point Lookout, Coles Point, Windmill Point, Herrington South, Crisfield, and Fairlee Creek actually are much less their favored watering holes.
5. Having expert cruise coordinators such as Steve and Mary Jo Wocheater, Susan Brown, Peggy Ball, Walt Cheatham and Jay Wilmeth plan and carry out trips that prevent you from running up on sand bars and out of booze (and staying out of the path of hurricanes)
6. Getting to cruise over to Baltimore with your friends on *Courchevel* piloted by Steve Zimpel while enjoying good party music and wine as you enter Baltimore Harbor.
7. Not having to hear the latest immortal tape recordings of Monica Lewinsky ("It's like... whatever") when hobnobbing with OYCers.
8. Savoring the Daymarker each month as edited by crack[ed] wordsmith Tom Coldwell who uses PhotoPaint or something to distort otherwise good photography.
- 9 Getting to gussy up for the really big social event of the season on December 5 at Ft. Belvoir while doing the tango to big band noises.
10. Knowing that for only \$3,000 you can get you boat pulled, winterized, and shrink-wrapped and then wait for the good times to roll again in the spring!

## West Marine Fleet Night, December 1

West Marine in Woodbridge has scheduled another Fleet Night for OYC on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Discounts will be 10% across the board (except 5% on electronics) and refreshments will be served.

We are grateful to West Marine for their contribution of \$100 in gift certificates and a great door prize for our Change of Watch dinner-dance on December 5.

# Hardy Souls Cruise—perfect cap to a great boating season

It's a tradition. If the boating season must end, the proper yacht club ends it on an up note with a chilling cruise to some favored destination. Call it a Frostbite Cruise or, as we do in OYC, the Hardy Souls Cruise, the event is a club's last overnight outing of the season. OYC goes to Alexandria, Quantico YC goes to Mattawoman, Prince William Yacht Club goes to Hoffmasters, etc.—it makes no difference so long as there's the great fun of cruising.

OYC's chill-out fling this year was again ably coordinated by Mary Jo Worcester, who provided this report:

"The last cruise of the year, the Hardy Souls Cruise, was a huge success. The Club had 17 boaters participate: *Saint N' Sinner*; *Shalimar*; *Impulse*; *Walt's On Water*; *Oasis*; *Morning Mist*; *Amazing Grace*; *Mutants on the Bounty*; *Sea Duck Too*; *Hot Schatz*; *Kitt 2*; *Going Nowhere*; *Lovin Life!*; *Courchevel*; *Paramour*; *Evermore* and Snowman's BIG new boat. The weather was beautiful as compared to SNOW, SLEET, FOG or RAIN.

"We, on *Saint N' Sinner*, left OHM on Friday around 2:00 p.m., arriving about 3:20. About five other Club members also arrived on Friday afternoon. The rest of the group arrived mostly before noon on Saturday, except you-know-who aboard *Courchevel*, who can't be rushed! The

Fulfords and Balls joined us, arriving by land. Most of Saturday was spent walking around Old Town, shopping, napping, visiting, going out to lunch, more shopping, etc.

"A Happy Hour was held aboard an 80 foot yacht (or should I say yachts). Since it was a bit too chilly to hold Happy Hour out on the dock, it was held aboard *Impulse* AND *Saint N' Sinner*, which were berthed side by side. Actually, this idea worked out rather well. We had approximately 40 people split between the 2 boats and everyone switched back and forth. As usual, we had great food, flowing bubbly, and off-the-wall remarks (you'll have to talk to Tom Coldwell, Steve Worcester and Ned Rhodes for details). People started drifting off for dinner about eight o'clock. I think the Echo Café got bombarded by about 16 of us. We had the usual long wait, but the food is always worth it.

"Sunday arrived and many of us went out to breakfast. Does it seem like all we do is eat! About on o'clock it began to drizzle and look like we were going to have a rainy day, so the majority of us left and headed back down towards the Occoquan. What can I say but another successful Hardy Souls Cruise and a fun time had by all!"

Thanks, Mary Jo, for another great Hardy Souls Cruise.

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## Show me the money!

Jim Ball

*Membership Chairman and PRYCA Delegate*

Thanks to all those responsible people who have sent in their dues. We will keep you. As for the rest of you deadbeats, *DUES R DUE!* Send 'em to me payable to OYC (Family \$60, Single \$40, Associate \$30). If they're not in by Christmas, Santa will bring you a lump of coal. Don't be a grinch, get your dues in now!

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## Here's the clue: It's time to renew.

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Don't forget Fleet Night at West Marine in Woodbridge on Tuesday, Dec 1st 6-9PM. Refreshments and 10% across the board discounts (5% on electronics). Lots of Christmas gift ideas in store. Support your Occoquan West Marine; they have given me... uh, I mean *us* \$100 in gift certificates and a great door prize for our Change of Watch.

Back on Page 7 is information on the upcoming PRYCA Change of Watch in January. It's a gala affair, black tie, good food and dancing. Stay over at the hotel in Old Town and enjoy the weekend. The dinner-dance fare is \$40/person payable to PRYCA and sent to me, your delegate. (I'm so glad everyone is sending their money to me nowadays).

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to Les and Pauline Thomas of Springfield, VA, who keep their 25' Chris Craft at Hampton's Landing. Les is the current Commander of the Occoquan Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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## The Datemarkers

### Anniversaries

Dave & Carol Moore, 12/9

Ned & Arleen Rhodes, 12/21

Gaert & Kathy Sime, 12/27

Howard and Terry Bannister, 12/31

### Birthdays

Russell Stout, 12/3

Gordon Cawelti, 12/5

Mike Troup, 12/20

Patricia Garverick, 12/28

Russell Barnes, 12/30

Jimmy Jacobs, 2/4

Bonnie Quinto, 12/18

Richard Steele, 12/28

Les Thomas, 12/29

Howard Bannister, 12/31

## Ode to Henry Lovell

*Several OYCers recently attended a surprise birthday party for Hank. Among the tributes..*

We were afraid you'd be sad, all moody and shifty,  
when you realized fully you'd arrived here at Fifty  
We wouldn't be surprised if you're downright cranky,  
And wanting to hide on your boat, *Hanky Panky*.

So we brought you this wine, it comes with a cork.  
(Hey, you think we're some kind of dork?)  
We would sing for you, too, and play a harmonica  
To round out the surprise arranged by your Monica.

But really, old Hankster, we'll simply send wishes  
You have a good day and let her do the dishes.  
You've arrived at long last to become, so you see,  
A card-carrying member of A.A.R. P.

## Articles sought from OYC members

Yes, you, too, can write for The Daymarker. We especially welcome your articles about your boating experiences.

The only thing we ask is that you try to maintain the high literary standard which has been the hallmark of The Daymarker since its founding in 1884 (or was it 1984? Whatever). To that end, we are pleased to offer these tips on writing articles for The Daymarker

1. Verbs HAS to agree with their subjects.
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. And don't start a sentence with a conjunction.
4. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
5. Avoid cliches like the plague. (They're old hat)
6. Also, always avoid annoying alliteration.
7. Be more or less specific.
8. Parenthetical remarks (however relevant) are (usually) unnecessary.
9. Also too, never, ever use repetitive redundancies.
10. No sentence fragments.
11. Contractions aren't necessary and shouldn't be used.
12. Foreign words and phrases are not apropos.
13. Do not be redundant; do not use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
14. One should NEVER generalize.
15. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
16. Don't use no double negatives.
17. Eschew ampersands & abbreviations, etc.
18. One-word sentences? Eliminate.
19. Analogies in writing are like feathers on a snake.
20. The passive voice is to be ignored.
21. Eliminate commas, that are, not necessary. Parenthetical words however should be enclosed in commas.
22. Never use a big word when a diminutive one would suffice.
23. Kill all exclamation points!!!
24. Use words correctly, irregardless of how others use them.
25. Understatement is always the absolute best way to put forth earth shaking ideas.
26. Use the apostrophe in it's proper place and omit it when its not needed.
27. Eliminate quotations. As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "I hate quotations. Tell me what you know."
28. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times: Resist hyperbole; not one writer in a million can use it correctly.
29. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
30. Go around the barn at high noon to avoid colloquialisms.
31. Even IF a mixed metaphor sings, it should be derailed.
32. Who needs rhetorical questions?
33. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement. And finally...
34. Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.



## Story for a really bad day



The following was forwarded by our semi-alert Internet maven Ned Rhodes, who received it through a succession of forwarded e-mails. Reputedly a true story sent in a letter by a commercial diver to his sister, it is offered here as solace to anyone who thinks he or she is having a bad day.

Some of the anatomical language has been altered to fit in this generally family publication.

April, 1998

Hi, Sue,

Just another note from your bottom-dwelling brother. Last week I had a bad day at the office. Before I can tell you what happened to me, I first must bore you with a few technicalities of my job.

As you know my office lies at the bottom of the sea. I wear a suit to the office. It's a wetsuit. This time of year the water is quite cool. So what we do to keep warm is this: We have a diesel powered industrial water heater. This \$20,000 [machine] sucks the water out of the sea. It heats it to a delightful temp. It then pumps it down to the diver through a garden hose which is taped to the air hose. Now this sounds like a good plan, and I've used it several times with no complaints. What I do, when I get to the bottom and start working, is I take the hose and stuff it down the back of my neck. This floods my whole suit with warm water. It's like working in a jacuzzi.

Everything was going well until all of a sudden, my [backside] started to itch. So, of course, I scratched it. This only made things worse. Within a few seconds my [backside] my started to burn. I pulled the hose out from my back, but the damage was done. In agony I realized what had happened to me. The hot water machine had sucked up a jellyfish and pumped it into my suit. This is even worse than the poison ivy you once had under a cast. When I scratched what I thought was an itch, I was actually grinding the jellyfish into my [you know what].

I informed the dive supervisor of my dilemma over the communication line. His instructions were unclear due to the fact that he along with five other divers were laughing hysterically. Needless to say I aborted the dive. I was instructed to make three agonizing water stops totaling 35 minutes before I could come to the surface. I got to the surface wearing nothing but my brass helmet. My suit and gear were tied to the bell. When I got on board, the medic, with tears of laughter running down his face, handed me a tube of cream and told me to [apply it to the affected area] when I get in the chamber. I later found out that this whole episode could easily have been prevented if the suction hose was placed on the leeward side of the ship.

Anyway, the next time you have a bad day at the office, think of me, and I hope that thought will make it a little more tolerable

Love, Brian



# Little Winterizing Tips

by Jim Ball

Well, it's inevitable, it is time to protect the boat systems against the onslaught of winter. Winterizing is a chore we don't like for a lot of reasons, but winterize we must - unless you want to keep heat on all winter and take a chance of an ice storm and a power failure for long enough to get into trouble.

Winterizing primarily means displacing any water anywhere in your boat's systems that can freeze and protecting those mechanical contrivances from corrosion during their long winter's nap. With water systems, you either gotta drain it, blow it out with compressed air, or displace it with antifreeze and sometimes all three. Do the heads, the water system, the A/C system, and the raw water systems to your engines and genset.

If you want to make it easy in the future, put T-fittings on your intakes with a plug so you can easily attach the antifreeze line from your winterizing bucket\*. Don't forget to shut off your seacocks and take the turkey baster with a piece of tubing to suck out the water down to the seacock on all of your thruhull intakes and displace it with non-toxic antifreeze too. Around here the pink stuff which will take you to -50F should suffice.

Drain your potable water tank and put some non-tox antifreeze in it. Drain the hot water tank and wire the breaker for the water heater to the off position. Same for the Air Conditioning breaker once you've winterized that system. Safety wire will save you burnt out water heater elements and pumps if you, or somebody else, accidentally hits a breaker over the winter.

The other thing winterizing means is that your engines and genset are going to be sitting and trying to rust for a number of months in a hostile environment, and that your fuel is going to try to turn to jelly and varnish in your tanks and in your lines. So that means making sure you don't forget to use a fuel stabilizer and run it through your engines and genset before you flush them out with non-toxic antifreeze and fog them down.

Your engine needs to sit all winter with fresh oil, not contaminated oil, so change the oil and filters, and add some Militec to keep the innards from corroding\*. Once you've fogged the engines and shut them down, take the backfire flame arresters off to take them home to clean, and cover the carburetors with plastic bags to keep the moisture out.

Try to get as much bilge water out as you can, then add some antifreeze to the bilge or put some rock salt in it near the bilge pumps so they don't freeze solid.

Finally, decide if you are taking your canvas down and how to cover the boat. If it's on land, that's one thing, but if you leave it in the water, you need to be able to go aboard and check things. Remember that snow gets heavy, and you may need to brace your cover with wood ribs to keep the weight of the snow from tearing it.

Also take stock of how low your boat is in the water and how close any thru hulls on the side are to the water line. If you have some which are only a few inches above the water line, you should consider plugging them to prevent water from entering if the snow load sinks the boat down to the thru hull level. Remember for each 4 inches of snow, your boat

will sink about 1 inch deeper in the water\*. If we get a real blizzard, you could have immersed thru hulls that freeze and crack, and when they thaw, you start taking on water.

Top off your batteries with distilled water and make sure you charge them regularly during the winter.

Well, that's a real summary of stuff that I have had in a number of articles in the past; if you want to read any of those past articles indicated by the little asterisk\* above, just e-mail me [[jball@erols.com](mailto:jball@erols.com)] and I'll send you a copy. Hope I have reminded you of something you may have forgotten.

Next month, some cool winter projects.

## From the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

### **Electronics update**

LORAN. Congress has voted to delay deactivation of Loran until 2008. It's now official!

RADAR. Believe it or not, radar units are available now for less than \$800! One marine discounter offers the JRC (Japan Radio Co) Model 1000 for \$779. It is a 1.5kW peak, 1/8 to 16-mile range, 1/4 mile look ahead offset, unit with a 6" LCD screen and 12" external antenna. The screen shows vessel position, speed and course, both relative and magnetic bearings with true bearing lines, range, and on-screen target trail. Control is jog dial-joystick and a range cursor, and it's NMEA 0183 compatible for NAV-data. Size: 7.32" high, 7.48" wide, 3" deep. Ideal for small boats.

### Two reminders...

#### **1. OYC's Holiday Party, Change of Watch Saturday, December 5, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Place:** Ft. Belvoir Community Club (formerly Enlisted Club). I-95, Ft. Belvoir/Newington exit, east on Backlick Road and Fairfax County Parkway to U.S. 1, left on U.S. 1 to Penc Gate (main gate), inside gate take the first left and an immediate right.

**Schedule:** 6:00 p.m. - Cocktails and Hor D'oouvres (Two-hour open bar); 6:45 p.m. - Buffet Dinner  
7:30 p.m. - Installation of Officers, Recognition of Event Coordinators

8:30 p.m. - Dancing to Music by Howard Entertainment

**Buffet dinner:** Chicken Breast with a White Wine Mushroom Sauce, Sliced Sirloin with Mushroom Gravy; Seafood Creole; Baked Potato; Rice Pilaf; Green Beans Almondine; Tossed Salad; Rolls/Butter; Coffee/Tea; Assorted Dessert Cakes

Questions? Contact Janine Washington, 590-3653

### ...and, if this Daymarker arrives in time

#### **2. Santa Cruise to Occoquan, November 28**

With or without your boat, meet at the end of OHM's C-Dock, gathering next to *Shalimar* about 11:00 a.m. and departing by whatever boats have committed about 11:40.

Two or three boats have committed, but more are welcome. Bundle up and bring something warm to drink. For more information contact OYC's own elf Walt Cheatham, 243-2430



**OYC Members are invited to attend the annual  
Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association  
Change of Watch Dinner-Dance, Saturday, January 30, 1999**

Location: Holiday Inn & Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria VA  
22314

Dress: Winter Uniform or Business Suit; Black Tie Optional

Program: Cocktails, 6:45 - 7:30 PM  
Dinner, 7:30 - 8:30 PM  
Change of Watch, 8:30 - 9:00 PM  
Music & Dancing, 9:00 to Midnight

Entrees: Herb Crusted Tenderloin of Black Angus Beef  
Chicken Alexandria with Apple Pecan Stuffing  
Pasta Marinara

Cost: \$40.00 per person - Cash Bar

Register: Use coupon below. Register no later than Tuesday, January 5 to OYC Delegate  
Jim Ball. Cancellations after January 15 are subject to full fare.

Staying overnight? Please call the Holiday Inn & Suites, (703) 548-6300, to make room  
reservations; ask for the PRYCA rate. Room reservations must be made by January 6; a  
deposit is required to hold rooms past 6:00 p.m.

***Please sign up and join the fun!***

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**Dinner Registration Form—Occoquan Yacht Club**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Selection(s):

# \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef    # \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken    # \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Marinara

# \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attendees    x    \$40.00 per person:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to PRYCA, and send no later than Tuesday, January 5 to:  
Jim Ball, 6833 Spring Beauty Court, Springfield, VA 22152-3111  
Questions? Call (703) 866-4740**