



The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Teresa Sorrenti

No, you don't need to complain to the postal service about the late delivery of The Daymarker. At the editor's insistence we waited until we could include some actual news, like results of Saturday night's Halloween-Chili-Photo-Dessert-Contests-General-Meeting-Officer-Election event.

Look elsewhere in these pages for all the contest results, but let me now proclaim

and congratulate OYC's Board for 1999:

Commodore: **Janine Washington**, *Kitt*

Vice Commodore: **Peggy Ball**, *Cheers*

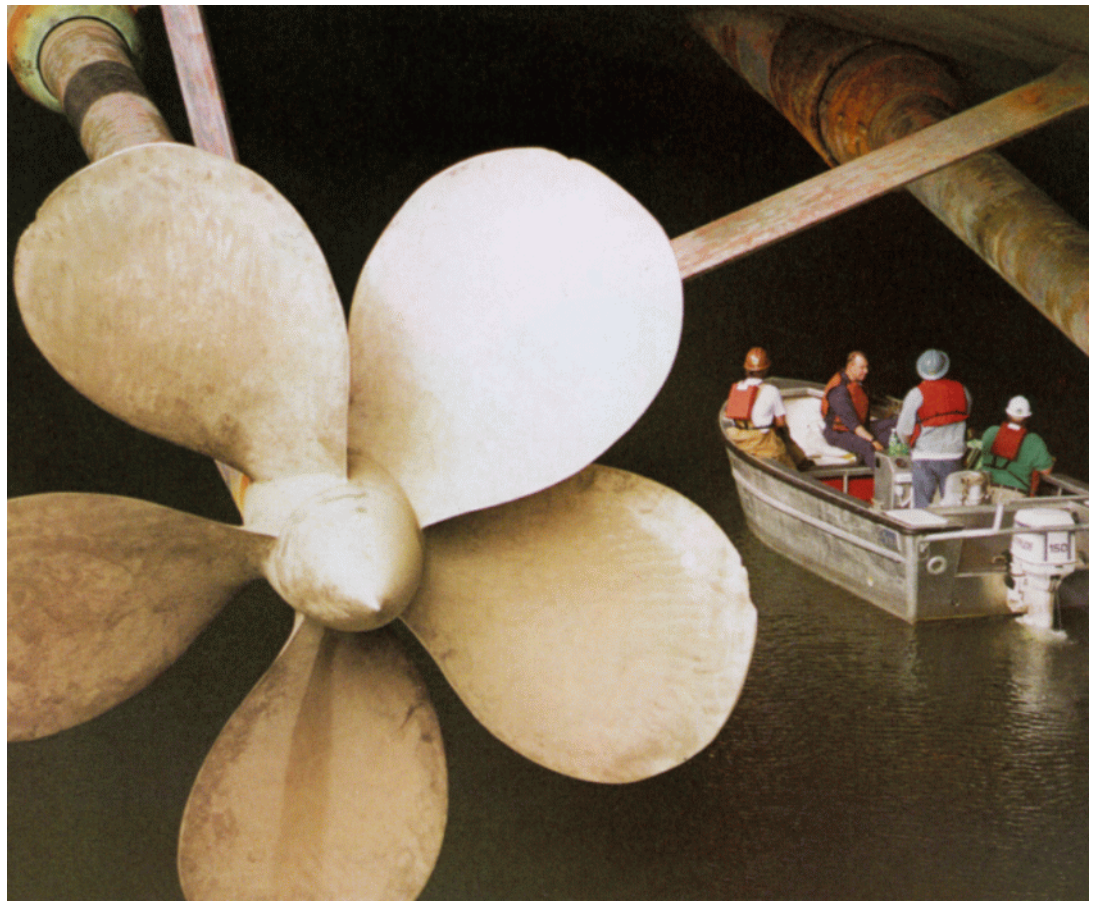
Rear Commodore: **Jay Wilmeth**, *Au Contraire*

Secretary: **Gordon Cawelti**, *Class Act*

Treasurer: **Gary Linck**, *Lovin' Life*

The time has come

Well, after five years of writing articles, the time has come for me to step down and be a guest contributor. No more subtle reminders



It just seems this way when a boater "moves up"—Jay Wilmeth accompanies marine surveyors inspecting his new boat.

from our wonderful editor (or his predecessor). No more big circles on the calendar (both paper and electronic) on the 20th of each month. Now *what* will I do with all of this free time?? One thing I am sure of, we will not get out of boating like our Immediate Past Commodore! There is no way my Captain could survive without his boat. I am sure that we will continue to serve in whatever capacity OYC needs, but the absence of the routine of meetings and articles will take getting used to.

There is no way I could have imagined five years ago when I was asked to be Secretary that I would be Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and then end up serving as Commodore. And while it is true that I had had too many margaritas *before* the red wine with dinner, I have not regretted saying yes.

We have met a lot of great people, had many interesting experiences, learned a lot and really had a great time. Every Board member throughout those five years was a great contributor, and the support of the Daymarker Editors Ned Rhodes and Tom Coldwell made it even easier. Let me say thank you to everyone now, and good luck to the new Board.

This month we would also like to thank Jay Wilmeth, who turned in a super performance in his first run at Cruise Coordinator. I guess just knowing that you have that real boat makes the difference, right Jay? Anyway, the slips were well orchestrated and having *War Eagle* (Jay's little wooden boat) greet you as you arrived made you feel like a real ship greeted by a tugboat to guide you in. The sun came out Saturday and we had a great cocktail hour on the gangplank deck, overseeing the preparations of the Odyssey crew. The play "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was wonderful. And of course the partying OYC closed down the Capital Yacht Club bar!

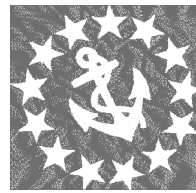
It was also a great day on Sunday for the Taste Of DC (isn't it nice of them to have that for us every year?). I think the 20 some boats were a record turnout to celebrate Columbus Day. Well done, Jay.

In November we will have our last two cruising events. Mary Jo Worcester is again planning the Hardy Souls Cruise to Old Town Alexandria. As usual we wait with bated breath to see what weather awaits for us November 7-8.

Then on the last weekend, November 26, Walt Cheatham will lead us to Occoquan, bringing Santa to all the good little boys and girls.

On a sad note, our previous super photographer and Halloween coordinator *extraordinaire* Dottie Jacobson (and Jim, of course) suddenly skipped town (this is how rumors start, you know). Jim accepted a job in Chicago and before you could click your heels three times they bought a house and moved back to the Midwest. Luckily they were between boats, but we bet they will be on Lake Michigan by spring. We wish them well.

Be sure to send in your reservations and check for the Holiday Party. You would not want to miss seeing how well all these boaters look when they are cleaned up, especially at black tie optional! It is always a great party, and both the old and new Board look forward to seeing you as we celebrate the season and our annual Change of Command. See you there December 5 at Fort Belvoir. (see Page 7 for the coupon and details)



Vice Commodore's Comments

Janine Washington

Boat Show '98

We fared much better at this year's boat show than last. Mike, AKA "The Boat Show Fiend" managed to behave himself, buying no more than lunch the entire day. Now, some might say he was exercising extraordinary self-control. Some might say that with several seasons of boat shows under his belt, he finally leveled off, realizing there really wasn't much more new to see. Some might say a little Thorazine in his breakfast cereal works wonders. Still, others might say those new boat payments and summer fuel bills are kicking his butt. You decide.

We were with a friend who was actually shopping for a boat. Being the typical programmer-type, our friend Chris went about his search through the myriad boats on display in a very methodical manner. He calmly went from dealer to dealer comparing brands and options. He politely waited his turn for access to the boats only within his price range. This was perplexing to Mike, to say the least, who fully expected boat buying behavior to be a little more gregarious.

"Why isn't he running frantically from boat to boat?" he would ask. "There are FOUR perfectly good Sea Rays over there, why isn't he buying them?"

"Are you SURE he's really interested in buying a boat?"

"Where's his fiendish laugh?"

"Good grief! He's been here ALL afternoon and he only has ONE brochure!!!"

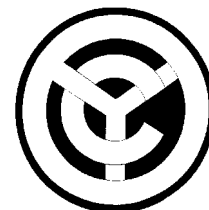
To calm him down, we took a tour of that \$1.3 million, 56-ft Ocean yacht. One look at the whistle-clean engine compartment was all it took to put my everlovin' captain back on an even keel. On the bus going back to the parking lot he even said, "You know, maybe we should think about taking a non-boating vacation next year."

Okay, that was a stretch. I can dream can't I?

Upcoming Events

Now, for all you folks who are thinking that just because the summer's over there's no more fun to be had, nothing could be farther from the truth! We have the Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria on November 7. The world famous Santa Cruise from OHM is on November 28.

Finally, we have the Holiday Party and Change of Watch at Ft. Belvoir Community Center on December 5. You won't want to miss any of the fun! So mark your calendars—and your checkbooks today! Didn't Teresa just tell you to look for the coupon on Page 7?





Rear Commodore's Comments

Peggy Ball

WHAT A PARTY!

Yes, it was GREAT—in several aspects! The annual Halloween, Chili Cookoff, Dessert Contest, Photo Contest, Membership Meeting and Election of the Board was well attended last Saturday afternoon (October 31').

Many members were brave enough to show up in frightful and amusing costumes, even pets and small children weren't safe. That, of course, wasn't as frightful as the new slate of officers for the 1999 board.

The Chili was great, all 12 plus varieties of it with winners of the most tasty being Robin Ryan, Bonnie Fulford and Arleen Rhodes. Yes, Arleen failed to continue her first-place streak, and Bonnie's traditional pork and sauerkraut dish was entered without her knowledge.

Desserts were exceptional, and selected best cooks for these tasty treats were "Cool" Dave Moore, Audrey Puckett and Richard Steele. It really looks like we are past due for an updated OYC cookbook.

Getting back to the costumes, awards were won by Gary Linck for most original (he managed to come dressed as a boat part); Commodore Teresa and family—yes, Corky, too—for best duo; Richard Steele for Creepiest; Dave Moore for most outlandish and Dani Linck for cutest. Thanks to all who participated in this event and kept the spirit alive.

The photos displayed were superb and numerous. To paraphrase our Commodore, what a great statement on OYCer's that so many photos were in the "people" category. The lucky winners were: Landscapes—Gary Linck (twice) and Dani Linck. Boat Profiles—Steve Zimpel, Tom Coldwell and Gary Linck. People —Gary Linck (twice) and Ned Rhodes. Wildlife—Gary Linck (twice) and Teresa Sorrenti (Corky's mom).

I would really like to thank all the people who helped this event happen, especially Pat Steele and our judges. For some reason, they have asked to remain nameless. Is this really that tough a crowd?

The membership meeting took on its usual formal decorum featuring short presentations by the officers and staff, and as usual, the longer proper amount of time spent on future opportunities to boat and party.



Secretary's Comments

Walt Cheatham

Santa Claus is boating, November 28

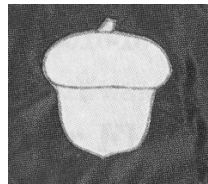
Come one, come all, it's time again for the Santa Cruise to Occoquan even if it is November. The Saturday after Thanksgiving is the day, exactly November 28. Bring a boat, bring a hot toddy, bring a munchie, but most importantly, bring yourselves. It is the time of year we gather on the OHM docks for Christmas cheer, Santa arrives, and we take him to the children waiting upriver in downtown Occoquan.

This year they want Santa to arrive at noon, so we will arrive OHM around 11 AM to start our festivities and depart OHM about 11:40. Don't be late!

We will meet at the end of OHM's C-Dock, home dock for a whole bunch of OYCers. There's no sign that says C-Dock, but that doesn't matter because we make enough noise to attract any OYCer within miles around. Anyway, we will gather next to *Shalimar*.

Hopefully somebody brings a boat (like the Chaffins or the Lincks) and we provide transport up the river for our friend from the north country. Hopefully we all climb aboard and enjoy the trip. Normally the boats are decorated appropriately for the occasion. Please give me a call at 243-2430 if you are such a boat.

And don't worry that it is Thanksgiving weekend ; it's time to get into that OYC Santa spirit. The change of command party and Christmas are right around the corner. Have you organized your Christmas cards and the mailing list of recipients yet? Are you going to winterize this year?



Treasurer's Comments

Tony Mirando

Attention, Attention, Attention

We need your pictures of any or all of your boating events in '98. We are going to try to put together a '98 yearbook, but we need your help. Please contribute pictures, as many as you have especially of the same event. Put your name and the event pictured. We also need a 3x5 card either explaining the pictures or a story that could bring all the pictures together. Please mail them to me, Tony Mirando, 26064 Talamore Dr., South Riding, VA 20152, or Susan Brown, 9652 Eaton Woods Place, Lorton, VA Don't miss out having one or more of your photos in the yearbook, and you know you have taken LOADS of photos this year. Your photographs will be returned when the yearbook is done. Please help make this first-ever OYC yearbook something every member will cherish.

Membership News

It's time to renew your membership

Jim Ball, Membership Chairman

Just so I don't have to use strong arm tactics or cut off your e-mail with all the news, or worse, it is time for you to pay your 1999 membership dues so that I will not have to harass you. And believe me, I have thought of a diabolical way to do it if you don't pay by December. It's amazing what the Halloween season can do to spur devious thoughts. So send in your check now—Family \$60, Individual \$40, Associate \$30—payable to OYC, mailed to this address:

Jim Ball

6833 Spring Beauty Court

Springfield, VA 22152

Please renew now. If you don't, I will haunt you.

So what's happening?

Congratulations to Peter and Lisa Kuzma! OYC has a new member! At 9pm on October 25 they had an 8lb. 4oz. boy named Jared Mitchell Kuzma. Everyone is fine and they are looking forward to showing him off at the January Planfest. Congratulatory messages can be sent to the Kuzmas at pete@careerbuilder.com

John and Sandy Ludwig are now on line. Their e-mail is iimoonbeam@aol.com That reminds me, if you have e-mail and are not getting OYC e-mail notices from me, it means you are not on the list. You can't keep up without it, so send your address to me at jball@erols.com.

In other news, Jim and Dottie Jacobsen have departed for Chicago for two or three years, and they will be missed. If you didn't get a chance to say goodbye, you might want to drop them a line: Jim and Dottie Jacobsen, West 147 King Henry Court, Palatine IL 60067

Congratulations to Jay and Ann Wilmeth on their new baby, a vintage but beautiful 36' Carver Aft Cabin which they have dubbed *Au Contraire*. For those who know Jay (future Rear Commodore) and Ann (Future Rear Commodorable), the name rationale will be obvious. For those who don't know Jay and Ann, get to. Ask them about their well-behaved boat dog.

Also congratulations to Randy Snowman and Mary Lynn Camden on their acquisition of a 40 foot Pacemaker which they will be keeping in the house slip at Hoffmaster's.

Columbus Day after action—the movie

Jay Wilmeth, Cruise Coordinator

Many thanks to all you funsters who participated in the OYC Columbus Day Cruise and/or Float-in. Must say that my first experience as an OYC Cruise Coordinator was a good one. Twenty-one member-boats signed up and 21 member-groups showed up. Prior engine problems forced the Bannisters to arrive by land yacht. All in all there were twenty boats and well over fifty members and guests—a fine showing!

Our hosts at the Gangplank Marina were great. The cooperation from Dockmaster Chuck Fisher and his entire staff was superb. I especially enjoyed the neat-o deck of the Gangplank "Tower" which was made available to us for our Saturday night Happy Hour. This is the Happy Hour that

stands in tribute to our great members who brought some wonderful hors-d'oeuvres. Thanks also to Dave Moore and Gary Linck (my set-up crew) for all the help.

Forty-six of us paraded across Maine Ave. to the Arena Stage Theater on Saturday night to watch what I've been told was a wonderful showing of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." Folks raved about the intense performance of the timeless Tennessee William's steamy drama.

What, you say? You thought I attended as well?

All I can say is that I wasn't the only one who caught up on my lost sleep that evening. Wow! That was heavy stuff.

Afterwards, however, the activity lightened up considerably as most of us reported to the Capital Yacht Club where we invaded their spaces, broke up an anniversary party, and completely took over their club. Sixteen of our boats were represented at the post-midnight bash. They tell me that subpoenas will be issued shortly!

I really must commend the fine people at CYC. They stayed with us and provided good drinks, great atmosphere, that stupid ring toss, and did I mention the "White Russians"? There were some hurtin' Cossacks on Sunday morning!

Sunday morning Coffee Mess was set up behind "Cheers," that beautiful new Chris Craft 42 owned by Juan Valdez and Svetlana Ball. It was here that plans were drafted to attack the dreaded "Taste-of-DC".

Truthfully, I was not looking forward to Taste-of-DC. Boy, was I ever wrong. It was marvelous! Food, music, some of the strangest people I've ever seen, it was all there! Haven't eaten since!

Six boats remained for the Sunday night Happy Hour aboard *Evermoore*, where Carol and Dave were the all-too-perfect hosts. The plan called for an hour or so of frivolity on what had to be the most beautiful evening yet. Then we were slated to fall in on Hogate's or Phillips restaurants for a leisurely dinner. WRONG!

Happy Hour broke up past midnight after considerable spirited conversation, bawdy stories, tall tales and some downright lyin'. Actually, we consciously decided not to go to dinner after Dave insisted on reading the menu illuminated by *Evermoore's* spotlight through the window of Hogate's! Anyway, I'm never eating again. Remember?

It sure was nice not to have to go to work Monday morning. It was a lazy day; no one was in a hurry to leave. Eugene Brown was feverishly trying to determine the cause of a 2 degree list to Starboard on *Alexander's Dream* while I was borrowing gas from the *Cheers* crew to get my 'lil Wooden Boat home. By the way, the little Lyman is NOT the official OYC Cruise Tender!

Thanks again to all who attended. Let's do it again.

Covered winter slip

...available at Fairfax Yacht Club. Slip E-11 is empty and awaiting any yacht no larger than 14' by 40'. Imagine not having to check your boat for snow load after each storm! Now through March 1999. One hundred dollars per month, plus power. Please contact Ray Steele at 703-385-8615 or ray-steele@att.net.

Letter to the Editor

We just received our Daymarker and were appalled at what we found. It was bad enough that you had misspelled our name but what followed would cause even Janet Reno to consider appointing an Independent Counsel.

Maria nearly had to call the rescue squad for oxygen for me when we saw that you had insulted our Formula. To refer to *Erdnuss* as a Wellcraft was almost more than my middle-aged heart can tolerate. Even as I type these words my breath is once again becoming short--others might think that I would purchase anything but a Formula.

Let the world be conquered by a flotilla of Formula PCs (for you media elites that's Performance Cruiser, not that other PC nonsense) and let the battle cry be Formulas Forever! - at least until we buy our next boat and then we can be equally arrogant about that one.

Your heartfelt apology and printed correction are anxiously awaited. Thank you in advance; I remain Sincerely, Paul F.X. Koenig, Captain of MV *Erdnuss*

Dear Captain Kindling... uh, *Koenig*,

Let us state at the outset that ordinarily we would leap at the opportunity to apologize and accept full responsibility for the egregious slight which has been inflicted upon yourselves as carefully screened new members (i.e., your check cleared) by having all manner of errors appear in reference to you in our beloved Daymarker.

However, in this case I must refer this distressing matter to one of the Daymarker's usually reliable reporters and keeper of the membership rolls, one Jim Ball, who, no doubt as he read this scratched his head over how he could let such inaccurate information escape his touch upon the Send button.

In his defense, he has been somewhat addled of late, owing in part to his advancing years and attendant infirmities, but more so to his having just purchased a *HUGE* and beautiful boat. I will discretely bring this matter of Koenig and Formula errors to his attention, if that is yet possible to acquire. Meantime, be assured that an appropriate correction will appear in the next Daymarker, if we remember.

The Editor

Dear Captain Koenig:

Well, I checked, and the good news is that the information is correct in the OYC data base. The bad news is that I screwed up when I sent Coldwell the information late one night while dreaming of my new boat--which, by the way is not *HUGE*, it's just 2 feet bigger than Coldwell's and he just has *boatis* envy.

Anyway, his referral to my senility, etc. is just a smoke screen for that pitiful publication he puts out. And as for Formulas, aren't those the loud things that run on testosterone? Seems like I would have been doing you a favor in making the Wellcraft mistake, but oh well, I'll apologize anyway.

Cheers! Jim Ball

We have "elsewhere" readers

Pat Harford, long-time editor of the Spring Cover Yacht Club newsletter recently wrote to Ned Rhodes, saying she was amused over Ned's "Things I have learned so far this year," which appeared in the July Daymarker. Harford said she could relate to Lesson #3 that it is cheaper to pay Boat/U.S. towing insurance and get towed rather than purchase fuel before a trip.

She recounted her cruise in June when her boat hit a submerged piling and were force to call for a tow. She was covered by insurance and, being towed, she didn't use much gas. "But then," she said, "there was the bill for hauling out, sending out props for repair, checking the shafts, test run, etc. Ain't boating fun?"

"In all, Ms. Harford enjoyed Ned's rules and she thought Steve Wexler's "fill-in-the-blanks" article in advance of the July 4th cruise was quite ingenious.

There are about thirty clubs and local area marine interests who receive the Daymarker. Among them our favorite Chesapeake Bay Magazine. Did you notice the lead item in the magazine's Boat Club News in the November edition? Goes to show you, the Daymarker gets around. Guess we ought to be careful what gets printed, but hey, why start now?

The Datemarkers

Anniversaries

Ted & Ilona Zsiari 11/7 Frank & Wendy Holland 11/8

Birthdays

Katherine Corley 11/2 Ann Wilmeth 11/6
Tim Chaffin 11/15 Clara French 11/16
Kathy Jones 11/16 Terry Bannister 11/17
Ilona Zsiari 11/27 Dodie Cawelti 11/28
Bonnie Breneman 11/29

Correction: Last month's Daymarker omitted a credit to Gary Linck for his front page raft-up photo. We regret the omission and thank Gary for his fine photography.

The Daymarker

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Tom Coldwell, PC, Editor

Mary Ann Coldwell, Editor's Editor

Jim Ball, Circulation

News and other materials for publication are welcome from any member of OYC. The deadline for submission of materials to **THE DAYMARKER** is the 20th of each month. How about the photo on the front page? Duly swiped from the Navy's "All Hands" magazine, and it shows the underside of the aircraft carrier *Constellation*.

If possible, please submit copy by e-mail to:

coldwell@erols.com.

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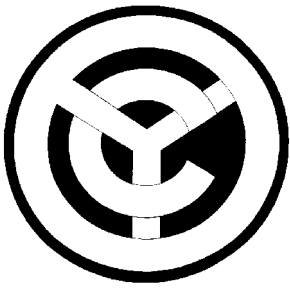
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OYC's 1998 Photo Contest Winners

Gary Linck, skipper of *Lovin' Life*, nearly swept the 1998 Photo Contest at the OYC General Meeting and contest fling on Halloween afternoon at Fairfax Yacht Club. Linck won the top spot in three of the four contest categories and picked up some second- and third-place awards as well.

Photos were scanned separately and returned to their owners.

The first place winners, clockwise from right: Boat Profiles, Steve Zimpel shot of *Shalimar*; Wild Life, Gary Linck captures his dog Buoy taking a dive; Landscapes, Gary Linck again with a view of an OYC raft-up; and People, you guessed it, Gary Linck, with an underwater view of daughter Dani in the swim of things. Congratulations to Steve and Gary



*You are Cordially Invited to
Occoquan Yacht Club's
Annual Holiday Party and Change of Command*



*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'oeuvres
(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*

*Menu: 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*

Price: \$40 per person

*Send your check payable to OYC and coupon below no later than November 27 to:
Janine Washington, 15544 Travailler Court, Woodbridge, Va. 22193-1017*

Name _____

Number Attending _____ x \$40.00 = *Total \$* _____

Inside...

**All the results... OYC election of officers, winners of the
chili cook-off, dessert bake-off and the Halloween
clothes-off (make that *costume*) and photo contest,
A full report on the Columbus Day weekend cruise to
Washington Channel,
Announcement and sign-up coupon for the Change of
Office and Holiday Dinner-Dance,
...and guess what, the time has come
*to renew your membership!***

**November 7-8
Hardy Souls Cruise
Mary Jo Worcester
494-2383**

**November 28
Santa Claus
cruise from OHM to
Occoquan
Walt Cheatham
243-2430**

**December 5
Holiday Party and
Change of Office
at Fort Belvoir
Janine Washington
590-3653**

**January 23
Planfest for '99
Peggy Ball
569-2159**



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