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## Commodore's Comments

### Janine Washington

#### Holiday Party Highlights

I've always said that if there's one party you want to be sure to attend each year the OYC Holiday Party and Change of Watch is the one you want. This year's party only reinforced that opinion! A special thanks goes out to Xenia Chapman of the Ft. Belvoir Community Center who put out quite a spread for the fifty-one attending members. The unseasonably warm December day allowed the partygoers to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the patio as well as indoors. Couple that with the visions of a free year's slip for the best decorated boat at the

Prince William Marina dancing through Gary's and Mike's heads and you have the ingredients for a festive mood all around. Mike, who missed the happy hour portion of the evening because he waited at the marina for the judging, *still* doesn't know who actually won the free slip. I have this vision of Linus waiting in the pumpkin patch for the Great Pumpkin to appear!

Immediate Past Commodore Teresa Sorrenti thanked everyone for a wonderful year, a sentiment that is heartily echoed by the rest of the board. In addition to the certificates of



**The New Board**—Gordon Cawelti, Peggy Ball, Gary Linck, Janine Washington and Jay Wilmeth are committed to hands-on management of the club for the year ahead.

appreciation given to this year's cruise coordinators, special recognition was also given to the OYC members who have been with the club for 10- and 15-years. The 10-year members were: Susan and Walt Cheatham; Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell; Ned and Arleen Rhodes; Charles and Vonda Barrow; Henry and Monica Lovell. The 15-year certificates went to Aaron and Lynn Martin; Ron and Jean Tilmon; Steve and Mary Jo Worcester. Congratulations to all on achieving these significant milestones! Other certificate notables were Jim Ball, OYC Membership Chair; Quartermasters Duane and Janet Jeirles; Historian Susan von Schaak-Brown; our *Daymarker* editor PC Tom Coldwell; and PRYCA Delegate Jim Ball.

Teresa thanked the outgoing OYC board, including Secretary Walt Cheatham and Treasurer Tony Mirando, and presented us all with wall clocks. Each contained an actual nautical chart of the Occoquan River, Occoquan Bay, Mason Neck and Mattawoman areas. What a truly a unique and thoughtful gift!

I personally want to thank Teresa for her five+ years of OYC board service and especially her year at the helm. That translates into a minimum of sixty [Daymarker] articles! When you combine that with the fact that she has served on the board since she was six years old (back then our newsletter was called the *DayCareMarker*) you have one DEDICATED OYCer! Now that Teresa has graduated to the ranks of Past Commodore, the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month will be just another day. In celebration, "T" danced the night away, sans shoes, with THE most serene smile on her face!

### Legends are Made of These

For the second year in a row we presented the Bent Prop Award without recipients being present. Since the 1997 recipients weren't in attendance either, IPC Teresa Sorrenti presented the award. The 1998 recipients are Ed and Martha Jane Dodd. To recap the story, the Dodd's 36' Egg Harbor *Martha Jane* was narrowly saved from sinking into the watery depths of the Occoquan on last August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the quick thinking of Bill and Bonnie Fulford and PC Ray Steele and wife Pat, as well as the Dodds themselves, the *Martha Jane* was saved and all turned out for the best. Just think, last year we jokingly asked what could top an exploding 2000-pound air cylinder hitting *Sanctuary*!

### The Quintessential OYC Couple!

The coveted award of the Commodore's Cup is given each year to the couple who contributes the most to the club and personifies what pleasure boating is all about. The 1998 award went to none other than Steve and Mary Jo Worcester. Steve and Mary Jo, who were also among our founding members, were recognized for their 15 years of unswerving club service as well as their sense of fun and creativity. They coordinated OYC's Week-long I Cruise on the Bay (complete with a poker run and a scavenger hunt) as well as the Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria each year. Congratulations Steve and Mary Jo! You two are the coolest!

### Let's Make It Happen!

Finally, I want to say thanks to all of you for the cards, letters and phone calls of support as I begin my tour as Commodore. Peggy, Jay, Gary, Gordon and I are very excited about serving as your board this year. We have some terrific events planned for this year that promise to offer something for everyone. We're truly going to party like it's 1999!

## The All-Volunteer Force

The club will continue to count on support from the following appointees:

PRYCA Delegate for '99	Jim Ball
Quartermasters	Duane and Janet Jeirles
Historian	Susan von Schaak-Brown
Membership Chairman	Jim Ball
Daymarker Editor	Tom Coldwell

### Fleet Captains:

OHM	Linda and Lazlo Bozoky
Mt. Vernon	Steve Donnock
Hoffmasters	Steve and Kathy Zimpel
Pilot House	Tim and Beth Chaffin
Prince William Marina	Mike Fordham (new)
Fairfax Yacht Club	TBD

We're looking for volunteers to serve as Fleet Captains for Fairfax Yacht Club. If you're interested (no, you don't get an expense account!), please see any one of the officers at the January Planfest.

### Now, some important dates:

Although the **PRYCA Change of Watch Dinner-Dance** at the Holiday Inn & Suites is not until **January 30**. Your reservation deadline is **January 5**. A sign-up coupon is on Page 7. Questions? Contact Jim Ball for details. He lives with Peggy (703) 569-2159

The Annual **Planfest** will be held on **January 23 at Gecko's 2:00 p.m.** Hors d'oeuvres (which is French for finger food) and cash bar. See Peggy's article for details. Please consider volunteering to coordinate a cruise or land-based event. Who knows? That person receiving kudos at next year's Holiday Party could be YOU!

Back by popular demand...**Third Annual OYC Sweetheart's Night** on **February 6**. This will be a night you won't soon forget! See Jay Wilmeth's article for details.

Happy New Year everyone!



## The Daymarker

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News and other materials for publication are welcome from any member of OYC. The deadline for submission of materials to **THE DAYMARKER** is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Okay, did you really take a good look at the photo on page one?

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

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Fax service is not available. Word-processed copy may be mailed on a 3.5" IBM/MSDOS-compatible diskette to the editor at 10319 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22032-2613. The preferred format is WordPerfect for Windows or DOS, but we accept Microsoft Word and ASCII text as well. By the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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





## Vice Commodore's Comments

### Peggy Ball

Okay, the holidays are over and we can relax now, right? I think this is the best time of year to sit back and dream of the places I had so much fun in last summer. Of course, this only gets me into trouble as I immediately shift gears into what-if's. You know, what if we took a week and headed... or two weeks and went... Times spent on these mental trips have so much to offer. The gas is free, the vacation time doesn't count, and, oh yeah, I don't have to cook. It doesn't get better than this— except that I wake up and realize that I am moving my lips and speaking. This is how I ended up leading a week-long cruise to Baltimore in 1997 and a two-week trip into the mid-Bay area in 1998. I get so excited at the ports I haven't seen and the restaurants I haven't visited that I lose control.

The illness is contagious. I have spoken to several members who made OYC trips last year and now are asking themselves, "what if?" Yes, you too can lead an OYC event. We are so-o-o easily led. I mean all you have to do is decide where you want to go, let others know and instantly, you are a cruise coordinator. There is so much experience within the club. All your questions can be answered, itineraries suggested, activities planned—you get the picture. All you have to do is *speak up*, let your board know what you want to do.

The a proposed list of events for 1999 is shown at right. This is just the beginning of planning our fun for the year. The real fun is getting together with your OYC friends at the Planfest on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and making the dreams come true. Where and when are the long cruises for 1999? Only the future coordinators know for sure.

Can you really be a coordinator and put one of these

trips together? You bet. The more you get involved, the more people you meet and the more fun you have. But don't take my word for it. Ask any of the OYCers who have led you anywhere and ask them how the experience was. I am sure you are going to get an enthusiastic offer to assist you with your very own cruise. How can you lose? Only your tolerance for fun, sun and friends limits you.

So, come join us at the Planfest

### Tentative schedule of events for 1999

Jan 30, PRYCA Change of Watch-Alexandria  
 Feb 6, Sweetheart's Night dance at P.J. Skidoo's  
 Mar 13, General Meeting & St. Patrick's Day Party  
 Apr 17, Safety Day at Mount Vernon Yacht Club  
 Apr 24-25, Early Bird Cruise  
 May 1-2, OYC Flag Raising & Raft Up  
 May 15, OYC Breakfast & Yard Sale  
 May 15-16, Blessing of The Fleet (DC or Occoquan?)  
 May 29-31, Memorial Day Cruise to the Yeocomico River  
 Jun 5-6, Spring Cruise to Cobb Island  
 Jun TBA, Tantallon Yacht Club Event  
 July 3-5, Fourth of July Cruise to D.C.—raft-up or marina visit  
     OR down river cruise and one- or two-week Bay cruise.  
 July 16-18, PRYCA Float-In at Ft. Washington  
 Aug ??, OYC Week Long Cruise II and III  
 Aug 14-15, Summer Cruise to Colonial Beach  
 Aug 21-22, Dinghy Regatta Raft Up  
 Sep 4-6, Labor Day Cruise to Coles Point  
 Sep 11-12, Shrimp Feast at Mattawoman  
 Sep 17-19, PRYCA End Of Summer Party  
 Oct 9-11, Columbus Day Cruise  
 Oct 14-17, Annapolis Power Boat Show  
 Oct 30, Membership Meeting, Chili & Halloween Party.  
 Nov 6-7, Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria  
 Nov 27, Santa Cruise  
 Dec 4, Holiday Party & Change of Watch



New, Improved Cheers—Jim and Peggy Ball cruise the Great Wicomico River in their new 42' Chris Craft, which they acquired at the beginning of the 1998 season.



## Rear Commodore's Comments

Jay Wilmeth

### Sweethearts' Dinner/Dance, February 6

Among the awesome duties of OYC Rear Commodore is the time-honored task of coordination of the Sweethearts' Day Activities for the yacht club. Did I volunteer for this when I threw my hat into the ring?

Having said that, here's the encrypted story, as I know it.

**What:** The Annual OYC Sweethearts' dinner-dance

**When:** February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** P.J. Skidoo's, 9908 Lee Highway, Fairfax

**Uniform:** Fairfax casual (Sport Coat/Sweater, OYC polo, PRYCA bathrobe)

**How:** Sign up, pay me, show up: You're a Sweetheart!

This is really the unofficial beginning of the 1999 Boating Season. You might say that it is the February Land Cruise. Further, it's the best time to pull off-season maintenance on the marriage and say all those nice things to each other that you otherwise would be saying to your boat! Anyway, BOAT/US and West Marine will be closed that night!

I've Coordinated with the restaurant which is on the main East/West drag (Rt. 50) through Fairfax, a half mile west of Fairfax Circle. I chose the same disc jockey as last year—Keith Robinson from Bristol Sounds Inc.—for what promises to be a wonderful time. He'll provide music during dinner and for dancing after. Happy hour, good friends, music, good food, cash bar, and your Honey! What more could you want? We'll even do a 50-50 drawing and who knows what else.

I will need the reservation form (on Page 7) or a reasonable facsimile filled out and sent to me **not one day later than February 1**. This properly filled out reservation and a check for \$25 per person made out to Occoquan Yacht Club should be mailed to me at 13560 Northbourne Dr., Centreville, VA 20120. This will tell me how many people are coming and which of three menu items you choose so I may arrange for Skidoo's to make it happen. The menu item you choose will be accompanied by a house salad, baked potato, desert and coffee or tea.

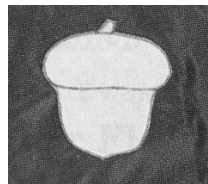
This is your one and only announcement. Act now! Questions? Call me, 703-968-9760, or send an e-mail [jwilmeth@erols.com](mailto:jwilmeth@erols.com).

### Get your asterisk in gear

Hey! Did you find an asterisk beside your name on the mailing label? If you did, it means that you haven't paid your dues for 1999, and guess what? It's 1999. So better fork over the fare or else you will miss out on all the fun this year. Dues are \$60 family, \$40 single, payable to OYC. Send to Jim Ball, 6833 Spring Beauty Court, Springfield, VA 22152-3111.

### E-mails out of date or missing.

If you haven't been getting Membership Chairman Jim Ball's regular e-mails, please send your correct e-mail address to [jball@erols.com](mailto:jball@erols.com) so you don't miss out on all the news not otherwise printed or printable in the Daymarker!



## Treasurer's Comments

Gary Linck

### Santa Cruise

Occoquan Yacht Club began the holiday season on Saturday, November 28. We couldn't have asked for better weather—sunny and 65 degrees to 70 degrees, a great day for a spontaneous raft-up. *Sea Duck Too*, *Kitt 2*, *Lovin' Life!*, the new *Abominable Snowman*, *Shalimar*, and *Mutants on the Bounty* were beautifully decorated and patiently waited for the arrival of Santa Claus. We even had a small reindeer running around the docks looking for Santa. Many of OYC members enjoyed lots of goodies on the docks of Occoquan Harbour Marina. The big hits were the hot mulled wine and the mini chocolate eclairs that Janine Washington defrosted all by herself.

At 11:30 a.m. the tour barge *Harbor Lady* slowly cruised down the Occoquan toward OHM. We could see Santa! As it turned out, Santa would not be taken to the Town of Occoquan by an OYC boat this year. This turn of events did not fare well with our coordinator, the official OYC Elf Walt Cheatham. After discussions with the captain of the *Harbor Lady*, it was decided that Santa would arrive in Occoquan on time, but *Harbor Lady* would do the honors. OYC was dismayed, we had always taken Santa to Occoquan. To ease the blow, the captain of *Harbor Lady* invited any of the OYC members' kids, to ride with him. The boat filled up quickly with lots of anxious children.

Rumor has it, Tim Chaffin of *Mutants on the Bounty*, was not a good boy this year!

[Event Coordinator Walt Cheatham has proposed that OYC's role in the Santa cruise—including the idea of involving Prince William Yacht Club—be discussed at the Planfest.—Ed.]

With the Chipmunks singing Christmas carols, OYC members fired up their engines and escorted Santa to town. As we headed up the Occoquan River in perfect OYC parade formation, we could hear the sound of hundreds of children yelling for Santa. What a great feeling it was aboard *Lovin' Life!* to be part of the Christmas cheer. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.



Santa cruisin'—Part of the fleet of OYCers escorting Santa to Occoquan





## Secretary's Comments

### Gordon Cawelti

Some of you may be looking for a good read as you enter a less hectic and more contemplative life in the off season. Here are a couple of books that might be of interest to you.

If you have not already read *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger you might enjoy this story of a Gloucester-based swordfishing crew of six and their boat that went down off Newfoundland after having been caught in a horrible storm. I learned, for example, that the Coast Guard has buoys out in the ocean that recorded waves ten stories high which was a bit much for the small boat trying to reach safety. Floating debris found much later was all that was left of the ill-fated voyage. Junger employs a gripping literary style of writing based on the details he could recreate from reports by family and friends, radio messages, and other people on other boats who made it through the storm with winds up to 125 miles per hour.

I recently finished *Hen Frigates: Wives of Merchant Captains under Sail* by Joan Druett who is a Fulbright fellow and historian who lives in New Zealand but does most of her research here in the U.S. While the title may turn off some, the book does a great job of helping you get a feel for what life was like on windjammers,

downeasters, and clippers in the early and middle nineteenth century as recorded by women who chose to make these long trips with their husbands rather than stay home. There are first hand reports of the kind of food they had, how they kept a water supply, handled medical matters (very wrongly in many cases) what they did in foreign ports, etc. There is even a chapter on "Sex and the Seafaring Wife" that might not be too indelicate for most lusty OYC readers.

The author's husband, Ron Druett, provides many great illustrations of these ships; I am going to see if he sells prints since I would love to have one of his works of art.

Of course, these long oceanic journeys were quite different from today's OYC cruises whose captains use satellite-driven GPS instrumentation to get from one end of Cole's Point to another, have air conditioning and fans, and consume Courvoisier and brie as they motor from one friendly port to another.

### Crookless Roosevelt Island

by Ned W. Rhodes, Cub Reporter

Over the years, I have regaled you all with stories of my

trips to New York City. The story is something like take the Delta Shuttle to La Guardia and then take the Delta Water Shuttle (\$25 round trip) to town. Then there are the variations such as hitting a log, capsizing, ice storm and running over a Maxum. The bottom line is that with sufficient planning, you can take a business trip and fit in a boat ride of some sort.

On my last trip, I happened to have a copy of the December issue of *Power & Motoryacht*, which contained an article entitled "Isle Take Manhattan," which describes a circumnavigation of Manhattan Island. I read the article with great interest as the Water Shuttle takes the same route on the East River, by the United Nations and past another island named Roosevelt. There are ruins on the south end of this island and I have always wondered what they were. I was delighted to find that the article explained that the ruins were of Blackwell's Castle, "...an ivy-covered remnant of the Roaring Twenties."

It goes on to describe a typical OYC raft-up "...it beckons to me, whispering tales of gin-soaked evenings, fedora-topped wiseguys, and wicked, wicked women." Now, I am really interested. Over Thanksgiving, I did a little research on the web. A search for "Blackwell" and

"Roosevelt" gave me information and some pictures of a rather plain house on the island. A search for the gangster Blackwell, yielded nothing. I was very confused.

I finally came across a web site that contained a lot of information on Roosevelt Island and it contained a time line history of the island. I emailed Dick Lutz,

webmaster of the [www.nyc10044.com](http://www.nyc10044.com) web site, and he enlightened me with the following:

"The ruin near the south point of the island is a Smallpox Hospital, designed by James Renwick (who also designed St. Patrick's Cathedral), was opened in 1856 and abandoned in 1950. Blackwell was not a 20's gangster and had no castle. He was the second European owner of the Island (1686), having married the daughter of the original European owner, who had been awarded it by the English king (1666)."

I next called the editorial offices of *Power & Motor Yacht* and spoke to the author of the article to see if I could get an idea of where she got her story. She said that she had heard it from a "dinner boat captain" and was very surprised to hear what I had dug up on the history of the island. Based upon my information, a correction may appear in a future issue.

The moral here is that you should never always believe a dinner boat captain and you should always research your articles before you put them into print (our Daymarker editor says that each article published is thoroughly checked so as to eliminate any factual information). Check out the Roosevelt Island web site for more information.



**RV emulator**—An (almost) unidentifiable OYC boat commemorates a favorite travel destination.

## 1998—OYC's Year in Review

For OYC, the past year was a touchdown with no flags. Oh, sure, there were some yard penalties assessed, but only against the kind around your house. Hey, you can do weeds during a La Niná winter if we get one.

### The New Year's Resolutions

First of all, how did the 1998 New Year's resolutions (as recorded in the January 1998 Daymarker) survive? Not too well, for examples:

Steve Wexler—"I resolve that some portion of my boat will touch the waters of the Chesapeake Bay." Wexler sold his boat before the '98 season began.

Rick Sorrenti—"I will not holler at the First Mate." (Evidence still under court seal.)

Mike Troup—"I resolve not to get a First Mate unless the mate-to-be comes with a 40-foot power cruiser and dinghy." In October, Mike announced his engagement to Terri Rogers, who owns no boat, but seems about to.

Jim Ball—"I resolve not to dance merrily down the dock when someone fails a CME." Ball is reputed to be the principal cause for the revival of swing dancing.

Steve Zimpel—"I resolve to check my fuel gauges before leaving the dock." Towboat/U.S. went cash-positive in 1998.

### An eventful year, un- and otherwise

Walt and Susan Cheatham moved from Prince William County to Arlington County, after which Prince William County shelved the property tax on boats.

Movers to the Bay: Al and Jan Hobson in *Lucky Ducks*, Henry and Monica Lovell in *Hanky Panky*. Captain Hanky turned 50 this year.



**Saint 'n Sinner 'n Winners**—Mary Jo and Steve Worcester are the 1998 recipients of the Commodore's Cup, awarded at the Change of Watch party in recognition of the Worcester's contributions to the club this past year. They also received a certificate recognizing their 15 years and founding membership in OYC.

Bozokys, Wexlers and Sorrentis rented a yacht for a week's cruise in the Virgin Islands, further defining the term "bare boat charter."

"New" boats this year for Jim and Peggy Ball, Mary Stedman and Russ Barnes (or was that in '97?), Bill and Bonnie Fulford, Jack and Robin Ryan, Randy Snowman and Mary Lynn Camden, Mike Fordham and Janine Washington,

Jay and Ann Wilmeth. Probably some others we missed.

OYC boats harvested a cord of wood from the Potomac during the Early Bird Cruise to Washington.

There were the usual great cruises to Point Lookout, Port Kinsale and Coles Point (the Diesels beat the Gassers at volleyball), FOUR weeks of week-long cruising down to the Bay; weekenders to Cobb Island, Colonial Beach, Alexandria, Washington, Mattawoman (Dinghy Regatta, Shrimp Feast). Tantallon (for the 4077<sup>th</sup> MASH and End of Summer parties).

Again, old unbeatable, unstoppable, wonderful and tough competitors that we are in OYC, we *WON* the PRYCA cup at the Float-In. It was the most magnif.... Wait, that was 1997. That was then and 1998 wasn't.

We heard about "body shots," sort of an alcoholic navel engagement. There was a whole lot of talk about it, but evidently no one had the stomach for it.

Hurricane Bonnie moved up to Virginia Beach and parked. Time—and cruisers—stood still in the southern Bay region. Meantime, *Cheers* slipped her shaft at Tides and got fixed up across the creek.

For Halloween, we elected officers and then put on false faces, but who could tell?

The Hardy Souls cruise was really fun but, weatherwise, notably un-Hardy. More like Laurel. In other years, there was ice and blustery winds, even worse outside.

We dressed up (translation: no deck shoes) for a swell Change of Watch party at Fort Belvoir.

Still, the cruising continued, thanks to the extended Fall and record-breaking high temperatures. Snowman plans to winterize in March.

What a year. Was it good for you? The Daymarker staff hopes so and that this new one will even be better.

—T.C.

## July Bay cruise proposed

The editors of The Daymarker (and crew of *Shalimar*) have conspired with the crews of *Cheers* and *Courchevel* to design a 17-day voyage on the Chesapeake, July 2-18:

July 2, at Point Lookout Marina

July 3-5, in Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina East for Fourth of July weekend

July 6-7, in Havre de Grace, Md.

July 8-9, in Northeast, Md., on the Northeast River

July 10-11, in Georgetown, Md., on the Sassafras River

July 12-13, in Rock Hall, Osprey Point Yacht Club and Marina

July 14-15, in Annapolis

July 16-17, destination to be determined, but could include Chesapeake Yacht Club on the West River, Herrington Harbor, or Coles Point Plantation.

July 18, return to Occoquan.

There are a couple of ambiguities, e.g., what to do July 16-17, where to stay in Northeast and Havre de Grace, how to pronounce Havre de Grace, etc., but these will be resolved through wintertime scouting by land-cruiser. We will need some coordinating assistance from anyone who would like to go along for the first or second week but not both. Or the club may decide something completely different, thus rendering our plan a conspiratorial "renegade cruise."

We can talk about it at the Planfest. Hope to see you.

## Time to learn, improve skills

by Dave Moore

It is that dormant period in a boater's life when the boat is winterized and thoughts of cruises, electronics, dock parties and good times are ever present. What better time is there to improve your nautical knowledge and skills than this winter.

Do yourself a favor if you have a computer at home or at work. Check out the United States Power Squadron Website at <http://www.usps.org> and in particular take the twenty question test provided. Your answers will be instantly scored and you can see just how smart or rusty you may be. Chances are you could use a little help or a refresher and the basic Safe Boating Course or one of the advanced courses may be just what the Captain ordered. Advance courses are offered to USPS members and the basic course is open to the public. You will likely find that your boating insurance premiums will be reduced if you have satisfactorily completed the course.

The classes generally start at 7:00 p.m. and run one night a week for eight weeks. Courses are being set up at the following locations starting on the dates indicated:

Fairfax Yacht Club, Mason Neck, VA; Thursday, January 21; Contact: Mike Foster (703) 590-7126

Arlington Community Center at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Arlington, VA; Thursday, February 4; Contact: Dickie Tighe-Foster (703) 590-7126

McLean Community Center, McLean, VA; Tuesday, February 9; Contact: Dickie Tighe-Foster (703) 590-7126

South Lakes High School, Reston, VA; Tuesday, February 23; Contact: Jere Dando (703) 620-3925

Kilmer Intermediate School, Vienna, VA; Tuesday,

March 9; Contact: Richard Durgin (703) 560-9106

Francis Scott Key School, Springfield, VA; Tuesday, March 30; Contact: Gale Alls (703) 569-1511

McLean Community Center McLean, VA; Tuesday, April 20; Contact: Dickie Tighe-Foster (703) 590-7126

Students learn safe boat handling, seamanship, rules of the road, charts and aids to navigation, engine trouble-shooting, needed equipment, boat trailering and other topics of interest to sailors, power boaters and PWC operators. You can receive your PWC endorsement needed to operate in many waters now. Course instruction is offered for free, except for a nominal charge for course materials. Contact the indicated phone number for specifics. General information and recording (703) 758-4442. Likewise the website mentioned above offers much information.

## The Datemarkers

### January Anniversaries

Laslo & Linda Bozoky 1/3

Jim & Doreen Keating 1/9

Alfred & Janis Hobson 1/11

Edward & Linda Wisniewski 1/20

### January Birthdays

Al Setikas 1/1

Susan Goodin 1/2

Dottie Strunk 1/2

Jim Ball 1/7

Michael Strunk 1/7

Richard Ziegler 1/8

Sandy Ludwig 1/9

Vonda Barrow 1/12

Sandra Rolston 1/14

Anthony Mirando 1/15

Mike Fordham 1/19

Ned Rhodes 1/22

Aaron Martin 1/23

Jan Wilcox 1/30

## Sweetheart's Night, February 6

P.J. Skidoo's, Fairfax, February 6, 7:00 p.m.–Midnight Happy Hour, Cash Bar, Dinner with Dessert, Coffee, Tea. dancing to the music of deejay Keith Robinson.

The cost is \$25 per person. Send the coupon below with check payable to OYC to: Jay Wilmeth, 13560 Northbourne Dr., Centreville, VA 20120

Questions? Call Jay, 703-968-9760

Names—you and your guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one for each attendee;

Chicken *cordon bleu* # \_\_\_\_\_

Prime rib # \_\_\_\_\_

Broiled salmon # \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite love song \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to OYC

## PRYCA Change of Watch, January 30;

PRYCA Dinner-Dance, Saturday, January 30, Holiday Inn, 625 First Street, Alexandria. Black tie optional.

: Cocktails, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.; Dinner, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Change of Watch, 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.; Music & Dancing, 9:00 to Midnight. Cash Bar.

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

The cost \$40.00 per person; cancellations after January 15 are subject to full fare. Use coupon below with check payable to PRYCA. **Register no later than January 5** to Jim Ball, 6833 Spring Beauty Court, Springfield, VA 22152.

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.

### Dinner Registration—Occoquan Yacht Club

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

Indicate your dinner selection(s):

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

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

Make check payable to PRYCA



Occoquan Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 469  
Occoquan, VA 22125

And...if there's an asterisk (\*) on your mailin g label, your memb ership dues

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