



The Daymarker

OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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It's April, Fool!

Meet OYC's unsung heros: the Nominating Committee

Commodore
Peggy Ball
1-800 IN STITCHES

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Debby Zimmerman
1-301TRICKS RICK

Rear Commodore
Candy Clevenger
1-800 BRIDE MOM

Secretary
Mary Lynn Snowman
STABILIZES RANDY

Treasurer
Nabil Dubraque
"WE HAVE MONEY COMING
OUT THE WAHZOO"

Quartermasters
Duane & Janet Jeirles
703 SML-XLXXL

Membership
Jim Ball
"RENEW NOW OR DIE"

Historian
Susan Von Schaack
A FEMINIST (Isn't that
cute?)

PRYCA Delegate
Jay Wilmeth
STOPS LEAKS AT
NIGHT

THE DAYMARKER Editor
Tom Coldwell
ON FIXED INCOME



Devoted Servants—This powerful threesome (whose names are withheld for security reasons), shown here in their street clothes in front of the current board, has created the OYC slate of officers every year since the club was founded, taking time off when needed from their daytime jobs as consultants.

Tax help for OYC members

Again this year, as a public service to its members, and in full cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, The Daymarker takes pride in conveying on behalf of the IRS to each OYC member in good standing the special tax form appearing on the next page.

IRS agents have promised us that this form is for the *exclusive* use of OYC members and that its inclusion in your 1999 tax return will *guarantee* your receiving special handling by the IRS.
Turn the page now.

Form 4-01-00

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

Audit Summons!

Bring ALL your records, CDs, too!

OMB No. OYC Yes. OMB No.

1999

Name(s)—As indicated on mailing label. Do not destroy mailing label under penalty of USC75, UCLA74 (halftime). Otherwise name(s) here. Do not print or write in this space. Do not leave blank. Define the word "is."

Answer these 1 How many boats did you own last year? If more than one, state
questions first; when you were elected OYC Treasurer. _____
we could use 2 How much did you spend for boat expenses? _____
good laugh. 3 How much did first mate spend shopping ashore on chick junk,
i.e., jewelry, new outfits, fussy baskets, toys for grandkid? _____
4 If Line 2 is greater than Line 3, you da' man!
Total (enter here and on lines 1, 2, 3 above) G _____

What did you 5 Number of parties you hosted on your boat _____
spend on 6 Amount spent for liquor, beer, wine with real corks, snacks, fake
entertaining? tattoos for bodacious ta-ta's, thongs, puppy antlers? _____
7 If amount on Line 6 is less than \$20, ever wonder why you're
never invited to things? G _____

Where did 8 Check all locations where you cruised: G Chesapeake Bay, _____
you cruise 9 G Occoquan Bay, G Belmont Bay, G Potomac Mills, G sand bar, _____
last year? 10 G Gecko's bar, G wrong slip, G www.nymphomaniaGs.com. _____

What errors 11 Check all errors you committed in 1999. G Wake the Commodore. G
did you make? Spill food. G Lose shaft. G Lose anchor. G Yell at mate. G NOT yell
at mate. G Forget anniversary. G Pump out in marina. _____
Enter total here (if zero or less, you do not own a boat) _____
12 _____

Miscellaneous 13 Whatever you come up with is *disallowed*—except for renewal
itemized of OYC dues. What? You haven't renewed yet? *Is there an* _____
deductions asterisk on your mailing label? Unless you _____
renew, this is your **LAST DAY** to mark it. **Eraser** _____

What is the *Abominable Snowman III, Alexander's Dream, All Systems Go, Amazing Grace, Anna Marie, Au Contraire, Bay Tripper,*
name of *Bossin' Nova, Check Six, Cheers, Class Act, Cocolobo, Copy Cat, Courchevel, Cracker Jack 29, Crazy Horse, Dealmaker,*
your boat? *Dory, down The Hatch, Dream Catcher, Dream Weaver, El Viento III, Erdnuss, Evermoore, Excelin', Ez Commute, for*
Niente, French's Riviera, Friendship III, Gaillynn, Going Nowhere, Guardian Angel, Half Speed, Hanky Panky, Harmony,
Hemingway's B & B, Hot Schatz, Impulse, in No Hurry, Kitt 2, Kmark, Knightsbridge II, Kristie II, Last Resort, Lee Anne II,
Little Boat, Lizzie Bitz, Loophole, Lord Barron, Lovin' Life!, Lucky Ducks, Martha Jane, Meri Lucy, Minnetonka Maiden,
Moon Beam, Moon River, Morning Mist, Mutants on The Bount, My Obstacle, My Turn, Nemesis, Never Enough, Oasis, off
The Walls, Panacea, Paramour, Potomac Princess, Priorities, Providence, Prozac, Raz-a-daz II, Reality, River Dancer,
Rock'n Robin, Rude Awakening, Rhapsody II, Saint 'N Sinner, Sanctuary, Sassafras, Scary Ops II, Sea Brat, Sea Duck Too,
Sea Venture, Sea Woof, Seadated II, Seagal, Sequester, Shalimar, Shillelagh, Skylla IV, Slo Coasta, Snarlin' Marlin,
Sourcer-r, Stargazer, Terrie Lee, The Golden Rule, The Renken, Three G's, to "Di" For, Touch of Fate, Tub for Two II, Via
Con Dios, Walt's on Water.

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

14. Total Lines 1-13, then e-mail total to www.irs.gov. You'll never be lonely again.

15. Bring this form, signed blank check, boat and crew to all OYC functions for the taxable ye REFUND of great fun, friends, lasting memories and boredom depletion allowance.

Signature, VISA #, ATM PIN #, safe combinations etc.: _____ **Date: April 1, 2000**

April Fools Party at Tim's Rivershore Restaurant April 1st, no foolin' !

Article written by Tom Coldwell [yeah, right]

Edited by Gary Linck of *Lovin' Life!*

Many of us can barely remember the last time we went to Tim's for a long afternoon of fun, hot crabs, and cold drinks. April 1st falls on Saturday this year so I don't need to declare a new OYC Holiday just to organize a party at Tim's.

Tim will be providing **FREE** crabs and steamed shrimp to the first 100 OYCer's that show up for the festivities before noon! Scott Shipley, the unofficial meteorologist of OYC, has agreed to pull some strings at the National Weather Service to provide sunny, 85 degree weather all day, with winds out of the south at only 5 mph, less than one foot waves on the tidal Potomac, south of the Key bridge to Cobb Island, and ice free waters. So let's start those engines and party, spring has officially sprung!

Laslo has volunteered to be the guest bartender for the day and will be offering Slippery Nipples, two for a buck all day long. Jack Ryan from *Seadated* will provide management and consulting services to Laslo at the bar. Tim's river water draft beers will be served for just a \$1.00 all day long.

Tim will guarantee fast and courteous service because he plans to have the top 12 Hooters calendar girls of 2000 bus tables and serve all day long. The artist formally known as Prince will hit the stage starting at 2:00pm and will play his song "Let's Party Like it's 1999" one more time. The concert

will be followed by the national recording artist Will Smith with songs like, "Going to Miami," and songs from the Willenium Live CD.

Following the live concert there will be a Jennifer Lopez Grammy Easter dress competition followed by a Hooters wet tee shirt and bikini contest. At 3:00pm the world famous OYC Chunkendales will slap the stage for a special one hour and nine minute extravaganza.

If that's not enough, the Occoquan Yacht Canine Club (OYCC) is having its 1st Annual Board meeting at 4:00pm. Buoy will give complimentary swimming and water safety lessons to all the new OYCC's members, so bring a dry towel and a bone to share.

Rick Sorrenti said that President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore would stop by with the president's dog Buddy for swimming lessons and hand out some fresh Cuban cigars to the club. Fireworks will begin promptly at 8:00pm so don't miss it. The Lincks will have their new Cruisers 4450 motor yacht named *MENeBUY.com* docked at the end of the T pier so stop by for a cold one.

Please if you plan to attend this event please email gary.com at: MAINMAN@MENeBUY.com and please give him a total head count ASAP! Tim would like to schedule additional staff if needed. Thank you, we are looking forward to a great afternoon with OYC.

Dear Abby Answers Your Questions

Dear Abby: What is the deal with all the damn dogs on the dock this year? I

have to step over them,

I have to listen to them bark and they

smell. It is

upsetting the children in the day care center

on our back cockpit. What

should I do? *Steve*

Worcester

Answer:

Woof Off!

Dear Abby: I see

from the calendar that Ned Rhodes is once again leading a cruise to

Colonial Beach. Did we not

learn anything from the last time he led a cruise? He showed up late and made Peggy Ball step in and dock all the boats. Then he arranged that nude swimming party off Duane's boat. This man can't find his way into Dennis Point (where nothing happened) without grounding. No, wait, that was Steve and it was all Ron's fault. Take this man's name off the schedule! *A Concerned Boater*

Answer: Woof Woof!

Dear Abby: Can you make any suggestions on how I can meet some hot boater babes? All the current ones are either too old or too small. My perfect date would be a female who enjoys long boat rides, walks on the beach, swimming and a good roll in dead fish. *Bouy*

Answer: Woof! Woof! Woof! Arf! Arf! Arf!

Prince William Yacht Club's wild party



Mill Street in beautiful downtown Occoquan takes on a new patina following PWYC's celebration of Lou Seelig's election as Commodore.

Captain's Test

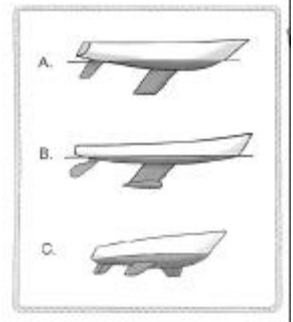
The following Yacht Club is pictured here:

- a. New York Yacht Club
- b. Perth Yacht Club
- c. Prince William Yacht Club



Match the classic hulls pictured with the boat manufacturer:

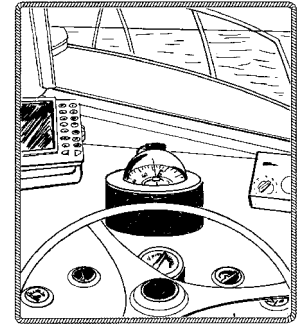
- a. Maxum
- b. Silverton
- c. Bayliner



The item pictured at left is:

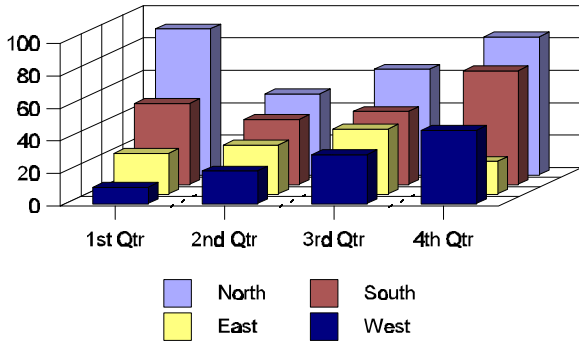
- a. Depth Sounder
- b. A nautical golf club
- c. Something that can entertain Walt Cheatham for hours

Using the picture of the dashboard of a boat, determine the optimal placement of the drink holder.



Given the following chart, what is the course, bearing and distance to Tim's?

Chart of Occoquan by Quarter



What nautical danger is pictured here?

- a. Too much wind in your slip
- b. Too much chili at the cookoff
- c. A bad spot in the force



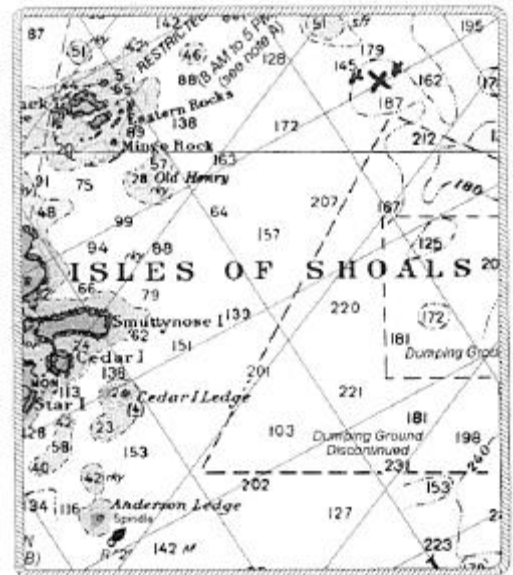
The devices pictured at right are:

- a. Rudy Zimpel's new stabilizers
- b. Randy Snowman's new stabilizers
- c. Pamela Anderson's new stabilizers



Given the following detailed chart of the OYC Memorial Day Cruise, determine:

- a. Where is Port Kinsale?
- b. What phone number do you call to receive navigational instructions?
- c. Compute the distance that Steve Zimpel will be towed and the associated cost?



People Picture Page

Meet the OYC
Communicators,
on paper, on
line...



A simple, informal ceremony this year — Peggy Ball rehearses for her first Flag Raising as Commodore, May 6 at Occoquan Harbour Marina.



Zany, madcap editors of The Daymarker

Not pictured, Jim Ball, keeper of
the E-Grams to us all.



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Commodore's Comments

Peggy Ball

Ah-h-h, another month of successful OYC events. Even though it was winter we found two opportunities to see each other and have a grand time. Nobody can call OYC a fair weather club.

My hearty thanks to Candy and Al Clevenger for all the hard work putting the St. Patrick's Day party together. They really outdid themselves with the decorations and room set-up. It was wonderful to see all the help they had making it happen. It really is true—many hands make light work. The set-up and clean-up went quickly with everyone pitching in. A big thank you to everyone.

There sure were plenty of OYC'ers to celebrate St. Pat's Day. The fact that it was a day late didn't seem to slow anyone down. What more could you want? We had a wonderful assortment of food and plenty of folks "wearing the green." Maybe we're more Irish that we think!

Some OYC'ers got their exercise earlier in the month at the Bowling Party. Mary Lynn Snowman helped bring back this event and word has it a good time was had by all.

Thanks, Mary Lynn!

On to boating

Cheers has been pulled, washed and painted. She is now back in the water and I am so-o-o anxious for a sunny day to go down and sit on the aft deck. It seems like cabin fever has hit me hard this year. I can't believe it is still weeks before Laslo and Linda take us out for the Early Bird Cruise. Of course, I have not even begun to re-stock the galley. Ask me later why I was in such a hurry. It's like labor, you forget all the work and just remember the fun parts!

April really does have lots to offer. Be sure to see the articles from Gary Linck, Bill Fulford and Laslo Bozoky. What can I say? April 1st and 15th just fell on a Saturday and your board saw good opportunities to get together. Won't happen again for a while, so don't miss out. I think it's even time to begin thinking about practicing for the Float-in events? What, you say? OYC practice? It could happen!

There's a strong movement to bring the PRYCA Cup back home for the Millennium. I know, I know, you didn't want to hear the "M" word again. But it's true. The cup was ours first and we want it back! We are being challenged to do so by our own John Corley, Commodore of National Potomac this year. He thinks we can't do it. Our reputation is on the line. It's time to show them (yes, again) that the club that has the most fun can also concentrate long enough to win events.

For those of you who don't have a clue what the Float-in or PRYCA Cup are, listen up. This is the closest and best event on the river every year. You bring the whole family and party with the other PRYCA clubs. It is so much fun. There is always something for everyone there. More details will be coming soon, so be sure to mark your calendar for July 16-18 because you don't want to miss this.

The OYC season officially begins in Saturday, May 6th. We will be at OHM for our afternoon event. Check your mailbox in April for the details. The Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet will be Sunday, May 7th. See the ORMA report for initial details. Plans are still being finalized. Now it sounds like boating season is about to begin!

See you on the water! Cheers



Vice Commodore's Comments

Debby Zimmerman

If you were not at the Membership Meeting, you missed yet another fabulous OYC party. It included a pot-luck dinner to die for. Not only can this group boat, but they can cook, too! The Fulfords' famous pork and sauerkraut was there, Ann Shipley brought another of her mouthwatering, eye pleasing dishes, and the tables were brimming with all types of delicious offerings. Maybe we should consider an OYC Cookbook.

The business meeting was short and sweet (although not short enough for some who would have preferred to just skip it) thanks to Peggy's leadership. We all received reports of the upcoming events for April, May and a new event just announced for June. Watch your Daymarker and emails for more information.

Maryland Shore Updates.....

A new restaurant is opening this spring (April) at Fort Washington Marina. The Proud Mary restaurant and bar will feature Steaks, Seafood and other menu items. If that little pit in your stomach attacks, there will be another place to stop in on the way up and down the river.

The purchase of Tantallon marina was completed in late February and the new owners met with the Tantallon Yacht Club members and local residents in mid March to address questions and concerns and to share their plans for the "new" marina. Current plans include dredging the entire basin and entrance channel, all new slips and a land facility to be shared by the marina ownership and the yacht club. This will be a massive undertaking that will require the marina to be closed from October of 2000 until April of 2001. Once the land facility is built, TYC will move ashore. The barge will be looking for a new home. (Several OYC'er's suggested Dave Moore's dock but Dave seemed to be a little hesitant.) The marina owners and Tantallon Yacht Club are working together to ensure a premiere product upon completion in April. More updates to come as the renovations continue.

Even with the challenges of the above renovations, Tantallon Yacht Club is going strong and has extended an invitation to OYC to a **Peace, Love and 'Flower Power, return to the 60s and 70s** party on June 24th. Our own Dave Moore has been recruited to lead the OYC charge. Break out those bell bottoms, tie dyed shirts and love beads. It is time to party. The OYC vessels will be berthed at Fort Washington marina and land barges will be provided for transportation. This event also provides a stopping off destination on the way to Sunday's Cruise for Kids at Capital Yacht Club. Make a whole weekend out of it by coming to TYC's party on Saturday night and then continue on to Capital YC Sunday.

—*Razadaz II* standing by on Channels 16, 68 and 72



Rear Commodore's Comments

Candy Clevenger

Did you miss the January Planfest and the March General Membership Meeting? Shame, shame. Are you still undecided about your vacation plans for this summer? It's never too early to plan a cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. The first two-week cruise of the summer will gather at Port Kinsale on Saturday July 1st. Port Kinsale is a full service marina located on the Yeocomico River, just off the Potomac River. While at Port Kinsale you can dine at The Mooring restaurant located on the premises of the marina. The Mooring specializes in local seafood dishes such as oyster chowder, crabcakes and pan-roasted rockfish. Port Kinsale also offers a large pool, sandy beach and grills for cooking.

On Sunday we will venture around Smith Point to Windmill Point. This marina's sheltered bayfront is located where the Rappahannock meets the Chesapeake Bay. While there you might want to stroll along the white sand beach, play tennis or golf, swim in the one of the marinas two pools or work out at the fitness center. This marina offers laundry facilities, a ship's store, pro shop, and an on-site restaurant.

On Monday July 3rd we will move on to Tidewater Yacht Agency in Portsmouth, VA. We plan to spend three days in Portsmouth. This should give everyone ample time to rest, enjoy the sights and, of course, shop. While at Tidewater we will not have to leave our slips to see Norfolk's 4th of July fireworks which are launched from Town Point Park. Tidewater Yacht Agency offers new air conditioned bath houses, on-site security, a complete marine ship's store, cable TV, laundry and a floating swimming pool. With water taxi service available Tidewater Yacht Agency is conveniently located in the heart of Portsmouth's and Norfolk's waterfront.

Watch for future articles covering the complete itinerary of the summer's first two-week cruise. If you are interested in coming along please contact Nicky Linck, 494-7028, or Candy Clevenger, 273-3073.

Membership News

by Jim Ball, Membership Chairman

Welcome to Paul and Della Fleury, long time friends of OYC and denizens of Tantallon Yacht Club. Paul and Della keep their 48' Chris Craft *Never Enough* at Tantallon.

Joe and Gail Livingston of Burke, VA, who keep their 33' Chris Craft *Gaillyn* at Hoffmasters and are planning on being the new owners of a 42' Chris Craft sistership to *Cheers*.

If you missed the membership meeting on March 18th, you missed getting your membership cards. I will have them at the April Fools party and at Flag Raising. Also, please note if you have not paid your dues, this issue of the Daymarker will be your last. Don't miss out on all the fun we have planned for the year; send your dues renewal now, payable to OYC.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Jan Hobson, 4/2	Don Carlson, 4/5
Nancy Miller, 4/6	Carolyn Stott, 4/7
Michelle Earhart, 4/13	Dannette McGurk 4/14
Karen Ray, 4/14	Tom Shank, 4/15
Laurie Dahl, 4/19	Steve Wexler, 4/19
Susan Cheatham, 4/19	Rich Garverick, 4/22
Peggy Ball, 4/23	Marta Helene Wensell, 4/25
Carol McDonagh, 4/25	John Morrow, 4/26
Michelle Foster 4/26	Laslo Bozoky, 4/27
Arleen Rhodes, 4/29	

Anniversaries

Jim & Dawn Weber, 4/1
 Bill & Clara French, 4/5
 Mary Lynn & Randy Snowman, 4/10
 Tony & Kelly Berta, 4/12
 Kieth & Terry Carr, 4/19
 Andrew & Lizzie Kalweit 4/20

Easter Seals Cruise for Kids 2000

by Mary Lynn Snowman

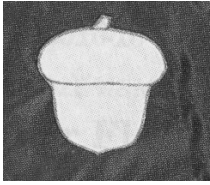
The Easter Seals Cruise for Kids 2000 in Washington, DC, is set for Sunday, June 25, staging from Capital Yacht Club (If you're going to Tantallon you'll almost be there—it's the same weekend!) The Cruise is for children with disabilities and their families. If you would like this information sent to you please see last month's Daymarker or me, 301-869-2885, e-mail HHS.Snowmm@co.mo.md.us and provide your postal mailing address.

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coldwell@erols.com.



Treasurer's Comments

Nabil Dubraque

Am I Bloo-oo-oo-oo...

I was blue.

Two thirds through bottom-painting and almost done with a gallon of Interlux Bottomkote Modified Epoxy (a controlled substance in many states), I was blue. So when from under the boat I saw the bronze-axe-wielding very naked and very blue little man grinning at me, I missed another spot, leaving the smear of blue on my safety goggles instead.

"Yes?" I asked with misgivings, *de ja vu* all over again. His grin so threatened to girdle his head that I wondered if the upper portion would fall off, but through teeth like icebergs on a sunlit polar sea he exclaimed, "Chief!"

"How!" I said, playing along. I like word association games.

"No," he said. "That's Indian."

"Native American," I politically corrected.

"Whatever. I'm a Pict, just like you."

"A Pict-ure in blue," I replied, proud as punch of my putative rhyming pun, "but I'm not your chief."

"Gotta be," he said, "you're blue-er than I"

"Than *me*," I corrected. Dumb Pict.

"Whatever!" He was getting a little testy. Problem with authority figures. "You coming or going?" he wanted to know.

"I'm not sure." I was feeling a little woozy, and slid out from under the boat. He took in my attire which, unlike his, consisted of more than just paint.

"Clothes!" he spat out, "What self respecting Pict would wear clothes?"

"The season's still young," I replied, "wait until the PRYCA Float In, and the Fourth of July at the Gangplank." He pondered this for a moment, then asked, "Is Jannine going to be there?" I allowed I didn't know, to which he sadly shook his head. "You're no Chief," he said..

I took a breath, then three, cleansing the Epoxy Surprise from my lungs, and the little blue naked man shook his head twice more and disappeared. In his place appeared the marina operator. "Too close to the fumes again. Nabil?" I nodded. "Rot your brain and your liver to boot." Again I nodded. I still had a third of the bottom to cover. The little blue man would be back.

The bottom is painted, the Pict is gone, and the chores remaining are more mundane. Most cleaners do not evoke visions of genies, Mr. Clean is just advertising shtick, and neither do waxes elicit... well, actually, there was that wonderful week in Bombay (Lucy forgive me) with Shandra, a statue of Vishnu, and a can of Johnson's best paste... but that's a story for another time.

P.S. We still have money.



Secretary's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

A Great Day of Bowling! If you missed out on this year's bowling party, not to worry, we're planning one for next year. We had such a great time despite a few complications with the bowling alley.

We had about 22 people show up; some bowled and some didn't. And everyone cheered! There were some who said they were bowling, but I'm still not so sure about that.

Let me highlight just a few things and then commend those who need to be awarded.

Evidently on the lane next to me Rick "Split" Sorrenti had a few too many splits. It had something to do with the bowling ball he couldn't find in the attic. Therefore, he wasn't bowling with "his" bowling ball, so the pins just wouldn't fall the right way. I have given Rick the award this year for the most splits. If there is anyone out there who would like to challenge Rick next year, please let me know.

As always there has to be a clown at every event. This year Gary Walsh has shown us just how easy it is to fall. He did, however, have a hard time getting back up. Gary has earned an award for the best fall. (No, I will not be challenging Gary next year for the "best fall award.")

Gary brought with him two young bowlers and they did a great job. Shelly receives the award for the youngest bowler. I believe the age is somewhere around 3½ years.

Ashley Walsh receives the award for determination and patience. This girl was awesome. Not once did she give in and throw the ball down the alley between her legs (which is not what I can say for some of us). With determination and patience she rolled that ball down the middle every time. Unfortunately, the ball had a mind of its own and would wander down the alley any which way it wanted to. Much thanks goes to Coach Scott Shipley for his guidance to Ashley.

There are other awards to make note of, too! Bill Fulford and Randy Snowman, Jr. received awards for the most gutter balls. Or at least someone kept count that they were to receive this prestigious award.

Eugene Brown and Myan Shipley received the award for the lowest scoring games. They may not have had the lowest scoring game but they received the award anyway.

Meagan has spent many Tuesdays in a bowling alley with my parents. (They bowl in the senior league in Falls Church.) All that time and practice finally paid off. Meagan Camden and Randy Snowman, Sr. received the awards for the highest scoring game. (Eugene, I think you should challenge Randy for this award...)

Way to go everybody, and thanks to all who made this event fun! Look forwarding to seeing you all (and more) again next year.

Second Annual Cherry Blossom Parade of Lights, April 8th

submitted by Jay Wilmeth, PRYCA Delegate

Hosted by the Washington Waterfront Association (WWA) with assistance from the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association, the 2nd Annual Cherry Blossom Parade of Lights will take place on April 8th, on the Washington Waterfront during the 2000 Cherry Blossom Festival.

Viewing the cherry trees in blossom is often reward enough, we would also like to invite you to a Sunset party at the Capital Yacht Club at 5:30, prior to setting off the parade.

The Parade of Lights will begin at the Municipal Pier at 8:00pm. The boats will parade in the channel, along the Water street waterfront. Following the parade, a reception will be held at Capital Yacht Club for all participants.

Both Gangplank Marina and Capital Yacht Club are offering complimentary slips for participants who do not berth their vessels on the waterfront. (Please note that slips at Gangplank Marina have one 50 amp outlet at each slip and Capital Yacht Club has one 50amp and one 30 amp outlet at each slip. If you require two 30amp outlets, bring your own adapters).

Unlike the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights, WWA is not offering prizes for the best-decorated boat. Instead, we will donate white lights to all participating vessels. In order to have these lights available to those who want them in time, we urge you to sign up early.

To register, email (preferred) or call PRYCA Member-at- Large Andrea Storey at awstorey28@aol.com. Phone 301-572-7457. Please include vessel name, captains name, home club or marina, & contact information: email address & phone number

Tax Day Happy Hour Party

by Bill Fulford, Event Coordinator

NOTE: New Location - No Potluck

Location: Sea Sea and Co. at 201 Mill St. in Occoquan VA

Date: Saturday, April 15th, 2000 Time: 5:30 PM - ????

RSVP: by April 8, 2000 to Bill & Bonnie Fulford, 703-591-2118 or Email wfulford@erols.com

Due to a prior booking, we were not able to get the Fairfax Yacht club for the Tax Day Party as originally planned. So, we have slightly changed the plan and moved to another location. It can never be said that OYC gives up a chance to party!

We will now have a Happy Hour Party at the Sea Sea and Co. restaurant in historic Occoquan to celebrate the completion of filing our 1999 Federal Taxes.

If we get a good turnout we can get the upstairs room just for the private use of OYC.

We need to know the head count in order to make arrangements, so please RSVP as soon as possible. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase and afterwards it is a great location to stay for dinner downstairs. Reservations are suggested if you plan to stay and dine. Dinner reservations can be made by contacting the restaurant directly at 703-690-2004.

Safety Day

Hoffmaster's Marina

April 15
10AM - 2 PM

Sponsored by OYC members at Hoffmasters and the Occoquan Flotilla of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Refreshments Served.

All members of OYC are welcome.

- ! **Come and learn to use flares safely.**
- ! **Use a fire extinguisher on a real fire (under the supervision of the OWL Fire Department).**
- ! **Get the latest on legal and safety matters.**
- ! **Learn about equipping your boat for safety.**
- ! **First Mate lessons on what to do in a Captain's emergency.**
- ! **Special Boats and Kids safety lessons by the Auxiliary.**

For details, call Jim Ball, 703.569.2159, or Candy Clevenger, 703.273.3073.

Gas is pretty cheap these days

People have been complaining about the rising price of gas. But gas is really a good dollar value, especially if you take the per gallon taxes off at the pump.

What if you were to buy a gallon of:

Diet Snapple, 16oz for \$1.29 or \$10.32 Per gallon

STP Brake Fluid, 12oz for \$3.15 or \$33.60 per gallon

Pepto Bismal, 4 oz for \$3.85 or \$123.20 per gallon

Scope, 1.5 oz for 99 cents or \$84.84 per gallon

Vicks Nyquil, 6 oz for \$8.35 or \$178.13 per gallon

Evian (water), 9 oz for \$1.49 or \$21.19 per gallon

Whiteout, 7oz for \$1.39 or \$254.17 per gallon

So next time you are filling up your boat, just be glad your boat doesn't run on Whiteout.

Stolen from the Silverton Owners Club newsletter

Early bird cruise to D.C., April 29-30.

by Laslo Bozoky, Cruise Coordinator

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Yes, it is time again for the first official OYC Cruise of the year, or should I say of the Century or even Millenium!

Just a few weeks ago we survived a blizzard and now most of us have our so-much-missed vessel back in the water and preparing it for a new season. By the 1st of April, some of us already have had their boats tested to Tim's Rivershore. Hope nobody experienced any problems due to some very cold winter days.

Our first cruise will take us to Washington, D.C. Gangplank Marina, on the Washington channel. This is a beautiful cruise, past Belmont Bay, Gunston Point, Fort Belvoir, Mount Vernon, Fort Washington, the Alexandria waterfront and finally the Washington Channel.

Schedule of Cruise

Sat 4/29. Arrival at noon or whenever. Welcome gathering on the dock. Visit members on their boats. Will we see *Sea Duck III*?

5:00 PM -6.30 PM Happy hour at Capitol Yacht Club. Bring your favorite food to share. Cash Bar!

7:00 PM departure by cab to Kennedy Center's Eisenhower Theater to see "ART," a hilarious comedy. Curtain time is 7.30pm..

After the play we'll take a 10 minute walk to The Washington Harbour and have dinner at "Joe and Tony's" waterfront Restaurant. Aprox . 9:30pm until? Dinner cost ranges from \$25.00 for menu #2 (group price) Coffee, Soda, Tax & Gratuity included. Ala carte' \$17.00 - \$26.00. To be paid at table.

People not attending the play can meet us at the restaurant if they wish. There are several good restaurants within walking minutes of the marina. Phillips, Hogates, a French place and a Pizza Hut not too far away. Sunday : 10:00 AM coffee and donuts on the dock or on *Hot Schatz*. Depart Sunday whenever.

Gangplank Marina: \$1.00 per foot. \$ 5.00 for electricity, per day. 50 AMP power supply only. The marina usually has one or two splitters available, but don't count on it. Bring your own. No deposit needed for your slip, pay at arrival at Dock Office.

Kennedy Center: Tickets are \$55.00 each. No discounts were available for Saturday evening shows. Please make check payable to Linda Bozoky and mail it to 4307 Marquis Pl., Woodbridge, VA 22192.

There are still slips available for anyone who hasn't already confirmed their reservation with me, so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Unfortunately we won't be able to get any more tickets for the play as they are sold out. If you have any questions give me a call.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Blessing of the Fleet set for May 7

OYC will join other recreational boaters from the Occoquan River to take part in the area's second annual Blessing of the Fleet in the middle of Occoquan Bay, 11:00am to 2:00pm., Sunday, May 7, the day after OYC's annual Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Before and after the Blessing, boaters are urged to parade to and from the Town of Occoquan waterfront, to remind natives and tourists of our enduring bond with the town... and wouldn't it be nice if there were places we could tie up to visit, dine and shop.

The newly formed Occoquan River Maritime Association will sponsor and host the event, coordinating the efforts of the Prince William, Fairfax and Occoquan Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.

Captain Russell O. Gunter, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy, will invoke a blessing on each boat as it passes near the chaplain's flagship vessel, this year provided by Prince William Yacht Club.

Similar events were held several years ago but were discontinued until last year, when Occoquan Yacht Club renewed the observance and all three of the river's yacht clubs participated. Since then the Occoquan River Maritime Association agreed to organize future ceremonies.

As OYC'ers know, the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) was established last year. High on the list of the association's priorities are the dredging of the Occoquan channel and working with the Town of Occoquan to reestablish its port for recreational boating.

The second annual Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet is set for Sunday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.. to 2:00 p.m.. That's the day after OYC's 17th annual Flag Raising, 12 o'clock noon at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Plan now to attend both events.

ORMA on the march in March

by Jim Ball, ORMA Coordinator

The month of March brought progress for Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) on several fronts.

On March 7th, Jim Henry, Mayor Pat Conway and Council Member Bobbie Frank of Occoquan and I met with Congressman Tom Davis' staff members to discuss actions necessary to have Occoquan channel dredged. We are moving forward to get the support of the Prince William County Supervisors on this matter, and Congressman Davis' staff has initiated discussions with the Corps of Engineers. Because the Occoquan is a designated channel, the process can fall under the auspices of maintenance dredging, simplifying the regulatory issues. Many thanks to Jim Henry and Mayor Pat Conway for their leadership.

Correspondence on ORMA and the initiative to reestablish the Port of Occoquan was sent to the Virginia administrator for the Boating Infrastructure Grants program to acquaint him with the objectives to establish transient docks in the Occoquan. We are also investigating the possibility of channeling the proceeds from the Commonwealth's lawsuit against Lorton sewage dumping in

the Occoquan to the Town of Occoquan to assist in restoring the waterfront.

The Blessing of the Fleet planning continues toward the event to be held on May 7th. The blessing will take place in Occoquan Bay from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to take a trip up the river to the Town of Occoquan to show their support for the Town's initiative to reestablish its port for recreational boating.

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association, representing yacht clubs in the entire bay region (Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia) is sending a letter of support for ORMA's initiatives.

ORMA is a civic organization representing the commercial and recreational users of the Occoquan River. We still can use helpful volunteers in all of the ORMA committees. If you are interested in helping, please let me know at 703.866.4740. If you want to know more about these and other issues in detail, subscribe to the ORMA e-mail list. Just send a request via e-mail to jball@erols.com. Also visit the ORMA home page at www.jamesball.geo/ORMA.html.

Docking for First Mates **Don't Yell At Me!**

by Jim Ball

This article is for First Mates only; those boaters who have been subjected to enough verbal abuse on the foredeck to own the tee shirt or make the pronouncement "I don't DO lines." For the captains who are the abusers, go watch a football game or something. The rest of us need to talk.

There are a few pointers that we all need to know, despite what the "captain" says. The first one is to pre-rig the dock lines before you get anywhere near the slip. (Remember not to call them "ropes;" there are no ropes on a boat.) Maybe you want to take the helm while the captain does it, but it needs to be done so that when you start docking, all is ready. About lines—there is the "loop end" and the other end with no loop, called the "bitter" end.

The following assumes you are going to be backing into a conventional slip with pilings.

The stern lines should be hooked up with the loop end on the stern cleats and carefully secured so that they don't get into the props, but can be reached by someone on the dock when you back in. These are the last and least important lines to worry about. The bow lines are next; rig them with the bitter end on the bow cleats and run the loop end under the front rails and up over in preparation for docking. Finally, and most importantly, rig a spring line; this is the most important line to work with as it is the one which keeps the boat from crashing into the dock when the captain screws up. Fasten the bitter end of the spring line temporarily to the breast cleat (that's the cleat forward and on the side) and run the line under the rail.

Next important point—let the piling come to you. (Huh?) In most dockings that I see, the mate waits on the foredeck until the boat has gone all the way into the slip and is challenged by having to reach far over the bow rail and struggle to get lines on pilings, dropping lines, boathooks

and sometimes themselves into the water. Try this: walk back with the spring line in hand to amidships where the boat is widest as the boat begins to back into the slip. Take the loop end of the bow line with you, too. As the boat backs into the slip, reach through the loop end to make a bigger loop and easily reach over and drop the loop for that spring line and that side's bow line over the piling as the boat goes by it.

Next, tend to the spring line where you are standing by loosening it, but leaving one wrap on the cleat so that you can control the boat when it gets near the back of the slip. When it does, be careful not to catch your fingers, and cleat it off to stop the boat and then go forward to tend the bow lines. Leave the bow line that you just put on the piling slack for now, but you can use it to pull your bow over to that piling so that you can push off the bow to the other side and then easily reach that piling with the other bow line and secure it. Next take in the slack on the first bow line and you are done forward. Meanwhile, hopefully, the captain or other kind souls on the dock have already taken care of your stern lines. So there, you are done and the Captain can take care of all that power, water, etc. and adjust the lines if he/she wishes while you get the drinks.

If you are coming into an alongside dock slip (T-pier), pre-rig all the lines on that side. Here, the most important line again is the spring line. Remember, if you get a spring line on the dock, the captain can control the boat much easier. If there is a piling, use the drop over technique. This will work even if the alongside dock space is crowded, because you can go bow-in to the dock, do the spring line, then back off of it into the short slip space. Worst dilemma is when the dock has no piling, but only a cleat way, way down low that you can't reach and nobody is around to help. So use the "Flying Spring" technique. Put the loop end on the breast cleat, under the rail and let the line down in a long "U" shape so that you can "lasso" the cleat on the dock in the bottom of the "U." Snag the line around the cleat and tie off the bitter end on the boat. (If any of you captains are still reading this, you can use this yourself when single handling). This technique will also work for floating docks that you come into with no pilings. It serves temporarily until you can get down and redo the lines properly. Incidentally, the "Flying Spring" technique can be used to get away from the dock when the wind is blowing you on to it. The captain backs off of it to get the stern into the wind, then the free end is released and comes off of the piling or cleat as the boat backs away clear from the dock.

So there, no more need to yell, stretch over the bow to get the piling, drop lines and boat hooks in the water, or go for an unplanned swim. Remember the basics: pre-rig the lines, let the piling come to you, use a flying spring when needed, and remember the spring line is the most important one on the boat.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Courses

To find a course date, time and place to suit your convenience, visit the OYC web site, www.OccoquanYachtClub.org, and in the navigation frame on the left side of your screen, click on Coast Guard Boating Courses.

What's happening...

Meet the all-powerful nominating committee,

Tax help for harried boaters,

Multiple guess quiz for Captains,

Dogged questions for Dear Abby,

If there's an asterisk on your mailing label, you can kiss your club goodbye.

(But take heart, there's still time to renew.)

**April 1
April Fools at
Tim's
Gary Linck
494-7028**

**April 15
Tax Day Party
at Sea Sea & Co.
Bill Fulford
591-2118
(Then do your taxes.)**

**April 29-30
Early Bird Cruise
to Gangplank
Laslo Bozoky
590-8440**

**May 6
Flag raising at
at Occoquan
Harbour Marina**

**May 7
Blessing of the
Fleet
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