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Commodore's Comments

Peggy Ball

Thanks to all the OYC'ers who participated in our wonderful Flag Raising/Blessing weekend. The weather really cooperated and gifted us with sunshine and mild wind both days. What a way to start the year. We used the OYC tent, but this time we didn't have to huddle under it to stay dry.

The Blessing of the Fleet was a spectacular success. A big "well done" to all who helped make this day happen. It was not a small task and took many hands to make it come together. OYC led the way with our volunteers of Blessing organizers (way too many to name!), Coast Guard Auxiliary patrol boats and ORMA reps. A real big thanks to Rudy and Cookie Zimpel for volunteering the use *Cocolobo* to

give our local political VIPs a waterfront view of the wonderful Occoquan. There were many comments and questions about shoreline businesses and how boaters use the river. All left the cruise with a big thanks for the outing as well as a vote of support for our efforts to restore the Port of Occoquan and the dredging of the river. A job well done!

Okay, we have had our successful Early Bird Cruise, we've raised the flags and blessed the boats. Now we can concentrate on some real boating. The Henrys hosted a Happy Hour at OHM on May 20th to a large gathering of folks who just couldn't wait to get close to the boats. We heard about new boat acquisitions and got a tour of the new *Sea Duck Too*. What a gorgeous



Occoquan Harbour Marina to expand—With the marina having already extended each of its docks up to three slips, this secretly obtained artist's concept shows the audacious plan for the final configuration. (Please don't show this to anyone from Hoffmasters or Prince William Marina—it's kind of a surprise.).

boat. Soon we will see it and the other newbies on the water.

Now, I've said I'm ready to boat, but don't let that mislead you into thinking the boat is ready to leave the dock. [At press time] I haven't even begun to provision for the Memorial Day Cruise and it's almost upon me. By now, all is revealed as to whether I made it or not. I hope I didn't embarrass myself!

I hope everyone is checking their calendars and the OYC schedule. There are some great events coming up quickly. The Tantallon party, the first two-week cruise and last but not least, the PRYCA Float-In. Please take the time to read about these events and sign up. Don't wait and read about what you missed in the next Daymarker.

This year we have been challenged by our fellow OYC'er John Corley in his capacity as Commodore of National Potomac Yacht Club. He says they are going home with the cup again. I say we can't let this happen. Please check out Jay Wilmeth's article and sign up. I say we show up at the event with a winning cardboard boat design that doesn't quit. We come with teams of dinghy racers, navigation/safety experts, and scavenger hunt pros. We come with party hats and fun attitudes. We go home with the trophy and lots of great memories. Remember, this is a family event so there is something for everyone. Rumor has it the committee even has a few surprises up its sleeve this year. Don't miss out!

Cheers!

Virginia to refund taxes on boat fuel

Chartroom Chatter, newsletter of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association, reports that the Virginia legislature recently passed a bill, signed by the Governor, that mandates state tax refunds be made for fuel purchased for use in boat engines. Receipts must be obtained at time of purchase and they must be designated as fuel sold for boat engine use. Procedures for refunds have not been established yet, but will be in place by the effective date of July 1st.

Washingtonian exposé of OYCer

The June Washingtonian Magazine carries a story which prominently features the work of OYC member Bob Barron. Check it out.

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

Welcome to new members

by Jim Ball, Membership Chairman

OYC now has 105 members, the newest of whom include:

Bob and Mary Noble of Centreville who keep their 28' Bayliner *Fruitcakes* Fairfax YC.

Rick and Denise Michael, who keep their 30' Chaparral, *Sand Castle*, at Hampton's Landing.

Wilma and Frank Spikes of Reston, who keep their newly acquired 33' Chris Craft *Per Diem* at Hoffmasters.

Steve and Lisa Bell of Alexandria, who keep their 24' Wellcraft *Bella Donna* at Alexandria City Marina.

Jim and Brenda Johnson from Lorton, VA, who keep their 26' Sea Ray *Co-Motion* at Occoquan Regional Park.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Betty Zagel, 6/2

Mary Lynn Snowman, 6/5

Bill French, 6/5

Steve Bell, 6/8

Dave Rolston, 6/8

Myndi Harbin, 6/9

Gary Walsh, 6/10

Gail Dalferes, 6/11

Mary Jo Worcester, 6/15

Kelley Berta, 6/17

Al Clevenger, 6/19

Gail Livingston, 6/20

Pete Kuzma, 6/29

Anniversaries

Rob & Margaret Goldberger, 6/4

Mike & Janine Fordham, 6/5

Paul & Maria Koenig, 6/6

Dick & Audrey Puckett, 6/7

Duane & Janet Jeirles, 6/15

Bob & Jan Wilcox, 6/15

Al & Candy Clevenger, 6/18

Nabil & Lucy Dubraque, 6/19

Rick & Pat Garverick, 6/19

Steve & Mary Jo Worcester, 6/21

Bill & Marilyn Dalgetty, 6/22

Our condolences to Bill and Bonnie Fulford on the loss of Bill's mother Mary on May 19. She was 90 years old. A memorial service was scheduled for Wednesday noon, May 31st, at St Patrick's Episcopal Church in Falls Church at noon with interment at 2:00p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

Check out these websites

Occoquan Yacht Club:

<http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org>

and

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association:

<http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org>

Ned Rhodes, Webmaster

Occoquan River Maritime Association::

<http://www.geocities.com/jamesball.geo/rma.html>

Jim Ball, Webmaster

Also see Jim's boating website:

<http://www.geocities.com/jamesball.geo/Boat.html>

and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association: <http://www.cbyca.org>



Vice Commodore's Comments

Debby Zimmerman

Why is it that as soon as you start a project, it turns into two or sometimes even three. Just once I would like to go to the boat, do whatever it was I was planning on doing and finish it without uncovering something else that needed attention. After this spring's rush to get the bottom painting done, I only had one major project to complete before I could sit back and enjoy the good life. Yeah right.....

The interior of the *Razadaz II* is predominately teak. Pretty, yes, but a royal pain in the you know what (lower body quadrant). I got the bright idea that if I sealed all this teak, it would not require the annual (and sometimes semi-annual) cleaning, oiling and polishing. So off I go to West Marine to buy some Armada Wood Finish. West Marine didn't have any so the next day I head to Boat US. Guess what, the original Armada is now manufactured for Boat US and distributed under the Boat US name. I guess that's why West Marine doesn't carry it anymore.

But I digress. Upon pulling the teak trim pieces out of the v-berth, I uncover a major disaster. The vinyl hull liner was trapping moisture behind it and all of the foam backing was wet and rotten. There was no way for air to circulate. So here was Project Number Two and I had just started Project One. Well, needless to say, I did not replace the vinyl with more vinyl. The v-berth now sports a nice comfy carpeted interior and hopefully will stay a little drier too. Most of the teak is now done and I think I might get a chance to sit back and enjoy a sunset or two.

Oops, I forgot with all my time concentrated on the interior that she still needs a good wash and wax job. Anyone want to buy a boat?

Upcoming Events

Make sure you get in touch with Dave Moore who is coordinating the Peace, Love and Flower Power party in June at Tantallon Yacht Club (vessels berthed at Fort Washington) Several boats from National Potomac will also be attending so I know it will be a great party. Yours truly will be assisting hubby Rick who is the coordinator for Tantallon. I'll shoot him later. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Maryland Shore Updates.....

Fort Washington Marina's gas docks have reopened.
RAZADAZ II standing by on 16, 68 and 72



Rear Commodore' Comments

Candy Clevenger

OYC to cruise the Southern Chesapeake Bay

As temperatures rise and days lengthen our minds and hearts turn to remembered pleasures on the water. If you've had the opportunity to participate in an OYC cruise on the Chesapeake Bay in the past then you already know what fun

an entourage of OYC boats can have finding their way from one port to the next. This year's first two-week cruise promises to be no different. If the kids want sun, water and amusement parks, dad is looking for boating and golf, and mom is just looking forward to a little relaxation, then throw those bikes, golf clubs and swim suits on your boat and join in our cruise of the southern Chesapeake Bay.

The cruise will begin July 1st at Port Kinsale Marina, which is located on Virginia's Northern Neck on the Western Branch of the Yeocomico River. While there you can enjoy dining at the Mooring Restaurant or tour the restored skipjack *Virginia W.* or just laze around the pool.

From Port Kinsale we will make an overnight stop at Windmill Point, voted by Chesapeake Bay Magazine readers as one of the best large marinas for transients.

Monday July 3rd will find us in Portsmouth, VA for the beginning of a three-night stay. This 300-year-old city across the Elizabeth River from Norfolk is a richly historic community whose notable attributes include great architecture and an unexpected variety of educational and entertainment diversions for all age—and all walkable from our marina. Just a stroll away is a smorgasbord of restaurants and museums. The Tidewater Yacht Marina has an ideal location, at milepost "0" on the Intracoastal Waterway. The marina offers excellent facilities, satellite TV, gas and diesel fuel, ship's store, swimming sool, security, as well as Amory's Wharf Restaurant. Our slips will assure us a front row seat for the 4th of July fireworks. Hampton and Norfolk entertainment such as the Waterside Festival Marketplace, Harbor Park, and Nauticus (The National Maritime Center) are just a short ferry or water taxi ride away.

From Portsmouth we will take a short trip back up the Bay to stop at the York River Yacht Haven. Our three-night stay at this marina—also voted one of the best by Chesapeake Bay Magazine—should allow plenty of time to work in visits to some of Virginia's best attractions. Just minutes away you will find Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens/Water Country USA, historic Yorktown and Jamestown, and golfing. There will be something for everyone.

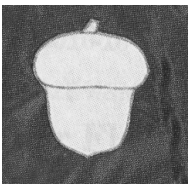
By Sunday, July 9th we will be arriving at Tides Inn Resort which is the largest family-owned resort in the Mid-Atlantic region, encompassing 675 acres with 194 rooms, 64 boat slips, eight restaurants, three swimming pools (one of which is salt water) and two 18-hole golf courses. The Tides Inn Resort includes the older, larger and more formal Tides Inn and the less formal Tides Lodge. Guests at either resort are able to shuttle back and forth by boat. Bike into one of the nearby towns, play golf or laze by the pool; you are bound to enjoy your visit to this beautiful resort.

If you can't join in the first week of our cruise, plan on meeting us at the Tides for Week Two of our southern Bay cruise.

On Tuesday July 11th we will cross the bay to spend two nights in Crisfield, MD at Somers Cove Marina, voted what else but one of the best by Chesapeake Bay Magazine.

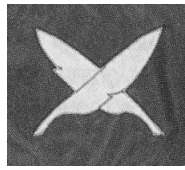
Friday July 14th will find our small armada of boats headed for the Potomac River for a weekend stop-over at Coles Point Marina and then home to the Occoquan.

If your are interested there is still time to get in on the fun, just call Cruise Coordinator Nicky Linck at 703-494-7028.



Treasurer's Comments

Nabil Dubraque



Secretary's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

Wagner's Music

I confess, I also sail. It has its benefits.

Not long ago, the day projected by weather prognosticators as the more favored for sailing turned into a drippy day of near-calm air. But we (Lucy, daughter Merissa, and I) went out anyway, our venue Leesylvania State Park on the Potomac.

A very few boats, mostly bass fishermen, and a couple of jet-skis were also braving the occasional shower, and our pre-sail ablutions were almost complete when Lucy, bless her heart, nudged me and said, "Will you look at that!" A scant thirty yards away in the parking lot a couple were preparing for their outing, he fiddling with the little plastic aquatic abomination that likes to jump our powerboat's wake, she in heroic au-naturel proportions (she was buck nekkid, guys!) preparing to don her wetsuit, which was proving to be somewhat troublesome. The process seemed to take on a leisurely dance which covered most of the adjacent parking space and introduced at least some of the local observers to Wagner's muse when he musically interpreted his valkyries.



The sail was pleasant enough, albeit slow, and ended when a deluge forced my crew below and all of us back to the dock damply. Ahead of us, pulling out to the expectant glances of fishermen and hangers on, was the same couple, and again none was disappointed. Back at the lot, while her mate tended



to the ski, she stripped to a score of silent huzzahs from the assembled fishermen and slowly towelled off with admirable technique. Eventually wrapping herself with the towel, she disappeared into the concession stand, then returned to doff the towel and don her clothes, and the two departed.

And what may have simply been a mediocre sail on an inauspicious day had now been elevated to, if not quite memorable proportions (indeed there was much discussion afterwards as to the proportions), then at least the level of a remarkable day, all this thanks to an encounter with a jet-ski.

Which goes to show that even within a jet-ski, some good may be found. And yes, Virginia, Wagner's music may indeed be better than it sounds!

Easter Seals Cruise for Kids, June 25th

Cruise for Kids 2000 is just around the corner! I hope you plan to participate in this special day that gives children with disabilities and their families a joyful day of recreational therapy.

There is no registration or entry fee.

All over Solomons Island I saw the advertisement—Easter Seals Cruise for Kids 2000. It was on the doors of business' and at the marina. You couldn't miss the fact that something big was happening in August and everyone wanted to be a part of it. Easter Seals Cruise in Solomons is Sunday, August 6th.

In Baltimore they are having a rubber ducky derby and a waterfront festival in conjunction with the Easter Seals Cruise. This cruise is set for Saturday, July 15th.

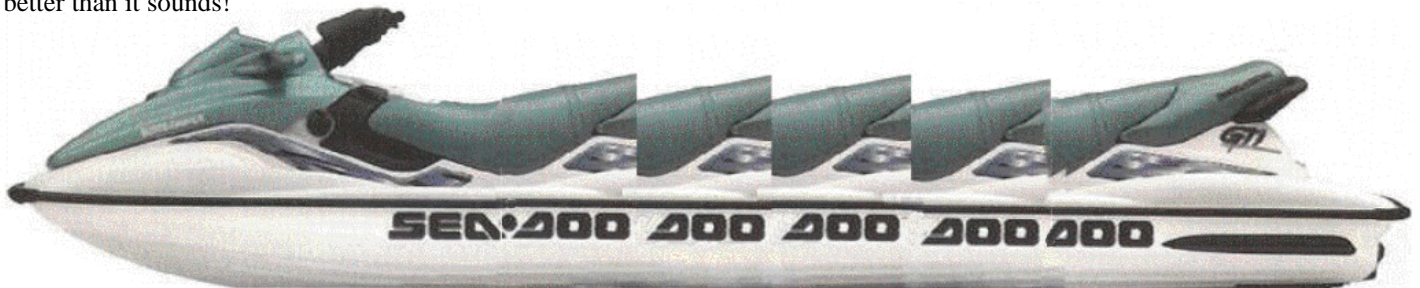
And in Washington—well the scoop is that there are 191 people who have a desire to go on a boat ride. Folks that's a large number and we need you to help.

The day is set for Sunday, June 25th. It starts with the boarding of the kids and ends with a captain's party—an old fashioned picnic. Plan to start early. Monitor Channel 72. Formation for boarding the kids and their families starts around 10:00 a.m. You take them for about a 1½ hour ride and then meet back at the Capital Yacht Club. Please contact the Gangplank for a slip for the afternoon (let them know you are with the Easter Seals Cruise). We'll wrap the day by 2:00 p.m.

I now have the forms for registration and if you will give me a call I'll be glad to put them in the mail to you. 301-869-2885 or contact me through Randy's e-mail randys@concur.com (my e-mail doesn't work most of the time).

Cruise for Kids offers children an unforgettable opportunity to experience something usually unobtainable to them. It is lif- embracing for all who are involved and an opportunity for many of us to share what we often take for granted. At the end of the day, everyone leaves tired yet rejuvenated, with a great sense of fulfillment. On previous cruises, those involved always comment that they get back much more than they give that day.

You can participate in the fund-raising component of the Cruise as well. Please request/complete a registration form.



New Arrival in OYC—Jim and Carol Henry are the proud owners of this new, family-size personal water craft, the Sea Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo

Blessing of the Fleet 2000

by Jim Ball, Coordinator
Occoquan River Maritime Association

Congratulations and thank you to all who made the Blessing of Fleet on May 7th a success. Some 114 vessels participated, it was very professionally managed, and was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Steve Donock for his coordination of the operational aspects of the event, to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Tow Boat U.S (Potomac Marine), public safety crews, chaplains, and captains of the Blessing vessel (Bob Nolan), VIP Vessel (Rudy Zimpel), Press Boat (Tom Coldwell), to Dave Moore, John Robey, and Walt and Susan Cheatham for preparing and placing the temporary channel markers.



ORMA Guests—Prince William and Fairfax County, Town of Occoquan officials and guests who embarked *Cocolobo* for the Blessing of the Fleet.



“Dear God, we commend to your gracious care the vessel *Cocolobo*. May your blessing be on this good craft and all who sail in her. Bear her on with favorable winds and deliver her from harm upon the waters. Amen.” Chaplains Russell Gunter and Jim Fisher in the cockpit of *General Quarters* invoked blessings on 114 boats. Photo by Jim Ball

[Presumptuously speaking on behalf of Daymarker readers throughout the free world, a big “thank you!” to ORMA Coordinator Jim Ball for his overall leadership and organization of the Blessing of the Fleet.—Ed.]

60's and 70's Party, at TYC, June 24

by Dave Moore, OYC Coordinator

Last month I told you about this upcoming event but lacked some specifics which were not available but are you ready now...because here we go!

Tantallon Yacht Club (TYC) is having a party and we are invited. Our own OYC members Rick and Debby Zimmerman who are also TYC members and their helping friends are throwing a 60's and 70's party to end all parties. The theme will carry the flower power, flower children, peace signs, tie-dye clothing, special music, love beads, bell bottoms and all those memories you can recall from this era. The attire is just that... dig out those cool threads and be groovy, not square and join in on the fun.

The event will be at the TYC Clubhouse and you may drive directly there by land or arrive by water with boaters accommodations at Ft. Washington Marina, a stone's throw away. Since TYC marina is under some critical changes, the marina cannot accommodate boats so we will make reservations at Ft. Washington Marina. TYC will offer land transportation to the their clubhouse on a schedule that I will furnish to participants but as of this printing, the shuttle will likely start at 5:30 p.m. with several shuttles following.

Please make your own reservations at Ft. Washington

Marina and indicate you are part of the OYC group. Call 301-292-7700 and indicate your boat name, size and power requirements. Charges are \$.75/foot and \$1.50 for 30 amp and \$3.00 for 50 amp service.

The menu will include tossed salad, steamship round (or turkey for the health conscious), roasted potatoes, garden mixed vegetables, rolls and butter and a special 60's and 70's dessert. Music will be provided by our favorite deejay and reknowned author, Steve Kincheloe, aka “The Music Police.”

All of this for just \$12.00 per person! Can you believe? That's a 60's price! Really cool man, I mean, can you dig it? AND, at the bar by special request and popular demand, a special retro version of H O O C H. (Remember the M.A.S.H. party and the HOOCH? Can you remember?)

TYC requests final numbers by June 15 for planning, so try to be hip and get your reservations and dollars in by then. Make checks payable to Dave Moore, \$12.00 per person and mail to Dave Moore, P O Box 4463, Woodbridge, VA 22194-4463. Please include your telephone number and e-mail address—this will help me provide you with any update information as needed.

Questions? Call me, 703-494-0651.

What really happened on the Early Bird Cruise

by Laslo Bozoky, Cruise Coordinator

Finally the time arrived to have the first cruise of the season, to Gangplank Marina, Washington, DC. From the thirteen boats that signed up for the trip, only five were able to make it. Probably due to the unpredictable weather and several boats still in dry dock. Our own meteorologist, Scott Shipley, had promised good weather; however, he made me sweat it out until the last minute.

Believe it or not *Hot Schatz* was the first to arrive at the marina, followed by the Shipley's in their new boat *Nextasea*. Captain Scott had no problem docking his new bigger boat. Next the Corley's arrived from their nearby marina in *Golden Years*. *Impulse* showed up without Abby, who was away at camp. Our new member Barbara Swengel brought her new 26' boat to Washington for the first time. She amazes us by putting her boat in the water from her trailer in Occoquan Regional Park by herself. Having OYC'ers waiting for her arrival and helping her with docking made it easier for her. Bravo, Barbara!

At 5.30 we met at Capital Yacht Club for Happy Hour and plenty of good food as always. Show Time was 7:30 at the Kennedy Center, where most of us enjoyed the 1998 Tony Award winning play "Art." It's amazing how much can be talked about a 5x4 canvas painted in white. We boaters know how expensive canvas can get but \$30,000 is a little steep. Painting on it I didn't see and I know Ned R. didn't either, but he had his eyes closed most of the time and just nodded his head to all the funny lines.

After the play we all walked up to Tony and Joe's Restaurant in Washington Harbor, where we met more members. Tom, Tony and Tom's sons just returned from their vacation in Mexico and showed off their hard-earned sun tans. By that time our group of 25 people was complete and we enjoyed a nice variety of delicious food with a great view of the Potomac River.

John Corley's announcement thanking all of us for coming and celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary caught everybody by surprise. Especially after he got on his knees and thanked his lovely wife Kathy for all their beautiful years together and handing her a small gift wrapped box. John, you sure are putting some pressure on the rest of us, thanks!

Around midnight we worked our way back to the marina, which was made easy, thanks to members who arrived by car, offering to take us back.

Hardcore partiers visited *Hot Schatz* for some more fun time until the early morning hours. Sunday turned out to be an

even more sunny and warmer day, and breakfast was served on the dock. Everybody enjoyed the long-awaited warm rays and none of us was in any hurry to leave.

Finally at 5:00 o'clock, after having some delicious mango margarita cocktails, prepared by Linda and Ned, everybody left for their homeports.

Thanks to everyone for showing up and contributing to another successful and fun event.

Fourth of July in Washington

by Tom Shank, Cruise Coordinator, 202-625-4488



Gangplank Marina—Destination for a fun-filled Early Bird Cruise in April and, coming soon, the Fourth of July Cruise to Washington.

It hard to believe it's been a year already. Some of us are still trading pictures from last year's event, and boy, some of those pictures are priceless. If history repeats itself—and it usually does—the Gangplank will change management and renege on the slips that we where promised. And, as usual, they did. But remember, I live with Tony, so all has been worked out. So with that settled, the only thing left is the weather.

I'm planning on it being hot, which brings me to the

theme of the Saturday night's party. This year's theme will be "HOT TO TROT." Susan B. this is right up your alley. Come SENSATIONAL, SEXY or SLEAZY to the covered dish party, which will be held on the barge. Be as creative as possible, this event will be judged. Ned, this is as close as you will ever get to being a beauty pageant judge.

On Sunday, weather permitting we will have our annual raft up at Three Sisters; Laslo, you can ride with someone.

Tuesday the 4th will be Red, White and Blue day. We will have three contests. 1) Best decorated boat. 2) Best attire—categories being most original and funniest. 3) Best decorated food or platter. This will all take place Tuesday evening dockside. I promise that this should be a weekend to remember. If last year's party is any indication of the fun and excitement we could have, plan on a wild weekend.

Remember, if you signed up and have already paid, you're set. If you didn't, it's too late to bring your boat, but you can always come by land. Also, don't forget all of the slips are supplied with 50 amp hook ups, so bring an adapter.

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Float-In

by Jay Wilmeth, OYC's PRYCA Delegate

This year is the 15th Annual Float-In. PRYCA is working to make it the highlight of the summer. The 2000 Float-In is scheduled for the weekend of July 14-16, at Ft. Washington Marina, Maryland. The Ft. Washington Marina channel was dredged to 5'6" MLW last year, so there is plenty of water. The PRYCA Bridge and the Float-In Committee have planned food, prizes, activities, and time to meet fellow Potomac River boaters. Among other things there will be: A large tent for dancing, eating, other "tent-type" things, swimming pool available Friday night Pot Luck and "Water Walking Activities," Saturday activities that will help determine the winner of the PRYCA Cup, displays on water safety, a catered Saturday night dinner followed by dancing to a DJ until midnight, door prizes, and a tremendous brunch Sunday morning.

The same as last year, the cost for the full weekend is \$40 per adult and \$20 per child 7-14. Children 6 and under are free. There will be no "partial" registrations this year. Boat slip fees per night are \$.75/ft plus \$3.00 per 30 amp cord or \$6.00 per 50 amp cord.

The 2000 Float-In is expected to be bigger than ever. **Register by filling out the enclosed registration form and sending it and your check (payable to Jay Wilmeth) to me, your friendly PRYCA delegate. I must have your check and registration by June 15.** I will consolidate the registrations and forward them to PRYCA.

PRYCA says that the first club to register will get priority treatment on slip assignments. That, my boating buddies, is of prime importance at Ft. Washington! So get out that checkbook and send it to me ASAP. I want to get out club's registration in early. PRYCA advises that the "No Refund Date" for this event is July 6. Cancellations must be sent to Curt Johnson (540-659-4811, or TailhookBoater@cs.com) or Randy Semper (540-659-1229 or rsemper@erols.com) by July 6, 2000.

Boats can arrive on Friday, 14 July any time after noon to get their assigned slip. Boat slip assignments will be given out when you arrive. Hail PRYCA (preferred) or Ft. Washington Marina on Channel 16. The PRYCA Committee will direct you to a working channel, provide your slip assignment, and ensure someone is there to help you tie up.

More Good Gear from the Quartermasters

by Duane and Janet Jearles

Personalized Monogram Polo Shirts!

Our new tricolor polo shirts can be personalized by adding your boat name. This tricolor shirt is Navy blue with forest green collar and burgundy placket. The sizes are S - 2XL. The cost of the shirt is \$30 but with an additional \$5 you can have your boat name included.

Other items available for order:

Denim Shirts

Ladies Sleeveless S-XL \$27.00 Blue or White

Short Sleeve Unisex M-2XL \$30.00 Blue or Natural

Long Sleeve Unisex S-2XL \$30.00 Blue or Natural

Women's Short Baby Doll Tee S-L \$12.00 White

Tank Top S-2XL \$12.00 White or Navy

Youth Articles S=6-8, M=10-12, L=14-16, XL=18-20

Long Sleeve Denim Shirt S-XL \$30.00 Blue

Polo S-L \$20.00 White

T-shirt S-L \$8.00 Grey

Jackets - these are the same jackets we introduced last year

M-2XL, \$55.00

Black/Khaki trim, Navy/Khaki trim, Forest/Khaki trim,

Black/Jade trim,

Navy/Jade trim

Don't delay. The sooner you send us your order, the sooner we can get them to you. The money will be due for the items when you receive them.

Thanks!

Order by Phone 703-430-7282 or Email softdev@erols.com

Marina Swimming--It Could Be Shocking

A man drowned in the Midwest when he dove underwater near a boat to retrieve a pair of sunglasses. In a similar case, a Florida man trying to save a dog that had fallen off the dock drowned. Both men (and the dog) had been stunned by stray electricity.

The Tantation Yacht Club Newsletter reported last year that a diver at Tantallon Marina was severely shocked by stray electricity. Fortunately, he was pulled from the water and recovered. In this case, the diver suffered from involuntary muscle spasms, but people at the dock were able to get him out.

It is important to note that only a few milliamps of electrical current in the water may cause a swimmer's muscles

to seize so that he/she can't move. Actually, the problem may be more widespread than is generally believed, since deaths are often attributed to drowning without suspecting that electricity is involved. As little as 0.5 milliamps can be felt by a swimmer. The rule is, if you feel anything, get out of the water. Even better, do not swim at all where boats are plugged into shore power.

Remember that you are dealing with potentials of 120 volts, and this is clearly enough to shock, stun or kill you. The only sure-fire way to be safe is to stay out of the water while a boat is at the dock. As we all know, the shore power arrangements on some marina docks can be in varying states of repair. Stay out of the water at marinas!

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