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Commodore's Comments

Peggy Ball

I love Spring! The green of the trees, the sound of birds, the roar of engines starting—you know what I mean. Now we just have to get the weather to be gorgeous on the weekend, too! Yes, some of us slip down to check on the boat during the week. In the winter we did that to make sure it was safe. Now we do that to make sure it isn't having fun without us. Where is that sun?

17th Annual Flag Raising, May 6

Now that we have April under our belts, the boating season is ready to go. Heading up the long list of events that may keep us at our boats almost every weekend is the 17th Annual OYC Flag Raising, May 6 at Occoquan Harbour Marina. It starts at noon, and will be followed by our traditional cookout, with OYC providing hamburgers, hotdogs and condiments. We ask you to bring a side dish to share—veggie, salad or dessert.

2nd Annual Blessing of the Fleet, May 7

The very next day, Sunday, May 7 is the Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet, sponsored for the first time by the Occoquan River Maritime Association. OYC, Prince William and Fairfax Yacht Clubs have assisted

ORMA in setting up the event, and we are expecting a good turnout from all three clubs. Check out the separate story on this event.

We are moving, sort of

My captain is starting to enjoy the idea of living on the boat part-time. I have to make it clear that it will *NEVER* be full-time. Yes, we are planning to move this summer. The blue house he tells everyone he never agreed to buy on (of all places) Spring Beauty Ct., will be sold and our non-boating possessions will move to Williamsburg. All we have to do is live through the sale and the move! "Nobody" would listen when I reminded them how much stuff we have. Now "they" know! This will be our first move the Air Force didn't pay for, so everything is valued at its weight and replacement cost.

The Commodore and 2000 Board, Occoquan Yacht Club,
cordially invite
Occoquan Yacht Club members and guests
to the

17th Annual Flag Raising
Inaugurating and Celebrating
the 2000 Boating Season
1200, Saturday, May 6, 2000
Occoquan Harbour Marina

Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Inspections 1000-1200
Cookout Luncheon on the OHM terrace 1230-1400
Club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, beverages.
Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Don't worry, *Cheers* is staying on the Occoquan for the next several years and we will continue to be a part of OYC. You can't get rid of us that easily. I know, some members move away and make room for new blood, but we aren't ready to cut the cord yet. Business and other commitments will bring us to town every Monday and Tuesday, so we will just come up for the weekend and stay until Tuesday evening.. Hey, this semi-retirement thing may be fun. You could always ask Coldwell. Oh, wait—he enjoyed it so much he quit his part-time job.

Could this be catching? Don't be so sure. Tom and Mary Ann bought their new Silverton and the next thing you know, many other OYC'ers (including us) just had to have a bigger boat. I know some of you call them "old people boats" because they don't go as fast as the smaller ones, but speed isn't everything. Right, girls? Well, this semi-retirement thing could work the same way. Or maybe you just move your office to the marina. Before you know it Gary Linck won't be the only one working from his boat. Data lines will be the norm on the river. Stranger things have happened!

I really want to thank our April coordinators. Of course, Gary Linck guaranteed us great weather for April Fool's Day (not to mention the other stuff he promised) and he came through. He must know someone important; maybe Scott Shipley has more power than I thought! It was a great event and I'm so glad we took advantage of April First falling on a Saturday.

Bill and Bonnie Fulford hosted our Tax Day Happy Hour at Sea Sea & Co. It was nice to enjoy the upper room before it becomes a pool hall. Hey! That could be a whole other party we could have sometime. Could it be that we have some pool sharks in our midst? Could lessons be coming soon for the cue impaired?

But the best of the events for me was the Early Bird Cruise. Laslo and Linda Bozoky took us to Gangplank for theater, food and frolic. I have to write this before the event, but I know it will be a blast. Whatever we do, we get to do it on the water. It doesn't get any better than that!

Cheers!

Welcome to new members

by Jim Ball, Membership Chairman

Bob and Betsey Nalevanko, from Woodbridge, who keep their 33' Chris Craft *Bandit* (Yes, the good old Bandit of OYC historical fame) at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Robert J. Moffitt, of Falls Church, who keeps his Bayliner *Irish Tide* also at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

David Wilks, 5/4

Jack Ryan, 5/5

Al Hobson, 5/5

Judie Hemingway, 5/9

Lisa Kuzma, 5/12

Tom Coldwell, 5/15

Jane Mutnick, 5/15

Stephanie Troup, 5/23

Martin Betts, 5/29

Teresa Sorrenti, 5/4

Tony Berta, 5/5

Linda Bozoky, 5/7

Ed Dodd, 5/11

Robert Moffitt, 5/13

Steve Worcester, 5/15

Doug Earhart, 5/21

Dave Moore, 5/26

Anniversaries

John & Katherine Corley, 5/1

Stephen & Paula Wexler, 5/5

Donald & Diana Uber, 5/7

Bill & Sue Sholar, 5/8

William & Bonnie Fulford, 5/22

Ann & Scott Shipley, 5/23

Richard & Bronwyn Ziegler, 5/28

...And farewell to Bill Petrey

As reported to most of our readers by e-mail, former OYC member Bill Petrey passed away April 17 in Phoenix, AZ, after a long illness. Bill and his wife Terri were among the earliest members of OYC, and Terri edited and otherwise contributed to *The Daymarker* before she was succeeded by Ned Rhodes. We remember this couple fondly for their friendship and for the contributions to the club. They and their two boys Brian and Billy moved to Phoenix just a few years ago, but they have stayed in touch with their remaining OYC friends. Funeral arrangements are pending, but it is known that burial will be in Arlington Cemetery. Terri's address is 1442 West Port Au Prince, Phoenix, AZ 85023.

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/orma.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>

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Occoquan River Maritime Association
Prince William, Fairfax and Occoquan Yacht Clubs
cordially invite you to participate in the

Second Annual Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet

May 7, 2000, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Occoquan Bay

Chaplains Russell Gunter and James Fisher, U.S. Navy, officiating
aboard their "flagship" *Thee Seelegs*

Captained by Lou Seelig, Commodore, Prince William Yacht Club

followed by

A Festive Round-Trip Parade of Boats to the Town of Occoquan

Occoquan River's Second Annual Blessing of the Fleet, May 7

Recreational boaters from the Occoquan River will take part in the area's second annual Blessing of the Fleet in the middle of Occoquan Bay, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 7. 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 and CDR James R. Fisher, both Navy chaplains, will invoke a blessing on each boat as it passes near the chaplains' "flagship," this year captained by Prince William Yacht Club's Commodore Lou Seelig.

Distinguished observers embarked in Rudy and Cookie Zimpel's *Cocolobo* will include Sean T. Connaughton, chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, along with Supervisors Hilda Barg and Ruth T. Griggs, Fairfax County Supervisor Elaine McConnell, and Occoquan Mayor Pat Conway.

The accompanying diagram shows the course to use to approach the chaplain's flag ship, marked as the Blessing boat on the chart.

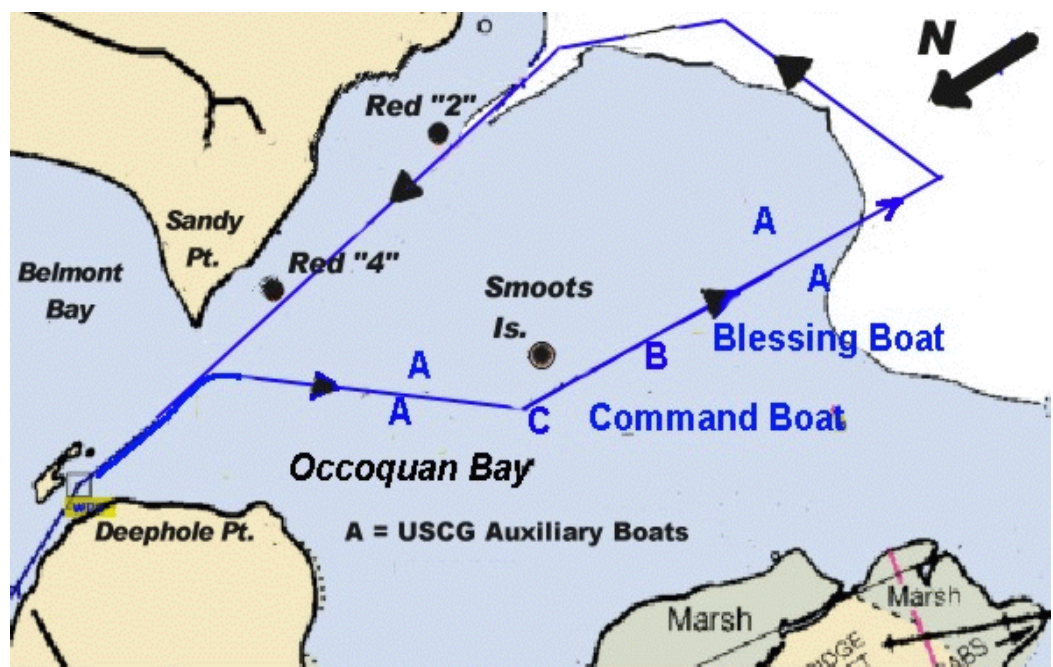
Boaters participating in the ceremony are encouraged to complete their trip by making a round-trip parade back to and along the Town of Occoquan waterfront. Occoquan merchants have been alerted to expect this parade of boats and have made the information available to tourists and shoppers expected in the town on that Sunday.

Boaters who do not wish to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet are asked to avoid the Occoquan Bay area and confine their passage toward the Potomac and points beyond to the main channel aligned with daymarkers "4" and "2" near Mason

Neck. Public safety agency boats will be patrolling the area to deter cut-through traffic. A Notice to Mariners will also be disseminated prior to the event.

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.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) was established last year to coordinate activities of businesses and boaters on such issues as navigation, commercial and recreational use of the river, environmental preservation, safety and education. High on the list of the association's priorities are the dredging of the Occoquan channel, working with the Town of Occoquan to reestablish its port for recreational boating, and coordinating the annual Blessing of the Fleet.



The course to take—showing the approximate positions of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Command and Blessing Boats. Local public safety agencies will also patrol the area. Chart not to be used for navigation or litigation



Vice Commodore's Comments

Debby Zimmerman

Okay, yes, I laughed at our treasurer's last article. But I have to admit, I now have seen the little blue man, myself. And I haven't even started painting yet. I'm still scraping and sanding the old stuff off. Mother Nature has not been kind, so Rick and I have been subjecting ourselves for the last three weekends in between the rain, wind and snow. Yes, I said snow. I don't know how to dress in the morning anymore. Shouldn't be in a problem in August though—wear as little as possible. We hope to start the painting this weekend (weather permitting) so maybe I'll see two blue men. The joys of spring boat prep.

Saturday, April 1st proved to be another beautiful day on the river. I don't know how Gary Linck does it, but whenever he coordinates an event, the sun is shining, it's warm outside, and the food and drinks are flowing. Thanks Gary, for another great event at Tim's. Maybe we should have Gary plan all the events and then the weather would always be perfect.

Upcoming Events

By the time you get this Daymarker the board will be busy finalizing plans for the "official" beginning of the season at our annual Flag Raising ceremony and cookout. If you haven't marked your calendars by now, please come join us at OHM on May 6th at 12:00. The club will be providing everything but side dishes so here's another opportunity to show off those new recipes you've been whipping up. Don't forget your earplugs (fingers will do in a pinch), they are going to let Rick Sorrenti play with the cannon again.

Jim Henry is organizing a Happy Hour at OHM on Saturday, May 20th. More word soon via e-mail.

Dave Moore is working on the Peace, Love and Flower Power party in June at Tantallon Yacht Club (vessels berthed at Fort Washington) Check out his article this month for early information. If you are interested in attending, let Dave know so he knows how many slips are needed.

Maryland Shore Updates.....

The "Proud Mary" restaurant located at Fort Washington Marina is open for business. I haven't had a chance to try it out yet but on a recent Sunday the parking lot was full. I take that as a good sign. If you arrive by boat, your dockage is free while at the restaurant. Use C Dock (the gas dock).



Rear Commodore' Comments

Candy Clevenger

Bah humbug! Spring is finally here and so is the rain. *Oasis 2* is dewinterized and in the water but minus a name. The Clevengers were educated once again when we learned that since the *Oasis 2* is a documented vessel we could not take her out of the slip and down the river without a vessel name and port of call clearly displayed. We of course mistakenly removed the name *Patricia Ann* from our new boat before we were ready to install her new name *Oasis 2*. So while Allen's back is finally healing and I am almost recovered from surgery we still can't travel by water down to Tim's Rivershore because we don't have the new name on our boat. Live and learn, right?

What else did we learn this month? Well, even though it was raining last Saturday, the Coast Guard Auxiliary was not deterred. They were there at Hoffmaster's/OYC Boating Safety Day, April 15, to teach and pass out some much appreciated boating safety information and vessel safety checks. For example, did you know that your fire extinguishers are filled not with foam but with a fine powder? If the fire extinguisher canister is left in the same position for an extended period of time the powder tends to cake together making it inoperative. Periodically you should shake the extinguisher, to loosen the powder so that you can feel it shifting inside the extinguisher when you tip it end for end. If you can't, take it out and turn it upside down and tap the bottom of the extinguisher on a wood piling to loosen the fine powder. For those fair weather boaters who missed the Safety Day, make sure you check your fire extinguishers this spring, or better yet, get a Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check on all of your safety equipment. (Jim tells me that they aren't called Courtesy Marine Exams - CME's - any more).

If you missed the Safety Day because you forgot to check your OYC calendar, check the spring calendar now. You don't want to miss the OYC Flag Raising and Blessing of the Fleet May 6th and 7th.

Once again, thanks to the members of the Occoquan Flotilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (and OYC/Coast Guard Auxiliary members Pauline Thomas, Don Uber, Tim Chaffin and Jim Ball) who gave up part of their Saturday to come out and support the event.

Weather Station Locations

by Ted Zsirai

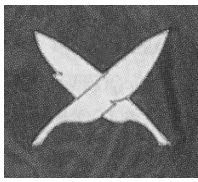
When listening to the weather channel of your VHF radio on your boat, you hear the "National Weather Service Baltimore-Washington Marine Forecast for the Tidal Potomac River and Maryland Portion of the Chesapeake Bay." It refers to certain locations on the river and on the bay. Here are their coordinates. Look them up on your chart for future reference.

Chesapeake Bay, Smith Point, VA 37.88N 76.23W
Tidal Potomac, Cobb Island, MD 38.26N 76.84W
Tidal Potomac, Indian Head, MD 38.61N 77.15W
Chesapeake Bay, Drum Point, MD 39.33N 76.42W

Chesapeake Bay, North Beach, MD 38.70N 76.53W
Chesapeake Bay, Sandy Point, MD 39.02N 76.40W
Chesapeake Bay, Pooles Island, MD 39.29N 76.27W
I discovered these by calling NOAA while monitoring the weather prior to our recent trip from

By the way, the trip was a pleasant and uneventful eleven hours to Fairfax Yacht Club on a brisk and windy day. The worst part of it was that Andy, my son who helped me with navigation, did not like the sandwiches I prepared. The highlight was the \$1.45 per gallon gas with a BoatUS discount at Cobb Island Marina.

Was the forecast accurate? Yes, we had 1-2 foot waves as predicted, except sometimes they were 1-2 feet over the bow.



Secretary's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

Sharing... Not By My Choice

The first time I realized that I wasn't alone aboard the *Abominable Snowman* was sometime in January. It was quite clear that we had had a visitor over the last few weeks.

Not thinking much of it, I continued into the salon area to see what kind of work was being done in our engine room and to retrieve an item or two. As I entered into the aft cabin it was clear that we had had a guest in this room as well.

I didn't take the time then to buy a trap and place it on the boat. Hindsight, maybe I should have but I just didn't do it. A few weeks later we made another trip to the boat. Of course, having not cleaned up the last evidence of this visitor I was again reminded that I was not alone. But this time, it was much clearer that permanent residence had been taken up on the *Abominable Snowman*. A residence that had not been approved and had I been asked I would have said, "NO!"

Sometime in March all I wanted to do was to drive down to the boat and take a Sunday afternoon nap in my bed. I was having major boat withdrawal and a nap would hopefully take care of the situation. It was silly to think of taking a 3½ hour trip for a short nap, so I didn't. Good thing, too!

On the second weekend in April, Randy and I packed our bags and went to spend the weekend on our boat. Remembering that we had a boarder (a messy one at that) I determined that I would need extra time to clean the boat and wash the linens. I just did not calculate enough time.

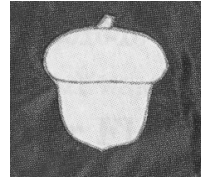
This resident boarder has been from bow to stern on this boat of ours. She gnawed a hole through the wall from the salon to the front bathroom. (Please feel welcome to come aboard and check it out. You can't miss it!) She shredded magazines to the point that I don't even know what the magazines were. I have to be careful when I open doors to make sure things aren't going to fall out on me. Sometime during this winter she must have gotten cold because she clearly had been through every layer of our bed. She has even been in the anchor locker. Each nook and cranny has had a visit from her. I have found evidence of her in all but one room and one cabinet. But that's not to say she wasn't there. Did you know that these critters leave evidence of themselves upon the side of a wall?

Randy and I made several trips to the store and the laundromat that weekend and on the very first trip I came home stocked with disinfectant and six mousetraps. By golly, I was going to catch that critter—and I did!

Every weekend since then I have been cleaning. Randy (in his own sense of humor) asks me every week what I plan on doing on the boat this weekend. The word "cleaning" is no longer appropriate for what I'm doing on the weekends. I think the more appropriate words would be scrubbing, disinfecting and tossing out. There are some things that just weren't worth keeping after this critter got through using them.

I still have more "cleaning" to do, but as each weekend passes I become a little less aggravated with the mouse. I really don't mind sharing my boat with these critters; I just don't like the mess they leave behind. But without that mess I

wouldn't have cleaned the boat the way I am doing now. And had she not made her home in my boat this winter, I wouldn't have such fond memories of the marina where we stored our boat in the Winter of 2000.



Treasurer's Comments

Nabil Dubraque

Boat of My Dreams

True love can be fickle, especially where boats are concerned. So it would not greatly surprise me if, as the season wends its way to Autumn, another pretty thing with the right turn of line caught my fancy. But, for the moment, I am in love.

She first chugged into my consciousness this time last season when her handlers (for no such beauty could truly be owned) rammed her several times into my marina's gas dock, the wife heaping vituperative contumely upon him, he oblivious to her as only the profoundly deaf can be. But it was the tantalizing glimpses the waterborne coquette allowed me as she departed the dock, salaciously scraping her davited dinghy all the while, and coyly flashing a glimpse of red velvet overstuffed furniture on her flybridge, that told me were we to meet again; I surely was lost.

I did see her again as Lucy and I spent a long weekend at the Alexandria docks. Her female handler disembarked and, glowering at me beneath a scarf-tethered straw hat, left for town with an alcohol-induced yaw. The male handler was nowhere to be seen, which gave me free reign to feast my eyes on this 36 foot creature of my dreams. A Carver, an older one, but with that certain *elan* that one expects with maturity, a veritable Edith Piaf of the sea, full of secret promise.

The flybridge sported the velvet sofa and two overstuffed chairs. The cockpit, large and spacious, had room for another sofa, a throne of an armchair facing (oh, be still my heart) a full-sized gas fireplace, replete with faux brick and faux marble mantle. Cuddled beside it (I'm sure this was an engineering epiphany) was its large gas bottle, awaiting the warmth of the flames to exhort its pent up gasses to higher efficiency. I understand the concept well, that happens to me sometimes to Lucy's chagrin (I just blame it on the dog). Hanging from one of the Bimini supports was the *piece de resistance*, a crystal chandelier of generous proportions, counterpoint to the many plaster cherubim adorning the corners of the cockpit. A flight of Victorian exuberance, she was such a visual feast as to mesmerize passers-by and hold them in slack-jawed awe.

Time and other absurdities drove her to the edges of memory until the other day when, after turning the contents of our bank account to Boat/U.S. for a few essential trinkets, I happened on the advertisement on their bulletin board: my dream boat was for sale! Oh happy day, *calooh calay!*. (I don't know what the heck that means either, but if Lewis Carroll can use it, so can I!)

Alas, it was not to be, for Lucy will have none of it. No amount of wheedling, moping, or cajoling would convince her, and the fates have it that someone else shall own my slightly-scarred voluptuous vision. Ah, well, time to search for a new waterborne love. P.S. Yup, we still have money.

Two OYC cruise destinations for Memorial Day Weekend

Memorial Day Weekend at Port Kinsale **"Puff Papa Steve" Wants You**

Former Commodore (not the singer-type) and current rapper (the singer-type) Puff Papa Steve (aka Steve Wexler) has organized a wonderful Memorial Day Week-end Cruise and *He Wants You to Participate*. For those OYC'ers who enjoy cruising in the Potomac—which is something PPS and First Mate Paula did for years, never venturing further than Point Lookout Marina—we're gonna have a good time at Port Kinsale Marina in the Yeocomico River over Memorial Day Weekend, May 27th – 29th. We've chatted with the Marina management team and here's the lowdown:

As of the last organized OYC event—and even after some of the disorganized events, PPS had a list of ten boats which had signed up. There is always room for more, but you've got to act quickly because Steve will be calling in a final number (for slip reservations) by Friday, May 19th.

Most boats will arrive on Saturday, May 27th. Some might leave for Port Kinsale a day or two early; or, in the case of those members who have left the everyday work force, maybe even sooner. But everyone should be there by Saturday afternoon. If you're a new member or have never traveled to the Yeocomico River before, call Steve at (703) 437-0687 or e-mail him at steve@marcherconsultants.com so that he can help you make traveling arrangements with other sojourners.

On Saturday night, we intend to have Happy Hour on the pool deck at 6:00 PM – bring a light hors d'oeuvres to share.

We'll be moving over to the Moorings Restaurant for a group dinner at 8:00 that evening. When you finalize your participation by telephoning or e-mailing Steve, please let him know how many from your boat will be attending the dinner.

[Ed. Note: As of the date that Steve wrote this article, which by the way was before the deadline as usual, the Marina management had not signed a contract for this year's Moorings Restaurant operator. Steve has been advised that the contract will be in place by May 1st. Independent of who or why or even what...we're still having dinner on Saturday night in the Moorings – even if Linda, Teresa and Paula do the cooking.]

Sunday morning, gather at 8:30 a.m. (at a location TBD and announced before 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning) for Brunch. Bring breads, fruit, mixed drinks, unmixed drinks—oh, whatever. Anyway, it's another oversharing opportunity.

Following Sunday morning brunch Paula will lead her traditional trek to Kinsale—the annual Museum inspection, informational nature walk, and the traditional inquiry of I-wonder-who's-running-the-Kinsale-Marina-restaurant-and-pool-this-year? All are welcome; the group will gather and depart from the bulkhead around 10:00 in the morning (or whatever time Paula gets ready).

Sunday evening we will all gather aboard _____ and _____ (Did you notice the indecision?). The volunteer captains will be notified Sunday afternoon and thanked Sunday evening. We'll be going on a Sunset cruise with heavier hors d'oeuvres than the previous evening, primarily

because there will be no organized dinner event—although in this politically correct world, be assured PPS has nothing against dinner or any other meal; it's just not planned.

Monday morning will arrive sooner than you can imagine... but you're going to have to go home. So we'll gather for OYC coffee and sweet rolls; a few of you should plan to bring the sweet rolls and we'll hug, kiss and affectionately relive the previous 48 hours or whatever portion of it we can still remember.

Then we'll talk all the way up the River, possibly stopping in at Cobb Island for crabs (as if we really needed more food!).

That's the Memorial Day Weekend—AND PUFF PAPA STEVE WANTS YOU! Call or write soon.

See you on the River.

Or...

Memorial Day Weekend at Spring Cove **OYC Cruise to Solomons Island**

For all of the OYCers who are planning to spend the weekend with us at beautiful Spring Cove Marina, here is the schedule of events:

May 26th (Friday) Arrive Spring Cove Marina. On your own the first evening, but most definitely a PARTY will begin by the "A-DOCK ANIMALS" (Debbie, Rick, Steve and Dick) at the top of A-Dock.

May 27th (Saturday) Coffee and pastries will be served in the picnic area at the top of A dock. Thereafter, explore the island. Solomons has numerous shops, restaurants and a wonderful museum for you to explore. The Ship's Store at Spring Cove Marina has brochures and maps of the local attractions. They also have bicycle rentals available, which is a fun way to tour the island. Enjoy the pool..RELAX! Happy hour 5:00 p.m. at the picnic area, top of A dock followed by a steak night; bring your own steak for grilling and a dish to share. PARTY THE NIGHT AWAY!

May 28 (Sunday) 9:30 a.m. Predeparture drinks (Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers) picnic area top of A dock. 11:00 a.m., depart for Stoneys restaurant (famous for its crab cakes) aboard *RAZADAZ II* and *TUB FOR TWO II*. After departing Stoneys we will take you on a Pax River cruise. Upon returning to Spring Cove, dinner is on your own (if you have any room).

May 29 (Monday) Farewell to our departing OYCers for the trip home.

We are looking forward to having everyone at Spring Cove. Some brave souls might want to venture to the famous "Tiki Bar;" it's quite a place. You can get there by water taxi, which picks you up right at the marina. There's plenty to do in Solomons, and we hope that everyone enjoys their stay.

If you need anything or have questions, please give me a call. See you all soon!

—Steve Wellington, Co-coordinator, 410 290-9856

Washington Waterfront Association Blessing of the Fleet, May 20-21

by Jay Wilmeth, PRYCA Delegate

Don't forget one other Blessing of the Fleet, Washington Waterfront Association's event in the Washington Channel, sponsored by the National Potomac Yacht Club. Commodore John Corley (Yep, that's our same John Corley) suggests that this year's Blessing will be the best yet with two days of fun activities.

Saturday May 20th will feature games, displays, and a pre-blessing banquet at 6:00 p.m. The events will be at the Gangplank Marina. The parade of boats will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. For details and registration information call John Corley, 703 532-5429.

Peace, Love and Flower Power: Return to the 60s-70s Party at Tantallon YC

by Dave Moore, OYC Coordinator

Do you remember those times...many of you do, and likely have some vivid stories you could tell about your hair style, bell bottom pants, love beads, tie-dye clothing, special music, smoke-filled rooms with bead curtains (don't go there) polyester suits, black lights, peace symbol medallions and chains, maybe even a peace symbol tattoo you could reveal and, oh, the flower children.



The point is, it was a wild and fun time many can recall and others can relate to from others, and we are going to try to take a little nostalgia trip back to the 60s and 70s at a party Tantallon Yacht Club is having

Saturday evening, June 24th, 2000. OYC is invited and when TYC and OYC get together it is always party time! As of the printing time for this article, many details remain to be finalized but please mark your calendar for this event. As many of you are aware, Tantallon is involved with many changes right now with the marina

undergoing major renovations so boaters will reserve slips at Ft. Washington Marina and boat shuttle or car shuttle will get us to the party and will be furnished by Tantallon Yacht Club members.

Next month's Daymarker will have a send-in form for reservations and details and costs for everything. In the meantime if this sounds like your kind of fun (and why wouldn't it be regardless of your age) drop a line via e-mail to Dave Moore, Evermoorex@aol.com, and indicate your intentions. We hope to have a large turnout and a super fun time. For you new OYC members, TYC is located on Swan Creek, just above Ft Washington on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, an easy cruising destination requiring only a conservative amount of fuel to get there! Dress will be the 60s and 70s as you remember it; your closet likely still has something that will fit right in. Cool, man!

Mark your calendars now, June 24th for fun, fun, fun.
Peace...

Cruise to Cobb Island, June 9-11 a PYRCA Sponsored Event

by Walt Cheatham, PRYCA Member at Large

Cobb Island, MD entertains Potomac and nearby Chesapeake Bay boaters this year again the second weekend in June with Cobb Island Days—a total community effort put on by the CI Citizens Association, CI Fire Department, and Charles County Watermen's Association. Four local restaurants are available Friday evening (pay as you go), and Saturday is complete with family entertainment including flag raising at 10:00 a.m., craft fair from 10 to 4, a parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, fire engine rides, live crab races, and a corn shucking contest for kids up to age 13 (with the corn being cooked later for the pig and chicken roast), dinner, and dancing—all on the community green right next to the marinas. Sunday morning will feature the 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. brunch at the restaurant of your choice, all within walking distance. (There are no pools available, but the island is flat and great for walking or bicycling.)

The January Planfest resulted in sign-ups by 16 OYCers, and I have called each of you individually to remind you of the event. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis with the first closeout firmly based on mail I receive by Monday, May 12. I will try and get reservations for stragglers after that, but the Cobb Island folks say things will be getting tight by then, especially for boats over 35' and/or those needing 50 amp service.

Prices are \$0.75 per foot and \$3.00 for 30 amp service and \$6.00 for 50 amp service per night. I need to know boat names, lengths, beams, draft, and names of all guests for name tags/meal tickets. Per-person fee includes the Saturday night pig and chicken roast, music and dancing, and Sunday Brunch: \$27 per adult (over 12) and \$14 per child (7-12). Children under 7 are free.

Please send information and check made out to Walt Cheatham to 1600 N Oak St #1612, Arlington, VA 22209. Phone is 703-243-2430 home, and 703-588-7323 work (fax 588-1178, and e-mail is Walt.Cheatham@Pentagon.AF.mil). Cut off for refunds will be June 1st.

Last year saw 70 boats participate—36 arriving on Friday night. This year promises to be even bigger. **Sign up early!** Space will be tight.

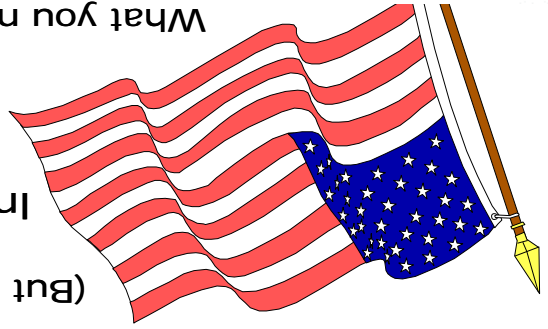
Invitation from the Silvertons

The Silverton Owners Club is sponsoring a Boating Buddies Cruise (on a big cruise ship, not your boat) open to all boaters (Power/Sail) to the Panama Canal for 10 day in February 2001 for \$808 per person plus port charges. The SOC is inviting local Chesapeake Yacht Clubs and Power Squadrons to join them. Good friend and SOC president Nyla Deputy says, "We'll track our course, speed and progress as we head across the charts of the Caribbean. Regular people have no interest in navigation and charting. So we are making this a boater's cruise, and you don't have to own a Silverton to take part."

If you would like more information, contact Tom Coldwell, coldwell@erols.com or Nyla Deputy, RedBW@aol.com.

Stand up and cheer, the boating season is here!

(But don't rock the boat.)



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Flag Raising
and Cookout
at OHM
Noon

May 7
Blessing of the
Fleet
Occoquan Bay
11:00 a.m.-2:00
p.m.

May 14
Mother's Day
Call your mom!

May 20
OYC Happy Hour
at OHM
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