



The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Candy Clevenger

April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, but this year the April showers came in May. I think that the Perfect Storm experienced last year over the Memorial Day weekend made most of us think twice this year before setting off on a cloudy, rainy morning. As a result only one of the dozen boats scheduled to go to Olverson's over Memorial Day actually braved the elements and went down the Potomac to the Yeocomico. Of course, unbeknownst to the rest of us planning to go, these brave souls cruised down the Potomac a

day early. So *Sea Duck Too* wins the prize for the hardest of souls over Memorial Day. Those who stayed behind still managed to get together over the weekend with a cookout at the Coldwells' and the Wexlers'. Which means that regardless of the dreary weather we still managed to enjoy ourselves.

Bulletin: Watch your e-mail for word on OYC's plans for the PRYCA Float-In, July 20-22, with or without the Float-In.

If you stayed home because of the cloudy skies June 2nd then you made a *HUGE* mistake. The sun came out just to ensure that Happy Day at Dave's was really a fantastic outdoor get together along the Potomac at



Teresa Sorrenti took our picture on Memorial Day weekend while our 13 boats nestled snugly in their slips during the pouring down rain at Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina. Story inside someplace.

Dave's beautiful waterfront home. We had a great turnout, the Worcesters even showed up from North Carolina looking all tanned and rested just the way retired folk are supposed to look. Thanks to Dave and Gina for all of their hard work. We are now green with envy over Dave's view of Occoquan Bay.

Has your dream boat passed a Vessel Safety Check yet? We are proud to say that *Oasis II* passed its inspection. Check your June Daymarker to learn how to schedule an inspection of your boat. Don't wait, act now.

As gas prices soar we are busy getting *Oasis* ready for our July cruise on the Chesapeake Bay. Allen has waxed and waxed the hull. Perhaps this will add a knot to her cruise speed. When we are paying close to \$2.00 a gallon for gas every little bit helps. By the time you read this article our little flotilla of twelve boats will be loading up to shove off on Saturday, June 30th. Thanks to Nicky Linck and other OYCers who got together back in January to plan this trip, we have a great list of marinas we will be visiting. We can hardly wait to get underway.

While the boating season is flying by there's still plenty of time left to participate in and support OYC events. Check the schedule of remaining 2001 events printed elsewhere in this issue and plan to attend. Remember you get out of an organization what you put into it. So participate in as many events as you can and please do volunteer to help out. Our club grows stronger every year and we want to keep the momentum going.

Our leadership on the water is an important aspect of club operation. As a major boating organization on the Occoquan and Potomac, we set the example and establish the trends which affect our river way of life. Remembering that as you leave and return to the Occoquan will go a long way in positively influencing other boaters on the river.

See you on the river!

Welcome, New Members

Jerry and Judy Thompson of Fairfax Station, who keep their 33' Tiara, *Freedom*, at Hoffmasters.

David and Shahin Hodge of Springfield, who keep their 26' Chris Craft, *Mid Life Madness*, at Hoffmasters.

Scott and Karen Drury of Alexandria, who keep their 28' Carver, *Arrrgh*, at Ft. Belvoir.

Robert and Joanne Bassam of Fairfax Station, who keep their 46' Maxum, *Mad Maxum*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Frank Holland, 7/5
Jan Brodie, 7/7
Leo Smith, 7/14
Elaine Robey, 7/14
Nicky Linck, 7/16
Susan Wilson, 7/17
Jay Wilmeth, 7/22
John Robey, 7/23
Barb Egmore, 7/30

Alan Shams, 7/5
Tom Crossan, 7/10
Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/14
Larry Sooby, 7/15
Kristie Kelm, 7/16
Ray Kelly, 7/20
Susan Brown, 7/22
Scott Shipley, 7/28
Karen Drury, 7/31

Anniversaries

Johnny & Cynthia Martin, 7/2
Glenn & Jan Brodie, 7/3
Tom & Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/6
Eugene & Susan Brown, 7/9
Ed & Martha Jane Dodd, 7/18
Wilma & Frank Spikes, 7/19
Jim & Peggy Ball, 7/25
Robert and Nancy Miller, 7/25
Jack & Sharon Striker, 7/30



Vice Commodore's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

When anyone mentions the word test (or anything referring to a test) I start worrying. My heart starts beating faster, I start sweating and the word "fail" comes to my mind. I just don't do well on "tests." And an inspection is a test.

It's sad to say but the *Abominable Snowman* (I, II, or III) has never had an inspection (except when it was purchased). As Vice Commodore I feel a little of an obligation to get it inspected and proudly where the decal that says "I've passed." However, I'm not captain of the boat and as first mate there are only certain things I'm able to "nag" about and get away with. A decal is not one of them. But safety inspection—well maybe if I nag in the right way.

With the inspection on my mind, I broached the subject of the inspection with my captain. Letting him know we hadn't had an inspection on the boat and suggesting that it wouldn't hurt to get one. He agreed. Whew! Nag Number One complete. Let us remember that agreeing and actually doing it are two different matters.

Nag number two was (and is) a little more tricky. Thanks to Scott Shipley and Jim Ball I was able to retrieve a Vessel Safety Checklist. With checklist in hand and a pen in the other I started filling in the checklist myself. Just to see how the *Abominable Snowman* would fair. You guessed it—I was stumped at Number One. We don't have numbers on our vessel. As I understand it, we aren't supposed to have numbers on our vessel so I went on to Number Two.

Yes, we have our registration/documentation papers on board and they are available. I even know where they are! Our documentation numbers are permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. I even know where they are! "The documented boat's name and hailing port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches

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in height.” Uh-oh! We definitely have the boat’s name displayed (not many people miss it) but it took Jim Ball a year and a half to realize that our port of call is not on our boat. I didn’t think he missed anything!

I’m not sure why, but the letters have never been ordered. It certainly has not been one of our priorities but it’s at the top of my nag list. It is not, however, on Randy’s “to do” list. (Look out if I ever find that “to do” list.)

The rest of the checklist seems to be fairly straight-forward. One that I can pass with relatively little

sweating and a normal beating heart. I have a few questions that I’m sure Jim Ball will be more than glad to answer for me. But I have one in particular that I need to ask him. The requirement is to have my hailing port displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height. Not



OYC members Frank and Wilma Spikes spotted this sign during their land-cruising in California. Some of those DI’s (Drunken Idiots) are occasionally observed here back East, so be careful out there!

wanting to take away from the displayed name of the boat (because he is such a cute little guy), could I display those letters in white or do they have to be in a color you can see? Jim, could you please advise? I need to know how to approach Nag Number Two. Thanks!

Dave’s Place was a Fun Day

The weather turned beautiful for the June 2-3 event at Dave Moore’s place on the Occoquan Bay. He and Gina hosted over 60 OYCer’s who relaxed, ate and cooled off with the beverages of the day. Members came by boat and car. The former shuttled to shore in the pontoon boat operated by Dave or his son Matt.

“Six boats stayed for the night and Sunday morning was a beautiful sight,” said Dave..

Dave says this event could not have been possible without the great help from his sweetheart Gina and the many OYC’ers who pitched in to do so many things.



On a fun day at Dave’s, Danni Linck celebrates her birthday and another member signals his I.Q.

Yeah, right

The *Real* Memorial Day Cruise

by Teresa Sorrenti, Hardy Cruising Lady

Don't pay attention to those stories about wild parties on *land*, or a weekend at Colonial Beach (wimpy short-range cruise, Ned). The *real* Memorial Day cruise was to Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina. That is what the Daymarker said, and the Daymarker is always right! *Sea Duck Too* left OHM around 5:00 p.m. on Friday, later than planned in order to allow the thunderstorms to move out ahead of us. This did make for an entertaining approach in the dark, but with the captain's superb vision and the first mate's navigation skills (if we had reversed roles we would have ended up in West Virginia) we arrived safe and sound in a light rain. Unfortunately, that rain continued all day Saturday.

In between taking excuses/calls from our alleged Cruise Coordinator Steve Wexler, we managed to do a lot of little chores around the boat, making for a productive day. We then rewarded ourselves with a trip to "town" with the marina courtesy car. We got there just as the craft tents at the Strawberry Festival were closing down for the day, so we detoured to Callao, Va., for the Dairy Freeze (highly recommended) and joined the B & D Video Club to check out a few movies. Thanks to George Foreman, we were able to grill our chicken that night, too!

Sunday, to our surprise, dawned bright and sunny. We took the dinghy out to explore Lodge Creek and several other tributaries of the Yeocomico, ending up with the traditional OYC visit to the town of Kinsale. We were a little far for the standard "forced march" (even if Steve and Paula were there), but the dinghy got us there just fine and we stopped for refreshments in the marina restaurant. The afternoon was nice enough to sit at the pool and read, followed by frozen margaritas at the dock (see, this truly was a *real* OYC cruise!). Sunday night we took the car again, and went to the golf course restaurant where we had our dinner last Labor Day. The name was different, but the hostess confirmed this used to be called Bambery's, and we had stuffed shrimp as planned. The next morning Fred Olverson informed us that we were at the wrong place! Bambery's relocated further down the road outside Callao. So, we have some stuffed shrimp waiting for us there—hope they do not have a bad



Flagrantly doctored photo purportedly showing *Sea Duck Too* at Olverson's. Unretouched photo is shown below.



memory for the OYC.

With Monday also clear and warm we hated to leave. It is very peaceful back on Lodge Creek, and the folks at the marina are great. Everyone knew that a large group was due in that weekend, but Fred said he understood why the rest ~~wimped out~~ cancelled. We had several nice talks about the history of the land and the story behind the two Clydesdale horses taking people on wagon rides. Guess the rest of you have to wait until next year.

Check out these websites

Occoquan Yacht Club: <http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org>

See the new discussion groups!

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association:
<http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org>

Ned Rhodes, Webmaster

Occoquan River Maritime Association::
<http://www.ormaweb.org>

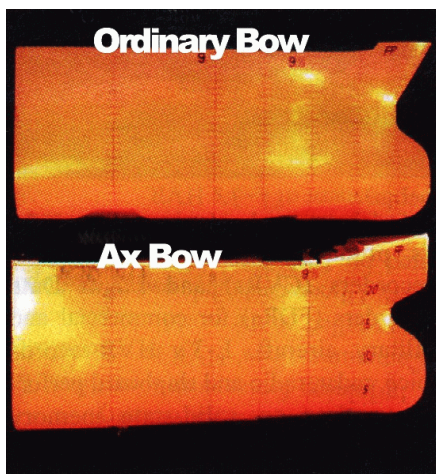
Jim Ball, Webmaster

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

Shape of Tomorrow—The “Ax Bow”

by Jim Ball, Techno Person

As many of you know, my work involves investigating



new technologies, and as an engineer, I am fascinated with new designs that evolve in the nautical arena. A few years ago, I ran across a novel ship design that the Navy has implemented on its destroyers in the form of large extended “Stern Flaps” that increased speed

and fuel efficiency. I wrote an article on this design for the Daymarker that prompted one OYC member to actually install a version of that design on his boat by using oversized trim tabs that extended far astern of the transom. They might have worked great, but early on, he backed down hard on them and they departed the boat. (We won’t mention names here).

This year, Maritime Reporter and Engineering News Magazine reports that the newest breakthrough in ship design is the “Ax Bow.” It was developed by a Japanese firm to reduce a ship’s sea margin (or resistance to wave drag at the bow) by 20-30 percent compared with conventional bows, thereby increasing speed and fuel efficiency. The photos at left compare a conventional ship bow design to the Ax Bow profile.

The new bow design will be incorporated in a bulk carrier to be delivered this month. You can see from the photos that the design is considerably more “indented” at the waterline than conventional bows.

Most of us wouldn’t care about this, but if you happen to see a certain OYC yacht plowing into a water level pier to create this dent, which is then



Ax Bow design as it might appear on this unidentified OYC vessel.

superbly re-finished to create this shape, don’t be surprised.

The August Extravaganza on the Bay

By Tony Mirando, Cruise Coordinator

I can remember on that winter day Planfest at Occoquan Harbor Marina trying to gather names for our two-week long August cruise on the Bay. Well, the time is nearing and any last minute boaters who need some excitement, call me, don’t miss out on a fun trip because you procrastinated. The trip ought to be a good one; the weather has been great the past few years, as have the boaters who participated. We have an exciting group going so far, please e-mail me if you’re not sure whether you’re on my list.

The trip over the past several years has been fun at the least and great for most. I would say this trip tends to be made up of boaters who are most likely to do almost anything, and actually they have [see right]. We plan on having a plan, but then the plan could change, or even the people can change, so don’t count on any of it. Regardless it’s an easy cruise with good people doing what they love best, boating!

Here is what the itinerary looks like right now:

1st Week

August 4th, to Windmill Point Marina

August 7th, to Tides Marina

August 11th, to Cole’s Point Plantation

2nd Week

August 12th, to St. Michael’s Harbor Marina (or home)

August 15th, to Spring Cove Marina, Solomon’s Island

August 18th, to Cole’s Point Plantation

August 19th, to homeport.

If anyone is interested in attending either weeks or both, please call me ASAP—Tony Mirando, Cruise Coordinator, amirandoc@aol.com or (202) 488-1545

It Happened at Windmill Point



A few years ago, night-time skinny-dipping was alleged to have occurred at Windmill Point, a port of call for this year’s August cruise to the Bay. Oh dear!



Rear Commodore's Comments

Andrew Kalweit

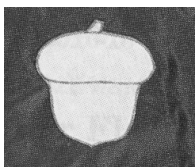
Well, it's officially summer. Everyone is back on the water for another season of OYC fun in the sun. We've been going through our shakedown period with *Lizzie Bitz II* and I can report that everything is working just fine. I have really enjoyed hearing our fellow members on the water saying "Looking good" when they get their first glimpse of our new boat. Thanks to all of you for the kind words of support. It really is exciting.

Speaking of support, OYC is pleased to announce we have signed our accord with Boat/US for another year. What does this mean for you as a member of both OYC and Boat/US?

For starters, there is the Boat/US lobby working on all our behalf to keep government from singling out boaters with taxes, fees, etc. And for those of you not participating in an OYC-coordinated cruise, there are Boat/US discounts at many marinas on fuel, slip fees, and repairs at many of the marinas located on the rivers of our area and on the Chesapeake Bay. Boat/US also offers insurance on your boat at what I have found to be highly competitive rates.

Boat/US also has a great towing service available with coverage from \$50 per incident up to Unlimited coverage (for those times when you have a really bad day on the water).

The best part of all, the OYC accord with Boat/US entitles OYC members to renew their Boat/US memberships for half the usual rate. Just write in on your renewal form our accord number, which is GA80979Y, when you renew your Boat/US membership, and take 50% off of your basic Boat/US membership dues (not including additional towing coverage).



Treasurer's Comments

Nabil Dubraque

Years ago in a far different world my friend of forty two years and I fell under the thrall of boating. No matter that the unnaturally green Potomac stained the stout hull of our motorized inflatable, no matter that marine police ordered us off the water for lack of PFDs, and no matter that the first boat show we visited impressed upon us the high cost of realizing our dream, we remained in its thrall.

When we married some time after, our first purchase was a finish-it-yourself sailing dinghy from Backyard Boats. Stored in the living room of our Arlington garden apartment, it made a great coffee table when it wasn't looking for a steroidal breeze to move her. Eventually the exercise hauling her atop our aging Datsun convinced us to explore other vessels.

We went through many boats over the years, my wifely friend and I, sail boats and power boats of varying dimensions. Each year brought its own excitement as a

vessel's form complemented its function in a way that excited our fickle imagination, to be replaced by another design the following boat show. Occasionally, rarely, our imagination won over common sense and we bought a new boat. When I finished my Master's program. When our daughter was old enough to become a participant. When fantasy overpowered reality and we encumbered ourselves with a purchase completely unnecessary for the conduct of day to day life.

Ah, but that's the point, isn't it? Boating, among other things, is tangible, tactile fantasy, the soul freed of the gray constraints of pragmatism, a spiritual fugue that only comes crashing back to earth when you bend a shaft or blow reverse backing into a slip. Lucy and I have just celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of our marriage, and in those years boating has remained a delight in spite of weekend congestion and exponentially rising cost of boats, slips, and maintenance. The pleasure of messing about in boats is still there, strong as ever.



Secretary's Comments

Liz Kalweit

PRYCA Cruise to Cobb Island

Hardy OYC members turned out in force for the PRYCA Cruise to Cobb Island, June 15-17. We traveled down river into the remnants of a tropical storm to enjoy Cobb Island Days. We used our powerful concentration skills to ignore the steady rain and the wet-dog smell that permeated dog-owner boats, and to focus mightily on shopping and eating.

On Saturday, OYCers enjoyed the VFW flag raising, the craft fair, the food and bake sale, the sheriff's department K-9 demonstration, the father/son mother/daughter three-legged race, crab races, corn husking contest, fire engine rides and hay rides. A few of us were quite taken with the new playground by the marina, and its nifty little backhoe section. The day was capped with Captain's Hour at Shymansky's, an outstanding Pig Roast at Fish Tales, dancing and karaoke.

Sunday morning dawned bright and very windy. We enjoyed brunch at Shymansky's and an early happy hour graciously hosted by Dave Moore and Gina Croci aboard *Evermoore* before getting underway. Some of us stayed put well into the afternoon because the strong winds created some seriously sporty seas earlier in the day, creating travel conditions to which a few first mates seriously objected.

The PRYCA Cruise to Cobb Island is a favorite of OYCers, with thirteen boats participating. Thanks to Walt Cheatham for doing a great job organizing us!

Dinghy Regatta Coordinator Needed Attention OYCers! We're looking for a volunteer to coordinate this year's Dinghy Regatta, scheduled for August 11 at OHM.

This is a great opportunity to try your hand at coordinating your first event (hint, hint, new members!). Old hands are welcome, too! For more information, contact Vice Commodore Mary Lynn Snowman at 301-869-2885, e-mail HHS.SNOWMM@CO.MO.MD.US.

Need inspiration? Check out last year's Regatta fun on the OYC Website. Click on "Fun Log and Photo Gallery" and select "Fun Log 2000."



Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay marinas to be visited by OYC members this summer enjoy reputations for providing every amenity sought by discriminating yachtspersons.

Dog Day of August Float-In

The Second Annual Dog Days of August Float-In and Pig roast will be presented by the Colonial Yacht Club at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center on August 25 and 26. The event will feature live music by Joey and the Jammers for dancing after the barbeque dinner Saturday night on the shore at the Dockside Restaurant. Specifically, The schedule includes:

Sat 10 am PRYCA Board Meets, Dockside Restaurant
 11 am PRYCA Delegates Meet, Dockside Restaurant
 12 pm Dutch Treat Lunch, Dockside Restaurant
 1:30-5 pm Ingleside Plantation Vineyard Tour, bus from

CBYC

6-7 pm Social hour (open bar) hosted by PRYCA &

CYC

7-8 pm Pig Roast Dinner

8-11 pm Dancing to Joey and the Jammers

Sun 9 am Dutch Treat Breakfast, Dockside Restaurant

While all attending must attend the Pig Roast Dinner (at \$25 per adult and \$15 for child under 12), the vineyard tour is optional at \$10 each (includes bus to and from). CBYC prices are \$1 per foot per night dockage, \$2 per night for 30 amp service, and \$4 per night for 50 amp service. Cancellations prior to August 1st will receive full refund, after August 1st will receive no refund.

Downtown Colonial Beach is long but walkable distance from the marina and the winery tour includes a tasting party guaranteed to set a festive mood for the evening activities. We hear that the Dockside has snagged one of the best chefs on the Potomac, and its food is outstanding. The event is again endorsed by Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association which means lots of up-river boaters should attend this festive occasion just past the 301 bridge and Dahlgren.

Walt Cheatham is coordinating. E-mail him your boat information—name, length, beam, # nights, electrical needs, participant information (names and if attending winery tour), and mail him a check made out to him for the correct amount. He will respond via e-mail and send a consolidated check to CBYC. Use: CheathamWalt@home.com, 1600 N Oak St #1612, Arlington, VA, 22209 703-243-2430.

Log on now for Labor Day

by Rebecca Heinze, Cruise Coordinator

Well, I just can not believe this. This has really gotten out of hand! Last night I received a call telling me I needed a "Follow Up Article" for the Daymarker about our Port Kinsale trip in August.

But Steve Wexler didn't do a follow up article. How am I supposed to know what to say, for crying out loud! I guess I will just take a page from his book and reprint an edited version of my (or should I say our) last article.

What: The 2001 OYC Labor Day Cruise.

Where: Port Kinsale Marina in the Yeocomico River.

When: Saturday September 1, through Monday, September 3.

Schedule: Arrive when you can.

Saturday night—cocktail party on the pool deck (heavy hors d'oeuvres)

Sunday night—cocktail party on the pool deck (light hors d'oeuvres) followed by dinner with the gang at the Moorings.

Monday—communal breakfast at site to be determined.

Space is limited, so act FAST!

OYC 2001 Labor Day Cruise

Boat Name:

Boat Occupants:

Number of nights _____ Boat Length _____ Beam

Power Required (check one):

one 30 amp. _____ two 30 amp. _____ one 50 amp. _____

Estimate of number attending dinner:

Mail this coupon (or e-mail information from it) to:

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Another Bay cruise planned,

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**June 30
Fireworks at
Tim's Rivershore
(We hope this
Daymarker
arrived in time.)**

**June 30
First cruise to the
Bay (Sold out)**

**July 20-24
PRYCA Float-In
But chances are,
you're not going.**

**August 4
Second cruise
to the Bay
Tony Mirando
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**Fireworks in D.C.
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