



The Daymarker

OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Comments

Candy Clevenger

Hearty congratulations to the 2002 OYC Board. It was an election campaign hard fought and well won at the general meeting last Saturday by: Commodore: Mary Lynn Snowman; Rear Commodore: Becky Wellhouse and Treasurer: Steve Thompson.

And, just in case you didn't attend the meeting, with a lot of arm twisting and a little harassment, Rick Sorrenti graciously agreed to be Vice Commodore and Eugene Brown agreed to be Secretary. And Susan Thompson previously agreed to serve as Quartermaster. Thanks to all of our OYC members who stepped forward to fill the board positions for the coming year. This is a volunteer organization; without you, we do not function as a club.

Thanks to Susan and Walt Cheatham we were back this year at Fairfax Yacht Club for our October meeting. While the weather was a little chilly to be out on the water we enjoyed some hot chili recipes in the Annual Chili Cookoff Contest. Our winners this year were Tom Shank, 1st prize, Ilona Zsrai took 2nd place with her Hungarian recipe, and 3rd place went to Arleen Rhodes. Dessert contest winners were Mike Czop, 1st place, Linda Bozoky took 2nd place and 3rd place went to Beckie Heinze who was so ecstatic about winning she left the Yacht Club without her purse. The 50/50 contest was won by Steve Wexler who claimed that in twelve years he's never won. Won what, we are not sure. The membership approved increasing the

membership fee for new members to cover the cost of providing each new member with an official OYC burgee at the time they join the club. Renewal membership fees will not change. Updated bylaws were presented at the meeting and also approved unanimously.

It was nice to see Past Commodore Ron Tilmon and his wife Jean who were up from North Carolina for the weekend. They came up to the Occoquan to purchase a boat and took the time to stop in and say hello. Thanks, Ron and Jean for joining us.

Remember, the boating season isn't over yet. We still have the Hardy Souls cruise to Old Town Alexandria, coordinated by Ned Rhodes, and the Santa Cruise where we deliver Santa from OHM to the Town of Occoquan, coordinated by Walt Cheatham.

Our next non-boating event and

the last for 2001 will be the Holiday Party at Fort Belvoir Community Club on December 1st. See the full page flyer on Page 3 in this Daymarker. This is always a great evening event. The menu that Mary Lynn has planned for us looks very appetizing and the Community Club has been recently renovated. Music this year will be provided by Peggy Castle.

So book the baby-sitter and plan to join in the fun. Since we will be on the grounds of Fort Belvoir, all those attending will be stopped at the gate and asked to provide photo identification, that means all passengers in the car will need photo identification. Be prepared and allow extra time.

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BIRTHDAYS

Chris Webster, 11/1	Katherine Corley, 11/2
Wilma Spikes, 11/2	John Heinze, 11/3
Cookie Zimpel, 11/5	Ann Wilmeth, 11/6
Tom Fitzgerald, 11/9	Debbie Frank, 11/9
Timothy Chaffin, 11/15	Brenda Johnson, 11/15
Clara French, 11/16	Paula Wexler, 11/16
Henry Lovell, 11/19	Bill Walker, 11/19
Scott Drury, 11/20	Clare Tierney, 11/23
Ilona Zsirai, 11/27	Dodie Cawelti, 11/28
Joe Livingston, 11/30	

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg & Susan Wilson, 11/2
Alan & Cynthia Shams, 11/6
Theodore & Ilona Zsirai, 11/7
Frank & Wendy Holland, 11/8
James P. & Clare Tierney, 11/12
Gary & Nicky Linck, 11/14
Ralph & Anna Burner, 11/21
Tom & Christine Fitzgerald, 11/24
Kevin & Kristie Kelm, 11/26

OYC Financial Statement

October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001

INCOME (excluding QM sales)

Dues	\$6,320.00
50/50 and other raffles	\$423.00
Total Income	\$6,743.00

EXPENSES

Administrative costs	
(Bank charges, postage, brochures)	\$321.00
Dues paid (PRYCA, CBYCA)	\$210.00
Daymarker	\$2,304.00
Club Programs Events and Activities	\$3,696.00
Total Expenses	\$6,531.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</u>	\$213.00

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash and Checking Accounts	\$ 3,632.70
Other Assets, Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 3,632.70</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Other Liabilities, Accounts Payable.....	\$0.00
Equity	\$3,632.70
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>	<u>\$3,632.70</u>

Nabil Dubraque, Treasurer

Welcome New Members

David and Debbie Frank of Fairfax, VA. They keep their 25' Regal at EZ Cruz Marina.

Santa Cruise to Occoquan, Saturday, November 24

by Walt Cheatham, Senior Elf

The Saturday after Thanksgiving will again inaugurate OYC's holiday season as we gather on the OHM docks for food and drink followed by our traditional ferrying of old St Nick himself to downtown Occoquan. So, decorate your boat, bring some libation and munchies to share, and be in place on the OHM gas dock around 10:45 AM so we can have an hour of merry making before blasting off at 11:40 in order to have Santa arrive promptly at noon for the Occoquan Merchant Association's Christmas kickoff.

We've had very mild weather the past three years, so no one has an excuse for missing this fun event. See you there, November 24th at 10:45.

Potential skippers please call Senior Elf and Santa Cruise Coordinator Walt Cheatham, 703-243-2430, so he can make sure we have sufficient boats to play ferry and make noise.

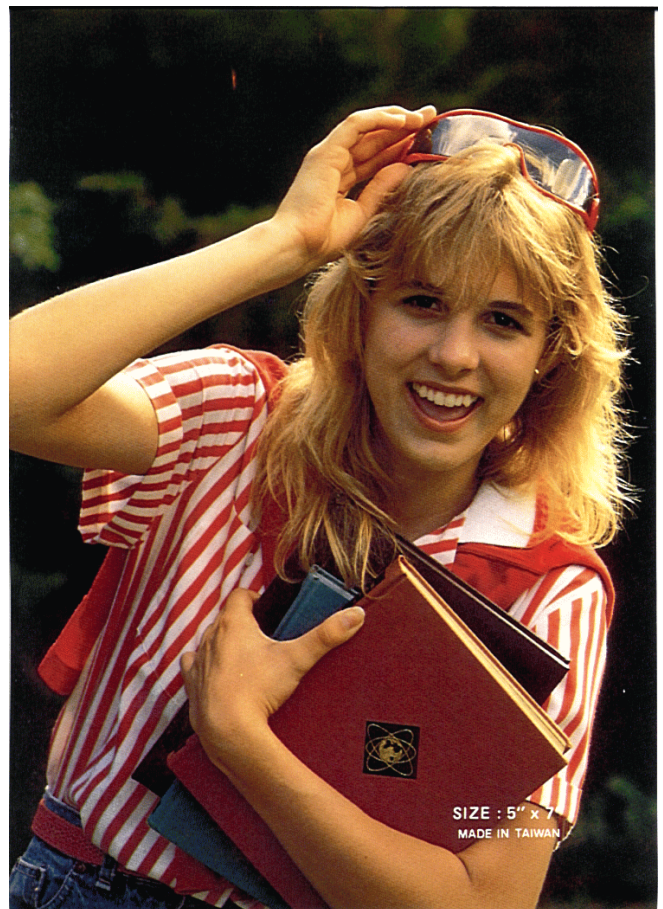
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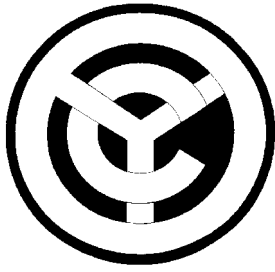
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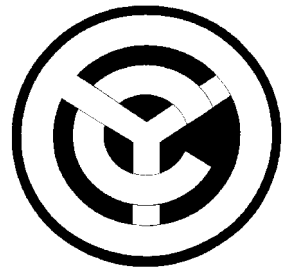
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Have you seen me?---Has anyone seen this woman? She was last seen at the PRYCA Float-in last July near the trash dumpster. If you have seen her, please contact Susan Brown or Eugene Von Schack right away.



The Commodore and 2001 Board, Occoquan Yacht Club,
cordially invite you and your guests to



The 2001 Holiday Party and Change of Watch

a fun-filled celebration of boating and volunteer service

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 p.m.

Place: Fort Belvoir Community Club. Take I-95 to Ft. Belvoir/Newington Exit 166 to Fairfax County Parkway; proceed south to U.S. 1; turn left on U.S. 1 and go about one mile to Pence Gate (main gate); inside gate take first left and an immediate right. Due to heightened security there may be some delay entering Fort Belvoir.

Dress: Black Tie Optional

Schedule: 6:30 p.m. - Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (Cash Bar)
7:15 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

Installation of Officers, Recognition of Event Coordinators,
Presentation of Awards and Door Prizes

Dancing to Your Favorites presented by DJ Peggy Castle

Buffet Menu: Herb Roast Chicken with Gravy
Sliced Roast Beef *Au Jus*
Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans *Almondine*, Fresh Fruit Salad
Desert Bar, Coffee/Tea

Price: **\$35 per person**

Send coupon below and check **payable to OYC** and **no later than November 16th** to:
Mary Lynn Snowman, 8808 Brink Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Name _____

Number Attending: _____ X \$35 = Total \$ _____



Vice Commodore

Mary Lynn Snowman

It's hard for me to believe that we are closing down another year. As I look back over the year I see many happy and full filled days. Even through the trauma of losing our transmission during our vacation I still have happy memories of the trip.

I want to take the time now to thank our event and cruise coordinators for all of their hard work this year. You provided our club members an opportunity to get together with friends, old and new, and have a good time. These events don't happen without volunteers like you. You are what makes the club happen. Thank you!

Our Commodore, Candy Clevenger, has done an awesome job this year. I'm not even going to try and "fill" her shoes. I learned a long time ago that you can never fill someone's shoes so I don't even try anymore. Candy will continue to fill her own shoes this next year as the Immediate Past Commodore. She has promised to remain close to my side and guide the new board through the transition. Thanks, Candy, for all that you have done and will continue to do for the club.

It's hard to say good-bye to Liz, Andrew, and Nabil. They have become like family over the past few months. Their work is much appreciated. Thank you all! We'll see you at our events and, of course, on the water.

Randy and I have taken more of our time this year and dedicated it to sports for our kids. I've cut back on my number of piano students and we've hired housework and yard work out to other people—actions we hope will allow us more time to do the things that we want to do, like go boating. As of today neither one of us has mentioned hiring out the help for the "fix-ups" on the boat. Even though each project usually brings on a fight, we both enjoy the look of the finished project. (Some projects will not be finished for at least two more years.) So, between jobs, kids' sports and boating, our lives are full, busy and enjoyable.

As the tragic events of the past few weeks have unfolded I know that many of us have taken the time to reflect on our lives and reevaluate what's important. At this very moment I'm starting to think that maybe Play Station isn't such a bad thing after all (please don't tell Little Randy I said this). At least I know where he is, he's safe, and we aren't arguing. Thankfully I can say that I don't have to make too many changes in my life at this time.

The only thing I really want to change is to take time to slow down and enjoy what is around me more. With that in mind, expect some changes within the yacht club next year. Expect the calendar to be less busy but longer and more relaxed events. Show up early, stay late, take the time to hug a friend, make amends if you have to, reach out to someone new, and be happy.



Rear Commodore

Andrew Kalweit

It's been real. It's been fun. And sometimes it's even been real fun. What am I talking about? I'm talking about serving as Rear Commodore on the board of OYC this year. This has probably been the busiest year I've ever had, starting with the Planfest in January to the flag-raising in May, and finishing up with the General membership meeting in October. Throw in buying a new boat and getting it shaken out and set up the way we want it, and the entire season just seemed to fly by.

I have enjoyed serving on your (that's right, you picked us) OYC Board this year. I learned a great deal about what happens behind the scenes to make OYC events as much fun as they are for our members. I learned about the administrative tasks carried out by the Board to keep things running smoothly. I learned how to assist our cruise coordinators in planning their respective trips. I learned that success is directly proportional to the amount of effort put forth in a given enterprise. I learned that no good deed goes unpunished. I learned that some politicians apparently aren't allowed to eat at home. And I learned the names of a lot more of our members than I knew a year ago.

The OYC Board this year was composed of a really good group of people. That's because OYC is composed of a really good group of people. And that is where our Board comes from: our members. I never envisioned myself on the board of a yacht club. I just wanted to learn where to go and how to have a really good time with my boat. When I was approached by a past board member to see if I would be interested in serving, I thought they were kidding. But serving on your board has been both challenging and enlightening, and I don't regret my decision to serve as Rear Commodore of OYC in 2001.

The better-looking half of *Lizzie Bitz II's* crew has started grad school this fall. Now it's my turn to back her up as she helped back me up this year on the OYC Board. So even though I will be stepping down from the Board this year, I'll still be around, but crewing solo a little more than usual. And I hope to see all of our OYC friends, old and new, out on the water.

Check out these websites

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

Ned Rhodes, Webmaster

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>

Hey, crew, 'tis time to renew...

From the September Cruise Log of *Impulse*

A Victory At Sea

by Steve Worcester

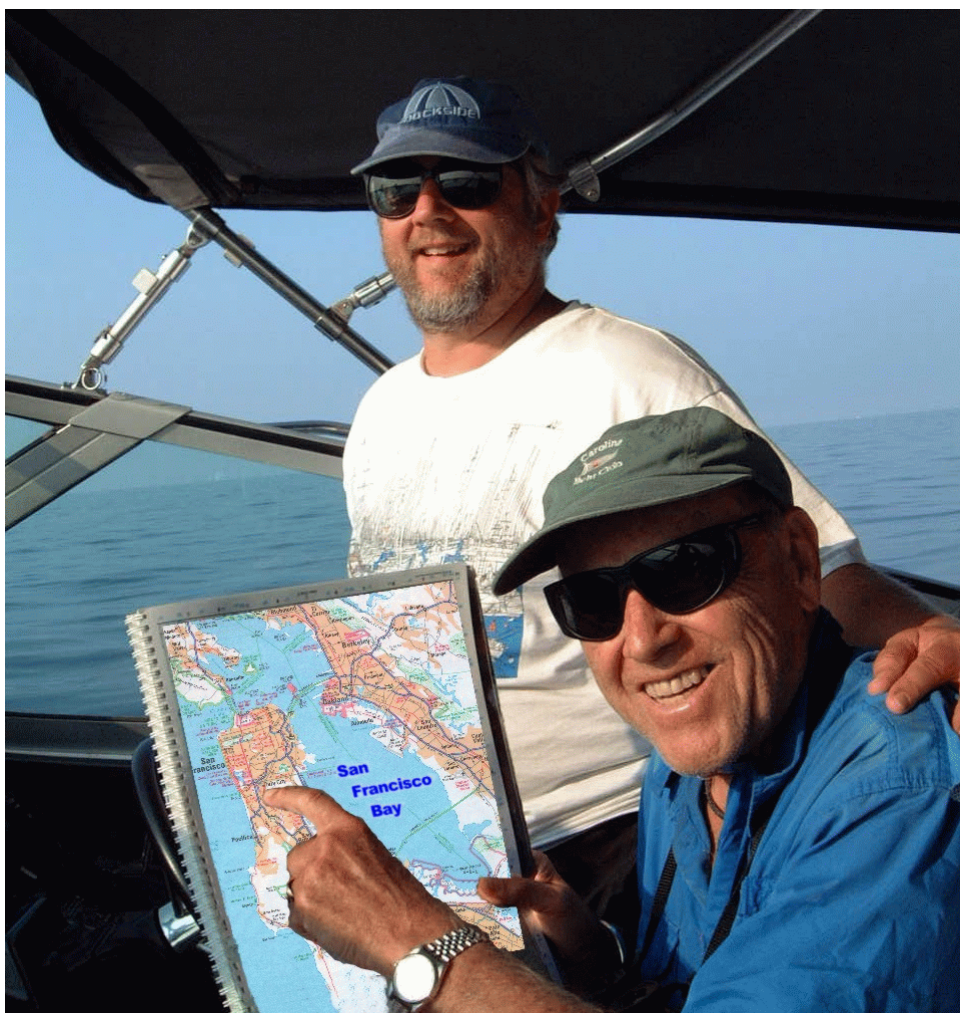
While in college many years ago, I read an 18th century history of an Englishman who survived three years as a slave in a Saracen galley. He had been a volunteer on a British East India Company ship that was captured by Barbary pirates. Suffice it to say, the galley captain was a tyrant, the conditions were horrendous, and the hours were atrocious. I had a similar experience recently when I volunteered to help crew an OYC boat on the return journey to the Occoquan from its stint on the Chesapeake Bay (only minus the Barbary pirates). Let me say now that I will mention no names. My intent is not to sully anyone's reputation, good or otherwise. Rather, I desire to share my experience with the readers so they can profit from that experience or not, as they choose.

My experience started with what, looking back, now seems a rash *Impulse*. My plan was to attend the Annapolis Boat Show and thereafter spend a day or two in St. Michaels, MD, and return home on Sunday. However, in the days leading up to black Sunday, I was offered what, on the surface, appeared to be a delightful opportunity to once again cruise the pristine waters of the Chesapeake Bay. And more the fool, I leaped at the chance. The captain gave repeated assurances that the trip would be the equivalent of canoeing on Burke Lake.

Well, by **Nedley**, it was a far cry from that. I should have been forewarned when I discovered I would be sharing accommodations with a crew member of the four-legged variety. While it is true that I possess no animals of my own, I am sincerely quite partial to them—in their own place and as long as they are well behaved. Although this particular creature had no singular, overwhelming, aberrant behavioral characteristics, it is my belief that it soon would become unwelcome in an **Abbey** full of nuns.

We had an inauspicious beginning, being awakened before first light by a cold nose in a warm and personal area. The Captain, having dined and wine rather too well the previous evening, secured one of the crew and departed the boat with a supply of plastic bags, for what purpose I know not. The remainder of us made do with a cold breakfast and hot tea we scavenged for ourselves. Upon the Captain's return, we made ready and cast off.

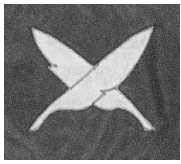
The next ten hours were the stuff of legend. Contradictory orders, futile tasks, abuse of crew members, and collisions were all exhibited. Exaggeration you say? Let



Always trust Dad—On their recent cruise of the Bay, Ned and Arleen Rhodes asked Ned's dad Ed to navigate, but they forgot to tell him which Bay. The family spent the night on Telegraph Hill.

me tell you of the repeated trips on deck in foul seas to put up covers, take down covers, until the Captain tired of the diversion. Let me tell you of physical blows to the head accompanying incoherent orders. Let me tell you of the deliberate course changes to expose the crew to biting winds and frigid spray. Let me tell you of orders to swab decks while knowing full well they would soon be fouled again. Let me tell you of curses and criticism of the crew when, misjudging the force of wind and current, the Captain collided with coastal structures. Let me tell you how, at journey's end, the Captain permitted no respite until his final demands were met, forcing crew to labor in cold rain and falling temperatures. Exaggeration you say? I think not.

Upon my return home, I recalled the tale of the English galley slave. I have traveled many different **Rhodes** in my life and while my ordeal was not comparable to his in duration, it was no less vexatious and oppressive. In retrospect, I felt a kinship with the Englishman that I'm sure is common to all seaman who have risked their lives in dangerous seas under tyrannical captains.



Secretary's Comments

Liz Kalweit

I've been tying up loose ends as I prepare to step down from the board, and I was thinking (once again) about how much talent, knowledge, and creativity there is in this club. If you haven't shown off yours, please do! There are so many ways you can shine. It's a fun way to get to know your fellow members, and it's a great way to support your club. Even before I volunteered to serve as club secretary, I found other ways to help out. For example:

! With Webmaster Ned Rhodes' blessing, I signed on as co-Web master, with the grand title of "Webmessenger" and had a great time updating the site, taking pictures, and reporting on events. Some new members said that www.OccoquanYachtClub.org was one of the reasons they joined—they could see how much fun we were having!

! I contributed to The Daymarker, again, taking pictures, and playing "cub reporter," covering events OYC either sponsored or participated in.

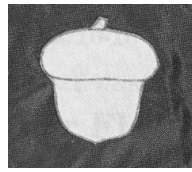
! I'm almost finished updating the event coordinator handbook, and have been working on updating our membership/renewal form.

! I've participated in countless events, by jumping in to scavenge, row, whatever, or just by cheering on fellow members. It's fun (and funny!)

! At club events, so many hands are needed for the simplest things—setting up tables and chairs, for example, sharing a potluck dish, side dish, dessert, etc., or helping with clean up afterward.

It's your club; pitch in, participate, and have fun with it. I've had a great time serving as club secretary this year. Thank you for the opportunity!

See you on the water.



Treasurer's Comments

Nabil Dubraque

Swan Song This is it, folks. It's been great serving as your Treasurer for the past two years, and the fact that the last eight months were from the Federal Minimum Security Facility at Allentown in no way diminished the

pleasure. I know in my heart that I am innocent, just a little misunderstanding with a totally unrelated fund, and my new motor sailor—featured in last month's issue—was purchased using double coupon grocery store savings exclusively. I know, I know, save it for the parole board...

You made an excellent choice when electing Steve Thompson your new Treasurer. Steve is a recognized expert at money manipulation, as I'm sure the ongoing Grand Jury investigation will conclude. And, Steve, should you find yourself here, seven to nine a.m. are the best tee times at the golf cour... uh, exercise yard.

But, to business. Once again it is time to send in your dues. While tipping the treasurer is a nice, time honored tradition despite such derogatory appellations by non-purists as "shakedown" and "graft," we must point out that since the board refused to codify them in the standing rules, you are not, I repeat, *not* required to tip the treasurer. But keeping the club serving you in 2002 takes money, and in a page from the best of Chicago's voting traditions, pay early and pay often. Well, pay early anyway, we can use the bread.



Coming Soon— PRYCA Change of Watch

by Joe Livingston, PRYCA Delegate

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Change of Watch is a gala evening dinner dance with boaters from up to 22 member yacht clubs, including ours. What a great way to start the New Year, the 2002 boating season and a beautiful evening with boating friends. Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 26, 2002 and register now with me at 703 250-8764 or jlivingston@ft.newyorklife.com. Let's be well represented from the Occoquan Yacht Club.

The event will be at the Sheraton Crystal City with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30PM, followed by dinner at 6:45PM, the Change of Watch, and dancing to midnight.

The cost is \$50.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity), with complimentary underground parking. Dress is Winter Uniform or business suit (black tie optional). Room reservations are available by calling 703 486-1111

Dinner entree choices include Roast Prime Rib, Salmon Florentine or Chicken Roma. Please register by name, guest name(s) and dinner selections. Early registration (by phone or email to me) will ease my task. You can register now but delay payment till early January or send your check now (payable to OYC) and menu choices to me at 9716 Church Way, Burke, VA 22015.

Annual Festival of Lights & Parade of Boats

by Toby Jarman, PRYCA Member at Large

Alexandria's historic harbor and the Washington waterfront will light up with the Annual Festival of Lights & Parade of Boats on December 8, with this year's event promising to be even bigger and better than last year! Once again the Presidential Yacht Sequoia will lead the parade, which will begin in Old Town Alexandria.

A limited number of complimentary slips will be available throughout the weekend at the Alexandria City Dock. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. with a welcome reception for captains and crews hosted by the Old Dominion Boat Club at the foot of King Street, next to the City Marina.

After parading the Alexandria waterfront, the flotilla will proceed to the Washington Channel for more festivities. Complimentary slips will be available by advance reservation at the Capital Yacht Club and the Gangplank Marina. Immediately following the parade, captains and crews are invited to board the motor yacht Celebrity docked at the Capital Yacht Club for more fun and awards.

Interested in participating in either one or both parades, please fax back the enclosed registration form, or contact Lorraine Lloyd at 703.838.4200 x209 or llloyd@funside.com, for further information. You must register for this event by November 30. Should you need a slip in Alexandria, please indicate that on the registration form. For slip reservations for D.C., you must contact the Capital Yacht Club, 202-488-8110, or the Gangplank Marina, 202-554-5000, directly.

More details will be provided to participants next month. Start your decorating plans now. The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association and Washington Waterfront Association have been busy collecting great prizes that will be awarded in all categories. And as always, thanks to the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association member clubs for their continual assistance.



Alexandria and D.C.'s Annual Festival of Lights and Parade of Boats

Saturday, December 8, 2001

Hosted by the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association and Washington Waterfront Association
with Assistance from the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association.

REGISTRATION: No later than NOVEMBER 30, please e-mail below information to llloyd@funside.com
or fax this page to 703.838.4683. Questions? Call Lorraine Lloyd, 703.838.4200 x209

Vessel Name _____ Captain _____

Address _____

Yacht Club/Marina **Occoquan Yacht Club**

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Boat Length _____ Beam _____ Power or Sail (circle one) _____ Number of Crew Members _____

Decorating theme (if applicable) _____

Vessel will participate in: ☒ Alexandria Parade ☒ D.C. Parade ☒ D.C. Dockside Competition

Will require Alexandria slip (30 amp only):

☒ Friday Night ☒ Saturday Daytime ☒ Saturday Night

D.C. Marina Preference (Please call and make reservations directly for DC.):

☒ Gangplank Marina (50 amp only)
Call 202.554.5000

☒ Capital Yacht Club (50 & 30 amp)
Call 202.488.8110

Captains and Crews Welcome Reception hosted at 3:30 p.m. at the Old Dominion Boat Club. A reception aboard the motor yacht Celebrity docked at the Capital Yacht Club will follow the parade of boats.

Inside...

2002 Board, Best Chili and Best Dessert
election results (all are spicy, sweet or
hot, hot, hot),

Sign up and pay up for OYC's Holiday Party
and Change of Watch,

Love your club? Renew your membership,

Festival of Lights Parade sign-up,

And a stirring account of a recent Bay
cruise.

November 9-12
Hardy Souls Cruise
to Alexandria
Ned Rhodes
703 741-0861

November 24
Santa Cruise to
Occoquan
Walt Cheatham
703 243-2430

December 1
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Ft. Belvoir
Community Center
Mary Lynn
Snowman
301 869-2885

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Parade in
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