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Commodore's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

It wasn't until my third cart load that I realized that I wasn't going to be able to fit everything into the car. And I can assure you that the thought never entered my mind as to what I was going to do with the stuff when I got it home...until I got home and didn't have any place to put it. So, I've been traveling around, hauling the "stuff" in my car, just waiting until I found a new place to stow away the "stuff."

As my luck would have it though, some of the old "stuff" just won't do in the new place and carrying around "stuff" you don't need seems useless. So that brings me to my original question which was... "Is all that stuff really necessary?"

Now I understand that it is necessary to have screwdrivers of every size and both a phillips and a flat head are necessary. BUT is it necessary to have two sets (and in some cases more than two sets)? Is it necessary to carry two tape measures with you at all times? And of course we can never find them when we need them so maybe we had better buy another one the next time we are out shopping. How many hammers are really necessary? And screws? I honestly believe that we could float down river, have every screw fall off the boat and we would have enough screws stored away to put the boat together again. And of course there would be the three large rolls of duct tape that are stowed away just in case we need more than one. And that's just what we have on the boat.

I could go on and on about the number of items that I think are not necessary for a boat but then I have to stop myself and remember that I have just as much "stuff" that I want to stow away, too. Like the crayons for the kids—that we have yet to use. The extra paper that we may need some day. The wrapping paper that is necessary in case I have to wrap a

present (and I've used several rolls over the last three years). Of course with the wrapping paper I must have tape, and ribbon, and scissors because everyone knows that you don't use the same scissors for cutting paper that you do for cutting material. Oh yeah, that would mean that I will need my sewing basket, scissors, needles, thread, and you might as well put the sewing machine someplace on board because I might just have some extra time on my hands for making a cover or two. And then there is the food. I always bring enough to feed an army for two weeks or more. Of course, don't let me forget the necessities for the animals too.

Is all that "stuff" really necessary? Probably not, but one never knows what kind of time they are going to have on their hands. And speaking of time...it's time that I saw you on the water. Join your OYC family on the water this month. A whole weekend of land activity (PRYCA Float In) and raft ups all around. So come on and join the fun and be sure to bring your "stuff" because you never know what you'll need or when you'll need it.

**July 4,
1776**



**God
blessed
America**

... and hasn't quit.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Donnie Cruse 7/9

Mary Ann Coldwell 7/14

Kristie Kelm 7/16

Cindy Schneider 7/20

Scott Shipley 7/28

Barb Egmore 7/30

Tom Crossan 7/10

Nicky Linck 7/16

Susan Wilson 7/17

Susan Brown 7/22

Susan Dugan 7/30

Anniversaries

Johnny & Cynthia Martin 7/2

Tom & Mary Ann Coldwell 7/6

Eugene & Susan Brown 7/9

Ed & Martha Jane Dodd 7/18

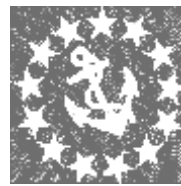
Wilma & Frank Spikes 7/19

Monica & Henry Lovell 7/24

Jim & Peggy Ball 7/25

Walter & Janet Sobie 7/28

Jack & Sharon Striker 7/30



Vice Commodore

Rick Sorrenti

Let the Summer Begin!

Well if the start of the season is any indication, we are ready for a good year. For the first time in a long time we did not have bad weather over Memorial Day. I am pleased that Joe Livingston had better luck than Teresa and I did last year and boats actually showed up at Tall Timbers. Understand no one was embarrassed and everyone had a great time. Teresa and Jillian weren't home that weekend so that's my excuse. Thanks Joe for making this a success.

I hope many of you have had the opportunity to check out the new Tim's Rivershore II at Fairview Beach. We had two great back-to-back weekend raft-ups there. Speaking of anchors, I've been told that Sea Rays have the best... but they just won't hold 70,000 pounds of boats. Left alone by the captains, the first mates and guests endured the traumatic event. The good news, as told to me by a respected club member, is that the boats down wind saw the flotilla coming and moved out of the way. How thoughtful.

About two weeks ago, I sent an e-mail to all members announcing the availability of custom cockpit carpeting. For those who missed the news, let's run through it one more time. The company that supplies our custom OYC boat mats has made available to OYC custom carpet sets. They come in all colors, same as the mat carpeting plus they offer three shades of berber. I have received three "template" kits to guide you through the measuring, tracing and ordering process. Normally, through many of the marine supply places these very same carpet sets cost \$9.00 per square foot. For OYC members only, we will receive the same high quality product for \$3.80 per square foot. Contact me directly, since turnaround time is 10-14 working days after the template is received. If you want to see the quality, call or stop by *Sea Duck Too*.

Upcoming events: Fourth of July at Gangplank is pretty well booked, and should be a great kick-off leading to the PRYCA Float-In the week-end of July 12-14 so we can regain the PRYCA Cup. For some reason, the other clubs are determined that OYC must be stopped. (And here we thought this was a fun event.) We will need all of the knot-tying and navigation expertise we have, along with the dinghy race. All this and a dinner with DJ and brunch!

Don't forget there is more in store in August. Safe boating, and we hope to see you on the river.

Welcome New Members

Larry and Dana Lotspeich of Potomac Falls. They keep their Wellcraft at berthed OHM.

Betsy Pugh/Louise Schell of Alexandria. They keep their Glastron, *One Diamond*, berthed at OHM

Cheryl A. Alston and Rebecca O. Gaiser of Washington, DC. They keep their Gulfstar, *Cheryl Ann*, berthed at the Gangplank.

Eric R. and Nanvy M. Henry of Great Falls. They keep their Sea Ray, *Summer Breeze II*, berthed at FYC

Nicholas and Katharine Papadopoulos of Washington, DC. They keep their ChrisCraft, *Katharine*, berthed at Hoffmasters.

—Randy Snowman

OYC Membership Chairman
Abominable Snowman III

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Rear Commodore

Ann Shipley

"I'm gonna soak up the sun. I'll put my 45 on so I can rock on." And rock on we did, at Fairview Beach on June 1. We had a terrific turnout with over 12 boats floating in and rafting up for a day of swimming, partying, and sampling the cuisine at Tim's II. If you haven't been yet, it's a must.

The bottom of the river is sandy there and makes for great water fun. Of course, some of us (Rick Sorrenti and Corky) don't like to get our little toes wet, so we ride in the dinghy while others (Teresa Sorrenti, Mary Lynn Snowman, and Scout) pull the dinghy to shore and back so our four legged friends can have a boat break! Others avoid getting wet (Al Jorsey) by sitting in inflatable lawn chairs with special holders for our valuable booty. Still others (Sue Thompson) like to take little surprise trips into the water when the driver of their transportation decides to make a sharp turn and cool his passenger off.

I guess the day was too much of a party for Walt Cheatham as he discovered at dinner that, no, he was not wearing HIS pants when he stuck his hand in the pocket and

pulled out Susan's lipstick. We tried to tell him those pants didn't have a fly and he seemed to think they did feel a little strange. Poor Susan had to quickly retrieve all her undies so she would have SOMETHING to wear the next day!

Randy reported the "scenery" to be far better than many locations! Needless to say, a great time was had by all, and Fairview Beach is an excellent location for future OYC raft ups, planned and spontaneous.

It's grilling season, so I thought I would leave you with this most excellent tuna recipe that will impress even the most jaded cookout chef. So here, for your culinary pleasure, is this month's entry: **Tuna Kebabs with Wasabi Dipping Sauce**

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1 ½ teaspoons sugar
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons wasabi powder, with enough cold water

added to form a paste

- 1 (12 oz) tuna steak, cut into 1 inch cubes

Combine mayonnaise, soy sauce, sugar and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Transfer 2/3 of the mixture to a small bowl and add wasabi paste. Refrigerate. Add tuna to remaining mayonnaise mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour and up to 24 hours. Thread tuna and your favorite veggies on skewers. Grill until just cooked through, 2-3 minutes per side. Serve with wasabi mayonnaise on side.



Treasurer's Comments

Steve Thompson

Well, there's nothing like driving down to the boat in the evening or on the weekend and, if nothing else, just relaxing on deck and enjoying the moment. You know what I mean, right? Doing anything on a boat just seems that much more enjoyable than doing the same thing at home; whether it's talking with friends or just sitting back and reading a book. Sure, there are always chores to do. I mean, have you every seen a boat stay clean for even a couple days? And, I don't know about you, but spending two or three hours at the helm really is a lot more fun than spending the same amount of time behind the wheel of a car. So I have a little bit of advice for you . . . ***get out of the house and get yourself, and boat, out on the river !***

OYC has sponsored quite a few events this year that have helped to raise the spirits of many an OYC member who have, themselves, raised more than their fair share of spirits as well as the profit margin of a few companies such as Corona. So far we have had the April Fools Party at Tim's Rivershore, the Early Bird Cruise at Gangplank Marina, the OYC Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbor Marina, the Dinghy Regatta at

Hoffmasters, the Memorial Day Cruise to Tall Timbers, and the Raft-up at Fairview Beach. In addition there have been many reported, and I am sure just as many unreported, impromptu raft-ups. And there are many more events to come. At this point in time all I can say that if you haven't experienced one of these events, you'll never know the fun you are missing.

But wait, if you didn't sign up for the 4th of July visit to Gangplank Marina, there's always the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Float-in at Fort Washington Marina just a little south of 495 on the Maryland side of the river. It's too late to get a slip but that shouldn't stop you from experiencing the fun associated with the largest collection of boaters from the many yacht clubs along the shores of the Potomac. Saturday the 13th of July is the big day as far as activities is concerned. Although the highlight of the day is a dinner/dance where, I'm sure, you will witness OYC members performing the now famous OYC theme dance; but there will also be the annual PRYCA Cup competition which is a series of contests to determine the best [or luckiest] Potomac River yacht club. The cost of the day's activities is \$50.00 per person (\$25.00 for children ages 7-12).

If you are ready to let your hair down and have a blast send me an email now, opsc@earthlink.net, and I'll see if we can add you to the list. But don't worry, if you just want to come and watch us make fools of ourselves, we'll be glad to have you.

Memorable Memorial Day Weekend at Tall Timbers

by Joe Livingston, Cruise Coordinator

Regret some missed it, some tried for the “bent prop” award and twelve crews had a great weekend. On Friday, Gail and Joe entered coordinates for Tall Timbers and the flotilla with *Plane to Sea* and *Great Escape* were cruising. *Sea Venture* and *Dana Lyn* were followed by the faster *Day Dreamer*, *Cadenza* and *Soul Mate* to enjoy the great buffet and 14-piece swing band for Friday’s evening.

On Saturday, a radio watch was posted for *Oasis 2*, *Vaya Con Dios* and *Touch of Fate* arrivals and *Sanctuary* docked with fanfare just in time to host a grand happy hour social to highlight the evening.



OYC at Tall Timbers—This hearty crew gathered for a (formal?) portrait during the Memorial Day weekend at Tall Timbers Marina, 60 miles down the Potomac. Left to right, no...first row.. uh, seated are... ah, forget it.



Just for fun, Tall Timbers set this bonfire in the hulk of an old boat.

With Candy and Al Clevenger coming by a land cruiser convertible, six adults sleeping on *Oasis 2* (there is a story or two there) and other guests the official count was 36 people and five dogs.

Our unofficial photographer, Tom Coldwell and his assistant Mary Ann captured the groups casual picture against a perfect evening sky. Kristin and Emily Coron [Joe and Gail's daughter and granddaughter] organized “boatoply” and the stampin-up events (okay-games and making a Father's Day card) and the BOATR safety class excelled with VHF talk by Sue Thompson, knot tying (left handed guidance) by Becky Heinze and Joan Hicks phonetic alphabet. So, a good time was had by all, weather was fantastic and the bonfire was brilliant in colors but a little sad in the spirit of boating—“remember the Owens.”

The OYC burgee stands at Tall Timbers; Rick Meatyard telephoned to thank the club for our participation saying “it was the most successful holiday weekend ever and thanks to all who attended for making it a great Memorial Day weekend..”

A Guest Crew's Cruise to Charleston and Back

by Ned W. Rhodes, P/C Occoquan Yacht Club

Basically, the trip comes down to Crew Shirts. I didn't get one. Everyone else did, but not me. And I wouldn't call a monogrammed cocktail napkin duct-taped to my T-shirt a proper Crew Shirt. It is no wonder that they were drummed out of the Occoquan Yacht Club. I guess I should explain.

When we talked to Steve and Mary Jo Worcester early this year, they said that they had signed up for a trip [about 150 miles] to Charleston with the Cape Fear Power Squadron and would Arleen and I like to be their guests on the trip. Steve and Mary Jo have been members of the OYC for 15 years, and after having moved into their new assisted living quarters in Wilmington, NC, they decided to join up with some fellow boaters and go on some cruises. Ah, the stories I could tell of the Worcesters' adventures on the Chesapeake Bay involving carbon monoxide, pontificating from the table-top in restaurants and renegade cruises using extreme radio silence. But those stories will have to wait for another time.

Arleen and I accepted, not knowing what to expect, but knowing we would have fun. We started our cruise-day at O-Dark-thirty to the smell of diesel and the witty chatter on the radio. We had a mad dash down the ICW in order to make the pontoon bridge at Sunset Beach. We all made it through together and then followed our Troop Leader Jim Nelson past Myrtle Beach, through the Rock Piles and past the dredges that were repairing the damage from the wall that collapsed and filled in the ICW.

Our first stop of the trip was the "Watch-Your-Winkie" a.k.a. Wacca Wache marina. After getting tied up, Steve impressed everyone in the Power Squadron with his managerial skills in counseling me on how to wash a boat. I

also had an "encounter" with the dock master there who told me that he did not need my help in docking boats and would I please "Git Outcha Heere!" Cocktails started early that day.

Now the CFPS does things a little differently from the OYC. Every night of the trip one boat is assigned responsibility for the cocktail hour for everyone. It was a neat idea and worked well for us. Everyone grilled out that night and we were introduced to the whole group. I did my best to make Steve look good and I tried to "sir" him as much as possible.

The group was led by Jim and Janet Nelson aboard *Finale* who, it turns out, was celebrating his 75th wedding anniversary by taking his wife on a cruise. I think Janet was expecting a slightly larger boat, in the Mediterranean, with a paid crew. The other participants included Walter and Janice Hilbert on *Encore*, Jerry 3 and Teri Allen on *Seas the Moment*, my long lost relatives Paul and Marge Rhodes on *Ol' Sailor*, Harold and Pat Beatty on *Far from Normal*, Rick and Nita Neuimeister on *Nauti Nita* with guests Jerry 1 and Francine Hall and Jerry 2 and Marilyn Freeman. [We leave in the names of all these strangers to OYC members since the author will bootleg copies of this tome to the CFPS folks—a major kiss-up to lure return invitations.]

And now back to the Crew Shirts. It seems that everyone aboard *Nauti Nita* had monogrammed Crew Shirts, which included the boat name as well as their name. Hey, what a nice idea. I know that when you cruise with Tom Coldwell on the Occoquan you get a Crew Shirt and so I figured it was just a matter of time until Steve and MJ brought out the *Saint 'n Sinner* shirts. It turns out we would have a very long wait.



High-tech on the bridge—Ned Rhodes shows that with the right gear you can computer-navigate from Wilmington to Charleston while staying connected to important Web pages on the Internet.

Our cruise on Day Two was through the low country of South Carolina following the trail of the Swamp Fox. We only saw one alligator that day and the ladies had the pleasure of killing and mounting flies as we passed through Winah Bay. Day 2 was the most productive in terms of interacting with our fellow boaters as we received one single digit salute and a hearty “wake surf” * from a plucky jet skier. Five days later as we passed the same spot, Steve yelled “Same to you buddy!” which took the prize of the best comeback of the trip.

It was great to come out of the ICW into Charleston Bay as we had a great view of Fort Sumter. As you know, Charleston is situated on the Ashley and Judd rivers and our final destination was the recently restored Charleston City Marina. It seems that some pesky hurricane had paid a visit a few years ago, necessitating the installation of new (and better) floating docks. The City Marina was to be our base of operations for the next five days.

Charleston was great fun. We took the boat tour out to Fort Sumter, we saw the Ansel Adams art exhibit, we smelled horses, we shopped, we rode bikes, we took the bus, we jet skied and we ate out. The one constant thing was that everyone was back at the boats for cocktails at 5:00 pm.

But then all good things must come to an end and so we started our trip home on Wednesday or Thursday—I really don’t remember which day as I lost all track of time. Suffice it to say that we started home one day that week.

After one alligator and one snake, our stop that night was Georgetown. What a great town. They have a river walk, a historical district and a great ice cream shop and bakery. We rode bikes again, bought fresh bread and had a great cocktail party on the dock in the shadow of *Saint ‘n Sinner*.

From Georgetown we then traveled to the Myrtle Beach Yacht Club via a stop at the Barefoot Landing shopping mall that has a transient dock to allow for boaters to stop and shop. Boats started to have problems on this leg of the journey. Walter tested the bottom after getting out of the way of a barge and Rick aboard *Nauti Nita* “tuned” up his new props on some log or something allegedly in the middle of the ICW. They limped on into the Myrtle Beach Yacht Club and made arrangement to be pulled the next day.

We all had time for a quick swim and everyone turned in their cruise ballots so that Arleen and

MJ could tally them. Dinner that night was at Umberto’s right next to the marina and we had our awards ceremony, captain gifts and poem readings. Jim and Janet were voted Mr. and Ms. Congeniality and were rewarded with four decorative glasses for their boat. For some reason Shower #7 at the City Marina was voted the best bathroom by two people. The best cocktail hour was voted to be 5:00 pm and best run was from the boat to the bathroom at the Charleston City Marina.

We started our final day by racing seven miles to the pontoon bridge once again. This time *Ol’ Sailor* decided to join the fun by killing one engine. He limped through the bridge and then stopped at a marina to wait for a mechanic. After thinking about things for an hour, Marge asked him about the ignition cut off switch and all of a sudden they were back on the water again. Rick and crew aboard *Nita* had the boat pulled, the props tuned, gassed up, the boat pulled again to fix the drip-less packing nuts that were dripping before they were finally able to finish their journey. Endless cell phone calls kept everyone in contact.

Arleen and I had a great time and we look forward to doing it again. Since my father does not go on these Power Squadron cruises, I have decided to put in a change of address and just take over his membership. All tolled, we had eight days of fun, three hissy fits, two alligators, two snakes, one finger, one wake-surf and alas, no Crew Shirts.

* [Ed. note: “Wake surf” is a substitute for a more colorful characterization offered by the author.]



Boat for Sale—*Abominable Snowman*, 40-foot 1976 Pacemaker, asking \$115k. Contact Randy Snowman, 301 869-2885

Labor Day Cruise just around the corner (Oh, nooo, so soon?) August 30-September 1

by Beckie Heinze, Cruise Coordinator

*Here lies Dick Cole, A grievous sinner
That died a little before dinner.
Yet hopes in heaven to fine a place,
To satiate his soul with Grace.*

So goes the epitaph of the long-ago owner of Coles Point.
To see this and much much more just sign up for the Labor
Day cruise with OYC.

I would write more about all the wonderful things we will
see and do but I am so late with this article as it is I am just
getting in under the wire. So use your imagination. On
second thought maybe SOME of you should just forget that.

For those of you who have been on a trip with OYC
before, you know the drill, but for the new members here
goes...

Please send me:

1. Name of Captain and number of crew members
2. Your Boat Name
3. Size of boat (LOA, beam, and draft)
4. Electric needs (30 amp 50 amp 260amp whatever)
5. Day you will arrive and number of days you will stay.
6. Your phone and email
7. Anything else you want me to know to make a reservation for you.

I will make the reservations and be in touch with you
before we all set out. This, like all OYC events is a guaranteed
good time for all.

Call me at 703 924-9365 or email at bjheinze@aol.com

Rest of the season at a glance...

July 4-5	Fourth of July at Gangplank	Tony Mirando and Tom Shank, 202 488-1545
July 5-20	Two Week Upper Bay	Dani Linck, 703 494-7028
July 12-14	PRYCA Float-In	Contact any Board member
July 20-August 11	Three Week Cruise to New York	Tony Mirando and Tom Shank, 202 488-1545
July 27	Raft-up (TBD)	
August 2-4	Olverson's Marina/Yeocomico	Jan & Duane Jeirles, 804 559-6089
August 17-24	One Week Cruise	
August 21	OYC Official Holiday	Gary Linck, 703 494-7028
August 23-25	PRYCA Dog Days of Summer	Walt Cheatham, 703 243-2430
August 30-September 2	Labor Day Cruise to Coles Point	Beckie Heinze, 703 924-9365
September 14-15	Shrimpfest	Ann and Scott Shipley, 703 425-6053
September 20-22	PRYCA End of Summer Party	Susan Brown von Schaack, 703 815-5891
October 11-14	Columbus Day Cruise	Tony Mirando and Tom Shank, 202 488-1545
October 26	Membership Meeting	Board Event
November 8-11	Hardy Souls Cruise	Ned Rhodes, 703 741-0861
November 30	Santa Cruise	Walt Cheatham, 703 243-2430
December 7	OYC Holiday Party Change of Watch	Board
January 18, 2003	Planfest	Board
February 2, 2003	Ft Belvoir Brunch	Susan von Schaack Brown, 703 815-5891

Where several OYC boats will spend the 4th...



Gangplank Marina, Washington. Wherever you spend your 4th, please do so safely.

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