

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

Recently I just read that "life is a journey to be enjoyed." I took a moment and thought back over the last year to see how many moments I had enjoyed in 2002. Fortunately there were too many to write about in this article (I know you are breathing a sigh of relief), but there were more than enough for me to realize that my life is full and enjoyed in many ways. I'm truly looking forward to the year 2003 and moving along in my "journey."

Most people at this time of the year are making their list of New Year's resolutions. Not me! No way! I do have a calendar out for the

new year but I'm not making any new resolutions – well, maybe one. I really like that "life is a journey to be enjoyed" so I'm planning my calendar for enjoying BOATING!!!

The first thing on my calendar is Saturday, January 11—Pot Luck at the Grants'. Less than two weeks away and I get to see my boating buddies again. You need to RSVP for this one; check it out on Page 3.

Next on my calendar is the OYC Planfest. You may wonder what kind of boating experiences you can have in the middle of January but trust me on this one WE HAVE



2003 Board—(l. to r.) Commodore Mary Lynn Snowman, Vice Commodore Rick Sorrenti, Rear Commodore Alan Gorenstein, Secretary Candy Clevenger and Treasurer Steve Thompson.

FUN! We take you through the year from February to January of the next year and we just help you plan your calendar. Here's the scoop.

DATE: January 18, 2003

PLACE: Gecko's (the restaurant at OHM)

TIME: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING: You and your family. The food is paid for by the club. It's a cash bar, bring money for that. Quartermaster Sue Thompson will be there with the club store. There will be some new items to talk about so you'll want to be sure and stop by and talk with Sue.

One helpful hint, bring a calendar. This club plans almost 30 events and it gets a little crazy when you're trying to remember them. It's just better to bring a calendar and write them down. We do have event calendar cards for everyone but I still advise you to bring your calendar.

There will be sign up sheets for a number of events. Signing these sheets does not obligate you in anyway for the event. It's just to let the cruise coordinators know who is interested. Usually at the time of the Planfest some of the events will still need cruise coordinators. If you're interested in coordinating an event please let me know. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. You can also contact Becky Heinze, OYC's Cruise Coordinator Advisor. Becky will be able to give you more information.

The photo contest will once again be held at the March membership meeting; however, if you have pictures of a previous OYC event that you would like to share at the Planfest please bring them along. I love looking at pictures and our new Historian, Dana Phan, is looking for pictures of past events.

There are more events on our immediate calendar and I encourage you to continue to read the Daymarker to find out what's coming up in the rest of January and February. I hope to see you at the Grants' (don't forget to RSVP) and look forward to seeing you at the Planfest.

Welcome new board members

I truly did not forget that the membership did select a new board for the year 2003. Each new officer just sort of slipped right in and took over where the other one left off that it was an easy transition.

Vice Commodore Rick Sorrenti did a wonderful job with the Holiday Party. I had a wonderful time that night, Rick. Thanks!

Rear Commodore Alan Gorenstein is quite a traveler and a lot of fun to be with. He stepped right in and volunteered for a job that takes a lot of time, effort and patience. Thanks, Alan, for doing the certificates.

Secretary Candy Clevenger (IPC) couldn't stand being away from the board, so she volunteered this year to do a job

that she says is not her talent. Who says volunteering isn't someone's talent? Thanks Candy, you just keep "talenting" away for this club.

Treasurer Steve Thompson did a wonderful job with the books this year and decided that if one of the perks for volunteering for this position was a new boat he'd do it again. Thanks, Steve, and I hope you and Sue enjoy your new boat.

Our club continues to exist because of volunteers. We couldn't do it without volunteers and I want to thank each of you for volunteering to attend one event each month this year! Put OYC on your calendar!

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Jim Ball, 1/7

Janet Sobie, 1/12

Alan Gorenstein, 1/14

Walt Cheatham, 1/15

Tom Shank, 1/16

Ned Rhodes, 1/22

Rob Cavaleri, 1/10

Michael Bailey, 1/14

Eric Henry, 1/14

Larry Lotspeich, 1/16

Mike Fordham, 1/19

Jan Wilcox, 1/31

Anniversaries

Linda & Laslo Bozoky, 1/4

Beckie & John Heinze, 1/30

Welcome New Members

Timothy Gibbons and Maria Price of Springfield. They berth their Sea Ray *Destiny* at OHM.

Card of Thanks



Commodore's Cup for 2002—Beckie and John Heinze respond on receiving award from Commodore Snowman (l.)

"At our Holiday Party we were very surprised and honored to receive the Commodore's Cup. We have truly enjoyed being part of this organization. The sharing spirit of this group is like no other.

"Thank you again."

John and Beckie Heinze

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Vice Commodore

Rick Sorrenti

Oh, What A Night... Sounds like a song doesn't it? But this is in reference to our annual holiday party, December 7th. More than 60 members were present to spread the holiday spirit. My thanks go to the board for their assistance in making this one of the best. The decorations were fantastic, the gifts were abundant and the food was superb. Peggy Castle's *IDJ4FUN* music selections were equally enjoyable and made everyone stay to the very end. We had several new members and many veterans return along with the Lynn family after a little arm-twisting and minor negotiations at the OHM office, the week prior. But thanks to Carla for writing the check!

So what's in store for the remaining winter months? Plenty. In January, Rob and Margaret Grant will host the second annual potluck dinner at their house on the 11th. More talk of boating and we will more than likely recap the entire 2002 season, with some stories unknown to many of you. Contact Rob and Margaret, 703 250-9539, to tell them you will be there.

On the 18th we will have the Planfest at Gecko's on the 18th, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This event is where we rollout our 2003 boating agenda. Many members will discuss destinations and cruise coordinators will be solicited face to face. The club will provide the food. All you need to do is show up and help us roll out the 2003 season. On the 25th we will be participants in the PRYCA Change of Watch at the Crystal City Sheraton

Hotel. Our own Steve Wexler will be moderator and the evening always brings laughter as Steve brings several well-rehearsed, non-quotable lines, and we share the OYC spirit with the other yacht clubs of PRYCA. For the first time OYC will have two hospitality rooms for our pre-Change of Watch get together. Contact Joe Livingston for reservations at 703 250-8765.

Now for February. On the 2nd, Teresa and I will host the Sunday Brunch at Fort Belvoir's Officers Club. Plenty to eat and lots to talk about as we continue the winter trek towards boating season. Contact me at 703 590-6724 for reservations.

One the highlights of the winter is our annual trip to Ocean City. This year will be no different. Hosted by Candy and Al Clevenger on the weekend of 15th. One of the BIG things about this weekend is that our dogs are welcome and is an absolute joy for both humans and dogs as we gather on the "dog only" floor for the hallway meeting on Saturday night. Contact Candy and Al at 703 273-3073

What's New in Technology and Safety?

If anyone is looking to replace their VHF radio for the 2003 season I would like to recommend you look at the wide array of marine band radios available with Digital Selective calling (DSC). DSC is a method of sending initial calls and distress radio messages digitally, is a part of the worldwide Global Marine Distress Signaling System (GMDSS). As a signatory to the SOLAS (Safety Of Life At Sea) treaty, the U.S. is required to implement the DSC system for both HF/Single Side Band (SSB) and VHF marine radios. The Federal Communications Commission announced in 2000 that all newly approved marine VHF radios would have to allow for at least minimal DSC calling capability. Transmission and

2nd Annual!

Pull out that DayTimer now!

Ain't No Cure For The OYC Winter-Time Blues

Pot Luck Dinner

January 11, 2003

Rob & Marg (Three G's)

please rsvp by Jan. 6th : robgrant@starpower.net
or call: 703-250-9539

Time: 7:00pm

Address: 7337 Wayfarer Drive, Fairfax Station, VA 22039
 (off Ox Road, between Henderson & Burke Lake Road)

If your Last Name begins with..... please bring per list below to share.
 We'll supply soda, beer & wine. Kids are welcome.



A-E: Appetizer
 F-K: Salad
 L-S: Main Dish
 T-Z: Dessert

Disclaimer:

Enjoy..... otherfellowbeerwinedrinkingboatersawaitingspringlookingforagoodtime

reception of distress and other initial calls on a VHF/DSC radio occurs on Channel 70, which is reserved exclusively for these digital signaling purposes. DSC-capable radios are equipped with an emergency-transmission button which, when activated, send a mayday to all other DSC radios.

The VHF/DSC radio should be connected to a GPS or Loran C so that the precise position of the vessel in trouble is included in the emergency message. A unique nine-digit number, maritime mobile service identity (MMSI) is assigned to each DSC radio station, allowing anyone receiving the call to identify the vessel calling for assistance. The required MMSI is obtained when the radio is registered after purchase.

The DSC system is now in operation on the high seas, the VHF portion is undergoing testing by the U.S. Coast Guard for inland waterways and "should" become fully operational over the next 12 months. Commercial towing companies, soon will

be equipped to receive VHF/DSC calls. Thus they will be able to relay the calls to the Coast Guard or other authorities. The value of DSC signaling on VHF extends far beyond its use in emergencies. It will allow stations to call one another by entering the MMSI of the station to be called in the same manner as a telephone number is used to establish communication. No longer will it be necessary to call on channel 16 and listen for calls.

Radios include features now common on cellular and other telephones: memory dialing, log of calls received when the radio was unattended, etc. Eventually, DSC radios will cooperate with ship-to shore stations, allowing direct dialing of telephone numbers worldwide. Some of the new DSC-capable units on the market include all the channel-scanning and weather-reception features of modern VHF radios, plus the capability of sending emergency calls with the new DSC system.

Sea Duck Too back to 16



Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

As we look outside at barren trees, brown grass and think of ice and snow, REMEMBER only 80 days to the first day of Spring. It kind of reminds me of the proverb about the glass being half full or half empty when I think about a return to Potomac in just a few short months. As I think back to last year, I also have a vivid recollection of joining OYC just 13 months ago and developing new friendships and opportunities to enjoy the year round activities our yacht club provides. Cruises, dinners, brunches, parties and camaraderie. What more could we ask?

Well, as I think about what I learned in 2002 and look forward to 2003, let me share a few thoughts with you.

I used to think that the Potomac River started in Alexandria and ended at Tim's! I also thought that boating meant being out alone—oh well, with your family and friends. Little did I realize the pleasure of taking a weekend trip 60 or 70 miles south to a place that does not look like the Potomac River we see up north. And to take these trips with other OYC'ers where a few days could be spent relaxing at the pool, on the dock, enjoying wonderful wine and *hors d'oeuvres*, or sitting under the stars only added to the pleasure.

So, as I make my resolutions for 2003 I look forward to many more weekends at the Coles Point Plantation, Olverson's, Tall Timbers and those many other wonderful spots just 2 or 3 hours away from the Occoquan. I hope you will also plan on joining your fellow boaters this year as we plan many delightful weekends on the water.

So, as we count down for 80 more days, I will remember the lovely weekend at Olverson's with courtesy cars with keys waiting for an evening ride into Callao or an afternoon ice cream social, a heated swimming pool that never closes, a four star dinner in an 18th century manor house, and scenery that left all of our cares behind. Oh yes, there are many such wonderful marinas waiting for us.

Join me in resolving to explore in 2003. Plan a weekend trip or two or three with OYC or on your own. You will enjoy the beauty of what is just beyond the 301 Bridge.

A Bit of Humor

It has been said that boaters must be able to laugh to survive the months when we cannot be on the water soaking up the sun and fresh air. And of course, we have all had a boating experience or two which we will not soon forget. But with our wonderful ability to chuckle at our tribulations and those of others, I hope you will also enjoy a bit of silliness in our Daymarker.



Bent Prop Award—This year's "winner," Ann Shipley accepts the uncoveted prize from last year's champs, Rick and Teresa Sorrenti.

Your Time is Not My Time

A boat painter was given the job of painting a small yacht and when asked how long it would take quickly replied “two weeks.”

Three weeks quickly passed and the boat owner confronted the painter. “Hey, John, you told me it would take two weeks to paint my boat and its been three weeks. What’s up?” Paul quickly put down the paintbrush and looked the proud owner of the yacht in the eye and said, “That was two NAUTICAL weeks, like a nautical mile, they’re a little longer.”

Doc, Can You Float Me a Loan?

A woman was having a medical problem – her husband was snoring very loudly every night! So, she called the doctor one morning, and asked him if there was anything he could do to relieve her “suffering.”

Well there is one operation I can perform that will cure your husband, “but it is rather expensive. It will cost you \$10,000 down, and payments of \$1,000 for 36 months plus a few small extras.

“My goodness” the woman exclaimed, “that sounds like I’m buying a yacht!”

“Hmm,” the doctor murmured, “too obvious, huh?”

Safety on the Water

by Alan Gorenstein, Rear Commodore

Although non-boaters may believe that a day on the Potomac or a cruise on the Chesapeake is always a fun experience, we know that a safe day on the water really makes the day a “good day to be out.” And, to ensure the safety of our family and friends we pay close attention to the weather, the Navigation Rules, good piloting practices, etc. But, don’t we all need an occasional refresher on boating safety?

I think that little reminders on how to handle a situation or a few fresh suggestions may help us all to maintain the wonderful safety record we enjoy. It with this simple thought that we will be including a short article about safety in the Daymarker.

A New Kind Of Life Jacket For The Kids (Grandchildren) from the National Safe Boating Council

Although we all carry PFD’s on our boats, there still seems to be confusion when it comes to buying life jackets for children. Type III Flotation Aids and Type II Near Shore Vests have probably been purchased by all of us in child sizes. But, do we know the big difference when it comes to kids?

Type III is for a child who has experience in the water and wants the comfort and mobility a Type III device can offer. Type II is for non-swimmers who are not comfortable in the water. A Type II has a collar and will aid in keeping the child’s face out of the water and reduce the risk of a young

Diesel rage on the high seas?



Catching Up?—Looks like the Rhodes’ new Diesel-powered *Impulse* is trying to catch (or go over, under or around) the Bozokys’ *Hot Schatz*. Thanks to a tip from alert OHM marina-meister Dickie Lynn, a roving photographer was able to get this thrilling action shot. A cleverly retouched version of this authentic photo appears on the next page.

child floating in a “vee position.” And, let’s not forget that a PFD that is loose around the shoulders or within the body is probably the wrong size.

Now that children of age 12 or under are required to wear a PFD while a boat is underway, along comes Future Products Corporation with a new life jacket design. I have just learned that the Coast Guard has rather recently approved a Type V PFD for children that provides a higher level of safety plus comfort for the child and parent.

The Type V PFD is a life jacket made out of lycra / spandex and more readily conforms to a child’s body shape with virtually no ride-up. This new PFD also uses a natural color fading process to alert parent or grandparent of the need to replace the jacket. The

Type V PFD is sold under the name “Aqua Force” and is currently manufactured by only Future Products Corporation. It comes in a boys and girls version and it is made for children from 30 to 90 pounds.



Retouched version—The image on Page 5 was carefully retouched here making it appear that the two boats are sitting up high and dry on blocks in a local marina parking lot.

At this time Type V PFD’s are available from Overton’s and L.L. Bean. It does not yet seem to be stocked by West Marine or Boat US. Possibly we will see this new safety aid in early 2003 more readily available. Safe boating to all!



Steve Thompson

Treasurer

Well, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. Sue and I definitely had a great time. In case you weren't at the OYC Holiday Party, or if you were there but having too much fun and didn't hear, your OYC Treasurer is following in the footsteps of past Treasurers and mysteriously found enough money to move up. That's right, we are moving up and into a Carver 350 Mariner (pending final signatures). Seeing a good thing, we just had to put an offer in on her. A '97 model, she looks like a 2001, and we just can't wait to show her off. Unfortunately, we didn't get quite as many pictures of her as other new owners have theirs, Ned. We have already gotten three offers to help bring her back from North Carolina. If you want to get a shot at the upcoming event we are taking names for a lottery drawing.

And in the same stroke of the pen, we have joined the elite-of-the-most-elite club-within-the-club of those OYC members honored at having to make monthly payments for two boats. (This exclusive club meets twice a week at a prearranged location so all can drown their sorrows about those massive payments.) So, if you are considering moving up, or know of someone that is, give me a call— PuhLEASE ! Actually, I rather think *Day Dreamer* would fit in well as a runabout for a larger boat such as *Abominable Snowman*, wouldn't you? I also know that *Miss Vivian* needs a dinghy, but perhaps 28 feet is too large. Any way, she is for sale and,

without being too modest, in the best of shape. We just bought custom cut carpeting last month from “Rick’s Carpet Service” to put down on top of the existing carpet in the cabin, making those weary feet feel good. There’s a lot of other add-ons, too.

The OYC bank account did see a significant decrease in its balance over the holiday season but just as mysteriously found its way back up to previous levels. So, I just have one thing to say to all those Captains out there looking for something a little bigger—you might try *volunteering as treasurer for your club!*

As your Membership Chair [in addition to being Treasurer], I would be remiss in my duties if I didn't mention that, if you haven't done so yet, it is time to renew your membership. See the happy, smiling OYC'ers on Page 10..

An invocation worth repeating

Rob Grant's invocation delivered at the holiday party: “Tonight we give thanks for the great gift of friendship. We give thanks for the circumstances that brought us together and have bound us into the sacred bundle of life. We give thanks also for the gifts of our friendship, for knowledge that comforts, for words that encourage, for insight that blesses, for all the experiences shared, for history and hope for the future, for conversation and silence, for words that bring forth laughter. As our bodies are sustained with this food, may our hearts be nourished with true friendship and may we all experience a safe and healthy new year.”

Santa goes to Occoquan



Santa and helpers—His driver, Ned Rhodes, and his senior elf, Walt Cheatham, flank the jolly old St. Nick before he was taken up the river to Occoquan.



Head of the parade—Santa waves from *Impulse*, leading a mini-fleet four boats to Occoquan, following an 18 year tradition.

Valentine's Sweetheart Getaway

by Candy Clevenger, Sweetheart Coordinator

Looking for a special gift for your Valentine sweetheart? We've got it. Join your OYC friends for our annual trek to Ocean City. No kidding, even though it's winter this always turns out to be a fun get away. The Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City has pet floors so you can bring that furry sweetheart as well.

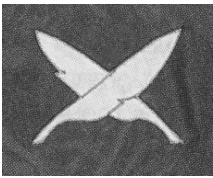
Since this is also President's Day Weekend you need to respond quickly to let us know if you plan to attend. The hotel books up fast and will only hold rooms for us till January 31st. Please complete the form at right and mail it to Candy Clevenger, 11304 Lafferty Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030 or respond by email to alclev@hotmail.com. Either way I must have your response **no later than January 31st with a check made payable to OYC.**

The Seaside Boat Show will again be at the Ocean City Convention Center and OYC will sponsor Happy Hour Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening in our pool side cabana. Plan to bring an *hors d'oeuvre* to share Saturday and Sunday evening.

Pets, kids, Valentine sweethearts, boats show and OYC happy hours—what more could you want? No excuses, come join in the fun.

PS: While I am making reservations for this trip it looks like Allen and I will be moving to a new home in mid-February. So we need a coordinator for this event. If you are willing to coordinate Happy Hour in the Cabana suite, please give me a call at 703 273-3073.

Name _____	Phone: _____
Your party: ___ Adults; ___ Kids; ___ Pets	
Number of rooms needed:	
___ Double (\$89/night) or ___ King studio (\$119/night)	
I will be checking-in (circle the date): 15 th 16 th 17 th	
I will check-out on (circle the date): 16 th 17 th 18 th	
Enclose check for number of nights staying.	



Secretary

Candy Clevenger, PC

Potpourri

■ Now that the Snowman crew have moved to an even larger boat they are doing their best to fill those cabins. Ask to see a picture of the newest addition.

■ Which way is North? The moss always grows on the North side of the tree, now how does that help us on the water? Remember your compass should be shielded from the effects of sun and weather when not in use. Modern electronics such as GPS and chartplotters may fail just when we most need them, but a compass properly installed and maintained should perform faithfully for the lifetime of the boat.

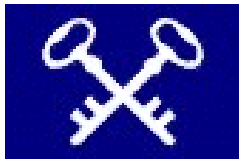
■ “Pay Out” - To ease out a line, or let it run in a controlled manner, or what Ned and Arleen Rhodes just did to acquire their beautiful new 410 Sea Ray.

■ Boats at least 26 feet operating on federal waters must display a: marine sanitation placard, discharge of oil placard, waste management placard, or b: an OYC burgee?

■ Docking. The waters near a dock or pier should always be treated with the same respect and caution as a parking lot that might be slippery, where a sudden turn or change of speed could cause the driver to lose control. Looks like Old Man Winter is going to give us all a lot of practice in driving cautiously.

■ More two-boat owners, ask Steve and Sue Thompson to show you the pictures of their beautiful new Carver Mariner.

■ “Let your boat of life be light, packed with only what you need, a homey home and simple pleasures, one or two friends, worth the name, someone to love and someone to love you, a cat, a dog, and a pipe or two, enough to eat and enough to wear, and a little more than enough to drink, for thirst is a dangerous thing.” Jerome, *Three Men in a Boat*



Quartermaster Comments

Sue Thompson

A new shipment has arrived! It seems Santa had a little extra room in his sleigh so come Christmas morning there were a few extra boxes under the tree. There have been many requests for specific items. Your quartermaster is here to serve, and she convinced Santa to bring some specialty items; like maybe a baby bib. (For those of you without babies this item is highly recommend as a replacement for a lobster bib.) That and more all for the minimal of cost. (Santa said there were a lot of bad kids this year so he decided to take a cut in his profit margin rather than laying off any elves.)

If you volunteer as a cruise coordinator, your board has a little something to help you out. BUT, and here's the catch, you have to come to the Planfest on the 18th of January to get your goodies. So don't wait too long, supplies are limited.

Conquered yachts, onward to bikes

by Commodore Mary Lynn Snowman

When Randy and I go to the Annapolis Boat Show we never know what we're going to buy. We do know, however, we are not going to buy a boat. In fact, in the seven years that we've been going to boat shows we've only been on one boat during the show. Someday I may feel the need to stand in line to look at a boat but not right now. I'd rather walk around and see what else I can buy to weigh down the boat that I currently have. You know, I just need more stuff!

This Fall's show was no different. We walked through the tents. While Randy talked I stood around and around and around. There's just something about those electronic gadgets I'm not into yet, but I'm trying. Then we looked at new disposable cups for the boat - forgot to bring a good picture so we just got the information to order them later. Same thing for the jackets and shirts—no picture—just information to order later. I looked at the hammocks, they sure look relaxing (forgetting that swinging makes me sick). But it was the booth beside the hammocks that caught our eye. It caught all four of our eyes. Bikes. With motors!

Yes, Randy and I could recall the countless times we have gone on cruises and not been able to get to the store because of the distance. Many times we have envied those of you who have had your bikes so that you had easier access to the stores. Bikes sure would have been nice the summer we lost our transmission in Annapolis. Saint Michaels has much more appeal to me with the knowledge that bikes will be in tow next



Randy's Boat Harley—Captain Snowman takes to the bike path on his motorized Mixmaster on Hardy Souls weekend.

time we go. Randy has informed me that while I am taking my “dog walk” on the Hardy Souls Cruise he will be taking a bike ride. Believe it or not Randy is willing to ride to Ben and Jerry's in Alexandria knowing that it will be much easier on the bike. So, buying bikes had its appeal to us. In past years we have looked at the bikes and just drooled. Until this year we just couldn't figure out where we would put them on the boat. Now that we have a bigger boat, we need more stuff!

We walked away from the bike booth twice. Had a couple of lengthy discussions about the money and where we would get it (I love spending Randy's bonuses). After one discussion I turned away ready to leave the boat show and Randy turned back towards the bike booth. Yes folks, Randy really wanted those bikes—or was it the motors? Who cares? We have the bikes and of course we had to break them in.

With helmets in the car we started off. Learning how to get the motor going looks easier than it is, at first. Once I got the handle of it, it was fun. We started up the hill at Hoffmaster's and yep, we made it but not without a lot of effort. Stopped at the Shell station filled up the tires and flew down the hill to Prince William Marina. Cut through the gate and headed into the town of Occoquan—with the helmets still in the car. Back up the hill at Prince William; Randy made it, I didn't. Randy wanted to do it again, I didn't. That hill had taken too much effort. I was ready to put the bikes away. However, we went back to Hoffmaster's to trade seats and play with the bikes some more. Finally after figuring out how to get up the hill at Hoffmaster's on one try we started out to the town of Occoquan again. Took a little adventure over the river to the water storage and back home.

Okay, so I'm having a little too much fun for my age. With a little more confidence in myself and the bike, the hill at Prince William Marina didn't look so big after all. With a running start I think I could make the hill. I went around the

Upcoming events:

Rob and Marg's (Three Gs) Second Annual “Ain't No Cure for the Wintertime Blues Potluck Dinner,” January 11, call Rob Grant, 703 250-9539. **Please RSVP now.** See ad on page 3.

OYC Planfest at Gecko's, January 18, 2:00-5:00 p.m.. Sign up for 2003 cruises.

PRYCA Change of Watch, Sheraton Crystal City, January 25, call Joe Livingston, 703 250-8764

Sunday Brunch at Fort Belvoir, February 2nd, to reserve. call hosts Rick and Teresa Sorrenti, 703 590-6724.

Valentine Sweethearts' Getaway Weekend, February 15th, call Candy Clevenget, 703 273-3073.

loop got up to a good speed started up the hill and realized that if I continued on the course I was going that I was going to hit the concrete drainage pipe and go flying over the handle bars, if I didn't crash first. Well, being the skilled bicyclist that I am, I was able to get my bike back under control and I made it to the top of the hill in one piece. Once was not enough for me so we went back down the hill—after Randy put the chain back on—and took the hill again. Memories of bike rides with my brother flooded my mind, and the realization of how old my brother is brought me back to reality. I am an adult (who says?) who needs to remember that her body does not heal as quickly as it used to. Therefore, the tenderness when I sit today (and maybe tomorrow) can be expected. I need the helmet just as much as my kids do. And life after forty isn't so bad after all.



Mrs. Ned W. Rhodes, Mrs. Stephen A. Wexler, Mrs. Patrick Sorrenti and Mrs. Walter Cheatham express themselves in song and dance during a brief evening interlude aboard *Abmominable Snowman*, in port Alexandria for the Hardy Souls Weekend.

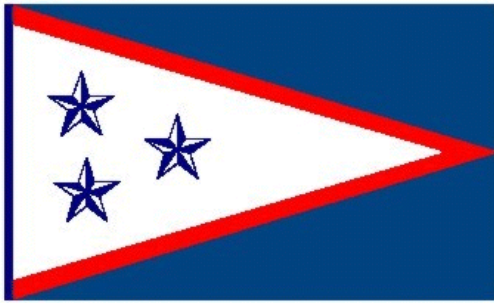
What do all of these people have in common??



**They are all laughing and having
fun—and they all are members of
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*You are cordially invited to the
Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
2003 Change of Watch Dinner-Dance
Saturday, January 25, 2003*

Place: Sheraton Crystal City
1800 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia (703 486-1111)

Program: 1730 to 1845 ... Cocktails
1845 to 2000 ... Dinner
2000 to 2030 ... Change of Watch
2030 to 2400 ... Dancing

Dress: Winter Uniform or Business Suit
(Black Tie Optional)

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Parking: Complimentary

Menu: Salad

Assorted Breads, Rolls and Butter

Choice of:

Flounder Florentine – Broiled Filet of
Flounder served with Julienne Vegetables and
Rice.

Grecian Chicken – Roulade of Chicken
Breast stuffed with Fresh Spinach, Feta Cheese
and Kalamata Olives served with Rice and
assorted Grilled Vegetables.

Roast Prime Rib of Beef - Au Jus served with
Horseradish sauce, assorted Grilled Vegetables
and Roasted Potatoes.

Coffee

Black & White Marble Cheesecake

Reserve now with Joe Livingston, 9716 Church Way, Burke, VA 22015. Check payable to OYC. \$55 per person.

Reservation with full payment must be received by PRYCA no later than Monday, January 13, 2003.
Cancellations after 20 January 2003 are non-refundable. Acceptance of late reservations will be subject to the availability of space.

The Sheraton Crystal City will hold a block of rooms for PRYCA until Jan. 11, 2003 at a special rate of \$99.00 per room. If you plan to spend the night, contact the Sheraton Crystal City @ 703-486-1111.

Reservation information:

Name: _____

Guest: _____

Yacht Club: _____

Dinner selections:

Prime Rib of Beef _____ # Grecian Chicken _____ # Flounder Florentine _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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**January 11
2nd Annual
Potluck Dinner
at the Grants'
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**January 18
OYC Planfest
at Gecko's
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**January 25
PRYCA
Change of Watch
Joe Livingston
703 250-8765**

**February 2
Brunch at
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Rick Sorrenti
703 590-6724**



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