

# The Daymarker

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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Please join us for OYC's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday, May 3. Gathering starts around noon—food to soon follow—and around 12:30 p.m. we will interrupt the festivities to raise the flags to start the boating season of 2003. You don't want to miss it. I'm sure you will get a big *KABOOM* out of it!

I have no boating stories for you today. (Aren't you glad?) Although I've been on the boat I have yet to take it out on river. The river looks yucky! But it is full of wildlife. I just happened to startle a blue herring the other day. Or maybe that is he startled me. The geese are out in full fleet. The only thing I didn't see were the trio of ducks that have been around for years.

The frogs are again croaking in the creek behind my house which tells me that the last of winter is gone and spring is here. Yea! Unfortunately that means yard work, which I love but it takes me away from my boat. It is a

difficult decision sometimes (believe it or not) and this weekend the yard work won. I have a couple of Hosta sets to still dig up and separate and then probably thirty plants to transplant and I have given away over eighty (80) transplants already. Other than cutting the grass this year and weeding through the thistles, that will about do it for me. I'd rather spend my time down at the water.

I have yet to fully plan our vacation this year. I just can't get motivated to finalize it. Seems every time I have it figured out something comes along and changes it. All I know is that on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July I'll be at Gangplank. The fireworks last year were awesome. Of course since I love fireworks they would have to be pretty bad for me to be disappointed in them. After the 4<sup>th</sup> I can't decide if I want to go to the Caribbean for a cruise or if I want to cruise around on the Potomac. According to the calendar I better be getting the move on here and make a decision. Fortunately my calendar for the

**Commodore Snowman and the 2003 Board  
cordially invite OYC members and guests to the  
20<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Raising  
Celebrating The 2003 Boating Season  
1200 Saturday, May 3  
Occoquan Harbour Marina**

**OYC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments and liquid refreshments. Members should bring side dishes—a casserole, veggies, salads or a dessert to share.  
Please arrive at OHM by noon.**

short term is already planned and I'm checking each weekend off right on schedule.

I hope you are enjoying the spring time. I also hope that the spring time lasts just as long as winter seemed to last this year. Maybe we'll get lucky and our summer will be mild and hurricanes will be few. (Wonder what our weather man has to say about that—Scott, where are you?) Well, whatever the weather man says and whatever my calendar says the time has come for us all to plan to get together with friends from the OYC club. Put your yard work aside (you aren't going to be around to look at it anyway), check the events that are coming up, and mark your calendar to attend. January, February, March, and April are already gone. Yes, folks, that means that you only have eight more months to plan to do something with your OYC friends. Don't wait until the last minute. You'd better get planning. See you on the water soon!

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## Upcoming events:

**OYC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Raising (and Cookout),**  
May 3rd. at OHM, 12:00 p.m.. Membership cards  
will be distributed (don't leave home without it!).

**Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet,**  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Memorial Day Weekend Cruise, May 24-26,**  
call Rick Sorrenti, 703 590-6724

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## On the Internet

Occoquan Yacht Club:

[www.OccoquanYachtClub.org](http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org)

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association:

[www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org](http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org)

Occoquan River Maritime Association:

[www.ormaweb.org](http://www.ormaweb.org)

Web space donated by Ned Rhodes;

and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association:

[www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org)

## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Teresa Sorrenti 5/4  
Dick Lynn 5/6  
Linda Bozoky 5/7  
Rich Wellhouse 5/10  
Robert Moffitt 5/13  
Tom Coldwell 5/15  
Robert Sorkin 5/24  
Martin Betts 5/29  
David Butler 5/31

Jack Ryan 5/5  
Pat O'Kane 5/6  
Patty Shumaker 5/7  
Ed Dodd 5/11  
Gail Livingston 5/14  
Steve Worcester 5/15  
Dave Moore 5/26  
Bill Johnson 5/29

### Anniversaries

John & Katherine Corley 5/1  
Stephen & Paula Wexler 5/5  
Bill & Bonnie Fulford 5/22  
Buddy & Jeanne Axtell 5/22  
Ann & Scott Shipley 5/23  
Jack & Robin Ryan 5/28

## Welcome New Members

Bill and Vicki Hamp of Manassas. They keep their 30' Bayliner, *Daddy's Harley*, at Hampton's Landing.

Fred McLaren and Linda Callow of Occoquan. They keep their 33' Tiara, *Linda Mary*, at Fairfax Yacht Club.

## Quick notes from your Membership Chair

At last count 37 of the club's 99 members have not renewed their dues for 2003. This issue of the Daymarker will be the last one that non-renewed members will receive unless a check is forwarded by the middle of this month. When making this decision I only ask that you consider what you receive in return for your membership. For example, would you be willing to sacrifice 33 gallons of gas during the year (the equivalent cost of a family membership) to enjoy receiving the club's monthly newsletter? [Much more gas here, huh? -Ed.] Read further for another cost savings benefit.

Each spring brings a new year of boating on the Potomac. Before heading out for some more fun and excitement make sure your insurance is current and that you have sufficient towing coverage for any unforeseen misfortune. The Occoquan Yacht Club maintains a Cooperating Group Accord (GA80979Y) with Boat U.S. that allows its members to maintain membership in Boat U.S. for *half* the regular annual fee. Sixty-six of OYC's members currently take advantage of this program. Sign up or renew today. And don't forget that Boat U.S. is also active in promoting boating safety in and around our community.

Steve Thompson, 703 440-8114

## Last Call...

Renew your 2003 OYC membership now. Family membership, \$60, payable to OYC, mailed to OYC, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125... or come to the Flag Raising at noon on May 3 and ask for Membership Chair Guy Steve Thompson, who will be pleased to take your check.

## *The Daymarker*

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The deadline for submission of materials to **THE DAYMARKER** is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.. If possible, please submit copy by e-mail to:

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## Vice Commodore

**Rick Sorrenti**

Heading South? Only a handful of our club members have had the opportunity to visit many of the destinations south of the 301 bridge. Maybe it's inexperience, cost of fuel or not having the knowledge of just what's awaiting you after you arrive. I'm not sure what the reason may be, but our Memorial Day weekend cruise to White Point can allay all those concerns. Just a couple of hours south of the 301 bridge lies the Yeocomico River where White Point Marina and Yacht Club welcomes us on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26. This is one of newest and modern marina facilities on the Potomac. New docks capable of taking care of any size boat our club can muster, plenty of power, gas and diesel, and pump-out at the dockage. You'll find a swimming pool, tennis courts, ice, outdoor grills and great biking or walking awaits you.

Heading south past Ragged Point to the mouth of the Yeocomico River, to Red marker "2", known as the Birthday Cake, on your starboard side, of course. From Red "2" take a course of 261 degrees magnetic to Green "3". Take a starboard turn into Shannon Branch from "3" and head for the flashing Green "5". As you enter the branch you will see an oyster house to port on White Point. Just around White Point is our destination. Refer to NOAA Chart 12285 if the above directions are fuzzy.

Currently, we have the Thompson, Rhodes, Coldwell, Jeirles, Heinz, Bozoky families along with Teresa, Jillian and me confirmed. Our deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> for final slip numbers. We plan to have happy hour on both Saturday and Sunday, morning socialization of unknown type, and dinner at nearby restaurants and/or grilling, and bike riding, or you can lounge at the pool. For our new members or members who have never been south of the 301 bridge, we will be offering this as a "team cruise". We intend to match you and your boat with another seasoned member to make this one of your most rewarding and safest cruises ever. All I need is a phone call to make it happen, 703 590-6724. So, what's your reason now for not going south of the 301 bridge?

### About last month...

In the April Daymarker, you may have read about the Presidential Yacht that will be kept on the Occoquan for a couple of months. Teresa and I had the opportunity to visit this wonder over this past weekend. All that you have heard is true. After speaking with the Secret Service and the captain, they assured me that on the weekends when "W" isn't on board, the OYC membership will be invited.

*Sea Duck Too* back to 16.



## Rear Commodore

**Alan Gorenstein**

**Ideas for Keeping "Ship-shape"** I don't know about you, but whenever I visit my friendly boating supply store, I find the selection of waxes, cleaners, polishes, stain removers and restorers slightly overwhelming. I guess it kind of reminds me of a trip to Toys-R-Us during the middle of December knowing that the grandchildren probably have every toy that has been invented during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Possibly, you are not so dumbfounded by the selection and readily make a decision as to what to buy. Or, maybe you have four or five bottles of each type of cleaner knowing that variety ensures having a good product and an "always" new-looking boat.

Fortunately, Boating Magazine in July, 2002 published a wonderful article called "What We Like." A second article by the same publisher in March 2003 was titled "Boating Botox." In their first article the writer comments on how they test numerous products each year and seek to separate the gems from the garbage. Most importantly the writer concludes by telling us of the cleaners he (she) would recommend to their best friends. From both articles a few suggestions which make cents (sense).

**Washing The Boat** – Instead of buying 16 oz of boat soap for \$9.99 the recommendation is to buy Westley's Concentrated Car Wash at \$4.00 for 64 oz. I think I have seen the product at the local dollar store for a buck.

**Deep Grime Cleaner** – The author suggests we use a mixture of a half cup of baking soda, half cup of white vinegar, a cup of ammonia and a gallon of water. But do not use this concoction on plastic surfaces.

**Cleaning The Bilge** – Use Joy dishwashing soap – not Dawn, not Palmolive. Joy seems to be the bilge cleaner / degreaser of choice.

**Waxing The Boat** – Pro-Tec Clear Coat Fiberglass Sealant is recommended at \$10 for 16 oz. The author claims this product repels dirt and protects against UV rays with only a light application. See [www.protecleisure.com](http://www.protecleisure.com).

**Cleaning The Deck** – Soft Scrub with bleach is claimed to be "the best."

**Upholstery Cleaner** – Mary Kate Spray Away at \$9.99 at Boat U.S. is the product of choice. The writer comments they have "no idea what's in this stuff, but we love it." It is also suggested that Pro-tec Vinyl Sealant restores color to the vinyl while providing a bit of protective sunscreen.

**Black Streak Remover** – My favorite and verified by Boating Magazine – Star Brite Instant Black Streak Remover. As an alternative I have tried Goof Off which is probably not a great product for the skin, the environment or the boat.

**Carpet Cleaner** – It seems that for the boat or the house the product of choice is a quarter cup of Wisk laundry detergent, a quarter cup of white vinegar and a quart of hot water. Mix, dip your sponge, rub and blot dry. No guarantees.

Well, if you have other ideas I would love to hear from you. Hopefully, our efforts to keep our boats "ship-shape" may be enhanced with these few suggestions and maybe a few bucks will be saved.



# Marine Patrol dodges torpedo

Had us really scared there for awhile. Fairfax County was on the verge of disbanding the Fairfax Marine Patrol, the widely and deservedly acclaimed boon to law and order and our safety on local waters.

Several area boaters testified at the Board of Supervisors' public hearings, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the county's government center. It was learned that sometime during the following week, the board decided to restore funding for the patrol. The Washington Post reported on April 18 that funds were restored, subject to a formal vote scheduled for April 21. In addition to the hearing appearances, an unknown number of letters, emails and phone calls to county officials erupted when it was first learned that county ballast pumpers might pull the plug and sink the one-boat patrol.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA), Occoquan River yacht clubs, the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association, marina owners and many

individual boaters all climbed aboard this issue. So apparently all the fuss paid off. We keep our marine patrol.

## **Yikes ! The EPA helped fund the Marine Patrol, but there's a catch.**

Nah, just kidding. This rig is for cleaning harbors. The real Patrol is faster and uses better nets. Chesapeake Bay Magazine gave us this photo so they wouldn't have to use it. But hey, we're easy.



## **Blessing of the Fleet, May 10**

More than a hundred recreational boats are expected to cruise along the Occoquan River, 25 miles south of Washington, DC, to take part in the area's fourth annual Blessing of the Fleet, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 10, sponsored again by Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA).

Reverend Denise Bates and Reverend Larry Thompson, St. Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge, will serve as chaplains. Embarked in their flagship "blessing boat" moored at the fueling dock of Belmont Bay Harbor Marina, they will invoke a blessing on each outbound boat.

ORMA is coordinating the efforts of the Occoquan, Fairfax and Prince William Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Potomac Marine-TowBoat/U.S., and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.

The event is open to all boats in the area. Boats will assemble up-river prior to the event. Local dignitaries are being invited to take part and observe while embarked with Captain Carlton Phillips on a motor yacht which will depart from Prince William Marina.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

ORMA was established in 1999 to coordinate activities of businesses and boaters relating to navigation, commercial and recreational use of the river, environmental preservation, safety and education. In addition to coordinating the annual Blessing of the Fleet, ORMA has played a leadership role in

promoting federal funding for dredging of hazardous portions of the Occoquan channel and in the Town of Occoquan's successful bid to obtain federal grants for construction of transient docking for recreational boating.

Organizations which have pledged their support to ORMA include Salisbury Towing, the Town of Occoquan, Virginia Concrete, Maryland Rock Industries, Belmont Bay Harbor Marina, Vulcan Materials Co., Potomac Marine, Inc., West Marine-Woodbridge, Prince William Marine Sales, Inc., Occoquan, Fairfax and Prince William yacht clubs, Hoffmasters Marina, Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association and the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. ORMA's coordinator is Chris Webster, who is the POC for the event. He can be reached at WebsterCw@msn.com

## **Sign up for 4<sup>th</sup> of July in D.C.**

by Mary Lynn Snowman, Cruise Coordinator

The Snowmans have cancelled their trip to Hawaii so that they can spend it with friends at the Gangplank Marina in D.C. If you are interested in celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Gangplank with OYC please e-mail me at SNOWMM@CO.MO.MD.US. I will then contact you and get pertinent information about your boat and the number of nights you want to stay. More details will follow.



## Treasurer

### Steve Thompson

*Like I did.* It's May and just about everyone has their boat in the water. I've been running a little behind schedule this year since this article is about preparing your boat for the season. So, if you like, you can clip this article and save it for next year, consider it an early wake up call (or then again, don't).

Specifically, I'd like to talk BP. No, not British Petroleum but bottom paint. Not every boat needs it, but most have it. Basically, any boat sitting in the water for the season should have its bottom painted. This protects the fiberglass from blistering, as well as adding a bit more density to protect the bottom on those rare occasions that you run in to a little debris. Consider it an investment in the future, the future of an empty pocketbook or billfold. That's because this special paint can cost upwards of \$200 a gallon. At that price you might think it was made with gold, and you wouldn't be far off. Let me tell you of my experience last month.

*Forever Dreamin'* saw its last fresh coat of bottom paint in 1999. But, believe it or not, after three and a half years in salt water she was still looking fairly decent. Still, prudence said, "Paint That Sucker." So we hauled her out. And the very first thing you do when a boat is lifted out of the water is POWER WASH THE BOTTOM! Otherwise you might find yourself, *like I did*, using three times as much energy and time to sand away all of the algae. And another thing, remember to use a short napped roller to apply the paint or you will find yourself expending twice as much energy and time, *like I did*, sanding the bottom down to a fine 60 grit paper finish.

Do you get the picture that I wasn't having much fun yet? Oh, by the way, a power circular sander (not the type on the end of a drill) that is hooked up to a vacuum would be nice. Without the vacuum you may find yourself power washing the entire parking lot and giving your neighbors' boats a free power wash as well, *like I did*. And did I mention you need a full body suit, to include eye and breathing protection. I thought my old wet suit with mask and SCUBA gear would do the trick but it got a little hot. My next preference was to borrow a flight suit from NASA but they said they didn't have one in my size. So, off I went and bought a set of disposable coveralls. Next you tape the arm and leg openings to your gloves and shoes, *like I did*, only to have the coveralls rip in several places, your clothes and body ending up covered with paint dust. (Do you know how hard it is to get that stuff off?!) Now then the real fun starts. If you buy a really old can of paint, *like I did*, and don't bring it to a

paint store to have it mechanically shaken, not stirred, *like I didn't*, then you may find yourself sitting next to that can of paint for about an hour stirring, and slopping some out of the can, and stirring again. Get the picture? Finally, you get to lie on your back, again, and put a couple coats on the entire bottom. Can you imagine how many specks of paint end up on your eye protection? I know.

All in all it took me four full days, two more than I originally thought. But I'm thankful it didn't take longer. By the way, anybody up for some arm wrestling? For those interested in losing a little weight and toning up your muscles I can personally attest to the benefits of bottom painting your boat. (Of course the many hours spent in the hot tub afterwards helped matters significantly.)

The next time, which I hope isn't any time soon, I'm contracting out. Then if somebody comes up to me and starts talking about them bottom painting their boat I'll just say, "Do *like I did*, pay someone else."

## Photo Contest Winners Named

Here they are, the creators (or distorters) of the 2003 OYC Photo Contest, held during the March General Membership Meeting at Gecko's (now Oasis) at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

As space permits, the Daymarker will publish selected winning shots. Meantime, here are the First, Second and Third Place winners in each of the contest's four categories: Wild Life

1. Nature Call—Teresa Sorrenti and Tom Coldwell (she clicked and he "edited")

2. Walk on the Wild

Side—Rob Grant

3. Buoy on the Beach—Nicky Linck

Boat Profiles

1. Alexandria City

Dock—Arleen Rhodes

2. Impulse—Ned Rhodes

3. Philly Harbor—Tony Mirando

People

1. Columbus Day—Tony Mirando

2. Tony and Tom—Ned Rhodes

3. Kissing Wexler—Tom Coldwell

Landscape

1. Onancock Sunset—Tom Coldwell

2. D.C. Sunset—Tony Mirando

3. Artsy—Ned Rhodes

Some winning shots appear on the next pages. Warn your kids.



**It's Springtime**—Time to mulch your boat.



## OYC Album: Winning (publishable) Photos from 2002



**First Place - People**—"Columbus Day" by Tony Mirando



**First Place - Boat Profiles**—"Alexandria City Marina" by Arleen Rhodes





**First Place - Wild Life**—"Nature Call" (reportedly faked, well, 80%) by Teresa Sorrenti



**First Place - Landscape**—"Onancock Dinghy Ride" by Tom Coldwell





**Second Place - Wild Life**—"Walk on the Wild Side" by Rob Grant

**Third Place - People**  
—"Kissing Wexler"







**Second Place - Landscape**—"D.C. Sunset" by Tony Mirando



**Third Place - Landscape**—"Artsy" by Ned Rhodes

See these photos in their glorious full color when this issue of the Daymarker is posted on OYC's website, [www.occoquanyachtclub.org](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org).

## Wanted—New Daymarker Editor

No, it's not a joke and it's no April fools, Tom Coldwell is stepping down as editor of the Daymarker Newsletter effective with the June issue. And, NO, he was not fired.

Tom has done an outstanding job as editor of the Daymarker for the past six plus years and he fully deserves a break from the job. It was his decision to leave the position and that has left the board once again – desperate. If you are interested in showing the club your talents as an editor please contact either Mary Lynn Snowman, Rick Sorrenti, or Tom Coldwell. SOON! Else our last Daymarker may be in June.

I'm not trying to say there is nothing to it but Tom has assured us that it only takes about six hours of your time every month. You don't even have to write the articles. Every article is submitted to you by the members of the board or the club. If you have six hours that you can volunteer for the club please contact us (see our phone numbers on the cover of this Daymarker). And hurry—time is running out.

## oly S\_it!

(In appreciation for Tom & Mary Ann)

by Teresa Sorrenti, Past Commodore

Editing a newsletter sounds like fun; you are first to read everyone's musings; you get to cut and paste to alter as you like (or even ignore our creativity totally). You also (due to computers) get to find great pictures and "adjust" as you like, placing OYC members in times and places we could never be (and may never want to be). But, as someone on our OYC Board for five years, I know it is very difficult to just write a mere twelve articles a year. Composing an entire newsletter seems very daunting indeed. Maybe if I were retired already (a dream for sure – new boat payments begin in May) I could consider it, but even so, it is a big responsibility. I am not trying to discourage a possible applicant, just ensure everyone appreciates an excellent newsletter arriving at your door. Tom and Mary Ann (and Ned and Arleen before) are to be commended for years of time, dedication and creativity donated to OYC. But, you ask, is oly S\_it! an appropriate title for a letter of praise?

I guess you needed to be on Weeklong 2002 to appreciate it. Sitting around, maybe it was Onancock? Or was it Windmill Point? Maybe on a day trip to Urbana? Talking about "stuff" as you do on vacation, we were discussing my name and its spelling. No need for a Letter Number 8 [of 26 from "A" to "Z"] in "Teresa," I declared. It serves no purpose and is in fact irrelevant. One could write an entire article and not use it, I stated firmly.

Our Editor's ears picked up at a mention of an article, of course, but Mary Ann got really carried away. If one did not use Letter Number 8, a common expletive in OYC would pass an editing pen, and oly S\_it! was born.

Every Weeklong needs a memory, and we've many, of course, but one of mine is two "words" to always make me remember our Coldwell editing team. Now imagine a Daymarker and no Tom or Mary Ann (oly S\_it!)

One article, no Letter Number 8, just as promised!

[T\_anks, Teresa. -Ed.]

## Cobb Island Days, June 6 - 8

by Alan Gorenstein, OYC's Cruise Coordinator

Recently I had occasion to attend the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association meeting to learn more about the annual Cobb Island weekend celebration. During the weekend of June 6 to 8 it is anticipated that more than 90 boaters will join in a summer celebration that has been well planned by the Cobb Island Yacht Club, just 50 short miles down the Potomac from Occoquan.

Given the size of the event, boats will be placed at one of four marinas at Cobb Island. All marinas are in walking distance and I anticipate all OYC'ers will be booked at the same marina. After speaking with the Cobb Island Yacht Club commodore, I can pass on the following information:

All the activities are centered around the "Green" which is within walking distance of the marinas. There will be booths selling food, crafts and "boating items."

Friday Arrival:

Free Happy Hour, Dinner on the Green, your boat or at local restaurants, Music on the Green

Saturday Arrival Is An Option:

Booths Open, OYC Breakfast on the dock, Carnival on the Green, Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Check, Firemen's Parade, Captain's Hour at Shymanshy's followed by a Pig Roast, Music and Dancing

Sunday:

Huge brunch at Shymansky's

Slip fee equals length x \$1.25 x number of nights.

Electrical hookup is \$6.00 for 50 amp or \$3.00 for 30 amp x number of nights. Events \$28.50 for adults and \$17.50 for ages 7-12. Under 7 are free.

**Registration** Complete form below and send with your check to me, Alan Gorenstein, Cruise Coordinator, 1720 Paisley Blue Court, Vienna, VA 22182. Please make check payable to me since I must send one check in with the complete OYC registration. Deadline is May 10 for signing up for a fun weekend at Cobb Island.

<b>Boat Name</b> _____
<b>Names of crew (for name tags)</b> _____
<b>Arrival:</b> Friday or Saturday & No. of Nights _____
<b>Boat fees:</b>
Length/Beam ____/____ @ \$1.25 per foot (length) / night
Power (check): <input type="checkbox"/> 1/30amp @ \$3.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2/30amp @ \$6.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 1/50amp @ \$6.00
Boat fees plus Power x No. of Nights = \$ _____
<b>Event fees:</b>
Number of adults x \$28.50 = \$ _____
Number of children x \$17.50 = \$ _____
<b>Total Fees Submitted on Check:</b> \$ _____



# Notice to Mariners

## Occoquan River *Blessing of the Fleet*

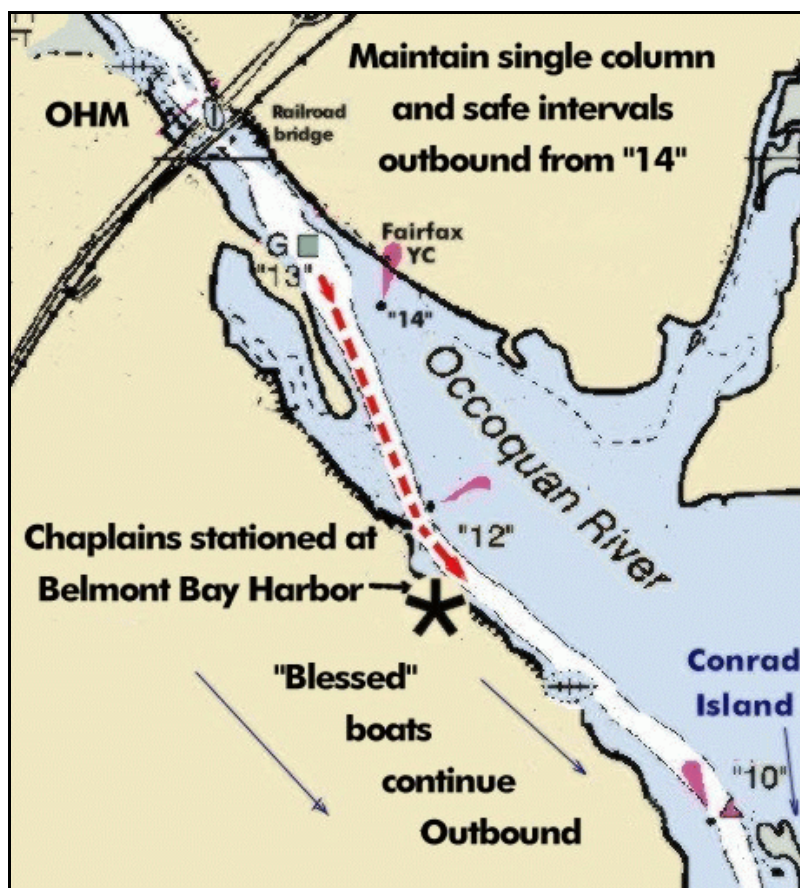
**May 10, 11:00 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.**

Dedicated to Boating Safety and  
Celebrating the Opening of the 2003 Boating Season

Enter the parade route at Marker No. 14, just past Fairfax Yacht Club, and proceed outbound toward Belmont Bay Harbor and pass alongside the gas dock where a chaplain will invoke a blessing on each passing boat. *Please maintain safe intervals between boats*

Guard VHF Ch. 16.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is coordinating the efforts of the Prince William, Fairfax and Occoquan Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.



Boaters *NOT* wishing to take part may pass the procession to port, staying clear of the blessing area during the designated hours. This is a U.S. Coast Guard-designated marine regatta and law enforcement vessels will be patrolling to ensure that safety is maintained in this area. Thank you for your consideration.

ORMA is a volunteer organization dedicated to coordinating activities involving commercial and recreational use of the Occoquan River. ORMA's major initiatives are advocacy for maintaining the Occoquan channel depth, working with the Town of Occoquan to reestablish its historic seaport for recreational boaters, and preserving the environmental quality and safety of the river.

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**All the news about, and sign-up for, Cobb  
Island Days, June 6-8.**

**May 3  
OYC's 20<sup>th</sup>  
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OHM  
Noon**

**May 10  
Occoquan River  
Blessing of the  
Fleet  
11 a.m. -2 p.m.  
Occoquan  
Channel**

**May 24-26  
Memorial Day  
Weekend Cruise  
Rick Sorrenti  
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