

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Mary Lynn Snowman

My apologies to all of OYC that this month's Daymarker is a couple days late. I've been having too much fun playing, just getting back from Las Vegas two days ago. I honestly had tried to write the article while on vacation but Randy was having trouble sending e-mails so I didn't really see any point to it. Then there was the General Membership meeting which kept me busy Friday night and Saturday so I didn't write it then. On Sunday I helped Randy build the new deck on our house. I am so excited about getting a deck on the house that now I want to work on it any time I have free. But now has come the time that I need to write.

It is difficult for me to step away from the board. We have had a lot of fun over the past few years and I know it is time to move on - it is like leaving your family. You just don't always want to let go. But, I am looking forward to having Rick lead our wonderful club. He has a fine board to back him up this year. I want to thank all of those who volunteered to sit on the board this coming year, Sue, Vicki, Alan, Harry, and Rick. OYC is a great club to work with as you will find out over the next few weeks - the keyword is volunteer.

If you missed the General Membership Meeting you lost your opportunity to vote for the new board. You also missed out on some great food. I never did get a chance to taste any of the chili because I had to leave before I even got in line. I did get a chance to taste the brownies that I brought - they were good - and

the other desserts looked great but I can't say how they tasted either. My thanks goes out to the members who volunteered to judge the food. I hope that the tasting part wasn't too hard on you.

I would also like to thank the members from Hoffmaster's marina for coming. Our meeting overlapped with Hoffmaster's customer appreciation day. I was sure that the group would not make both events but I must admit I was wrong. We had a great turn out from there. They even brought guests and some new members.

Speaking of new members...a lot of them showed up to this October event. The weather was just perfect for an afternoon of getting together. Great food and great company. What

more could any one ask for? And yes, I did say that the weather was perfect. Not one drip of rain did I feel or see Saturday.

I'm not sure that many of you have picked up on it but after each article that I write I usually say that I'll see you on the water - not in the water. Last year the board seemed intent on falling into the water. This year the board (not wanting to be outdone by last year) was intent on having the water fall on them - thus the rainy season. Therefore, if you want the weather to change for next year you had better talk to the new board and put your request in now. Please keep in mind though, that if you put such a task to them, they can (and will) in turn ask you to volunteer for any one of the events for 2004.

Please stay tuned for future events, either through the Daymarker, e-mail, or our website.



Great food, great friends, and great weather.



Vice Commodore

Rick Sorrenti

I Can't Believe It's Almost Over

The Annapolis Boat Show is Teresa and my barometer that the boating season is almost over. We had a great time and ran into a lot of you and NO we did not buy a new boat this year! But I did hear that OYC members have purchased a couple of new boats for the 2004 boating season. More on that subject during the winter.

With November here the only boating event left is the Hardy Souls Cruise, and then we'll all be focused on winterizing boats and the holiday season. The one event that OYC is very proud to offer our members is the Holiday Party and Change of Watch. It's the one event where we all get dressed up and celebrate many of the experiences of the past boating season, the holiday season, and the introduction of your 2004 board. We also present two of our most coveted awards... The Commodore's Cup and the Bent Prop Award. The Commodore's Cup is presented to the boating couple or person(s) that "most represent the spirit of boating and the OYC". The Bent Prop Award is just that, an award presented to a member for the most unfortunate boating event to happen during the boating season.

This year's Holiday Party will continue the tradition of the first Saturday in December. Mark your calendars now for December 6th for the Ft Belvoir Community Club. Ladies, get shopping for that just perfect dress because this event requires us to be in our very best attire. Men...its black tie (optional) and ladies...you know the drill...right? Get the guys all dressed up and lets party. This event is highly subsidized by your club dues to ensure maximum participation and for the club to have one event where we all wear real clothes to see if we can recognize each other. Happy hour (cash bar) begins at 6:30PM with a wonderful spread of appetizers followed by a buffet dinner that will marvel the finest restaurant. The program for the evening includes dancing to the music of Peggy Castle (IDJ4FUN) intermixed with tons of prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Reservations must be received early, because of security procedures at Ft Belvoir, so fill out the form in the back of this issue and mail with your check today. You will not be disappointed!!

Sea Duck Too back to one six.

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The deadline for submission of materials to **The Daymarker** is the 20th of each month. Please submit copy by e-mail to:
opsco@earthlink.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Hardy Souls Cruise to Cobb Island (Nov 8th) (Ned Rhodes)
Santa Cruise (Nov 29th) at OHM (Walt Cheatham)
Holiday Party (Dec 6th) at Ft Belvoir (Rick Sorrenti)
PRYCA Change of Watch (Jan 24th) (Joe Livingston)

Hardy Souls Cruise

by Ned Rhodes

Ok, Old Town is out. I checked into Colonial Beach and while they have power on the new dock, there is a potential issue for the big assed boats and depth of water.

I then checked into the old Cobb Island Marina, which is now called Pirates Den Marina and a new owner just purchased it three weeks ago. They will be able to take all of us and so I have made the executive decision (which was approved by Laslo and Arleen) to move the cruise to Cobb Island for November 8. If you want to go down November 7, that will probably be ok.

There are 4 restaurants on Cobb Island and so I don't think we will go starving. I would propose that we have dinner Saturday night at Captain Johns for seafood and then hit the breakfast buffet at Shymanskys on Sunday. Both are within walking distance. The Portside bar serves drinks and bar food at Pirates Den and then there is the old biker bar which is now Fish Tales (I think).

As you know, Cobb Island is a mere 2-6 hours away, depending upon your boat. If have about 20 feet of clearance, you can go in the Neal Sound entrance and save some time. If not, then you will need to go all the way around and enter on the Wicomico River side.

Activities will include walks around the island and a Saturday cocktail party in a location to be announced. If you have bikes, there is ample opportunity to ride on the island and we will do a traditional dog walk on Sunday morning. I am not sure about a scavenger hunt, but I may come up with something.

The downside is that there are only two slips with 50 amp power, so I need to know if two of the larger boats can operate on twin 30s or have 30 to 50 amp adaptors.

If you are up for this last cruise of the year, please contact me and I will put the final list together. I would like to know your intentions as soon as possible.

Did you know . . . For best results in winterizing your boat, fuel stabilizer should be added before hauling. If stabilizer is added on the last cruise, all components of the fuel system will be protected.



Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

BOATING SHOP AND SWAP

In response to a few suggestions, OYC is reactivating the Boating Item Shop and Swap classified ad section in the DAYMARKER. If you have boating equipment such as an extra life jacket or compass, an anchor or a fishing rod, etc. that you would like to sell or trade for another item, you may place a classified ad in the DAYMARKER.

We look forward to resuming the ad section with the December edition. Of course, a few rules must apply:

1. Only boating items may be listed. No personal or business services or non-boating items may be advertised in the DAYMARKER. The DAYMARKER editor reserves the right to reject any ad that does not meet the standards established.

2. Ads may only be placed by OYC members and each ad requires the member's name and phone number OR email address.

3. The deadline for submitting an ad is the 17th of each month. Since space in the DAYMARKER is limited, ads will be placed in the order received. If space is not available in the next issue of the DAYMARKER, your ad will be placed in queue for a subsequent month. If you wish to run the ad a second month, the ad will need to be resubmitted. Please try to keep the ads to 20 words or less.

4. Please email all classified ads to Alan Gorenstein at agoren@biztech.net. If questions, please call (703) 938-6516.

5. All sales, trades, discussions about an item and the determination of the price are the responsibility of the seller and interested buyer. OYC assumes no responsibility for sales and trades.

6. The reactivation of the Shop and Swap section of the DAYMARKER is on a trial basis. Dependent on the response, the OYC Board will determine if the ads will be a continuing feature of the DAYMARKER.

Look forward to receiving your ads.

On the Internet

Occoquan Yacht Club: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org *

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association:
www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org*

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The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Chris Webster, 11/1

Frank Spikes, 11/2

Dale Gately-Steinert, 11/10

Brenda Johnson, 11/15

Kim Lasch, 11/16

Henry Lovell, 11/19

Dodie Cawelti, 11/28

Joe Livingston, 11/30

Katherine Corley, 11/2

Rebecca Heinze, 11/3

Jeanne Axtell, 11/15

Clara French, 11/16

Stephen Wexler, 11/16

Ilona Zsirai, 11/27

Dana Phan, 11/28

Anniversaries

Herb & Jackie Saunders, 11/1

Frank & Wendy Holland, 11/8

Ralph & Anna Burner, 11/21

Ted & Ilona Zsirai, 11/7

Gary & Nicky Linck, 11/14

Kevin & Kristie Kelm, 11/26

Welcome New Members

Gary and Donna Gochenour of Haymarket. They keep their 32' Maxum, Donna Lynn, at Pilot House Marina.

Martie Boman and Pete Turcic of Manassas Park. They keep their 40' Chris Craft, Oasis 2, at Hoffmasters.

A Poem of the Sea

The following poem was submitted by a member of OYC for publishing in the Daymarker.

It was discovered on a mural on one of Carnival Cruise Line's ships by the member and is printed with the permission of its author, Susanna Holt.

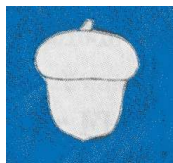
The Sea - By Susanna

*Her rolling nemesis sweeps down to greet the gentle dawn
With each lap and wave, with each lull and luff
Her healing waters shift over the sands of time
Only to rise again newborn.*

*We sense her power, tumultuous moods
We repose to her soothing songs*

*She comes, she leaves, and we temporal beings obey.
Like her sister, the moon, she draws us beyond our mortal
measure
To instill her own rhythm in time, akin to the sun.*

*So take care of her waters
For she is us,
And we are she,
And all is one.*



Treasurer

Steve Thompson



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22 October 2003

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
05 October 2002 to 22 October 2003

The Never-Ending Story Ends! Or does it?

You may recall that my September article talked about boat maintenance, and last month's dealt with winterizing. I ended the first, and started the last one, with "The Never-Ending Story". Well, just as there is more than one way to skin a cat (sorry, I'm a dog lover myself) there is more than one way to stop the story. One of these is to sell your boat.

I know this is a little drastic but the means do indeed justify the end. The end here being that every truly dedicated boater knows there has to be something bigger, better, and more POWERFUL out there. Argh, argh. (The First Mate often refers to me as the Tim Taylor of boating.) So, it was off to the Annapolis boat show last month to see what was available. And there's a bunch of boats out there. Several did get a second, and yes third and fourth, look. The words, "Honest honey, this one will last a lot longer than the first two." didn't seem to help much with the First Mate. But, just as Jill resigns herself to the antics of Tim, my First Mate acceded to my desires and gave me the go-ahead.

With the First Mate on my side the next hurdle appeared. Being a three boat owner (four if you count my remote controlled hydrofoil) how do I buy a new boat without increasing, and hopefully decreasing, this number? As of the writing of this article this is a question still being carefully and judiciously studied. Does anybody have an answer?

The next question is easier. Exactly what type of boat should I buy? Tim Taylor's answer to this question would be, as is mine, a resounding *Bigger, Better, More Powerful* boat. ARGH!!

Size wise, at first I was thinking along the lines of 65 feet. But then the question arose as to whether or not it would fit in my slip. After whipping out my trusty tape measure "Tim" (named after you-know-who) I determined that there would be just a little bit too much of the bow sticking out into the runway (not to mention the entire forward stateroom). So, with a little smaller boat in mind the field of possibilities dwindled.

Next was what type of boat. I briefly thought of getting a sail boat. That way the Snowman's wouldn't be burdened with always being the last boat to arrive. But I know how much they cherish this honored distinction so I went back to thinking POWER. And when talking power the question is always asked, gas or diesel? Well, being berthed so close to Laslo and Ned, their incessant talk about the virtues of diesel power seems to have rubbed off. That and the fact that the First Mate wants to play on the winning (diesel) volleyball team next year has me leaning in that direction.

So, you ask yourself, exactly just what type of boat is he getting? Plans are not final so I'm not going to answer that right now. But I will say that it will fit in my slip. But maybe I should get on that list for the slip down the dock when it become vacant. You never know what will happen next year.

This is *Forever Dreamin'*. Cheers All.

INCOME

Total income was \$17,792.53. The breakdown of income is as follows:

Dues Collected	5,025.00
50/50 raffles	178.00
Quartermaster Sales	4,775.53
Club Programs, Events, and Activities	7,814.00
Total Income	17,792.53

EXPENSES

Total expenses for the same period were \$19,275.09. The breakdown of expenses is as follows:

Administrative Costs	
Bank Charges	47.00
Postage	92.27
Other (gifts, supplies, etc.)	274.65
Dues Paid (PRYCA, CBYCA)	103.50
Daymarker (and associated postage)	1,983.66
Quartermaster Purchases	4,260.61
Club Programs (Events and Activities)	
General Membership	960.15
Holiday Party	4,553.28
Planfest	700.00
Flag Raising	260.56
Newcomers Meeting	173.82
Other Events	5,865.59
Total Events	12,513.40
Total Expenses	19,275.09

<u>PRIOR ACCOUNT BALANCE OCT 01, 2001 --</u>	\$4,526.99
<u>TOTAL INCOME VS. EXPENSES --</u>	(\$1,482.56)
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE --</u>	\$3,044.43
<u>CURRENT QUARTERMASTER INVENTORY --</u>	\$2,966.07
<u>NET WORTH --</u>	\$6,010.50

Winners at the October General Membership Meeting

Chili – 1st / 2nd / 3rd – Arleen Rhodes/Dale Gately - Steinert/Margaret Grant

Dessert – 1st / 2nd / 3rd – Vicki Hamp/Jan Wilcox/Rebecca Heinze

Board – Commodore - Rick Sorrenti; Vice-Commodore - Sue Thompson; Rear-Commodore - Alan Gorenstein; Secretary - Vicki Hamp; Treasurer - Harry Croft. **Congrats to All!**



Rick and Sue have fun announcing the Chili and Dessert Contest winners.

Columbus Day Cruise to Gangplank Marina

by Tom Shank

They came, they ate, drank, and ate, and drank some more! Well, some came and others didn't, but those that did, even Tony's Mom, enjoyed glorious weather and had a great time! We tried the new Cantina Marina restaurant, and I'll give it a thumbs up. Sunday we all went to the Taste of D.C., which has become an annual event that everyone enjoys. Another annual event, is the trip that Rick and Teresa Sorrenti take to Hecht's for the Columbus-Day Sale. This year they had company, they took Steve and Sue Thompson with them, and I think they all found some bargains.

Maury and Patty Shumaker, who came up with their beautiful new boat, enjoyed a long bike ride on Sunday. We all enjoyed our time together on the docks, just talking and hanging out all weekend. Miss Vivian loves it when her OYC



family comes to visit. Hope to see everyone at our next OYC cruise, hopefully at Cobb Island for the Hardy Souls cruise. Happy Boating!

Ah, The Coles Point Trip!

By Dale Gately-Steinert

Preparing for the trip-state of euphoria-shopping for and preparing food, gathering the things we need, organizing - thinking, Wow four days of peace & quiet-relaxation! THEN, Frank comes down with walking pneumonia. Should we go? Wouldn't miss it! Besides 4-year old Seth was promised a boat trip & all the stuff was packed. We'll Go!! We were warned. The trip down was great, Seth slept the whole way, water was smooth, what could go wrong? Life is good!

1st night: I had 3 roommates-one coughing, sneezing & snoring (Frank), one scratching, biting & woofing (Mikey), & one bouncing on his bed & exploring in the dark (Seth); 4 hours sleep for me! OK, SO THIS IS THE FIRST NIGHT, THINGS WILL GET BETTER! We love our grandson & our dog but strong willed children & dogs with teeny tiny bladders make for constant motion. Thank God for videos, snack foods & grassy areas! One mini crisis followed another. I'm thinking "Ok ,only 2 more days, you can do this!"



The Sea Gremlins worked long and hard over the Labor Day Weekend to get this one just right.

Monday morning dawns - I'm on my last nerve - we prepare to leave. I get up on the bow of the boat to do my First Mate thing - we're pulling out. Frank screams "#@*!% the cable snapped!! Well, I don't know what the heck he's talking about - all I know is we're heading for Rick & Teresa's 57ft Yacht!! Here I am with my little stick waiting for what seems the inevitable. MIRACLE - Andrew, Rick & Ned pulled us back into the slip. Frank juri-rigged the shifting cable & with no reverse we limped over to the gas dock. We finally got gas and with no reverse we're on our way. So, we don't need reverse for a couple hours - right? And Seth fell asleep - all is well!? About ½ hour out Frank says "Hon, look at the spot light". It looked like I felt - its head was hanging & wobbling back & forth - hanging by 2 wires, finally falling on deck, then overboard and drowned. At this point, in a state of physical & mental exhaustion, we shrugged our shoulders, rolled our eyes and said "Oh well". Frank called Bill & Ken and asked them to run ahead of us so that they could help us get into our slip at Hampton's. We started into the marina - Frank screams "the gears aren't working, you're going to have to shift the gears downstairs!" Peachy! So now with canvas covered window & sitting in the dark on the counter in the kitchen area receiving orders "from above" - NEUTRAL - REVERSE - NEUTRAL - I was the "secret captain"! Bill & Ken were desperately trying to get a hold of the boat & Frank & I were doing "keystone cops" trying to get lines to them. Meanwhile, Seth decides he wants his tin of crayons opened & was relentlessly screaming the fact! Suddenly, the top explodes off the tin & it's raining crayons all over us! Well, at this point NOTHING MATTERS, get the boat tied down! I took a deep breath, ordered the crayons picked up & looked up to see an Angel of Mercy - Vicki had brought a cart down the dock for us to unload - a tremendous gift under the circumstances!

We can laugh about this now, but what impressed us the most was the help we received when we were in trouble! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ANDREW, RICK, BILL, NED, KEN & VICKI!!!!!!
FRANK & DALE

OYC Labor Day Weekend Cruise

by Andrew and Liz Kalweit

The OYC Labor Day Weekend Cruise 2003 to Coles Point was a huge success! After five years of boating with this club, this was the biggest cruise I can remember, with close to 30 boats and 60 members and friends participating.

We introduced a new event, The First And Maybe Last Annual OYC Putting Contest. This was a timed event, and prizes went to first place winner Bill Hamp, second place winner Randy Snowman, and third place winner Rick Sorrenti. Prizes for Most Unusual Technique went to Peggy Johnson and Davey Sauls. The "Most Room for Improvement" prize went to Bill Johnson. Better luck next year, Bill!

We also brought back an old club favorite, the "Gas Versus Diesel" volleyball tournament. It was a close one! It was great to see new members Bill Hamp and Ken Hawes stepping up to play for the Gas team. Diesel won after a spirited contest. Congratulations, Diesel Team! Enjoy those bragging rights while you can ...

Quartermaster Sue Thompson opened up the OYC shop for business, which was brisk. Steve Thompson conducted vessel safety checks on many boats at the marina, which was greatly appreciated by OYCers and non-OYCers alike.



Smiling OYC faces? Humm, what do you suppose they're up to now?

OYC also welcomed new members Phyllis Horne and Steve Krouse, who joined us on Labor Day Weekend, and welcomed back charter members Buzz and Kim Lasch.

Happy Hours dockside and aboard the Snowmans' boat, a seafood buffet at the Pilot's Wharf, a cookout at the rec center, a very special 35th wedding anniversary toast to Walt and Susan Cheatham, and Monday morning brunch rounded out a delightful weekend.

Special thanks to Rear Commodore Alan Gorenstein for his assistance, to the Snowmans for their Happy Hour Hospitality, and to everyone who pitched in to make our first time up as cruise coordinators a pleasure.

Visit the OYC Web site for pictures from the weekend, <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org>.

Can you be described as Permanently Fatal? The Membership Chair gets several of these responses when he sends out emails to the general membership. If you have not received any OYC broadcast emails in the past month please contact the Membership Chair (phone no. on page one) so your address can be corrected.

Santa "Cruise"

by Walt Cheatham

Yes, there will be a Santa Event this year, but not a Cruise. We will meet at 11 AM at the OHM gas dock on November 29th - the Saturday after Thanksgiving - as tradition dictates to start our holiday season with sweets and libations and maybe even music from a nearby boat.

However we won't be taking Santa to Occoquan this year since the Occoquan Management Association has been told work will have started on the new bridge such that it will be dangerous. I pushed back, and even made a few calls to check, but it doesn't matter. The mayor's office has some official VDOT announcement, and they are going to be safe rather than sorry.

But, that won't stop the OYC from having our party. See you there between for an hour or so of revelry starting at the normal 11 AM.



There must have been a high threshold on what Santa considered bad last year.

PRYCA Change of Watch

by Joe Livingston/OYC Delegate to PRYCA

Time to make plans and reservations to attend the Potomac River Yacht Club Association 2004 Change of Watch Dinner-Dance. The event will be held on 24 January (Saturday) at the Sheraton Crystal City.

Do not have specifics but for planning purposes: The program will start at about 1730 with cocktails, dinner, the change of watch and followed with dancing. Cost will be approximately \$50 per person to attend this Black Tie Optional event. Parking is usually complimentary and rooms are likely to be at special rates.

Talk it up and we can most likely surpass last years attendance of thirty-three from the OYC. Make your reservation through Joe Livingston by contacting at 703-494-5494, by e-mail at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or mail your check (\$50 per person) to Joe Livingston, General Delivery, Occoquan, VA 22125-9999.



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT 05 October 2002 to 22 October 2003

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Family	85	81
Individual	7	6
Associate	2	4
Honorary	1	2
TOTALS	95	93



*Winter's almost here so let's party.
inside . . .*

October General Membership Meeting -
Election of new 2004 Board; Club
Reports; Contest Results,

Cruise Reports - Labor Day/Columbus Day,

Sign up now for the Holiday Party at Ft.
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membership for 2004 at the same
time - coupon inside.

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