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Commodore's Comments

Rick Sorrenti

THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP EVER

You may have noticed the large number of OYC family e-mails announcing new members. This month we have close to 120 families as members of our yacht club. Maybe it's the low dues and free burgee that you get as a new member family; maybe it's the OYC Board working hard to offer you a variety of activities that seasoned and new boaters can participate in; or maybe it's the award winning DAYMARKER that you receive each month. I tend to believe it's all of the above that attracts you as members. I've received several e-mails and calls thanking the club for including families with young kids, asking new members to join a cruise, and having events that are close to home. Whatever the reason I want to thank you. The Board needs to hear about the events that you enjoy most. Maybe you have some new ideas. Drop any member of the Board an e-mail expressing your views on what is going well and things that could be better.

Hopefully you saw the warning about the Occoquan's Green Marker "7" being destroyed. This could be a real hazard if you hit what's left of the aid to navigation. The Coast Guard placed a temporary floating buoy, so please be careful and don't cut the corner or you may have the nine inch steel pole coming through your hull. If you have any questions please call.

We picked up some great boating hints last weekend that I know you will enjoy. Ever wonder if your electricity has been off at your



Forever Dreamin's Nick has a crush on the lovely lass in the middle.

boat? Fill up a small cup with water; let it freeze, then place a marble on top. Put the cup and marble back into the freezer. If you get to the boat and the marble is on the bottom of the cup, you now know that the electricity has been off for two days. If it's in the middle, one day has elapsed. Helpful hint number two. Do you have a problem with spiders? Buy the Hawaiian scent of the electric Plug-In Glade air freshener. Plug it in around the problem area and no more spiders.

The upcoming 4th of July cruise to White Point is full. We had an overwhelming response but unfortunately White Point Marina can only handle so many boats. I've contacted all members confirmed and sent or called those who did not make the list.

We have some great events coming up so read on, but remember to contact the cruise coordinators as soon as possible. Most of the destinations have limited slips available. If you have any questions, please let a member of your Board know.

Sea Duck Too Back to One Six



Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

BRIE? ISN'T THAT A REGION IN FRANCE?

Yes, Brie is a region in France, rich in wheat and cattle. But most participants of recent OYC cruises will tell you brie is a cheese (also from France) that is coveted by the boating community, at least us OYCers. In honor of this delicatessenal delight I would like to put together a cookbook of OYC's favorite brie recipes; and any other happy hour type recipes you would like to share.

It is also about time that OYC had its own drink. The drink will be called the "Orange Whip". It can be alcoholic or non-alcoholic, hot or cold or even frozen. We will have a drink-off at the next General Membership Meeting to select our drink. That gives you the entire summer to perfect your recipes. Thanks go to Ken Hawes for coming up with the idea. Please email all recipes to me at foreverdreamin@earthlink.net.

Things Past and Coming Up:

Memorial Day, Cobb Island, and Fairview Beach outings – All three of these events showed tremendous, almost record setting, turnouts. Weather played a nasty role in a couple but that didn't dampen the spirits of those attending. Look for articles on these events later in this issue. I will tell you however that, rumor has it, there were some award-level pictures taken for submission in the 2004 OYC photo contest.

4th of July – Cruise to White Point. Rick reports that all available slips are now taken. But that doesn't mean you can't get together with another OYC boat and try to get a spot in another local marina. Try Olverson's (804) 529-6868 or Port Kinsale (804) 472-2044. All three are in relative close proximity of each other and you can stop by to enjoy your fellow OYCers.

July 15 – July 31 – North Bay Cruise. This twoweeker will be visiting some great marinas up north. It was hard for me to choose whether to go north or south this year. If you can't make the entire two weeks contact Joe Livingston (540) 373-9203 and he will be happy to offer advice on possible shortened itineraries.

July 17 – 18 - PRYCA Float-In at Sommers Cove, Chrisfield, MD. I'm not sure if you can still get in to this

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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** one due to cut-off dates for reservations. It would be a shame if you missed out on the club competition events. Contact Joe Livingston (540) 373-9203 for more information.

July 16 – August 1 - Intercoastal to North Carolina. The schedule has been set (finally) and reservations made. If you have been on the fence about this one I can tell you that there are some great marinas and lots to see down south. If you are still interested contact Ned Rhodes (703) 741-0861 to see if he can get you in.

August 6-8 – Cruise to Olverson's. As you will see in Alan's article later in the Daymarker, this is a great place to relax. Everyone knows that things just go slower down in this part of the Virginia. That means more time to enjoy, right? Contact Alan Gorenstein at (703-938-6516).

August 15 – Raft up at Mattawoman coordinated by Ralph and Anna Burner. The Raft-Up at Fairview beach last month was very well attended. We had eight boats lined up. This event should see even more participants due to its close proximity to OYC member marinas. And for those smaller boats that are hesitant, not to worry, there are plenty of fenders to go around. See what is in store for you immediately below.

August 20-22 – Cruise to Solomon's. If a little time out in the bay doesn't bother you then you will definitely want to cruise to Solomon's. There is more then enough to do and see during this short stay. Liz and Andrew Kalweit, (703) 404-0171, are eagerly awaiting your call to sign up. See article later in Daymarker for details.

September 3-6 – Labor Day Cruise to Point Lookout. The Labor Day Cruise has, historically, been the event attended by more OYC boats then any other event. This year we are moving across the river to Point Lookout. But don't worry because Harry and Pat Croft, your cruise coordinators, call this area their second home. Harry hasn't mentioned any limit on slips but I would get your reservation in early. There is an article later in this Daymarker.

Wow, that's a lot of fun packed into two small months; no excuses for not having a great summer. Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

TIKI BAR TIME AT MATTAWOMEN CREEK! Join the Anna Marie August 15th

For a Raftup at Mattawomen Creek Start looking now for those Polynesian Specialty Drink Glasses you have tucked away at home. Prizes will be given for the most outrageous drink glass, costume and TIKI Bar Decorations! Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

Almost Made it to a "Sunny" Cobb Island Days Weekend

I have heard that cruise coordinators are supposed to be at the events they helped to organize. I am also told that when OYC has an event the weather is supposed to be beautiful. Well, I am wrong on both counts.

On Friday, June 4, Anne and I were cruising down the Potomac approaching the Rt. 301 Bridge when a bunch of things went wrong within the span of about 10 seconds. Unfortunately, a plastic pulley that Mercruiser puts on their \$14,000 engine power steering pump shattered cutting the drive belt into pieces. And, as the belt whipped around for the last time it destroyed the bilge pump and cut the transducer coax cable into pieces. Well, for those of you that monitor channel 16 you probably heard a dialogue with the Coast Guard, Tow Boat U.S., and a few OYC members as they all sought to offer help to Shalom. Fortunately, a tow for \$506.25 (make sure you have unlimited towing coverage from Boat US), a repair bill, and 28 hours in Goose Bay fixed most of the problems. Unfortunately, these events did keep us away from the event that is always filled with fun for those that make it to Cobb Island.

Even the lousy rainy weather did not interfere with the good times enjoyed by the 12 OYC boats that made the trip. A firemen's parade with lots of sirens, a wonderful dessert gratis Patty Shumaker with ice cream and syrup, a pig roast, buffet breakfast for those with big appetites, and fun conversations with good friends made the weekend of June 4 to 6 sunny for those at CID. So, in spite of rain, a bit of fog, and cool days and nights, it was a delightful time for those that made the short trip to Cobb Island.

Next year we will do it again and hopefully Shalom will not have any broken pulleys. And, I am told that the weather will be gorgeous.

SHOP AND SWAP

Many OYC members have commented on Shop and Swap and a few have listed boating related items in the Daymarker. And, several OYC members have bought an item or two and received a real bargain. Unfortunately, it appears at this time that OYC'er either have few items to sell or have simply not sent an email to list the item. As a result the list of items in the June Daymarker has not changed.

Pending a few additional emails offering items for sale, the monthly Shop & Swap listing section of the Daymarker is being suspended. Of course, if you have an item that you would like to sell, drop and email to Alan Gorenstein at <u>Agoren@biztech.net</u> describing the item and the price you would like to receive.

SUMMER'S SWAN SONG CRUISE SET FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Plan now to join us for the last cruise of the summer, Labor Day Weekend, at Point Lookout Marina on Smith's Creek, close to where the Potomac meets the Bay. Enjoy a barbecue/picnic and games on the lawn, swimming in the pool, dinner at the newly rebuilt Spinnaker's restaurant, (now with a waterfront view,) live music under the stars at the Gazebo, and the camaraderie of fellow OYC boaters at Happy Hour.

Pat and Harry Croft are coordinators for this event. Call them at 703/451-9147 for more details.

Don't miss Summer's Swan Song at Point Lookout. A deposit of \$10 holds your reservation. Send your check to:

Harry Croft 6610 Mainsail Ct. Burke, VA 22015

THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA'S BIRTHDAY BASH

For those of you who find yourselves lacking in quality entertainment or the sense of useful productivity on July 10th, why not try a visit to Oronoco Bay Park in Alexandria, VA.

Their U.S.A. and Alexandria Birthday Celebration will be in



progress from 4 to 11 p.m. If you go plan on experiencing big bands, swing dancers, lots of food and fun, and a grand finale of *Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture* complete with cannon fire and fireworks.

On the Internet

- Occoquan Yacht Club: www.OccoquanYachtClub. org *
- Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association: www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org*
- Occoquan River Maritime Association: www.ormaweb.org*
- and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association: www.cbyca.org
- * Web space donated by Software Systems Group Ned Rhodes, President and CEO



Treasurer

Harry Croft

THE NO-WAKE ZONE

Last year I met a new boater at the Prince William Marina gas dock on the Occoquan River who told me that he hadn't ventured further than the end of the "no wake" zone just east of Belmont Bay marina. It seems he and his wife were not ready for engaging in the madness that is often experienced past the "full speed ahead" sign. In retrospect it's not hard to understand his fear. It seems that once a boat clears the no-wake sign on the port side, that is a signal to shift your brain into the "I'm not awake" zone!

The channel from Belmont Bay marina to Sandy Point resembles the Indy 500 on busy days and is just as dangerous. I'm constantly amazed that there aren't more collisions or sinkings in that area! As I made my way up the ICW Florida two years ago, there was an implied recognition that two boats in a narrow channel required courtesy and patience. Two vessels, either approaching or passing, routinely slowed down to avoid the impacts of their wake. There is no law that says you can't hit the throttles and go full speed ahead and damned the torpedoes and such, other than you are responsible for your wake, but that is little comfort for a small boat or a new boater.



Your Board Members Hard at Work.

How many times have you witnessed one of the go fast boats passing in the narrow channel? How many times have <u>you</u> geared back at the sight of an approaching boat? If you are like so many of us, me included, its dog eat dog..."I'm keeping speed as a method of survival!" What really brought this topic into focus was last week as I watched a small boat, a 21 footer, get caught up in the wake of two or three other boats going up on plane at the same time in the same narrow channel. The poor guy was wallowing and couldn't get going. Luckily nothing bad happened except for some moments of terror. The situation could have been avoided with a little courtesy and consideration AND patience.

There are rules, regulations, and laws that pertain to safety and safe operation of a vessel. Safe boating doesn't stop there. There are situations that require a greater degree of maturity and judgment. Think about that the next time you are coming in on plane or powering up! Enjoying boating and safety are compatible ideas that require an "awake zone."

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Patricia Croft, 7/2Frank Holland, 7/5Donnie Cruse, 7/9Tom Crossan, 7/10Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/14Jerry Lepisko, 7/15Kristie Kelm, 7/16Nicky Linck, 7/16Ray Kelly, 7/20Ann Shipley, 7/28Barb Egmore, 7/30State State Sta

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Anniversaries

Harry and Patricia Croft, 7/2 Johnny and Cynthia Martin, 7/2 Robert and Nancy Sorkin, 7/3 Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/6 Daniel and Debbie Kent, 7/11 Gen Tarbox and Kristina Frantz, 7/15 Ed and Martha Jane Dodd, 7/18 Jerry and Daria Lepiski, 7/19 Wilma and Frank Spikes, 7/19 Henry and Monica Lovell, 7/24 Jim and Peggy Ball, 7/25 Walter and Janet Sobie, 7/28 Jack and Sharon Striker, 7/30

Welcome New Members

Robert Davis of Sterling. He keeps his 36' Sea Ray at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Did you know . . . Ever wonder how far you can see while on the water? The formula is 1.17 times the square root of the height of your eyes. From a height of 9' you can see for 3.51 miles (1.17 x $\sqrt{9}$ or 1.17 x 3 = 3.51); from 12' – 4 miles; from 16' – 4.68 miles.



Secretary

Vicki Hamp

OYC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"Please accept my resignation. I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member" Comedian, Groucho Marx (1895-1977)

When I asked Dale Steinert to be this Month's Feature Spotlight, she insisted that she would not be interesting. Here's all of the interesting stuff I learned!

Dale is a world traveler, having lived in Paris as well as Bangkok. Her son, Kevin was born in Paris during her 5 year residency. She speaks French and Thai, has jogged along the Seine River, and has toured many countries including Spain, Austria, Germany, Italy and Liechtenstein. Dale purchased some wonderful things while living overseas, including an 1812 Hutch which she paid a grand total of \$5.00 for in American Currency.

The antique was covered in mud at the time of purchase and now adorns her lovely home which she shares with her husband Frank in Manassas VA.

Dale met Frank when a friend persuaded her to accompany Frank on a motorcycle ride from Manassas to Culpepper, VA. The friend informed Dale that she was certain Frank was "not her type", but assured Dale the trip would be fun. Dale and Frank married despite her friend's opinion and soon became the "Chapter Couple" for the Honda Goldwing Association. Yes, Dale had all the leather apparel and wore it frequently. Dale and Frank eventually traded the biking scene for the boating scene.

Their boating adventures began with a 17' Ski Boat which they enjoyed on Lake Anna. The 17 foot boat was replaced with a 23 foot Crownline. The Crownline was replaced with a 28 foot Bayliner. The Bayliner was replaced with a 40 ft Silverton which they currently doc at Hampton's Landing Marina in Dumfries. One of Dale's fabulous talents is apparent when you visit their 40 Foot Silverton, named "*Drift Away*". Dale completely refurbished the interior, stripping down the teak wood. reupholstering the furniture, hanging self-made curtains and adding an array of decorations. When visiting, you don't have to be concerned about knocking over any of the auspicious lamps; they're all glued down! A trick we might all want to adopt. Dale's artistic talents are reserved for hobbies and an occasional project upon request. She spends her professional life assisting people in buying and selling their homes. Dale is a 16-year Veteran in Real Estate Sales. She currently hangs her license with Olympic Remax Realty in Manassas. She spent many years serving the Prince William County Board of Realtors in various positions, including the position of Director. She was voted Agent of the Year for Prince William County in 1998. What she enjoys most about real estate is the people. She takes her role as realtor very serious because when she is helping someone find their home of choice, she knows she's helping them find their sanctuary, the place where they will raise their children, the place they will live their lives.

Dale shares that when she married Frank, he decided it was his job to help her experience the World. His resolve and adventurous nature inspire Dale tremendously.

Dale and Frank always welcome visitors on *Drift Away*. If you have an opportunity to visit with Dale and Frank, I promise it will be a delightfully fun, as well as interesting, visit!

(P.S. Dale also took some cooking lessons while in France. Perhaps, we can persuade her to host an OYC event French Style.)

Final Call for Olverson's

by Alan Gorenstein

The weekend of August 6 to 8 is the annual OYC cruise to Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina on the Yeocomico River. As of today, the Steinert's, Hamp's, Kalweit's, Croft's, Gorenstein's and Hawes' are signed up for a weekend that is always a delight. The covered docks, heated swimming pool that never closes, wonderful hospitality, courtesy cars to explore the town of



Don't YOU Miss Out on the Fun!

Collao, four star dinner at fine local restaurant, plus a few other OYC events that are planned for the weekend, make it a weekend not to be missed. If you are interested in joining us, drop an email to Alan Gorenstein at <u>Agoren@biztech.net</u> or call (703) 938-6516. I look forward to your being part of this OYC cruise to Olverson's.



Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach

by Steve Thompson

The Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach turned out to be a popular event this year, almost matching OYC's attendance breaking cruises that occur over the Labor Day weekend. There were 15 boats that signed up for this trip, and they all made it. The number of members and guests from those 15 boats totaled 44. Weather played a key factor in arrivals and departures but everyone showed up and, from all indications, had a great time.

In addition to those that signed up, an additional OYC boat mysteriously appeared at the dock. Nabil and Lucy Dubraque (who have their boat berthed at Colonial Beach) drove down to visit and stayed for the night. And several additional OYC boats made the trip but stayed at another nearby marina. I would hazard a guess that close to a quarter of the club was at Colonial Beach over the Memorial Day weekend.



Colonial Beach is the type of place that has a little something for everyone. Some folks took advantage of the small shops in town, others decided to visit the beach. Many took the opportunity to

Colorful, to say the least.

spend time with friends, while others tried to catch up on some, I'm sure, much needed rest. Then there was the Saturday happy hour where you were asked to wear a goofy hat. Many members took this opportunity to participate. I'm sure the hats worn were true reflections of the personalities of those wearing the hats. Now, let's see – Rick Sorrenti with a Jamaican hat and corn hair to match; Harry Croft with an elephant head ball cap; Sue Thompson with red and blue pin-wheels (a little on the patriotic side); the Bozokys with colorful heads of hair and matching hats; and there were others. Prizes were given for most patriotic, most colorful, and best beanie; won by Mary Kerr, Linda Bozoky, and Ned Rhodes, respectively.

There was an impromptu entertainment activity when the Abominable Snowman arrived. We weren't quite sure if he was a) trying to imitate a whale beaching itself, b) attempting to help dredge the marina, or c) attempting to break the Guinness World Record for making the world's largest mud pie. All of this while the marina tried to decide where best to tie up the boat. After a little head scratching it was decided not to put 4.5 feet of draft into a 4 foot draft slip, but rather to run a longer power cord to a vacant dock.

The activity that garnered the most laughs was a trip to a local winery. Here we had a short tour of the facilities and then proceeded to taste the wines. During the tour our



OYC's monthly AA meeting in progress.

guide provided some additional entertainment in his explanation of some of the terms used in producing wine. There were some interesting come-backs from the crowd but the guide was quick to respond and at several points was required to bring the group back down to earth prior to continuing. He was fantastic; after all he did ride a Kawasaki. Now you may ask, "How many wines did you taste?" Some in the group probably lost track after 5 or 6, others maybe 8. As for me, I wasn't there to count. I was there to relax and have fun, which is what everyone successfully accomplished. It was a good thing the bus driver did not participate.



On the way back from the wine tour we made a short stop at the local berry farm. Most everyone was intrigued by the elevated goat walkway above the road to a

Several of the fine wines served.

feeding platform. Of course there were plenty of berry products to browse and purchase. But the highlight here, for me, was the strawberry combo. A shortcake concoction with soft-serve ice-cream. It was a good thing I ordered only one as it was more then enough for two.

All in all, I'd have to say that there were good folks with some good eats and having a good time. A truly successful event. To those members that couldn't make it, or decided not to go, I strongly suggest you reconsider your options next year.

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July 2004

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	Th	617am +2.0	700pm +1.6	1213am +0.1	132pm +0.0	04:47	19:37	19:25	03:24	
2	F	712am +2.0	755pm +1.6	117am +0.1	226pm +0.0	04:47	19:37	20:29	04:29	
3	Sa	807am +2.0	849pm +1.7	218am +0.1	318pm +0.0	04:48	19:37	21:20	05:43	
4	Su	902am +1.9	942pm +1.7	316am +0.1	408pm +0.0	04:48	19:37	22:00	07:01	
5	м	957am +1.9	1036pm +1.7	413am +0.1	457pm +0.0	04:49	19:36	22:32	08:18	
6	Tu	1053am +1.8	1132pm +1.7	509am +0.1	546pm +0.0	04:49	19:36	22:59	09:30	
7	W	1151am +1.7		605am +0.1	634pm +0.0	04:50	19:36	23:23	10:39	
8	Th	1228am +1.7	1249pm +1.7	702am +0.1	721pm +0.1	04:51	19:36	23:46	11:44	
9	F	125am +1.7	148pm +1.5	800am +0.2	809pm +0.1	04:51	19:35			
10	Sa	221am +1.7	247pm +1.5	858am +0.2	857pm +0.2	04:52	19:35	00:09	13:48	
11	Su	315am +1.8	343pm +1.5	955am +0.2	946pm +0.2	04:53	19:34	00:34	14:50	
12	М	407am +1.8	438pm +1.4	1051am +0.2	1036pm +0.2	04:53	19:34	01:01	15:52	
13	Tu	456am +1.8	529pm +1.4	1143am +0.2	1125pm +0.2	04:54	19:33	01:33	16:52	
14	W	543am +1.8	617pm +1.5	1231pm +0.2		04:55	19:33	02:10	17:50	
15	Th	628am +1.8	702pm +1.5	1213am +0.2	116pm +0.2	04:55	19:32	02:54	18:44	
16	F	709am +1.8	744pm +1.5	1259am +0.2	159pm +0.1	04:56	19:32	03:45	19:31	
17	Sa	748am +1.8	823pm +1.5	143am +0.2	238pm +0.1	04:57	19:31	04:43	20:12	
18	Su	824am +1.8	858pm +1.5	225am +0.2	315pm +0.1	04:58	19:31	05:44	20:46	
19	М	858am +1.8	932pm +1.5	305am +0.2	350pm +0.1	04:58	19:30	06:47	21:16	
20	Tu	933am +1.8	1005pm +1.6	344am +0.2	423pm +0.1	04:59	19:29	07:50	21:42	e
21	W	1010am +1.7	1041pm +1.7	425am +0.2	455pm +0.1	05:00	19:28	08:54	22:05	
22	Th	1052am +1.7	1122pm +1.7	509am +0.2	529pm +0.1	05:01	19:28	09:57	22:28	
23	F	1138am +1.7		557am +0.3	606pm +0.1	05:02	19:27	11:02	22:52	
24	Sa	1208am +1.8	1230pm +1.6	651am +0.3	649pm +0.1	05:03	19:26	12:09	23:18	
25	Su	100am +1.8	129pm +1.5	754am +0.3	738pm +0.1	05:03	19:25	13:19	23:48	
26	M	156am +1.8	235pm +1.5	904am +0.3	834pm +0.2	05:04	19:24	14:33		
27	Tu	257am +1.9	342pm +1.5	1013am +0.2	941pm +0.2	05:05	19:24	15:49	00:24	
28	W	401am +1.9	447pm +1.5	1119am +0.2	1055pm +0.2	05:06	19:23	17:03	01:10	
29	Th	503am +1.9	548pm +1.5	1219pm +0.1		05:07	19:22	18:10	02:07	
30	F	604am +1.9	645pm +1.6	1205am +0.1	114pm +0.1	05:08	19:21	19:07	03:16	
31	Sa	702am +1.9	739pm +1.7	109am +0.1	206pm +0.0	05:09	19:20	19:52	04:33	

** Sun and Moon Rise and Set Times HAVE NOT Been Adjusted for Daylight Savings.

OYC Cruise to Solomon's Island, August 20 thru 22, 2004

Cruise Coordinators: Liz & Andrew Kalweit, Lizzie Bitz Too, Email: <u>LizzieBitztoo@aol.com</u>, Phone: 703-404-0171.

OYC has scheduled a cruise to Spring Cove Marina in Solomon's Island for the weekend of 20-22 August. Interest in going to Solomon's was strong at the Planfest so there are very few slips still available for any OYC'ers wishing to join in the fun.

Plans are not set in concrete yet, but may involve Friday night Happy Hour with dinner at your leisure or as a group at a nearby restaurant, and a "grill-out" on Saturday evening, where you bring your own main dish to grill and a side to share. Who knows, we may even break out the OYC putting green for a little friendly competition!

If you want to be included in the fun, we need to know ASAP, as Spring Cove needs a \$30/night per boat deposit by July 8. Slip rates are \$2.05/ft plus \$4 per 30 amp and \$8 per 50 amp electric per night.



Cobb Island Days, Cobb Island, MD

by Liz and Andrew Kalweit

Close to 25 hardy OYCers braved record rainstorms, howling winds, a plague of locusts, hail, and a maelstrom of other stuff to gather at Shymansky's Marina over the June 4 weekend to celebrate Cobb Island Days.

Okay, it rained a lot, but it really wasn't that bad.

For those of you who've never been, "Cobb Island Days" translates into a wonderfully relaxing cruise down the river, just past the 301 bridge, followed by two or three days of fun and festivities with your OYC and PRYCA friends. Cobb Island has something for everyone.

On Friday night, a spontaneous happy hour broke out on Frank and Dale's boat, *Drift Away*. On Saturday morning, after brunch at the new Pirate's Den, the celebration officially started with a proclamation/grand opening/flag raising on the Green, followed by a traditional fireman's parade. The Green was where most of the action was all day Saturday, with a live band and vendors selling



Caution Firemen at Play.

honor. OYCers gleefully held up pieces of bacon and said "Here's to Ned!"

crafts, hotdogs, and fries. There was also a noisy, fascinating woodcarving demonstration – the artist's tool of choice was a chainsaw.

Back at the marina, boat safety inspections were being offered, and some OYCers opted to stay on their boats and out of the rain. Later on in the



Special thanks go to Alan and Anne Gorenstein for their hard work in coordinating this trip for us. Alan and Anne did, a fabulous job, as always, and we were so sorry they had to miss out on the fun because of technical difficulties with their new boat. And thanks to the Cobb Island Yacht Club for their overall

How do you judge a fire truck parade? Your Commodore has the inside scoop.

afternoon, the firefighter competition was fierce, with a tug-of-war, a bucket brigade, and a very suspenseful firehose proficiency demonstration. The latter involved two teams blasting water at a beer keg suspended on a wire overhead.

Another impromptu happy hour popped up on Maury and Pat Shumaker's boat, *Kiki Byrd* on Saturday evening. Rumor has it that, during happy hour, someone informed our Intrepid Commodore Rick Sorrenti that he was being b****y, but that report cannot be confirmed as we go to press. Past Commodore Teresa Sorrenti is said to have overheard the remark and did not contradict it, so perhaps it's true. After that, it was off to the always delightful pig roast/barbecue at Pig Tales.

Sunday started off with the traditional, always outstanding brunch at Shymansky's. OYCers and others were heard to remark that there seemed to be an unusual amount of bacon available for all diners present, for a change. Speculation was rampant that the surplus was due to Ned Rhodes' absence. A bacon toast was offered in his coordination! Again, another great job. See you on the water!



The rain didn't keep away the smiles.

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