

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Rick Sorrenti

CAPTAIN, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE BOARDED

Most of us normally don't hear these words over our VHF radios, but the 2004 boating season may be a different story. I've only heard them once in 15 years of serious boating. The events surrounding September 11th have lead to the establishment of a United States Coast Guard station in Washington, DC. And last week, I attended an event that featured the Executive Officer (XO) for USCG Station Washington. It is very clear that none of us question the importance of the War on Terrorism and applaud the efforts of the Coast Guard and all of our service members, but it will get pretty old if every time we go north we experience a boarding. However, we live in a different country since September 11th and a lot has changed.

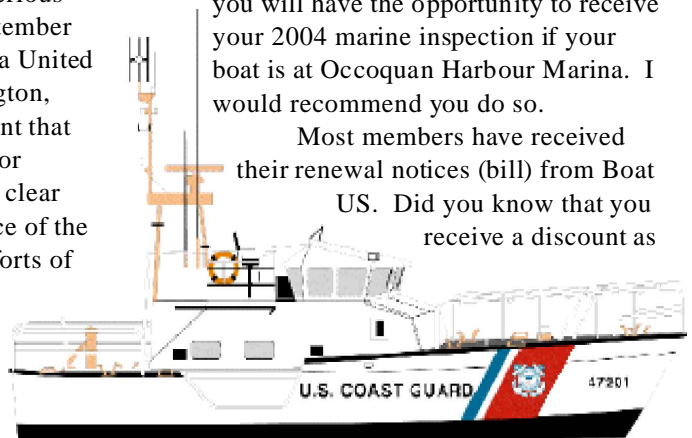
USCG Station Washington will have an Area of Responsibility (AOR) in 2004 that includes the waters around the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and North into the District. As manning continues to increase the station's AOR will increase further south down the Potomac. At full manning, in 2006, their AOR will stretch to the 301 Bridge. The XO made it very clear that we will be boarded this season. After several probing questions, he gave us some clues to help reduce the inconvenience associated with the boardings.

One thing that will help is a current USCG Auxiliary or Power Squadron marine inspection with the decal in plain view. This gives the boarding party the insight that you have the required safety equipment and

placards. Another item is that after you have been boarded you will be given a "pink" slip showing the boarding date. This of course is after you answered all the questions correctly and your boat wasn't seized. Keep this slip, as this may help eliminate the next boarding.

At our 2004 Flag Raising on May 1st, you will have the opportunity to receive your 2004 marine inspection if your boat is at Occoquan Harbour Marina. I would recommend you do so.

Most members have received their renewal notices (bill) from Boat US. Did you know that you receive a discount as



a member of the OYC. Just put our Group ID number (found in the Daymarker) on your renewal notice and take the discount. I'm not going to tell you the Group ID number because I want you to read the Daymarker and find it!

A few weeks ago, a member asked about Board meetings. It's good to know that some are interested in making our club better, or just want to see how we spend your money. I would like to invite those interested to our Board Meetings. Normally these spirited meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month on board Sea Duck Too. Please give any of the Board members a call, and we will make sure that you enjoy yourself.

Sea Duck Too back to One Six.



Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

BOATING SEASON HAS BEGUN!!

One cruise down (Early Bird), lots more exciting cruises to go. As I write we are busy preparing for our official flag raising so you know boating season is here. There are lots of things to do. You just need to decide which ones. Here's a list of the May and June events.

– **OYC Flag Raising at OHM** – May 1, 2004, the official OYC kickoff for the 2004 boating season starts at noon. Hot dogs and road-kill burgers, along with lots to drink, will be provided. Please provide a dish to share to round out our menu. If you know of any boaters (new or old) that are not members this is a good time to introduce them to the club.

– **Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet** – May 15, 2004, see ORMA announcement later in this issue.

– **Memorial Day Cruise** – May 28-31, 2004, see Steve's article later in this issue.

– **Cobb Island Days** – June 5-6, 2004, for more info contact Alan Gorenstein at (703) 938-6516.

– **Raft Up Fairview Beach** – June 12, 2004, for more info contact Bill Johnson at (703) 799-1042.

– **Dinghy Regatta at Hoffmaster's** – June 26, 2004, more exciting info will be in next month's Daymarker.

– **Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore** – June 26, 2004, drop your anchor and hail your OYC buddies.

– **Easter Seals Cruise** – June 27, 2004, see Alan's article later in this issue.

As many of you know, Steve and I have been doing some shake down cruises on our new boat over on the Chesapeake. We are discovering new and exciting places. One of those is a quiet little island marina that is very pet friendly (the restaurant next door gave our puppy his own bowl of ice water as we sat together on the patio eating lunch). Tilghman Island Marina is the place to go for a good dose of peace and quiet; small and quaint but still close enough to Saint Michaels to be able to arrange transportation for those who want to visit. If you are considering a trip to the North Bay this year give us a call and we'll be glad to elaborate, and maybe even join you.

Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

OBTAINING THAT VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL by Steve Thompson, FSO-VE, Flotilla 14-06

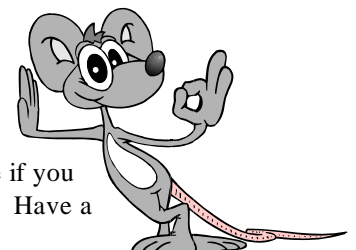


I have been asked to write an article on what is required to successfully pass an Auxiliary vessel safety check. Simply put, you must possess all of the required equipment set forth in Federal and State regulations. Here is an abbreviated, but complete list:

- Display of Numbers – your boat's State or Federal numbers must be the right size and properly displayed.
- Registration/Documentation – proves you are the owner and the boat being inspected in the one on the registration card, carry at all times when operating the boat.
- Personal Flotation Devices – Coast Guard approved and in serviceable condition, one of the correct size and type for each occupant as well as a throwable device.
- Visual Distress Signals (VDS) – day and/or night depending on boat use with the number of each depending on the type of VDS.
- Fire Extinguishers – Coast Guard approved type B-I (2 ea) or B-II (1 ea) for a boat 26' to 40', numbers change based on size of vessel - more is always better.
- Ventilation – A working powered ventilation system for inboards and when fuel tanks are below decks.
- Backfire Flame Control – required on all gas engines except outboard motors; it MUST be clean.
- Sound Producing Device/Bell – vessels over 39.4' need a whistle or horn AND a bell at least 7 7/8", smaller boats do not need the bell.
- Navigation Lights – navigation lights must work independent of anchor light, types of lights and placement vary according to vessel type.
- Pollution Placard – standard decal in boats over 26'.
- MARPOL Trash Placard – same as above.
- Marine Sanitation Devices – must be Type I, II, or III and overboard seacocks must be secured closed.
- Navigation Rules – vessels 39.4' and over must carry a copy.
- State Requirements – VA and MD requirements are contained within federal requirements.
- Overall Vessel Condition – If the examiner trips over clutter on the deck, finds the bilge looking like the bottom of an outhouse, discovers frayed wires or battery terminals not covered, etc., you will NOT pass inspection.

Other items discussed, but not required, are a marine radio, dewatering device, mounted fire extinguishers, anchor & line, boating classes, first aid kit, Capacity/Certificate of Compliance, accident reporting, and others.

Again, this is the abbreviated format. Contact me if you need more info (703) 963-8783. Have a safe and fun boating season.



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Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

A VERY WORTHY ACTIVITY

During the dozen years that Anne and I have enjoyed boating, we have often shared a great day on the water with family and friends. The fresh air, nice views of the Washington and Virginia countryside, and the occasional cool-off in Belmont Bay or the Mattawoman have all provided a delightful experience for those that joined us on the Potomac. Recently, I have learned of a wonderful opportunity to help those that are less fortunate than we are.

On Sunday, June 27, the Washington Yacht Club (WYC) will host its annual Easter Seal outing for children that have a disability. As part of this program, we need OYCer's that would like to provide a real treat to children from ages 6 to 16 and their families. The Easter Seal event will be in the early afternoon on June 27, when harbor police and firemen will assist in placing a child on your boat with their family. A short cruise of an hour or so towards the Wilson Bridge or up to Georgetown will be a delight for the children and a wonderful opportunity for their family to have the relaxation and boating fun we enjoy so often. Following the cruise there is a barbeque planned along the Washington Channel plus a variety of activities for the children and their families.

Easter Seal insurance certificates will be provided to avoid liability issues and the number of individuals that will be placed on your boat is dependent on your wishes. OYC members have participated in this event in the past as individual boaters. This year we decided to make it a coordinated effort. If you can join us in this noble activity that promises to be fun for everyone, drop me an email at Agoren@biztech.net or call me at 703 938-6516. Thanks again for your interest in this wonderful program that is sponsored by the WYC and Easter Seals.

SHOP AND SWAP

During the past few weeks the OYC Board has received several comments indicating that Shop and Swap should remain a monthly feature in the Daymarker. We are pleased with the positive response and hope that you will call on the items listed below. In addition to the opportunity to buy a boating related item from an OYC member you will find the bargains outstanding. An Igloo cooler, a dingy to accompany your boat, a premium stereo sound system and several other items are all available with a quick phone call to the seller.

Of course, we also need to keep the list of items being sold on Shop and Swap up to date. So, if you have uncovered a few items that you would like to sell, drop me an email. All we need is a brief description, the desired price and your name and phone number. *Shop and Swap*

will do the rest.

- Used 128 Quart Igloo Cooler in excellent condition with cushion. Listed by Boat US at \$236.98. Price reduced to just \$45.00. Should sell within a few days at this price. Call now, Walt Cheatham at 703 588 7323.

- Child's yellow Columbia brand rain jacket - small size. Motivated seller. Value \$50. Sell at \$25. Call Tom Egmore at 703 256 8442.

- BOSE Sound System - Model 131 marine speakers, 10-80 watts per channel. Compact design, easy installation and exceptional sound quality. See Boat US Item 302703, catalog page 147 for full details. Retail \$239.99. Buy the pair for \$180. Call Ralph Burner at 703 765 1906.

- Stainless Steel Props - Need an extra? Size 15" x 19" LH and 13" x 19" RH. New \$400. Buy at \$75 each. Call Tom Egmore at 703 256 8442.

- Reverse Y Adapter - Connect two 30-amp marina outlets to a 50- Amp boat receptacle on your next cruise. Although you may not need to use at all marinas, this adapter can be bought cheap and will come in handy. Retail \$409.99. Make an offer. Call Tom Egmore at 703 256 8442.

- Honda Outboard Motor - Speed up your dingy. 2 HP, 4 stroke, total of 10 hours on motor. Well cared for. Steal at \$300 or B.O. Call Henry Lovell at 703 370 9295

- Dingy - Halcyon - 8 feet with wooden floor, Weaver davits, Nav lights and oars. Call Harry Croft at 202 205 1332 for test drive. Cheap at \$250.

- Zodiac Sport boat / Dingy with Motor - New in 1998 with 5 HP / 4 cycle Nissan outboard. Wow! Sounds like a great new toy for the Occoquan and a wonderful way to practice up for the OYC Dingy Regatta! Of course, it will also get you to shore in a jiffy. Call Jim Ball at 703 405 7247 or Jball@rcn.com

- Lectra / San Marine Sanitation Treatment System - Brand new in box. New \$859. Buy at 40% discount. \$500 or B.O. Call Jim Ball at 703 405 7247 or Jball@rcn.com

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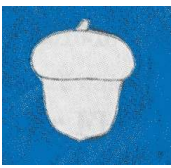
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Harry Croft

BOTTOMS UP!

Every now and then there are good articles about boat maintenance that demand broader coverage. So in case you don't subscribe to the Silverton Owners Club news letter, you wouldn't get this information, which I am condensing from the original article by Nyla Deputy in the March, 2004 issue.

Before you paint or have someone paint your bottom (that's sounds funny, but accurate) you should check to see if the new paint is compatible with the old paint. The end result could be flaking off of the newly added paint. It appears that many boat yards have never heard of the problem. Both Interlux and Petit mention paint compatibility in their literature, while others don't.

Assurance from the maintenance folks that they have used "that paint" for years with no problems will give you little solace when the paint is flaking off in a year or two. Even if you are a seasoned boater and your paint is flaking off in spots or all over, then you have already become a victim. Bottom line for your bottom: check out the brand of paint and check out its compatibility with the paint already there (assuming you know!). Not all bottom paints are created equal. You usually get exactly what you pay for...bargain paints may not be a bargain in the long run. If you don't know what kind of paint is on the bottom, then it is going to be a gamble for you. Note the brand and other specifics and hope. In a couple of years if it doesn't flake off, then you've made a good choice. If it does flake off, then you are looking at a blasting job.

[Editor's Note: A very good article on bottom painting can be found on *MotorBoating's* web site. The link is: <http://www.motorboating.com/motorboat/boatkeeper/article/0,12696,595175,00.html>.]

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Birthdays

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| Donna Gochenour, 5/1 | Ryan Pugh, 5/2 |
| Teresa Sorrenti, 5/4 | Jack Ryan, 5/5 |
| Dick Lynn, 5/6 | Linda Bozoky, 5/7 |
| Patty Shumaker, 5/7 | Martie Boman, 5/8 |
| Ed Dodd, 5/11 | Robert Moffitt, 5/13 |
| Gail Livingston, 5/14 | Tom Coldwell, 5/15 |
| Steve Worcester, 5/15 | Robert Sorkin, 5/24 |
| Dave Moore, 5/26 | Martin Betts, 5/29 |

Bill Johnson, 5/29

Anniversaries

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| John & Katherine Corley, 5/1 | Stephen & Paula Wexler, 5/5 |
| Buddy & Jeanne Axtell, 5/22 | Bill & Bonnie Fulford, 5/22 |
| Jack & Robin Ryan, 5/28 | |

Welcome New Members

Nadir and Gigi Hanna of Fairfax Station. They keep their 26' Chaparral, El Basha, at Hoffmaster's Marina.

Michael & Kelly Katalinas of Springfield. They keep their 31' Maxum, Fins to the Left II, at Pilot House Marina.

Glen Tarbox and Kristina Frantz of Lorton. They keep their 34' Chris Craft, Kathleen, at Hoffmaster's Marina.

Did you know . . . Only about a quarter of the gasoline burned by your engine(s) (a little more for diesel) goes towards moving a boat from one point to another. Most of the rest is wasted as heat, either expelled through the exhaust or through the cooling system.

WE NEED YOU!

Cruise Coordinators

We are in desperate need of Cruise Coordinators for two PRYCA events. OYC needs to support this great association by showing our colors at their events.



The Occoquan Yacht Club Needs YOU !!

Coordinators are needed for:

Dog Days of Summer: This event will be held August 21-22, 2004 at Aquia Harbor.

End of Summer: This event will be held September 18-19, 2004 at Tantallon.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions please contact Vice Commodore Sue Thompson at (703) 440-8114 or at foreverdreamin@earthlink.net. Remember, what would our club be without volunteers like you?

Raft-Up at Fairview Beach

by Bill Johnson

Come on out and join us at the OYC raft-up at Fairview Beach on Saturday, 12 June, where you can relax with friends and forget about the hassles of the rat race. I expect to arrive around 11:00 am. Look for 'Time Away', a 41 foot Chris-Craft with a blue bimini on the flybridge. I will monitor the radio or you can try my cell phone at 703-400-5261. There is no requirement to sign up for this event; just show up.

Fairview Beach is located about 16 nautical miles due south of the Occoquan River. Tim's Rivershore II, a nice seafood restaurant, is located right there on the Virginia shore. They provide complimentary shuttle service from your boat for anyone wishing to relax on their deck with drinks or an order from their menu.



I'm ready for the Fairview Beach raft-up. What about you?

PRYCA FLOAT-IN by Joe Livingston/PRYCA Delegate

The 19th annual PRYCA Float-in is at a great location and will give us a chance to explore new waters.

This year's event will be at **Somers Cove Marina**, Crisfield, MD, on **July 16 thru 19, 2004**. The cost is \$35.00 per adult, \$20.00 for children 8-12, children 7 and under are free. Nightly boat slip fee is \$1.50/ft and \$5.00 per 30-amp electric cord or \$8.00 per 50-amp electric cord.

Your registration provides a great weekend as well as Secure Slips, Swimming Pool access, Charcoal grills, Door Prizes and Raffles, Friday Night Potluck, Saturday Night Catered Dinner and Dancing to a DJ, Sunday Brunch, Displays and Demonstrations, and the **PYRCA CUP COMPETITION**.

Registration needs to be completed **NLT 7 JUNE 2004**. We may cancel with refunds until 13 July. Therefore, please make your plans now and **register** by sending your check (payable to OYC) now. Please send an e-mail with boat data, number of nights (16-17-18-19 July) and number of persons, etc to joseph.livingston@verizon.net.

The Gail Lynn II will depart on Thursday, 15 July. I have a limited number of slip reservations at Point Lookout Marina. If you would like to overnight with us, let me know soonest, so I can get more slips as needed.

Think about it. This is a large event and to make it successful, the OYC will need volunteers to help. So, let me know if you would help me. Thanks. Cheers, Joe.

Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach, May 28 thru 31, 2004

Cruise Coordinator: Steve Thompson, Forever Dreamin' Email: Opsco@earthlink.net Phone: 703-963-8783.

To help you decide if this is the place to be here are some details:

The dates: 29 thru 31 May (you may decide to arrive Friday night, the 28th)

Slip fee: \$1.25 per foot, per night

Electric: \$5.00 per night

Distance from OHM: 47 Nautical Miles

Tides at High Point (Occoquan River) and Colonial Beach:

28th (Occoquan) – 2:27 pm (high); 9:00 pm (low) – (Colonial Beach) – 4:16 pm (low)

29th (Occoquan) – 9:45 am (low); 3:28 pm (high) – (Colonial Beach) – 11:03 am (high)

31st – Rising tide for your trip home beginning at 10 am

Activities: Morning Dog/Puppy walks; Happy hours on the docks or in the restaurant (Saturday night is crazy hat night); An evening Bar-b-que; Possible dinner at the restaurant; Trip to a vineyard (Sunday from 1:30 to 4:00 @ \$15 each – **need to know your interest**); Day trip(s) into Colonial Beach for shopping/touring (by running or rent a golf cart for about \$75 a day); Sunday Brunch.

If you want more info on the marina visit their web site at www.colbchyachtcenter.com. There is a copy of the menu for the restaurant located at the marina. They even have a nice kids menu. So, why not join in on the fun?

Begin a great Occoquan boating weekend with the

Blessing of the Fleet

May 15, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bring your boat and crew to share in this time-honored seafaring tradition...

- **dedicated to boating safety**
- **celebrating the new boating season**

Plan now to “parade dress” your boat with festive flags and colors. Invite family and friends to witness a chaplain’s solemn invocation of blessing and safe cruising for the year ahead *for your boat and crew*.

This simple ceremony harks back to ancient times when fishermen and other seafarers yearned for good fortune and safety at sea—with priests invoking a blessing upon each vessel as it departed for sea. Years ago, the Occoquan community sponsored an annual Blessing of the Fleet, and in 1999 the tradition was re-instituted by the yacht clubs of the Occoquan and the Occoquan River Maritime Association.



How does it work?

The Fairfax County fire boat will lead a procession of boats outbound from Prince William Marina and passing the chaplain’s station vessel moored at the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina fuel dock. Boats will continue outbound for a day of cruising as desired or, upon safely clearing the area, may return to their respective marinas. The procession will include a host vessel with local dignitaries and media representatives embarked.

A detailed float plan and Notice to Mariners will be posted at local marinas and will be distributed through yacht club newsletters and Internet websites.

Plan now to take part!

The Blessing of the Fleet—an Occoquan tradition—is sponsored and coordinated by the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) and its member organizations, with support from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.

Questions? Contact ORMA Coordinator Chris Webster, WebsterCw@msn.com.

Occoquan Yacht Club Calendar

<i>May 2004</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 OYC Flag Raising at OHM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14 (15 th - Armed Forces Day)	15 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Memorial Day Cruise to Col. Beach	29 Memorial Day Cruise to Col. Beach
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<i>June 2004</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5 PRYCA Cobb Island Days
6 PRYCA Cobb Island Days	7	8	9	10	11 Carver Owners Bay Cruise Starts	12 Raftup - Fairview Beach
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fathers Day	21 Summer Begins	22	23	24	25	26 Dingy Regatta - Hoffmasters
27 Easter Seals Cruise - Capital Yacht Club	28	29	30			(26 th - Fireworks at Tim's River-Shore)

*Let's Get Ready to Rumble. . . .
(Down the River that is)
Inside*

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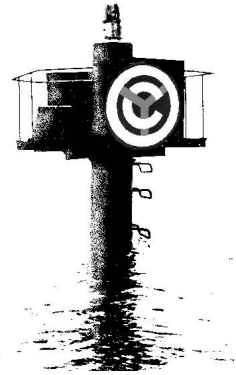
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