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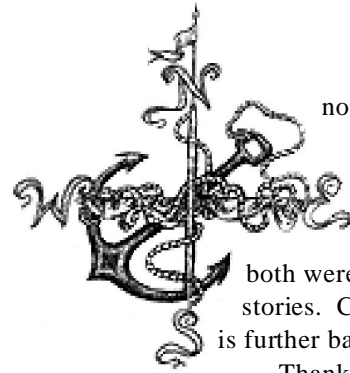
Commodore's Comments

Rick Sorrenti

WHERE DID AUGUST GO?

The last thing I remember was July 4th at White Point, but looking over the month of August lots has happened. I hope most of you were able to par-take in at least a couple of the events. I remember the PRYCA Float-In where we missed first place and the Commodore's Cup by one point. In years past, we were lucky to find the destination marina for the float-in and haven't won the cup since the mid 1990s. This year's competition was full of OYC enthusiasm as the various events unfolded and we found ourselves tied for first place. It was the kind of enthusiasm you see from a group of boaters having a really great time and really wanting to be part of a team effort.

Lessons learned from this year include: 1) Make sure every vessel has a courtesy marine inspection (1 point lost); 2) Stay with your first run time in the dinghy race (we did and won); 3) Ask the question – Who among you feel like you can correctly answer the questions on the navigation test and tie the knots? (We didn't but really thought we has this event down with a licensed Captain and self professed, "I never get lost" Captain); and last but not least; 4) Bring some really stupid stuff with you for the scavenger hunt (we did and really did well). Our thanks to Joe Livingston for coordinating this great cruise. Following the Float-In two separate 2-week cruises left; one



north led by Joe Livingston and one south led by Ned Rhodes. I understand that

both were full of fun and stories. Coverage of each is further back.

Thanks go to Alan and Ann Gorenstein for coordinating the Olverson's Marina trip on the Yeocomico River. This was a crisp weekend with temperatures in the mid 70's, but the heated swimming pool was great as long as you did not get out. Thanks also go to Alan Jorsey who towed his jet ski down for everyone to ride. The Saturday evening meal was superb with an actual re-enactment of which kid can keep the spoon stuck to their nose the longest. Teresa and I decided that biking was the answer so we rode to Lewisetta; not knowing it was 6 miles one way. But we did have an ice cream break at the world renowned Lewisetta General Store. More on this event further back.

While Teresa, Corky and I escaped to South Carolina for a wedding, two tropical depressions decided to converge on the Bay, resulting in the cancellation of the Mattawoman Raft-Up hosted by Anna and Ralph Burner. I added additional lines to Sea Duck Too in preparation but was told via the phone that nothing really happened, just a little rain. But it's better to be safe in cases

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like this. We hope to re-schedule this event so stay tuned for the e-mail to all members.

If you've not received your new member package, or renewal membership cards, please drop me a note. With membership growing at such a high rate, and this being a volunteer organization, some things do drop thru the cracks at times. We value your membership; so let your Board know of the good things happening and the less than good!



Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

SAFETY IS MY MIDDLE NAME

As we continue through the boating season I am amazed at all the dangerous boating habits people have. I spoke last month about the danger of riding on the bow of a boat while it is on plane. Well, my safety reminder for this month is about boats under tow. Please remember when passing a boat under tow to reduce your speed. If you are in a narrow channel you should slow to almost or no wake. Out on the river you can maintain speed but should use common sense as to the appropriate distance to maintain between you and the boat under tow. The key phrase here is "common sense"; something that is apparently lacking in many boaters. The tow boats have a hard enough time managing two boats and the problems the river creates without having to worry about the extensive damage that could be caused by the wakes of passing boats.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (ANNUAL CHILI AND DESSERT COOK-OFF)

Our Fall meeting will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, from 2 to 5 pm at a location to be determined. Remember, this is also our Chili and Dessert Cook-Off. We will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in each category. This year we are adding a new event. Since OYC'ers enjoy eating and drinking we will also have a drink contest. First, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded in this new category. The drink will be called the "Orange

When you have a few minutes go check out <http://boatingtodaytv.com>. This is the on-line version of the popular boating TV series that airs on cable. Unfortunately it's not available in every market here but you will find videos of the TV show that run the full spectrum of chartering that mega yacht to maintenance topics and a "how-to" series. For the chef in your life there is also a whole page with videos on maritime dining and recipes.

Sea Duck Too Back to One Six

Whip". It may be alcoholic or non-alcoholic. The other important item on the agenda will be the election of officers. There is an IMPORTANT notice on this topic later in this issue of the Daymarker.

COMING UP:

There are articles from the cruise coordinators for upcoming events throughout the Daymarker. If you have additional questions please contact the cruise coordinator or any board member.

- September 3-6 - Labor Day Cruise to Point Lookout. (Harry and Pat Croft (703) 451-9147)
 - September 17-19 - PRYCA End-of-Summer Party. (Joe Livingston - (540) 373-9203)
 - September 26th - ShrimpFest at Hoffmasters (NOTE: change of date and venue) (Dana Phan (703) 622-5911)
 - October 8-11 - Cruise to Tall Timbers (Walter Kraus (703) 768-4014)
 - October 9-11 - Columbus Day Cruise to Gangplank (Tony Mirando and Tom Shank)
 - October 23 - Membership Meeting and Elections - Board Event - Site TBD 2 - 5 pm
 - November 12 - 14 - Hardy Souls Cruise (Ned Rhodes (703) 741-0861)
- Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

TIKI BAR TIME AT MATTAWOMAN CREEK!

**Join the Anna Marie
Stay Tuned for New Date!**

For a Raftup at Mattawoman Creek. Start looking 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!

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Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

KID'S CRUISE

Can you believe it? Seven children between the ages of 5 and 11 traveling 70 miles on the Potomac on a day when a Small Craft Advisory has been posted by the Weather Service. Yes, the kids got wet, bounced, and all arrived safely. Yes, this is a true story about the wonderful weekend at Olverson's that was also enjoyed by 20 fun-loving grown-ups.

When it was time to jump into the heated pool, the kids were the first to hit the water. And, when all 27 traveled by caravan to the Tavern Restaurant to enjoy Almond Crusted Salmon on Garlic Confit Potatoes or Sirloin Filet with Wild Mushrooms, the kids were the first ones to march down the dock to the waiting courtesy cars. As expected, everyone had a great time laughing, talking, and even learning how to balance a spoon on their nose; the latter thanks to Rick Sorrenti's diverse talents. And yes, the kids did add to the pleasure of the OYC cruise to Olverson's.

I cannot forget the old sport that has also been rejuvenated on the Northern Neck of Virginia near the town of Collao. Yes, Croquet. Although the players did not wear white shorts and white shirts with new white sneakers for this nineteenth century game, the rivalry and competition was intense. In fact, thanks to Harry Croft's expertise in explaining the 728 rules of Croquet, none of the players became overzealous in defending their ball as it made its painstaking path through the nine wickets. But, the competition was intense as mallets were raised to hit an opponents ball out of the field of play or to demonstrate a talent for knocking that little wooden ball through multiple wickets without losing a turn. I now understand that this new OYC competition called Croquet will again be played at Point Lookout over the Labor Day Weekend. So, for those of you planning to join Harry and Patty Croft for this "end-of-summer" cruise, be prepared for a raucous round of Croquet.

Well, I guess the morals of this article, and our trip to Olverson's, can be broken down into the following three items:

- Bring the kids and grandchildren along on OYC cruises. They have a blast and everyone has fun enjoying their happiness.
- If you have not recently joined OYC for a cruise, sign up now. There are still a few cruises planned for 2004 and a good time is promised for all.
- Start practicing your Croquet game. Who knows, there may even be a trophy awarded for the best shooter in an upcoming round.

SHOP AND SWAP

If you have an item that you would like to sell, drop an email to Alan Gorenstein at Agoren@biztech.net describing the item and the price you would like to receive.

- Two Dahon folding bicycles, three-speed, 16" wheels, adjustable handlebars and seats, parcel racks on rear wheels, reflectors, ringer bells, carrying bags, user manual. Great addition to your boating fun. Excellent condition. \$90 each, sold in the pair only. Call Tom Coldwell, 703 323-1675, tcoldwell@cox.net.

- 1997 Avon 3.11 RIB 10' dinghy with 15-HP Honda outboard engine. Has brand new wooden oars, gas tank, line, and filter. Includes dinghy cover. \$2,000. Call Steve Thompson at 703 963-8783.

Hardy Souls Cruise 2004

by Ned W. Rhodes

I have a list of 15 people interested in the Hardy Souls Cruise scheduled for November 12-14, 2004. While we traditionally go to Alexandria, their docks are still not repaired so we will need to find another location. Last year we went to Cobb Island and had a good time in spite of cold weather, so I am thinking that would be a good destination again this year. We also had a good time at Colonial Beach and we have not been to Coles Point this year either, so those might be fun as well.

So here is what I would like to do. Please email me (ned@softwaresystemsgroup.com) and tell if you are interested in going, your boat particulars, and whether you would like to go to Cobb Island, Coles Point, or Colonial Beach. The destination with the highest number of votes may or may not win, but I can assure you we will have a good time wherever we go.

On the Internet

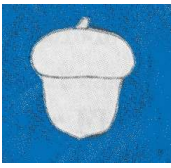
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THE GOLDEN SNORKEL AWARD

Traditions often have strange origins wherein the actual event bears little or no similarity to subsequent renditions of the fabled occurrence. Such is the case with the first annual "Golden Snorkel" award. Olverson's marina, at the confluence of Lodge Creek and the Yeocomico River actually started the Golden Snorkel award for its resident slipholders but the events of the OYC August cruise to Olverson's have stimulated a need for OYC to institute our own Golden Snorkel award.

So there we were, Friday afternoon, ten boats on an OYC cruise. Conditions on the down river run were "sporty" for those unwilling to go slower than 65 MPH!! Lots of salt spray and river "bumps." None the worse for wear, everyone arrived safely; included was one of the largest number of kids I've seen on these cruises. As they played on the docks, all wearing life vests, I offered a bet on how much time would elapse before the first kid unintentionally too a dive off the dock. Much to my amazement, the first casualty didn't occur until late morning on Saturday. How many little boys can you cram onto a finger pier before one goes swimming!? At least three. The little guy was quite brave and only complained when he lost his ballcap as I dragged him out of the water by his collar. I hereby nominate myself as hero of the fleet! I'll spare you the heroic details and the sacrifice I had to make (I think I spilled a beer)!

If that were the only event, we wouldn't have the "rest of the story." Names have not been changed to protect the innocent, although the facts may have been somewhat altered. (Captain of the Dream Catcher II, Pete Van Steyn) Sunday morning, clear skies, light winds...Pete arises from a pleasant night and strolls to the back of his boat, surveying his domain as all good sea captains often do. No life vest: a little swell and rocking of the boat; splash! Luckily, Pete's loyal and heroic 3 pound dog, "GUS" (a cross between a Chihuahua and a Jack Russell terrier) leaps to Pete's rescue, valiantly swims to Pete and leads him to

safety. After calling off the Coast Guard helicopter that was circling, to assist Gus, Pete was safely back on the dock. Now the story would have ended right there, i.e., we were all sensitive to Pete's accident and offered much consolation for his soggy condition. But as luck would have it, Fred Olverson told us about the marina's Golden Snorkel award, presented to the best/worst?, incidence of someone falling off the docks. However, since Pete was a transient boater, he couldn't qualify.

Therefore, as a true hero and in the highest spirit of OYC, I propose we have similar recognition for those of ill balance, poor judgment, or too many happy hours, recognition for their sacrifice of dignity and for the furtherance of our amusement, the OYC Golden Snorkel Award! Pete and little Ryan Miller are our first two candidates. We may also have to recognize Gus for his selfless bravery and canine instincts. So, all you cruise coordinators, keep track of these very important events; provide accurate details of the occurrence; embellish and glorify!! Then, at an opportune moment, when we can once again assail someone's dignity, we will present this prestigious award! Is it happy hour yet?

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Martie Bowman, 9/2
Chris Witt, 9/5
Johnny Martin, 9/7
Joan Hicks, 9/11
Anne Gorenstein, 9/12
Angie Sawyer, 9/15
Margaret Grant, 9/18
Susan Smith, 9/23
Bob Zaegel, 9/26

Rob Grant, 9/5
Maria Koenig, 9/6
Ralph Burner, 9/10
Bob Lester, 9/11
Tom Egmore, 9/13
Maury Shumaker, 9/15
Kathy Tulloch, 9/22
Karen Marx, 9/26
Kelly Katalinas, 9/28

Anniversaries

Allen and Lynanne Jorsey, 9/5
Terry and Tricia Matke, 9/8
Bob and Betsey Nalevanko, 9/11
Jim and Brenda Johnson, 9/16
Buzz and Kim Lasch, 9/16
Bob and Joanne Lester, 9/18
Belinda Nichols and Fred Foss, 9/25
Dave and Jane Skolnick, 9/29

Welcome New Members

Kenny and Sharman Harris of Fairfax Station. They keep their 46' Sea Ray *Darn Tootin* at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Bruce and Kathy Tulloch of Potomac Falls. They keep their 45' Cruisers *My Playmate* at Fairfax Yacht Club.

Shane and Kathy Hatton of Springfield. They keep their 34' Silverton *Our Dream* at Fairfax Yacht Club.



The heroic Gus (the one in the middle) thanked by his Captain and his First Mate.



Secretary

Vicki Hamp

BOYS, BOYS, AND MORE BOYS

Once upon a time...there were five little boys...and the little one said...roll over, roll over...they all rolled over and one went splassssh. Okay, that's not exactly how the nursery rhyme goes, but it does give us a visual of the recent OYC cruise to Olverson's Marina. It's a good thing our nursery rhyme also includes our very own Harry Croft Rescue Ranger!

The OYC Member Spotlight has featured some very exciting and interesting OYC Members, but there is a group of OYC members who we have not recognized. These members have not voluntarily joined the Club; they are a part of our membership by default. Gosh, they probably don't even know they're members – the OYC children. We had lots of them at Olverson's!

The trip kicked off with our usual pier side happy hour of food, fun and drinks, but it didn't take long for the gambling to begin – “Which kid do you think is going over first?” asked a brazen member. The kids had instantly bonded and were running up and down the dock and doing the things that kids do.

The next morning, as we were enjoying a wonderful breakfast aboard *Driftway*, we hear Frank and Dale's Grandson, Seth; call out “Someone Fell In”. Sure enough, five year old Ryan of *Airport Pickup* was in the water. Harry Croft was already parallel with the dock and firmly grasped Ryan's life jacket lifting him from the River. Thank You Harry! Best of all, the John Deer Hat adorned by Ryan, didn't get wet. As Ryan was being heroically pulled to shore – his biggest concern was the hat! Of course, the next dilemma was did Ryan get pushed or did he fall.



Gus and good friend Lauren

The excitement didn't end there. Sunday morning – Splash! This time the river captured Gus – a little bitty male puppy aboard *Dream Catcher II*. Pete, his owner and Captain, quickly dove in as Gus paddled his way under the finger pier. Although, eye witness accounts claim Gus saved Pete, we're not sure who saved who.

We may never know if Ryan fell or got pushed or if Pete saved Gus or Gus saved Pete. The good news is

everyone is safe and we can all laugh about these adventurous events.

Remember to keep your OYC ‘by default’ members safe! Life Jacket's save lives and should be worn by little ones at all times. You might consider keeping your child (or your dog's) life jacket in the car rather than the boat, so as soon as you hit the pier the jacket is already on.

Things They Did Not Teach Us in Boating School

by Mary Lucey, from the *Tomaree*

We took the Coast Guard Safe Boating course, but we were not arrogant enough to think that we knew it all — but, WOW we really did not know what we didn't know! So, Captain Zunno, I'm coming back to your Tuesday night class at *Boater's World* to tell those new boaters the real story! Here is what I found out, the hard way.

1. The river has a mind of its own and would like to claim everything you have – including your boat – so beware! On D dock at Occoquan Harbour Marina we keep a list of items claimed by the river – two cell phones, two pairs of glasses, two towels, bar-b-cue parts, keys, an allan wrench, and almost a dog and two people – so use floaties (won't work for people and dogs though).

2. When underway put the toilet seat and cover down. That way you won't find your towels in the toilet!

3. Beware of low tide! If you don't have a floating dock, you may find your boat 4 feet under the dock. If you're 7 feet tall – no problem. The rest of us either sit on the dock waiting for high tide or use the doggie plank to crawl on. Not the men, of course, they would rather risk falling in the river! They jump from the dock to the boat. Now I know why people buy those BIG boats. It's not because they have more money or want to impress anyone. They just want to get on and off their boat at low tide!

4. The best advice given to us was to buy the biggest boat we could afford. Very good advice. I remember it every time I walk down the dock carrying three bags of “stuff” and leave carrying one! Where to put all the stuff? We already think we need a bigger boat.

5. Captain Edson, who taught us how to drive our boat, told us that BOAT means Bring On Another Thousand. Like first time boaters, we laughed. IT'S NOT FUNNY. IT'S TRUE! We went to Cobb Island. I said to my husband, Tom, “What an inexpensive vacation.” “Inexpensive?” he said. Do you know what we spent in gas? “No and I don't want to.” “Let's put it this way. We got 1 ½ miles per gallon! You do the math.” “No,” I said. It was fun – Bring On Another Thousand!!

Happy boating!

**** Editor's Note:** This is Mary Lucey's first and final article. Earlier she had expressed an excited interest in contributing to the *Daymarker*. Unfortunately, she passed away on August 22nd. Our condolences go out to her husband, Thomas, children, family, and friends.

Cruise to North Carolina

by Ned W. Rhodes

Instead of the usual article that describes in detail the places we went and how much fun we had and blah, blah, blah, I am going to try something different. At the end of most cruises that I organize, we all get together and come up with a list of the 'best and worst' parts of the trip. So I will just hit the highlights rather than tell you all about never meeting Dave and Trudi at Wolf Trap light, someone turning off their radio, almost missing a bridge opening because someone was on the wrong channel, (allegedly) getting drunk with Tony, and beer-butt chicken.

Best Run: Three boats considered the best run to be the beautiful day cruising from Belhaven, NC up to Pungo Ferry near Virginia Beach (after sending two nights there with the Cape Fear Power Squadron from Wilmington, NC). I really like Currituck Sound and the scenery. This part of the trip was also voted the worst run by one boat due to impeller problems. (Oh yeah, there was a "race" that day as well. Diesels win again.)

Worst Run:

The Bay was not kind to us as we traveled from Pungo Ferry to Deltaville. Annoying waves and hot.

Best Meal:

There were many to choose from and the Beaufort Grocery Company was the overall winner, with Dock Restaurant at Tidewater getting a second. Maybe the bell has something to do with that?

Best Pool: We

had pools at every stop except Beaufort. The pool at Dowry Creek took the honors because of the view and the clubhouse. The pool at Manteo was second and nicely setup as the condo association pool and clubhouse.

Best Dockmaster: Joe at Shallowbag Bay in Manteo was the clear winner here. He gave us golf carts to use, he let us use his car, and he let us do laundry in the model condo while the new owners signed their purchase contract. He couldn't do enough for us.

Best Marina: Tidewater Yacht Agency came out the winner here. The docks were nice floaters, you could fuel in your slip, the bathrooms were nice and floating pool was worth a visit.

Best Bathroom: "My Boat" is the winner here as most people opted to shower on board. The clubhouse and bathrooms at Manteo were the overwhelming winner for shore-side.

Best Cocktail Party: Tropical shirt night at Dowry Creek was the winner here. Everyone was dressed in colorful shirts, the tropical drink contest was fun and the beer butt chicken cooked by Dowry Creek was moist and delicious. It pays to have a theme.

Best Stop: This category highlights the stop that had the most stuff to do, and Beaufort was the winner with Manteo running a close second. We rode our bikes, we shopped, we ate out, we bought Sun Drop at the local grocery store. We did it all.

Best Shopping: Manteo was the clear winner here. Last time we visited there were three shops -- now the town has revitalized the downtown area and there is plenty to do, see and buy. I made out with a new hat, a couple of swim suits and a few T-shirts; I'm still discovering things Arleen bought. Plus there was ice cream.

Thing I Could Not Do Without: These were all very personal and include sun glasses, air conditioner, new charts of the ICW, a 12-volt fan for the cockpit and Arleen, of course, for me.

Thing I Should

Have Left at Home:

Most of us said extra clothes and long pants. One of us said his laptop computer since it was useless to get email. I am happy to report that no one said their spouse.

Thing I Learned:

These were all varied and included:

- 1 – I hate locks
- 2 – Bridges are supposed to monitor 16 but don't use it
- 3 – People are not always as they seem
- 4 – Tony CAN get drunk
- 5 – How to spend two

weeks on a boat without killing anyone

Most Memorable Moment: The clear winner here was Tony telling the story (with animation) of how he and Tom purchased *Miss Vivian*. Dancing Shirley showing up during our 40-minute wait at Steel Bridge was on the list as well as the giggling school girls (Ned and Tony) during an evening of alleged drinking. Then there was the ferry coming out of the fog as we came into the harbor at Ocracoke, the rainy afternoon Arleen and I spent at Howard's pub (Ocracoke) and cocktail parties and dinners atop *Miss Vivian*.

Would we do it again? You bet. Two weeks was wonderful and by the second week, none of us knew what day it was, nor did we really care. But for a trip like this, you must have your boat in shape and you must have the proper charts. The group has decided that next year we should try Cape May, New Jersey.



A beautiful evening to wrap up a cruise.

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
1	W	920am +1.8	944pm +1.9	337am +0.0	356pm +0.0	05:37	18:38	20:11	08:15	
2	Th	1007am +1.8	1029pm +1.9	426am +0.1	435pm +0.1	05:38	18:36	20:36	09:21	
3	F	1054am +1.7	1113pm +1.8	514am +0.1	513pm +0.1	05:39	18:35	21:01	10:25	
4	Sa	1142am +1.6		603am +0.2	550pm +0.2	05:40	18:33	21:30	11:30	
5	Su	1200am +1.8	1235pm +1.5	653am +0.3	630pm +0.2	05:41	18:32	22:04	12:33	
6	M	1249am +1.7	131pm +1.4	746am +0.4	715pm +0.3	05:42	18:30	22:44	13:34	
7	Tu	145am +1.7	230pm +1.4	840am +0.4	810pm +0.4	05:43	18:28	23:30	14:31	
8	W	245am +1.6	329pm +1.4	936am +0.4	912pm +0.4	05:44	18:27			
9	Th	345am +1.6	425pm +1.4	1030am +0.4	1015pm +0.4	05:45	18:25	00:23	16:08	
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23	Th	225am +1.8	317pm +1.5	943am +0.2	940pm +0.2	05:57	18:03	15:41		
24	F	340am +1.8	423pm +1.6	1043am +0.2	1049pm +0.2	05:58	18:01	16:22	01:09	
25	Sa	447am +1.8	522pm +1.7	1139am +0.1	1151pm +0.1	05:59	18:00	16:55	02:24	
26	Su	546am +1.8	615pm +1.8	1230pm +0.1		06:00	17:58	17:23	03:37	
27	M	639am +1.8	704pm +1.8	1248am +0.0	118pm +0.0	06:01	17:56	17:49	04:48	
28	Tu	728am +1.8	750pm +1.9	140am +0.0	202pm +0.0	06:02	17:55	18:12	05:56	
29	W	813am +1.8	833pm +1.9	229am +0.0	243pm +0.0	06:03	17:53	18:36	07:03	
30	Th	858am +1.8	915pm +1.9	317am +0.0	321pm +0.0	06:03	17:52	19:01	08:08	

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

Columbus Day Cruise to Gangplank Marina, October 9 thru 11, 2004

Cruise Coordinators: Tom Shank and Tony Mirando, Miss Vivian, Email: Amirandodc@aol.com, Phone: 202-299-0533.

With the summer almost over, it is now time to think of the fall and the wonderful upcoming cruise to our nations capital. We would like to invite all our OYC boaters to come spend Columbus Day weekend with Tony and I at the Gangplank Marina. You can spend time on Saturday shopping, sight-seeing or both. Saturday evening we will have a light happy hour and then go to one of Washington's fine waterfront restaurants. We'll let the weather decide if we dine in or out! After dinner we can all gather on the docks and continue our social evening, or there is plenty of night life in town or on the waterfront to keep you busy, so lets party!

Sunday morning Miss Vivian will host a continental breakfast and social gathering dockside. Later on we can hangout until it's time for you all to head down the river. If you want to come on Friday or stay till Monday, that will be fine just let me know. Of course you need to let me know a head of time, space is limited as usual, email or call, info above. Please include your name and tel #, boat name, length, beam, # of nights, how many people and if your interested in going out for dinner Saturday night. Remember we only have 50 amp service, so bring an adapter. Safe boating.



Columbus Day Weekend Cruise to Tall Timbers Marina, October 8 thru 11, 2004

Cruise Coordinator: Walter Kraus, Sea Venture, Phone: 703-768-4014.

"Voted Best Marine Resort on the Potomac River"

Events include:

Bands	Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Breakfast	Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Dinner/Buffer	Friday, Saturday
Bar-B-Q	Sunday
Bon Fire	Sunday night



The following article was taken from the *Prince William Yacht Club* Newsletter. The vessel mentioned is the one you saw if you took the North route to the 2004 PRYCA Float-In.



The S.S. American Mariner

Did you know that the Navy target ship you see when crossing the bay near Kedges Straits and frequently referred to as "Old Hannibal" is actually the **American Mariner**. The **American Mariner** was built during the 1940s in Baltimore, MD and served as a cadet training ship until December 1953, when she was converted into a missile-tracking platform for the Army. She began her new duties on the Atlantic Missile Range in January 1959. She continued as a missile tracking ship for various agencies until 1965. On October 21, 1966, she was sunk in 20 feet of water at her current location as a target ship for Navy pilots flying from Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Interesting sub-fact about the original Old Hannibal from locals is that "Hannibal" was a ship built around 1898 of 280' in length and she originally sunk at that site — hence the chart name "Old Hannibal"

Shrimpfest 2004 at Hoffmasters Marina, September 26, 2004

Cruise Coordinator: Dana Phan, Dana Lyn, Email: Dana@ppdevco.com, Phone: 703-622-5911.

Summer is officially over ... however the celebration is not over until the last shrimp is peeled! So, mark your calendar for September 26th!

The festivities will take place at HOFFMASTERS MARINA beginning at 1pm. Music and beer will be provided courtesy of Hoffmasters!

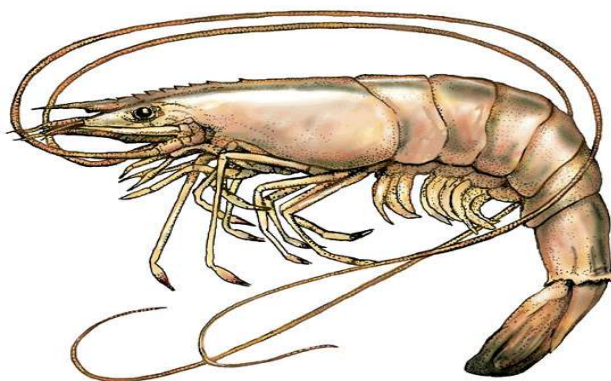
Please bring the following, according to your last name:

A-H – Salad

I-P – Pasta

Q-Z – Dessert

RSVP by September 15th using email or phone. Shrimp will cost \$10 per pound. When you RSVP please let me know how many pounds of shrimp you would like me to buy for you. An accurate headcount will insure that no shrimp is left behind. It's sure to be a fun event.



2004 Cruise to North Carolina via the Intracoastal Waterway



A 180 degree view of the Atlantic from a beach on Ocracoke Island.

The Top Ten+2 Answers to Questions about the Two-Week Trip Down the ICW by Ned W. Rhodes



Two Hands - Two Drinks, Sounds Right to Me.
It's obvious that EVERYONE had a fun time.

- Yes, we had a great time.
- Two weeks.
- Crisfield (for the PRYCA Float-In), Norfolk, Coinjock, Manteo, Ocracoke, Beaufort, Dowry Creek (Belhaven), Pungo Ferry (Virginia Beach), and Deltaville.
- Rhodeses, Thompsons, Mirando/Shank, and Baileys.
- Dave and Trudi Bailey are friends that I met through PRYCA and they belong to White Point Yacht Club.
- 1 outboard motor impeller (since fixed), 1 depth sounder (master reset fixed that) and 1 hot water heater (new one ordered).
- They are fine, we hooked up with them in Manteo and then again at Dowry Creek with four boats from the Cape Fear Power Squadron.
- Albermarle and Pamlico Sounds were not bad. The Bay may have been worse.
- 4-5 hours every second or third day.
- 851 gallons and the lowest I paid was \$1.32 and the highest was \$1.69.
- 30.7 knots and I still beat him to Pungo Ferry.
- Cape May, New Jersey.



It's always great to see old friends -
Steve and Mary Jo Worcester



One of the Many Beautiful Scenes Encountered.

Santa Cruise to Occoquan

by Walt Cheatham

The Saturday after Thanksgiving will again inaugurate OYC's holiday season as we gather on the OHM docks for food and drink followed by our traditional ferrying of ole St. Nick himself to downtown Occoquan. So, decorate your boat, crank up some holiday music, bring some libation and munchies to share, and be in place on the OHM gas dock around 10:45 AM so we can enjoy an hour of merry making before blasting off at 11:40 in order to have Santa arrive promptly at the old Prince William Marina bulkhead at noon for the Occoquan Merchant Association's Christmas kickoff.

We've had very mild weather the past few years, so no one has an excuse for missing this fun event. The Occoquan Merchant's Association called us off last year due to construction, but the new town dock is in place and there are no impediments this year. See you there Nov 27th at 10:45.

Potential skippers please e-mail me or call 703-243-2430 so I can make sure we will have a boat for Santa. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SOMEBODY VOLUNTEER. Thanks, ...Walt Cheatham, cruise coordinator.



Did you know . . .

When cleaning your boat, lemon juice can be used to clean waterline stains. *Windex* and *Fantastic* are good spot remover cleaners for the gelcoat. And you should wax, but not buff the gelcoat prior to winter storage; then rewax and buff to a shine in the spring.



Gus really likes his naps. You won't have any problem stepping over this guy.

Occoquan Yacht Club By-Laws Announcement

Yes folks it's that time of the year again.

Time to nominate members for next year's board.

Mary Lynn Snowman is currently taking nominations from the Club for the Occoquan Yacht Club's board. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact Mary Lynn by September 30, 2004 via e-mail snowmm99@comcast.net or by phone 301-869-2885. Questions about any of the positions on the board can be directed to her or any of the board members that are currently serving on the board.

Occoquan Yacht Club Calendar

September 2004						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3 OYC Cruise to Pt. Lookout, MD	4 OYC Cruise to Pt. Lookout, MD
5 OYC Cruise to Pt. Lookout, MD	6 <u>Labor Day</u> OYC Cruise - Pt. Lookout	7	8	9	10	11 Patriot Day
12 Pet Memorial Day	13	14	15	16 Rosh Hashanah	17 PRYCA End-of- Summer	18 PRYCA End-of- Summer
19 PRYCA End-of- Summer	20	21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25 OHM Dock Party
26 OYC Shrimp Fest - Hoffmasters	27	28	29	30		
25/26 Sep – Occoquan Fall Arts Show						
October 2004						
<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	6	7	8 – 11th Cruise to Tall Timbers	9 – 11th Cruise to Gangplank
10 Cruises to T/T and Gangplank	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 – 17th Annapolis Boat Show	15 First of Ramadan	16 National Boss Day
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 OYC Membership Meeting
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 End of Daylight Savings Time	31st -- Halloween					

There's Still Lots of Cruising Opportunities Left . . . Inside . . .

Gus? Gus Who??,

ICW and Olverson Cruise Reports,

By-Laws Required Notice,

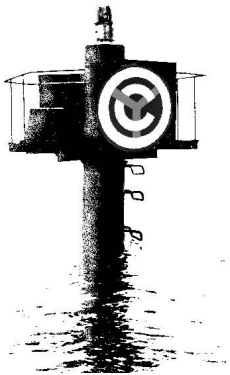
And Much More.

Oct 9 - 11
Cruise to
Gangplank
Tom Shank/
Tony Miranda

Oct 8 - 11
Cruise to Tall
Timbers
Walter Kraus

September 26
Shrimpfest at
Hoffmasters
Dana Phan

Sep 17 - 19
PRYCA End of
Summer Party
Joe Livingston



The Daymarker

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