

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Rick Sorrenti

May You Have Fair Winds and Following Seas..."

This past Saturday, Reverend Denise Bates said these words close to 200 times as boats from the Occoquan River crept past us at Belmont Bay for the Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet. Under the watchful eyes of the Fairfax and Prince William Marine Patrols, the ceremonial procession began with the VIP boat, a new 68' Sea Ray Express, loaded with local political and business leaders. The Fairfax and Prince William Fire Boats out in front with their water cannons providing the salute. Sea Duck Too served as the Blessing boat and the press coverage platform for the festivities. Ned Rhodes and I served, according to the Washington Post, as the "aides" to Reverend Bates. Teresa, and Sue and Jennifer Thompson provided the technical guidance to ensure everything went according to plan. It was a great pleasure to participate and my thanks to all the OYC members who were present.

Your Board hosted the 2005 OYC Flag Raising on Saturday, May 7th, with attendance from over 65 OYC members and local dignitaries. This event served as the official start of the boating season. Following the blast from the cannon, everyone enjoyed the traditional OYC fanfare of food and drink and lots of stories. Special thanks to the Board but particularly to Alan Gorenstein for his efforts as Rear Commodore for making this so successful.

I'm hoping that you have had the opportunity to have your boat undergo a complimentary USCG Auxiliary marine inspection for this season. Safe operation of

your boat is one of the most critical elements of boat ownership. Many people feel these inspections are not worth the 30 minutes it takes to complete but even on Sea Duck Too, we found a couple of discrepancies that needed immediate attention. Please contact Steve Thompson, our Daymarker editor and also a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, to schedule yours!

The last item this month, which you have heard before, is the need to contact our cruise coordinators to make sure you are on the registration list for the cruises planned for the summer. When you read about an upcoming event in the Daymarker, which normally appear 30-45 days in advance of the event, don't hesitate to notify the coordinator of your interest. I really hate to get the phone calls from members who unfortunately didn't read their Daymarker and missed a deadline to sign up for a particular cruise. Until then.....

Sea Duck Too Back to One Six





Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN IN THE SUMMER?

With Washington's new baseball team currently playing at RFK a lot of folks in the D.C. area are enjoying a new recreational activity, me and my Captain being part of that group. But I wasn't too happy that they beat my team, the Mets, when I went to see them play. It was a close call for a while though with a lot of shoulder butting, physical contact, and tongue-lashing (that is, between me and the Captain, who was rooting for the Nats). But the hotdogs were good and we both had a great time. In a town with multi-hour commute times we managed to find our way from our stadium seats to our garage door in less than 40 minutes, and we don't even have a diesel engine.

But summer is not just known for being baseball season; it's also boating season. Unfortunately, sometimes you find yourself boating with the same people every time (not that that is bad, it's just that there are quite a few club members that don't seem to participate for one reason or another). I remember our first couple of years in the club. We had a 28-foot Bayliner and were anxious to use it. What better way, the Captain and I thought, then to hang out with other boaters. But in order to hang out with them you had to go on the trips. As anxious as we were, the thought of going where no man has gone before and traveling through uncharted waters (at least this is how we felt) made us more than a little apprehensive.

Club OYC came to our rescue. We took the plunge (no the boat didn't sink nor did we jump off it, at least not intentionally). Signing up for various trips we let our apprehension be known and were told not to worry. Sure, we said, you all are experienced beyond years in local knowledge and the big-boat ways of water-born recreation. But participating in OYC events turned out to be the best way to build our spirits and experience. Our very first OYC cruise turned out to be a washout (except for Sea Duck Too). We thought, okay, we'd try again. But before the thought was far from over we got a call inviting us to a member's house for a little fun with other disappointed cruise participants. With a little anxiety, not knowing what to expect, we went. Well, we're still members so I guess you can say they didn't scare us off.

During those early days, we would go on cruises. On every occasion we would hear radio traffic on the VHF

between OYC members. We decided to pick up the mic, hail an OYC boat, and just ask for river conditions. Later on, as we passed a slower, larger boat there was a hail on the VHF. And before we knew it, we were part of the group. During one trip we took out in the Bay we had passed another OYC boat and were a ways ahead of them but had to stop because the wave action spilled the Captain's soda. Well, before you could count to 30 the other boat was on the radio asking if everything was okay. We wondered why they were asking and were told they noticed on their radar that we had stopped. Imagine that! It's fun to be out on the water but it's really nice knowing that your fellow club members care about you. And then there were times we just decided to anchor out somewhere. On occasion we would be hailed by another OYC boat asking if we wanted company. Well, sure, why not. That OYC burgee has more than paid for itself in the fun times we have had with other members while at anchor.

Then when you get to a marina, it's nice to see a fellow OYC'er there to help with your lines. It doesn't matter that it took three tries to get into the slip. Remember, they were once in the same position and understand what you're going thru. Finally, you are all tied up and it is time to relax at Happy Hour. You are told to bring something so out pops the bag of chips and maybe a can of dip. When you arrive you see all kinds of exotic snacks and even a bowl of shrimp. Don't feel ashamed. The chips end up being the first thing gone and folks are asking you what kind of dip you brought. Later on you are invited to continue the festivities with drinks on this boat or that boat. Friendships are made and fun is had by all. If we had known it was going to be this easy and fun we would have bought a boat sooner!

So, if you are a member that is wondering if you really want to do this thing called boating, sign up for a cruise or hail another OYC boat you see anchored. You won't be disappointed.

Coming Up:

Please see articles from the cruise coordinators about the upcoming activities throughout the Daymarker.

June, July, Aug - Impromptu Raft Ups at Mattawoman, Hail any OYC'er and raft up

June 11 - 2nd Annual Raft-up at Fairview Beach, Bill Johnson (703) 789-1042

June 25 - Dinghy Regatta, and Shrimpfest, Dana Phan and Fred Foss (703) 690-2435 or (703) 534-7009

June 25 - Fireworks at Tim's River Shore, Drop anchor & hail any OYC neighbors

July 1- 4 - Fourth of July Cruise - Port Kinsale Fred Foss

July 2-17 - Summer Cruise to Cape May, NJ - Ned Rhodes (703) 741-0861

July 15-17 - PRYCA Float-In at Somers Cove, Chrisfield, MD - Shane Hatton (703) 493-8122

July 17 - 28 - Southern Bay Cruise - Joe Livingston (540) 373-9203

Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

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The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Merri Jo Gamble, 6/6
Kenneth Hawes, 6/16
Steve Thompson, 6/16
Lee Fortna, 6/20
Bill Hamp, 6/28

Gary Walsh, 6/10
Jim Minard, 6/16
Buzz Lasch, 6/19
Walter Kraus, 6/21
Janet Jeirles, 6/29

Anniversaries

Bill and Vicki Hamp, 6/1
Christian & Alison Rose, 6/4
Duane & Janet Jeirles, 6/15
Tom & Monica Crossan, 6/17
Joe & Gail Livingston, 6/20
Bill & Peggy Johnson, 6/22

Rob & Margaret Grant, 6/4
Ed & Stephanie Karpinski, 6/9
Bob & Jan Wilcox, 6/15
Nabil & Lucy Dubraque, 6/19
Bill & Marilyn Dalgetty, 6/22
Frank & Dale Steinert, 6/25

Welcome New Members

Merilyn Piper of Occoquan, a Past Commodore who has come back aboard!

Mary Tatum and Bob Sellers of Woodbridge. They keep their 34' Rinker, *Rags to Riches*, at Belmont Bay Marina.

Some Email Addresses Are Not Working

Club news and announcements are broadcast to our membership via email in addition to the monthly Daymarker newsletter. Several members email addresses have either changed and/or are incorrect in our database

Will the following members, William & Clara French, Bill Garber, Frank & Wendy Holland, David and Michele Wempa, and Joan R. White please send me an email at the following address so our records can be updated: maury.shumaker@ieee.org.

Thanks in advance for your help and may all members enjoy fair winds, following seas and paid up dues.

Maury Shumaker OYC Membership



Secretary

Vicki Hamp

Preparing for the Boating Season

1. Lose Weight (so we can gain it back on our OYC events)
2. Start with Good Skin (so we can fry ourselves in the sun)
3. Get the boat ready (Not just the Captain's Job)

Lose Weight

If you are like me, you swore you were going to lose a few pounds over the winter so this year you'd look awe-inspiring in your bathing suit. Well, if you are still committed to the goal but haven't done it; it might be time to start fasting. Finally, the season is upon us. Although, I haven't lost those pounds I'm as excited as ever.

Of course, fasting is not a realistic solution to losing weight. There are lots of diets to choose from and interestingly they often contradict one another (i.e. No carbs, but all the fat you want or low-fat with lots of carbs). Personally, I think it all comes down to the basic nutrition we learned in elementary school:

- Eat a Balanced Diet
- Start the day with a good breakfast (include protein).
- Eat small, periodic meals
- Get some exercise

Start with Good Skin Care

Exfoliate—it's important to scrape off all those dead skin cells so you tan evenly. (Ladies, you now have something in print to justify a pre-Summer Spa Package)

Drink lots of water

Prepare the Boat

I assume we're all de-winterized,
Washed, waxed, and bottoms painted?
Galley organized?
INSPECTED

Bon Voyage!

Urgent Action Required

June 1 is Reservation Deadline for July 4th Weekend at Port Kinsale

by Fred Foss, Cruise Coordinator

We currently have 9 confirmed reservations from the 24 Captains that expressed interest in this cruise at the Planning Meeting. I told them at Kinsale that I would have a list for them by June 1, 2005. Please let us know what you would like to do, so we can finalize the reservations.

Fees: \$1.25 per day per foot LOA; \$4.00 per day 30 amp, \$8.00 per day 50 amp service

The marina is not going to require a deposit but they need to be notified of any changes in plans

ASAP at 1-877-472-2044.

I need to know the following from you no later than June 1, 2005:

Boat name, captain's name, persons on board, boat length, beam and draft, electric service required (1 or 2 30s or 1 50 amp), arrival date, departure date.

Please email the above information to ffoss@oops.net or call me on 703-732-7390.

Yet Another You Gotta Act Now Cruise Solomon's Island Cruise, August 13-14

by Liz and Andrew Kalweit
Cruise Coordinators

At least a dozen boats were listed on the Planfest sign-up sheet for this cruise, so we are continuing with planning for this trip. Whether you expressed interest in this cruise at the Planfest or not, now is the time to make your reservations.

To sign up for the Solomon's Island Weekend Cruise, August 13-14, please call the Spring Cove Marina directly by JUNE 8. Their phone number is 410-326-2161.

That's JUNE 8!

Have your credit card number and boat information ready. Be sure to tell them you're with the Occoquan Yacht Club so they can try to keep us all together.

Please let Andrew and Liz know when you have signed up, too, so we'll have a head count for dinner reservations, etc.

For those of you who've never been, this is an informal, relaxing weekend with your OYC friends. Lots to see and do, or not, depending on your preference. We'll go to a restaurant one night, grill out another, and don't forget brunches and happy hours.

If you have any questions, or to let us know you've made your reservations, please call your cruise coordinators, Andrew and Liz Kalweit, at 703-404-0171, or write LizzieBitzToo@aol.com. If you'd like to visit Spring Cove Marina's web site, it's <http://www.springcovemarina.com>.

Shrimpfest and Dinghy Regatta

by Dana Phan, OYC Historian
and Shrimp Coordinator

It's time once again for the annual shrimpfest feast combined with the Dinghy Regatta! So come with waterproof clothes and an appetite! This year we will be getting an early start; it will be held on June 25th at Hoffmasters Marina. The Dinghy Regatta will begin at 11:30 a.m., immediately to follow with the Shrimpfest which will start around 12:30 p.m., depending on Regatta turnout. The Shrimp will be \$10.00 a pound. **RSVPs must be made by June 20th** at 703-249-1033 and make checks payable to Dana Phan. Music and beer will be provided courtesy of Hoffmasters. Please bring the following, according to last name initial:

A-H	Salad
I-P	Pasta
Q-Z	Dessert

It's sure to be a double fun event for 2005! Please remember Tim's Rivershore will be having fireworks that evening; check the Internet for more details!

Report from Hoffmaster's Marina

by Fleet Captain Gail Livingston

"Go to 72."

Hoffmaster's Marina has a new vessel named *Plane To Sea II* (reported to be a "Stretch 727"—remember the "birddog" on the stern of *Plane To Sea*) and owned by, guess who? ... Yep, that's right, Captain Allen and First Mate Lynanne Jorsey.

The adventure began at Herrington Harbor North on the Chesapeake Bay, Friday evening the 29th of April, with the arrival of the back-up crew from the *Gail Lynn II*, Joe and Gail Livingston, and four 55-gallon fuel drums on the aft deck. Captain Jorsey moved the 426 Chris Craft to Herrington Harbor South for fuel and a planned Sunday departure.

The weather forecast was overcast with one-foot seas. Well, we all know that means "one foot over the bow." The seas grew to four to five feet on the Bay and to better than six at the mouth of the Potomac. That's when it was reported that Lynanne said, "I need a bigger boat."

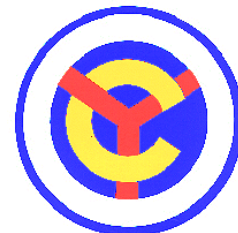
It was a hair-raising experience when Captain Al was hanging on the aft ladder siphoning fuel from the barrels into the auxiliary tank. The exciting part was cruising under "the radar" at Dahlgren Range Site with **4 BARRELS** strapped on the aft deck.

Plane to Sea (often referred to as "*The Other Boat*" when any tool or part was needed) remains at Captain Johns Marina until the fall when she will head South with the Snowbirds.

The "*Plane to Sea II*" was hailed by Tom Coldwell and welcomed by the OYC members as she moved up the Occoquan to Hoffmaster's where the crews of *Time Away*, *La Dee Da*, *Seclusion II* and *Soul Mate* gave "graded scores" for the windy docking by Captain Al. How come Sanctuary has become a target vessel?

In true OYC fashion the rowdy welcome was followed by drinks, appetizers, more drinks, and a steak feast provided by Rudy Noori and prepared by Chef Bill Johnson. Welcome Home!

On the morning of May 14, what an impressive sight it was as children and adults stood on the Hoffmaster's pier watched the parade of boats moving down the river to assist with the Blessing of the Fleet and especially the large red fireboat spouting water over a 100-feet in the air. Thank you Sea Duck Too for being the blessing boat for over 170 boats streaming by Belmont—what a successful event!



Power Cord Problems

by Captain (to be) Ned W. Rhodes

Do you love your power cords? If so, do you give them a once a month checkup? If not, you should.

As we all know, during the middle of the summer when you are running your A/C unit on full blast to keep the heat out and you cool, you are drawing a lot of current through your power cords. Usually 8+ amps per A/C unit. Couple that with running the hot water heater, the coffee pot and the toaster oven, you could be pulling 25-30 amps per cord which is the rated maximum.

All of this is fine if the cords and connectors are in good shape.

Here are some things to look for that might tell you that you have power problems:

- When you unplug your power cords from the boat, are they warm? If so, then you are either drawing too much power for the cord or there is some additional resistance in the line (which causes the heat) and you need to look further.
- Check both ends of the power cord for burn marks or signs of melting. These also indicate problem. Look at the picture of the two ends of my power cords from last year. Do you see how the one conductor is disfigured and melted? That indicates a problem.
- Also check the power inlet connector on the boat to verify that there are no burn marks there either. Look at the picture of my power inlet connector and note the slight burning and melting. That indicates a major problem.
- When you plug in your shore power cords, make sure that they securely attached and locked so that you will have a good connection.

I am writing this article to pass on my experiences from last summer. Apparently, I did not correctly plug in one of my power cords last year so that I did not have a good connection. As a result, the connector got hot and melted a little. This caused a slight residue to form on my shore power inlet connector on the boat. When I went to plug in the next time, the residue provided additional resistance which caused the cord to heat up even though it was seated correctly. This cycle was repeated many times



with the end result that this residue caused me to destroy four female ends on four separate power cords (my two traveling cords as well as the ones I leave on the dock) due to excessive heat.

Once I replaced the power inlet on the boat and all the ends of the power cords, I was fine. And you can be sure that I check the power connections every time for proper seating. So, don't do what I did and make sure you periodically check all the ends of your power cords as well as the inlet to the boat.



VIP boat leads the way for the Blessing of the Fleet. Between four and five hundred boats took part (actual number 178).

More photos from the Blessing of the Fleet and OYC's Flag Raising



Approach to Sea Duck Too, the "Blessing Boat"



Long may they wave...



Rhodes and Cheatham flogged the burgers and weiners.



Hey, this is just the *start* of the season!

Southern Bay Cruise, July 17-24

by Joe & Gail Livingston, Cruise Coordinators

The Southern Bay Cruise will start on Sunday, July 17, departing from Somer's Cove Marina at the end of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association's Float-In at Crisfield, Maryland. Planned ports of call are Onancock Wharf, The Tides Inn and White Point Marina with emphasis on sightseeing, pool-side relaxing and golf.

We will cruise our *Gail Lynn II* to a Yeocomico River marina for overnight on July 14 then cruise to Crisfield for the July 15-17 Float-In. Boats can join the cruise at Crisfield or Onancock.

Itinerary:

July 17 -- Cruise to Onancock, VA with overnights Sunday and Monday. We will do evening socials and dinners and visit this largest of the Virginia's Eastern Shore towns. Dockmaster Isaac Annis says "there's more restaurants than people"

July 19 -- Cruise to Irvington, VA with a four night stay at the Tides Inn and Resort. Your berth will have a view down Carter Creek for sunrise, and you will really

enjoy a first class resort with shopping, spas and great dining. Plan to take an excursion on the *Miss Ann*, a 120' power vessel, and visit the Trick Dog for dinner. Golf in the morning and our annual croquet match will be highlight events.

July 23 -- Cruise back into the Potomac and overnight at White Point Marina on the Yeocomico River. Poolside activities and dinner at a local eatery.

July 24 -- Cruise to home port.

Now to the tough part. If you will join Gail and me for this Southern Bay Cruise, please indicate intent and provide the information requested below NOW. Dock registration is critical so I need to plan at this time. A \$70 Credit Card reservation charge for the Tides Inn must be made at this time. Please provide the following information and mail to Joe Livingston, 259 Bridgewater Cir, Fredericksburg, VA 22406-8410 or e-mail to joseph.livingston@verizon.net. Questions? Call Joe, 703-505-8313 (cell) or 540-373-9203 (home).

NAME(S) (Captain, Mate, Guests) _____

Boat Name _____ Length ____ Beam ____ Elec (2-30 amp 1-50amp) _____

Joining Cruise at Crisfield _____ Or Onancock _____

Credit Card Info (Visa or MC only): **Caution, do not email this information:**

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National Ice Tea Month National Soul Food Month			1	2 Leave the Office Early Day	3	4 Cruise to Cobb Island
5 Cruise to Cobb Island	6	7 Best Friends Day	8	9	10	11 Raft-Up at Fairview Beach
12 Children's Sunday	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Recess at Work Day	17	18 National Splurge Day
19 Fathers Day	20	21 Summer Begins	22 Stupid Guy Thing Day	23	24 Take Your Dog to Work Day	25 *Dinghy Regatta at Hoffmasters
26 Beautician's Day	27 **	28 Handshake Day	29	30		

* Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore
** Please Take My Children To Work Day.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Hot Dog and Baked Beans Month Anti-Boredom Month					1 International Joke Day	2 *Cruise to Port Kinsale
3 *Cruise to Port Kinsale	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Don't Step on a Bee Day	11	12	13 Embrace Your Geek-ness Day	14	15 Cow Appreciation Day	16 PRYCA Float-In at Chrisfield
17 PRYCA Float-In at Chrisfield	18	19	20 Special Olympics Day	21	22	23 Gorgeous Grandma Day
24	25	26 Walk Your Plant Day	27	28 National Drive-Thru Day	29	30
31 Mutt's Day	* Fourth of July Cruise 1-4 July Summer Cruise to Cape May – 4 – 15 July (also includes PRYCA Float-In) Southern Bay Cruise – 18 – 28 July (also includes PRYCA Float-In)					

Inside. . .

Reflections on the Blessing of the Fleet,

The Vice tells about the "early years," and reminds you of all the good stuff ahead,

Sign-up deadlines for the 4th of July, a South Bay cruise, a run to Solomons,

This month: the Shrimp Regatta and Dinghy Fest, uh, make that Shrimp Fest, etc.

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