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CAPTAINS - START YOUR ENGINES

What a priceless sight it was at Occoquan Harbor this past weekend as hundreds of captains and their mates broke the shrink-wrap, opened the hatches and commenced the annual spring ritual of de-winterizing their vessels. All the dogs were present to help with the influx of new puppies acquired over the winter and of course Corky was there along with Abby to show the youngsters how to behave. At about 2PM on Saturday afternoon the marina was a haze of engine exhaust and at about 4PM boats started to depart to "warm their engines" and the check to ensure all was well with the engine components.

Around 6PM, crews started to gather around the picnic area to begin our ritual of eating, drinking and telling stories. Here's one of the best. For those of you who purchased those really extra absorbent orange synthetic chamois at the Annapolis Boat Show, here is a new use for them. Over the winter, one of our OYC members was painting their staircase walls and had the ladder supported by can full of paint when the ladder pushed the lid in on the paint can and you guessed it; all the paint went flying. Quick to respond, those orange extra absorbent towels to the rescue.

I would encourage everyone to pay particular attention to upcoming activities we have planned. Our Flag Raising this year (May 7th) will be one of the best with local dignitaries, honor guard, great food and loud cannon blast. May 14th is the Occoquan River

Blessing of the Fleet, which we will more than likely see upwards of 300 boards. Sea Duck Too will be the blessing boat this year, so bring the family, friends and your camera out for this event. It will be great fun for all. Read on for specifics on these two events.

We also need to remind all members that your 2006 membership renewals are due, so bring that checkbook to the Flag Raising. I hope everyone will make that event, but for some odd reason you can't, just mail your check to our P.O. box in Occoquan. One additional bit of clarification relating to our membership categories. Associate members are those that do not own a boat or who live outside the local Potomac River area. Family memberships cover all others. Family membership provides the full spectrum of benefits to include the numerous club sponsored and paid land events plus you get to read my creations each month.

So with all that being said; it's going to be a great season. My thanks to all who have volunteered their time so far this season and to our 2006 Board. With that –

Sea Duck
Too Back to
One Six



Captain Rick ???!



Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

IT'S AN INVASION!

You've probably heard of "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers", or "Space Invaders", or perhaps "Invasion of the Saucer Men". But I'm here to tell you that the Occoquan Yacht Club is under invasion, a siege if you were, of its own. And I'm part of the problem.

So, you ask yourself how could your fearless Vice Commodore participate in an attack on the club. Well, let's see. My daughter is getting married this month. But a quick check with the membership chair didn't show an invasion of newly married members. My recent adaptation of alcoholic consumption, as reported in last month's Daymarker, is nothing new for this venerable club of ours. To my knowledge, the entire club has a drinking problem, alcoholic or otherwise. Take Ned's addiction to diet Sun Drop as an example – he's even been known to drink it out of the can. And I have to say that NO, we did not buy another boat over the winter however; new boats are never considered an invasion to the club.

So what, you ask, is invading the club? The answer is this ... dogs, specifically of the golden retriever variety. Yes, the golden population in the club rose by 40 percent over the winter months and now stands at seven (that are known). That's more of an influx than anything else in the club's history. It all started last winter when Nick joined the crew of *Forever Dreamin'*. Well, this winter saw two more boat crews being augmented by golden retriever pups. At this rate you might see the club a golden retriever as the club Commodore by the year 2010. It won't be long before the familiar blue burgee with red and yellow changes to gold and shades of brown. The "O" may very well end up being changed to the letter "G".

Be that as it may I would like to introduce the new crewmembers. In order of age they are, Ben, who will be crewing aboard *El Viento III*, and Winnie, who was recently hired to help out the heretofore single-handed boating aboard *Last Call*. On behalf of OYC I would like to welcome them and congratulate their Captains on their choice of crew. Nick has already met with the new

members and given them the inside scoop on crew responsibilities, such as the insistent whine for more dog biscuits, the importance of always getting under the Captain's feet at the most inopportune time, and the art of accidentally on purpose falling off the dock to get more attention. [Editor's Note: Considering the number of OYC members that have ended up in the water, there should be no shortage of help in improving this technique.]

The ratio of dogs on "C" dock at Occoquan Harbour Marina is another invasion. Here the population has almost doubled. But the worse of it is that, with four goldens, Corky, the lone Carron Terrier now has to deftly maneuver across 100 feet of golden territory to reach the safety of her boat. I'm not sure if her size will help her dip below the radar range but it sure won't help if she is discovered. Do they make flack jackets for dogs? But, as you can tell from the photo contest first place winner in the animal contest, perhaps all she has to do is fling her tail up and boldly walk on through.

Not to let the dogs at any one marina steal the show, the next time you happen to see Dave Moore and Gina Croci, aboard *Evermoore*, don't forget to say hello to their newest crew member Nikki (a cutie if you ever saw one).

Coming Up:

Although we may be able to squeeze you into an event, many require a couple months advanced notice and planning. Please see articles throughout the Daymarker or contact the cruise coordinator directly for more details.

May 7 – OYC Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina, Noon – ???, Board Event

May 14 – Blessing of the Fleet at Belmont Bay, ORMA

May 15 – Blessing of the Fleet at Washington Harbor – Rick Sorrenti (703) 590-6724

May 27 – 30 – Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach, Shane Hatton (703) 493-8122

June, July, Aug – Impromptu Raft Ups at Mattawoman, Hail any OYCer and raft up

June 4 – 5 – PRYCA Cobb Island Days, Alan Gorenstein (703) 938-6516

June 11 – 2nd Annual Raft-up at Fairview Beach, Bill Johnson (703) 799-1042

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 (703) 534-7009

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

July 15 – 17 – PRYCA Float-In at Somers Cove, Cristsfield, 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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Rear Commodore

Alan Gorenstein

NEW INFORMATION ON KEEPING OUR BOATS SHIP-SHAPE

On Wednesday, April 20, Rob Grant, Joe Livingston and Allen Jorsey and I attended an interesting presentation at the most hospitable Old Dominion Yacht Club on “What To Use” and “The Tricks Of The Trade” for maintaining your boat. The presentation was made by Peter Samuelson, owner of Stem to Stern Boat Repair. I think we all learned a bit more about how to save a few dollars and keep our boats looking good.

A few of the pieces of information we gleaned from the Q & A evening:

1. To clean heavy dirt and black marks use a famous product – Spic and Spam.
2. To clean mildew use Home Depot’s or Lowe’s outstanding Purple Super Cleaner or Simple Green.
3. To clean vinyl upholstery nothing works better than Krazy Klean reduced in concentration with 50% water.
4. To clean bright metal make a paste with water and Arm and Hammer Baking Soda.
5. To polish the bright metal, spray some WD-40 on a cloth and wipe down the metal.
6. If you need to buff the boat, use 3M Fiberglass Cleaner and Wax.
7. If you have a concern about water in the fuel tank, add to the tank Full Throttle All-In-1 Fuel Treatment.
8. Check your batteries and if low on water add distilled water from the local auto parts supply store.
9. Do not skimp on oil filters. Buy only the marine filters sold at boating supply stores.

Well, if these are tips provide a few savings, I guess we should be glad for a bit of advice from the professionals.

Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach
by Shane Hatton

Boating Season is finally here!!! No more running around shopping for things that I really don't need, or want for that matter. I am ready to do some serious cruising, eating, DRINKING, and fellowship with the members of OYC.

Speaking of fellowship I am the coordinator for the Memorial Day cruise to Colonial Beach VA. From the interest shown at the annual Planfest, this should be a great trip with a lot of OYC'ers signed up to attend. At present I have 26 boats on the list that have expressed interest in attending. Here is the list of boats that have signed up.

TDY	Sea Venture	Hot Schatz
Destiny	Sea Duck Too	Impulse
Daddy's Harley	Bay Dreamer	Forever Dreamin'
Empty Pockets	Our Dream	Shalimar
Drift Away	Codie-logan	Kiki Byrd
Night Stars	Sunshine	Erdnuss
Cadenza	Gail Lynn II	Seaclusion II
Plane to Sea	Touch of Fate	Great Escape
Bat Too	Linda's Ride	

Let me tell you what the grand prize is, 3 fantastic days in Colonial Beach at the Yacht Center. We currently have scheduled numerous fun filled activities to make our time there eventful. On Saturday at 3:00pm, Ralph Mason who is the Commodore for Westmoreland Yacht Club has graciously invited our whole group to his house across Monroe Bay for a potluck dinner. He also has agreed to pick everyone up in his pontoon boat for the short trip to his house across the bay.

On Sunday (time to be determined) we will have a trip to Ingleside Plantation where you will enjoy the VIP tour of the winery and taste samples of their fine wine. Sunday evening we are scheduled to dine at the Dockside restaurant where they will have great food, music and libations. Price for these two events are to be determined once we hear back from the restaurant.

On Monday we will be having a brunch from 9:00 to noon, then you are on your own to depart or enjoy the many sights and sounds of Colonial Beach.

We currently have reserved all of their 25 transients slips. Kyle the owner of Colonial Beach Yacht Center will try to accommodate more if possible. If for some reason you may not be able to make the trip, please give me a call at 571-274-2625 or email lub11901@aol.com.

We look forward to spending the weekend with everyone and hopefully we can beat the old record for the number of boats in attendance.

PRYCA Float-In – 15-17 July, Chrisfield, MD

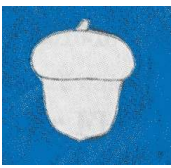
It may seem like this cruise is far in the future but registration data and checks are due to PRYCA by the last week in June. Why? Because they expect over 100 boats to attend. Cost per boat is as follows:

Nightly boat slip fee is \$1.50/ft and \$5.00 per 30-amp or \$8.00 per 50 amp electric cord

Fee for activities, dinner, and breakfast is \$35.00 per adult and \$20.00 for children 8-12 (7 and under are free). Everyone registering must pay these fees.

Information needed to register is: Boat Name, Length, Beam, Power Requirements, Arrival Date, Number of Nights, Names of Individuals Attending (and any club office they occupy), No. Adults/No. Children.

There will be the usual club competition, which OYC needs to regain its championship status, so contact Shane Hatton at 703 493-8122 **now** for this great event! Watch for additional information by email.



Treasurer

Harry Croft

DOUBLE OR NOTHING

When I first became OYC Treasurer, everyone joked about the possibility that I would soon be able to purchase a new boat. It seems that several previous Treasurers bought a new boat shortly after their appointment. Given the amount of funds in the OYC account at the time, I didn't see how this was possible, but I now have good news to report. While a new boat isn't in my immediate future, I have capitalized on my position and developed a scheme that can serve as an incentive for the next Treasurer.

Following the ENRON model, and thanks to on-line gambling, I was able to use the OYC funds for leveraged bets and have managed to double the checkbook balance! The beauty of this endeavor is that, if I lose, the only casualty is the Daymarker bill and other OYC expenses that we routinely incur. We may also have to charge for Planfest food, but I'm sure you will all understand that my loss is your loss.

On the other hand, if I win, my gain is your gain, as a happy Treasurer does a better job for all of us in OYC. By the way, if you missed my column in the last issue of the *Maydarker*, the omission was due to technical difficulties; the cruise ship lost satellite transmission while in the Caribbean, so I was unable to e-mail my column to the editor. But rest assured, future applicants for Treasurer, the benefits of my plan are rewarding: you, too, could spend spring vacation on one of Holland America's dam ship's!

So, if my luck continues, I may be able to get that new boat before my term expires. I hope everyone continues to pay their 2005 dues in a timely fashion, since I have a hot tip on the next horse race in California, and I really could use new electronics on *Baydreamer*. For those of you who recognize the potential of this scheme and would like to cash in, nominations for the next Treasurer can be mailed to the Commodore with a small donation for his support. After all, he has to pay for that sailing trip to the French Lesser Antilles. I know you understand, and we appreciate your largesse!

On another subject... with the weather getting warmer, we're all anxious to get back on the water, so a little cautionary reminder is in order. Just because you left your boat in good shape last fall, do not assume that everything still works. Check every thru-hull fitting, every hose, all battery fittings and water levels. Examine and resupply, as necessary, all safety equipment, (especially expiration dates on extinguishers and flares,) and your liquor closet. The former actions will ensure you do not have to use your BOAT US towing service, while the latter will ensure that, if you do, you can literally drown your woes while you wait. See you all on the water!

Fairview Beach Raft-up

by Bill Johnson

Come one...come all!!! Join us for the OYC raft-up at Fairview Beach on Saturday, 11 June beginning at 12:30. Last year we had great weather for the 8 boats that ventured to Fairview Beach for the day. Fairview Beach is located about 16 nautical miles south of Belmont Bay and this year we are aiming for a larger turnout. Look for the host boat... "Time Away"... located in front of Tim's Rivershore II proudly displaying her OYC flag. See you there. Bill Johnson

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Donna Gochenour, 5/1	Teresa Sorrenti, 5/4
Dick Lynn, 5/6	Linda Bozoky, 5/7
Kathy Hatton, 5/7	Patty Shumaker, 5/7
Pete Turcic, 5/8	Robert Davis, 5/10
Ed Dodd, 5/11	Robert Moffitt, 5/13
Gail Livingston, 5/14	Tom Coldwell, 5/15
Steve Worcester, 5/15	Beth Francis, 5/23
Robert Sorkin, 5/24	Dave Moore, 5/26

Bill Johnson, 5/29

Anniversaries

John and Katherine Corley, 5/1
 Charles and Mary Kerr, 5/2
 Stephen and Paula Wexler, 5/5
 Dwayne and Heidi Johnson, 5/21
 Buddy and Jeanne Axtell, 5/22

Welcome New Members

Edward and Stephanie Karpinski of Dale City. They keep their 24' Glastron, *Stephanie Ann*, at Pilot House Marina.

Dwayne and Heidi Johnson of Alexandria. They keep their 36' Chris Craft, *Dejavu*, at Belle Haven Marina.

Jennifer Jones and Juan Villar of McLean. They keep their 31' Tiara, *Jennifer Lee*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Bob and Lee Fortna of Reston. They keep their 38' Regal, *Bright Idea II*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

This Is It!

What is IT you might ask. Well ... it is your Last Issue of the clubs award winning (I wish) newsletter, *The Daymarker*. That is unless you have renewed your OYC membership for the 2005 boating season.

So, if you haven't renewed, look for the " * " before your name on the address label, mail that check TODAY (address on cover page). The club treasurer will also gladly accept checks during flag raising ceremonies at Occoquan Harbour Marina on the 7th of May.



Getting Ready to Tow Her Home for a Good Cleaning.

July 4th Extravaganza at Port Kinsale

by Fred Foss

Belinda and I will be coordinating a cruise to my business partner's marina, Port Kinsale, on the Yeocomico River on July 2 through July 5, 2005. Those of you who have visited Port Kinsale Marina in the past, will be surprised at the changes that have been made. My partner Creston Owen (CMO) doesn't do anything less than First Class. You really need to visit their web site (<http://www.portkinsale.com>) to see and keep up with all that is going on down there. His personal goal is to make Port Kinsale THE place that PRYCA clubs want to visit.

Over the winter, he has completely rebuilt the restaurant, The Mooring, and the swimming pool and bathhouses. He put the entire restaurant operation under new management and will have a Tiki Bar, an outside deck area called The Crab Shack, the main dining room, and Port Kinsale Yacht Club Members Only upper dining room. There will also be a Breakfast Buffet each day and "Room Service" to our boats.

He completed the construction of the "A" dock for transient slips, which was depicted in many renderings of the marina published in recent years. Every slip has a 50A and 2-30A hookups and, of course, water. He has an easily accessible fuel dock with gas and diesel and is offering OYC members a \$.10 a gallon discount for this weekend. He hopes to have WIFI Internet available by then, so we can hook up our computers.

There will be a band named Deal Wid It, playing that weekend. If you click on the Events button in the button bar at the top of the page, there is a link to the band's website. Looks like a good match for our varied group.

There are cottages available on a first-come-first-served basis if you need or prefer to sleep on dry land. The B'n'B's are already booked. OYC members will get a 10% discount on the cottages.

As a courtesy, CMO is not going to require a deposit but the marina needs to be notified of any changes in plans ASAP at 1-877-472-2044. We need to know the following NLT June 1, 2005:

Boat Name: _____ Captain's Name: _____

Electric: _____ LOA: _____ Beam: _____ Draft: _____ No. of Crew Mbrs: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Fees: \$1.25 per day per foot LOA (Example: 40' LOA * \$1.25 = \$50 per day)

\$4.00 per day 30A electric service \$8.00 per day 50A electric service

Please email the above information to ffoss@gmu.edu or call 703-732-7390 or snail mail to: Fred Foss, 119 E. Jefferson St., Falls Church, VA 22046

Final Call For Cobb Island Days

by Alan Gorenstein

In just over four weeks OYC will be cruising to Cobb Island for a weekend of activity and comradeship with boaters from many of the Potomac River's yacht clubs. And, if the weather is like it has been in past years, the weekend following Memorial Day will be sunny and warm. The plans have now been announced by the Cobb Island Yacht Club and include the following:

Friday, June 3 Welcome to Cobb Island
Dockside OYC Cocktail Party

Saturday, June 4 Brunch at the Waterfront Restaurant
Crafts & food to buy and entertainment and activities on the Green
A Firemen's Parade that is not to be missed
Happy Hour at Shymansky's Restaurant
A Pig Roast with plenty to eat at The Island Pub
DJ or Band at the Waterfront Restaurant for listening or dancing

Sunday, June 5 Brunch at Shymansky's

And, all of this for the nominal sum of just \$40.00 for adults. Slip fees are \$1.50 per foot per night and 30 / 50 Amp power is available.

Since dock space is limited, it is essential that plans be made during the next ten days to join an anticipated dozen other OYC boats for the weekend. If you would like to sign up, call Alan Gorenstein at 703 938 6516 or Email: Agoren@Cox.net for the registration forms. Most importantly, please do not wait to May 25 to register. I really don't think the Cobb Island Yacht Club or the marinas will be able to accommodate at the last moment.

And, for those boaters that have not ventured south of the 301 Bridge there will be other OYC boats that will be happy to lead the way. So, if you are new to OYC give Cobb Island a try. It will be a fun weekend. And, if you an "old-timer" in OYC, hope you will join us again.

Notice to Mariners

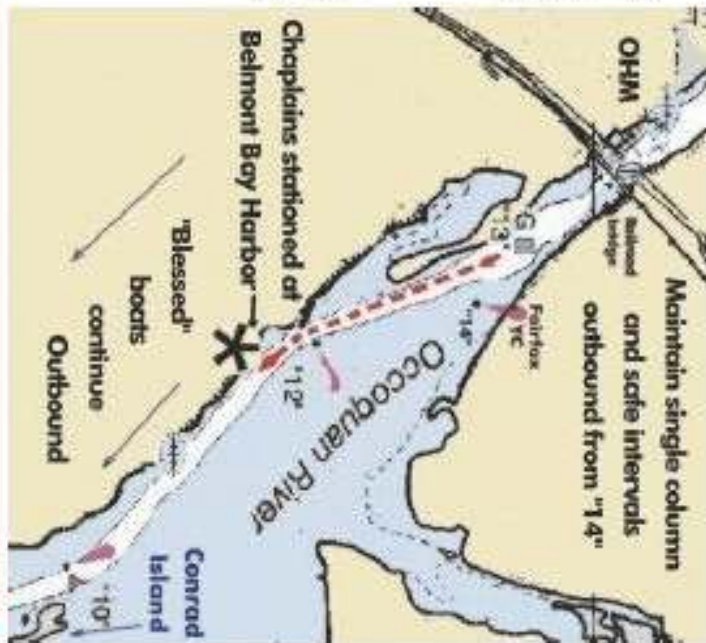
Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet
May 14, 10:30 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.

Dedicated to Boating Safety and
Celebrating the Opening of the 2005 Boating Season

Enter the parade route at Marker No. 14, just past Fairfax Yacht Club, and proceed outbound toward Belmont Bay Harbor and pass alongside the gas dock where a chaplain will invoke a blessing on each passing boat. Please maintain safe intervals between boats

Guard VHF Ch. 9 to hail and Ch. 71 as a working channel. Marine bulletins regarding the event will be broadcast starting at 0930 on VHF Ch. 16 and Ch. 22A.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is coordinating the efforts of the Prince William, Fairfax and Occoquan Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.



Boaters NOT wishing to take part may pass the procession to port, staying clear of the blessing area during the designated hours. This is a U.S. Coast Guard-designated marine regatta and law enforcement vessels will be patrolling to ensure that safety is maintained in this area. Thank you for your consideration.

ORMA is a civic organization dedicated to coordinating activities involving commercial and recreational use of the Occoquan River. ORMA's major initiatives are maintaining the Occoquan channel depth, working with the Town of Occoquan to reestablish its historic seaport for recreational boaters, and preserving the environmental quality and safety of the river.

Occoquan Yacht Club Calendar

<i>May 2005</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
More Than Just A Pretty Face Month						
1 Mother Goose Day	2	3 National Teacher Day	4 Kite Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 OYC Flag Raising at OHM
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11 Eat What You Want Day	12	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22 National Maritime Day	23	24	25 Great American Grump Out	26	27 OYC Colonial Beach Cruise	28 OYC Colonial Beach Cruise
29 OYC Colonial Beach Cruise	30 *OYC Colonial Beach Cruise	31	* Memorial Day			
<i>June 2005</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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		
<p>* Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore ** Please Take My Children To Work Day.</p>						

Does Anybody Really Know What Season It Is? *Inside . . .*

The Invasion Has Begun,

What to Clean With, That is The Question,

There's Lots of Events Planned - Sign Up

Now,

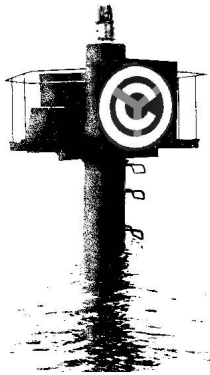
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