


The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Rick Sorrenti

WHAT I LEARNED AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

When asked the OYC membership responded. Over 70 members attended the General Membership Meeting at Fairfax Yacht Club. I counted 10 chili contest entries along with about 12 dessert contest entries. One of the first things I learned was to let Teresa take 100% responsibility for making our chili entry...in doing that we won second place, having in years past never achieving even an honorable mention. Great job Teresa!

The candidates for the 2006 board were presented and received overwhelming support from the membership. Your 2006 Board will be: Sue Thompson – Commodore; Joe Livingston – Vice Commodore; Allan Jorsey – Rear Commodore; Trish Mattke – Treasurer; Liz Kalweit – Secretary. In addition to your 2006 Board, Steve Thompson agreed to stay on as Daymarker editor, along with Dale Steinert as Quartermaster, and Dana Phan as Historian. In addition, Belinda Nichols has agreed to be the Membership Chair for next year. My congratulations to our 2006 Board, our volunteer positions, and thanks to all who helped me with the nominating committee.

Some other interesting things I learned was that this was our 4th consecutive year of having over 100 member families, the highest percentage of members participating in our cruises has increased to over 40%. Another really interesting tidbit of information came



October 2005 General Membership Meeting

from Ned Rhodes' sister. I know a lot more about Ned and his past accomplishments, or should I say past (mis)deeds. Arleen was listening to every word – I'm sure she wasn't surprised but those listening sure were.

I've always said that just because our boats are winterized, that doesn't stop our club from having fun. Coming up the Saturday immediately after Thanksgiving is the Santa Cruise where we take Santa up to the Town of Occoquan. Come join us for this festive event. In December we will have the Holiday Party at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club. Please mark your calendars now for December 10th. We really want this year's event to be our largest ever. More to come in your Daymarker plus invitations in the mail. Also in December is the Parade of Lights in Old Town Alexandria and Washington Channel December 3-4. January and February will also bring great land based events so stay tuned!! Until then.....

Sea Duck Too Back to One Six



Vice Commodore

Sue Thompson

HOT CHILI AND FANTASTIC DESSERTS

Folks came from far and wide to our Annual Chili and Dessert Cook-off where a great time was had by all. We had lots of entries in both categories and those not competing bought lots of good side dishes and appetizers to share. As always we had fun eating and drinking and just plain partying. The meeting got underway with a brief review of upcoming events and election of the 2006 board (by now you have read Rick's article so you know the results), then onto the results of cook-off.

If the Editor was doing his job, instead of vying for position to attack the dessert table, perhaps there would be pictures here of the tables and the judges.

First, I would like to thank the judges. Judging the Chili were Terry Matke, Steve Wexler and Al Jorsey. Judges for the Desserts were Dave Moore, Kathy Hatton and Sallie Thoreson (Ned's sister).

Now for the winners. Chili – 3rd place, an original recipe with a confusing variety of textures – Patricia Maxwell; 2nd place, an original recipe with a suspicious variety of bens but great – Teresa Sorentti; and 1st place, a classic spicy – take your clothes off and dance chili – Kathy Hatton. Dessert 3rd place – brownies – Nabil Dubraque; 2nd place – South Africa Melk Tart - Fred Foss and Belinda Nichols; 1st place - Milk Chocolate and Peanut Butter Cheesecake bars – Sue Thompson.

Thanks goes out to all those who entered. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Judging the chili and desserts is about to begin.

Coming Up:

- Please see articles in the Daymarker or contact the cruise coordinator directly for more details.
- November 11–13** – Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria, Ned Rhodes, (703) 741-0861
- November 26** – Santa Cruise, Walt Cheatham (703) 243-2430
- December 3** – Alexandria Parade of Lights, Allen Jorsey, (703) 971-7120
- December 4** – Georgetown Parade of Lights, Allen Jorsey, (703) 971-7120
- December 10** – OYC Holiday Party/Change of Watch, Fort Belvoir Officer's Club – 6:30 to 11pm, Board Event
- January 21** – PRYCA Change of Watch/Dinner-Dance, Springfield Hilton, Steve Thompson, (703) 440-8114

Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

Don't ignore/skip this just because it looks weird. Believe it or not, you can read it.

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Amzanig huh?



Debate on the new board was intense.

Tall Timbers Cruise

by Joe Livingston

They came by power and by sail. Fast and slow. Some by sail and slow (5 knots). Fourteen vessels in all and some forty ladies, gents and kids. We had water fights and a weekend attack on local crabs, we had games and BOATR safety training, we had morning coffee and evening socials, we had walks to the nearby beach and trips to an air show, we had fireworks and the traditional burning of the boat, and best of all, we had a great cruise for the Labor Day weekend.



Can you hear the peace and quiet?

We radioed a greeting as Maury Shumaker came in cruisin on *Tiki Bird* with no crew aboard – but traveling on four wheels wife, Pat, and daughter followed for the cruise and a HS friends gathering. We welcomed potential members Cheryl and Greg Garrison on *Just Chillin*



She may be small but she's Fast.

attending the safety class and Makis Hodge on *Pier Pressure* and his crew of five who did a luncheon cruise to Coles Point and an overnight on the hook. The dock gatherings seemed to center on Al and Lynanne Jorsey's *Plane To Sea*, Ruth and Ted Eisenman's *Responder*, Jody and Don Miller's *Airport Pickup* and Bill and Vicki Hamp's *Daddy's Harley* – was it because of Vicki's Board leadership, or that was where the kids were, or were those boats just centered on the dock? No, it wasn't that everyone was looking at Lucy and Nabil Dubraque's sailing vessel *LUCY E!!!* Pete McLeod and friend Mark on *Pamela Jean* had to travel the furthest each morning just for donuts, but they were never late returning for morning



Great weather, great boat,
great sailors,
what can be better?

events. We welcomed recent new members – April and Dave DaHanas on *April's Sunset* and Debbie and Scott Feil on *Whimsy* and probably our newest members, Bob and Lynn Wilson on *the 19th Hole*.

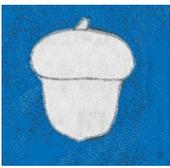


Blue Water Cruisin.

Gail and Joe on the *GAIL LYNN II* proudly displayed the OYC Banner and had a most memorable cruisin Labor Day – Thank You to the Fleet!"



The fleet at anchor ... er at port.



Treasurer

Harry Croft

The Datemarkers

[Editor's Note: The Editor would like to express his heart felt appreciate to the Editor's Advisor on Worldly Matters, lest the reader would have been reading birthdays and anniversaries for December.]

OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Occoquan Yacht Club

FY 2005 Financial Statement for the Period Ending
September 30, 2005

INCOME

Memberships	\$8,027.00
Christmas Party	\$3,580.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$2,255.00
Misc.	\$513.00
Starting Balance 10/1/04	\$3,332.93
Total	\$15,707.93

EXPENSES

Daymarker Publication	\$2,011.83
Christmas Party	\$5,977.75
Flag Raising	\$346.79
Plan Fest	\$955.08
Membership	\$808.84
Quartermaster	\$1,111.03
Misc.	\$1,353.25
Total	\$12,584.97

ASSETS

Quartermaster Inventory	
Checking Account 09/30/2005	\$3,142.86

Prepared by Harry Croft
OYC Treasurer
October 12, 2005

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The deadline for submission of materials to **The Daymarker** is the 20th of each month. Please submit copy by e-mail to:
opsco@earthlink.net

Birthdays

Chris Webster, 11/1	Katherine Corley, 11/2
Wilma Spikes, 11/2	John Heinz, 11/3
Lin Shultz, 11/8	Dale Gately-Steinert, 11/10
Evans King, 11/12	Jerry Byers, 11/13
Jeanne Axtell, 11/15	Ted Eisenman, 11/16
Clara French, 11/16	Kim Lasch, 11/16
Stephen Wexler, 11/16	Christian Rose, 11/18
Henry Lovell, 11/19	Rob Whitaker, 11/22
Tracey Darnell, 11/27	Ilona Zsirai, 11/27
Dana Phan, 11/28	Cynthia King, 11/29
Joe Livingston, 11/30	

Anniversaries

Ilona and Theodore Zsirai, 11/7
Mary Ann and Mark Schall, 11/13
Anna and Ralph Burner, 11/21

Welcome New Members

Sorry, it was a slow month for the Membership Chair; there were no new members joining the club in October 2005.

*Many years ago in
Scotland, a new game
was invented. It was
ruled*

*"Gentlemen Only...
Ladies Forbidden..."*

*and thus the word
GOLF entered into the
English language.*

**Historic Harbors'
2005 Holiday Weekend
Boat Parade of Lights!**

The historic Potomac River will light up again this year for the annual Holiday Boat Parade of Lights December 3 & 4, 2005. Join your fellow boaters for a full weekend of fun on the Potomac. The parade begins on Saturday in Alexandria's historic harbor and proceeds in formation to the Washington Ship Channel. A celebration and awards party will follow hosted by the Capital Yacht club. For those hearty souls (and those that can fit under the bridge), the parade continues on Sunday afternoon at the Georgetown Harbour with festivities to follow.

Complimentary slips (limited) will be available throughout the weekend in Alexandria and DC. Start your decorating plans now, as each location will be awarding great prizes including cash, gift certificates, dinners, weekend getaway, hotel stays and more valued at thousands of dollars in total. We have many categories this year, so all are eligible to win! Again, this year's parade will support Toys for Tots!

For further information or registration information, please visit our website at www.dcboatparades.com contact Lorraine Lloyd at 703.838.4200 x209.

You can also contact the OYC coordinator, Alan Jorsey, at 703 971-7120.

Some Interesting Items

Courtesy of Chesapeake Bay Magazine
Photo courtesy of Seaturtle.org



Elvira's release.

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science recently released a couple logger-head sea turtles. You can track Elvira and Dewey Decimal, who wear satellite tracking tags, at www.seaturtle.org.

If you have a little spare time to browse the Internet try going to www.navagear.com where you might find some interesting gadgets with reviews.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine, I'm sure after reading the nationally acclaimed Daymarker, has decided to hold a photo contest. Categories are Boats, Places, People, and Wildlife (sound familiar?). Rules are on page 42 of CBM's November issue. You can also send an email with questions to ann@cbmmag.net. (Not to worry, if you enter CBM's contest we will allow the same photos in OYC's contest scheduled for the March General Membership Meeting.)

PRYCA Change of Watch 2005

by Steve Thompson

The event is certainly on at the Springfield Hilton on 21 January (Saturday), 2006. Reservations must be made NOW!

The cost is \$55 per person (the same low price as last year). Black-tie optional or Business suit with Complimentary Parking. A reduced room rate of \$89 is available until 13 January by calling the Hilton at 703 971-8900.

Program for the evening is – Cocktails with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar (1800), Dinner entrees are Prime Rib, Chesapeake Crab Cakes, or Vegetarian Pasta and includes Salad, Rolls, Chef's choice of vegetable and starch, and Chef's Dessert Selection and Coffee/Tea.



Send your check payable to "OYC" to Steve Thompson, 7908 Edinburgh Drive, Springfield, VA 22153-2905 along with coupon below. Cancellations after January 13, 2006 are non-refundable. Reservations after 01 January will require a \$5 late fee and acceptance will be subject to availability of space.

Reservation Information for PRYCA 2006 Change of Watch.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Guest: _____ Title: _____

Entree Choice (# of each): _____ Beef _____ Crab _____ Vegetarian

Check Enclosed (Payable to OYC): \$ _____

The OYC Holiday Party/Change of Watch

This is a fun-filled celebration of boating and volunteer service.
Mark your calendar NOW!

When: Saturday, December 11, 2005
6:30 pm to 11 pm

Place: **Fort Belvoir Officer's Club**

Dress: Black Tie Optional

Schedule: 6:30 pm – Cocktails (Cash Bar) and hor d'oeuvres
7:15 pm – Seated Dinner
8:15 pm – Installation of Officers, Recognition of Event Coordinators,
Presentation of Awards and Door Prizes

Menu: This year we will have a seated dinner with a choice of entrees: 8 oz. New York Strip Steak ,
Roasted Spring Chicken Breast, or Pasta Primavera.

Price: \$43.00 per person

How about renewing your club membership at the same time. **Watch for your invitations in the mail.** Any questions, contact Sue Thompson at (703) 440-8114.

We Were October Hardy Souls!

by Arleen Rhodes

...or is that fools?

Whatever you call us, three boats – *Sea Duck Too*, *Forever Dreamin'* and *Impulse* – braved the winds, waves, and rains Saturday, Oct. 8 for a fun weekend at White Point Marina on the Yeocomico River (we were also joined by the crew of *Erdnuss* by land). We laughed, ate, drank, ate, talked, drank, read, watched movies, talked about riding bikes, and then laughed, ate, drank (you get the idea) some more! We celebrated Abby's and Nick's birthdays on the 9th with party hats, a bone-shaped birthday cake (thanks, Sue!), balloons, presents and lots of doggie (and human) fun. Our thanks to Rob Redfearn and White Point Yacht Club for their hospitality and use of their club house.

The weekend proved, once again, how good it is to spend time boating with friends, whatever the weather!



It looks like OYC has gone to the dogs.

OYC Santa Cruise

by Walt Cheatham, Coordinator

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 new town dock 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 even - whether by land or by boat. See you there **Nov 26th** at 10:45.

Potential skippers - please call 703-243-2430 to let me know your plans so I can make sure we will have a boat for Santa.

Occoquan Yacht Club Calendar

<i>November 2005</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Fun With Fondue Month Aviation History Month		1	2 Election Day	3 Cliché Day	4	5 Sadie Hawkins Day
6	7 Ginger-bread House Day	8	9 National Young Readers Day	10	11 Cruise to Alexandria Veterans Day	12 Cruise to Alexandria
13 Cruise to Alexandria	14 National Teddy Bear Day	15	16	17 Great American Smoke Out	18	19 Have a Bad Day Day
20 Name Your PC Day	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 Flossing Day	26 Santa Cruise to Occoquan
27	28	29	30 Stay Home Cause Ur Well Day			
 December 2005 						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Tie Month				1 World Aids Day	2	3 Parade of Lights ** - Alexandria
4 Parade of Lights ** - Georgetown	5 Bathtub Party Day	6 Special Kids Day	7 Pearl Harbor Remem. Day	8	9 Day of the Horse	10 OYC Holiday / COW Party
11	12	13	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16	17 Wnght Brothers Day
18	19	20 Mudd Day	21 Humbug Day	22	23 Letter Writing Day	24
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa & Hanukkah Begins	27	28	28	31	31 New Year's Eve
** The Parade of Lights events are Non-OYC Events but have an OYC Point of Contact/Coordinator.						

And Much More.

The Tall Timbers Cruise Report,

Your Clothes Off and Dance,

Who Cooks Chili that will Make You Take

2006 Club Officers Elected,

Inside . . .

Continues.

It's November but the Fun Still

December 10
OYC Holiday
Party/COW
Belvoir Ofcr. Club
Susan Thompson

December 3/4
Parade of Lights
Alexandria & DC
Alan Jersey

November 26
Santa Cruise to
Occoquan
Walt Cheatham

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Hardy Souls
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