

The Maydarker

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Local Yacht Club Member Strikes it Big with a Lottery Win!

The Occoquan Daily Sentinel reports that a local yacht club member has won the ever popular "Discover the Occoquan River" lottery. The total amount of the winnings was not revealed but is reported to be in excess of 50 million. In an exclusive interview with the winner, who requested to remain anonymous, she talked a little about her future plans. For the purpose of anonymity she has asked to be referred to as Mrs. Commodore, or Mrs. "C".

Mrs. "C" said that, not being a selfish person, one of her first action will be to buy her husband all the marine electronics that he wants. The second item on her list is to purchase a brand new convection micro-wave oven for their boat. The third thing Mrs. "C" plans on doing is throwing a big *thank you* party for all the members of her yacht club. *"After all," she said, "their support and influence convinced her to accept their offer to serve as the club's Commodore."* But since her Captain is not a big seafood eater the menu is strictly composed of bacon cheeseburgers, and sorry – no red wine.

Well, that is fine for now but what



Not bad for a run-about, eh?

about her future plans? Mrs. "C" expressed a long held desire to cruise the Caribbean during those long sub-zero months she experiences every year on the Occoquan. With her new found wealth she has her eyes on a particularly well apportioned cruising boat in the 234 foot range that should help her to meet that goal. When asked what she considered well apportioned her response was that this particular "boat" had two convection micro-wave ovens, as well as a world famous Appetizers Chef and a foot massager.

In the mean time, Mrs. "C" was last seen at a local boat show checking out possible tenders to get her into some of those more inaccessible Caribbean locales. One such possibility is pictured above.

Someone Loves Us

Hey OYC'ers, hey boaters from the Occoquan basin area, are you ready for some goooood news for a change? Well here it is and this boater is excited. You know the manmade island out there in the Occoquan Bay, the one used for duck hunting and that is privately owned? We all go by it so often, sometimes anchor near it, fish near it, swim near it, even use it as a marker for the Blessing of the Fleet (in past years). Well, take special notice of it this boating season!

Since it is privately owned, the Corps of Engineers and other agencies cannot stop this entrepreneur from expanding his bright ideas. He is outfitting the island with a tie-up dock and offering food services for boaters. He will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, soda and other snacks with the boating world in mind. No eating on the island, just a 'purchase and run thing' and will serve breakfast and lunch staying open until the early evening hours starting Memorial Day weekend and running through Labor Day.

He wishes to remain anonymous but the name of the business will be *Island Caterers* and he promises the prices will be reasonable.

I'm hungry already!

Boater's Recipe of the Year

As everyone knows, where you find one boater others will gather. And when boaters gather they like to party. Well, here is a killer of a recipe that you can quickly whip up for some of those larger gatherings.

"Killer" Stuffed Whale with Conch Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 – medium size killer whale
- 50 – dozen conch (without shells)
- 14 – leopard seals (may substitute 420 penguins)
- 4 – bushels oregano
- 6 – bushels sage
- 3 – bay leaves
- 900 – pounds prepared cornbread (varies depending on size of whale)
- 50 – pounds butter (may substitute margarine for those wishing to watch their caloric intake)
- 100 – cloves garlic

Directions:

To prepare whale: Saute seals in butter and garlic, and chop into 25 pound pieces. Combine remaining ingredients (except conch) and stuff into whale. Cook whale about 9 inches from charcoal for 8 days, turning it slowly.

To prepare dip: Put conch in blender at high speed for 15 seconds and chill.

Serves 3,000. Bon Appetit!

Occoquan River Channel Test Site

The United States Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers have jointly engaged in a study and have selected the Occoquan River as its test site for a new concept in safe boating use by applying lane markers in the channel.

The Occoquan River was specifically selected as the ideal site due to the tremendous amount of weekend pleasure boat use as well as commercial barge traffic.

The channel would be marked with a new buoy system that would allow for a fast lane and a slow lane, much like the interstate system that directs slow moving vehicles to stay to the right lane. The buoys would be spaced far enough apart to allow for lane changing such as to pass a slower vessel. Far too often a fast moving boat has to leave the channel in order to pass a slower moving vessel and a safety issue becomes apparent. Engineer Arnold Wake from the Water Ripple Institute states that this concept could save lives and obtained a grant for this study from the US Department of Transportation, Water Management Division.

The study will be in effect starting May 15, 2006. Be on the lookout for the new marker buoys which will be orange and purple.

Two Week-long Trip

by Ned W. Rhodes

Planning has been going on for the next two week-long trip since the beginning of the year and the pacing item has been the PRYCA Float-In. Now that the date (July 15) and the location (Port Kinsale) have been decided, we can finalize our plans for the two weeks.

The plan is to use the Float-In as the jumping off point. Starting Sunday, we will take a quick trip up the Chester River to Chestertown for a night of fun and relaxation. Monday night will find us at St. Michaels for an evening of shopping and spa treatments. Tuesday afternoon will find us safely berthed in Baltimore for a trip to the science museum and dinner in Little Italy (this one is for you Commodorable). On Wednesday, we will take a quick trip for lunch up the Sassafra River to Georgetown followed by evening ice cream sodas in Rock Hall. Thursday and Friday night we will relax and enjoy the Tides for golf and bike rides into town.

Saturday night we have slips reserved at Rudy's Inlet in Virginia Beach. Leaving early on Sunday, we should have a good run to Coinjock at Mile Marker 50 in the ICW. Monday's trip up the Bay to Onancock should be enjoyable if the Bay is not too rough. From Onancock we will spend two nights at the Hyatt in



The Editor was able to find this old photo of the author from the Daymarker archives.

Cambridge for well needed rest and additional spa treatments. Thursday morning we will start our journey home with two nights at Tall Timbers. They have planned a boat burning for our enjoyment.

We will spend the last night of our trip at Cobb Island where we will hold our annual "clean out the refrigerator" party. The agenda is a little ambitious, but I think we can hold to our schedule as long as fuel is readily available.

Please email me if you are

interested in this fun-filled two week-long trip. I will need to make the reservations soon.

What's in a Boat Name

by Nose D. Names II

One of the advantages of sitting at the end of a dock is the ability to look at boats and their names. We have been entertained with the following:

1. Beeger Than Yours – seen on a 41 foot Maxum
2. Bay Ray – seen on a 41 foot Sea Ray
3. Fenders Out – boat with a PWYC burgee
4. Don't Come a Knocking if the Boat's a Rockin – also has a Confederate flag as a burgee
5. www.boatin.com – multiple laptops aboard
6. Never Been Below 301 – must be a new boater
7. Therapee – Urologist?
8. Navi Gate – Lives in Watergate?
9. Amortize This! – Accountant?
10. Power Lines or Bust – another new boater
11. Batuzi – Obviously a Batman fan
12. After You Darlin – how sweet, he actually named it after her
13. This End Up – sounds dangerous, stay away from this one
14. Slower Than Crap – a 40 foot Silverton
15. Hard Drive – More laptops and Blackberrys
16. Night Wind – That name stinks

17. Jennifer's Lot – I hope Jennifer was not counting on that money
18. Straight Shaft – Either a construction worker or an IRS employee

Springtime Wine Glasses

All the boats on C-Dock at the Occoquan Harbour Marina will be sporting these new plastic wine glasses made specially for us by Fairfax Hospital.

Using the markings on the side, you will be able to ensure that you get a full service pour. Also you will now be able to answer the question: "How much have you had to drink?" See your C-Dock representative to order your set of wine glasses (or should I say tumblers) today.

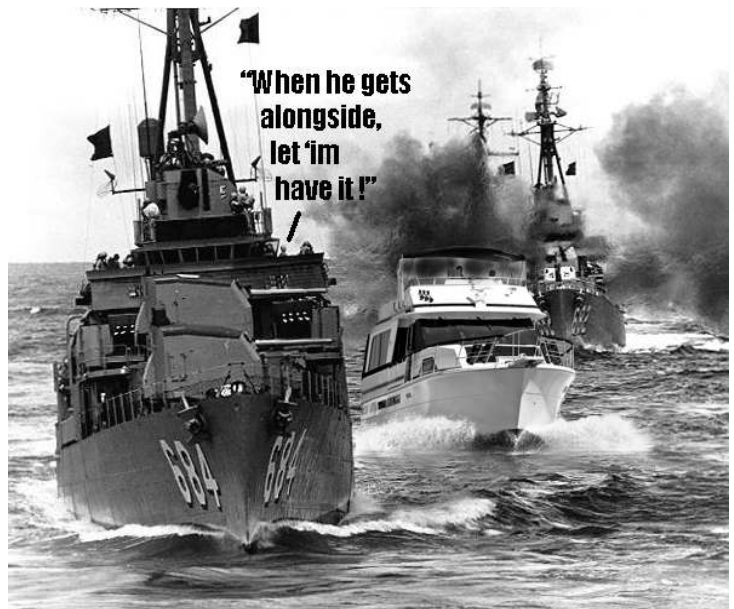


Rising Fuel Costs Forecast for 2006

(Excerpt from article published January 2006,
Uprynse Monthly)

“We are all experiencing the pressure on our boating habits because of rising fuel costs. It’s anticipated that gas will spike at over \$4.75 a gallon this summer and diesel will see similar increases approaching \$4.00 a gallon. Coming to the Chesapeake area in late spring 2006 is the introduction of a new fuel poultry nitrate based additive that unites with the polymer content of gas or diesel fuels and mitigates the loss of volume as you cruise. Based on early 20th Century technologies developed in the railroad industry where trains had to travel long distances between re-fueling stations, this same formula has been tested and is ready for the maritime consumer market. The Director of Operations for International Cruise, Inc stated in an interview, on the difficulties the cruise line industry is having with rising fuel cost, that the product known as *Pride-C* has been successfully tested and in use throughout their industry increasing fuel volume by 26% on average. There is also an undisclosed increase in speed.

“In a separate interview with the Chesapeake Bay Cruise and Yacht Development Community under the DELMARVA Association of Economic



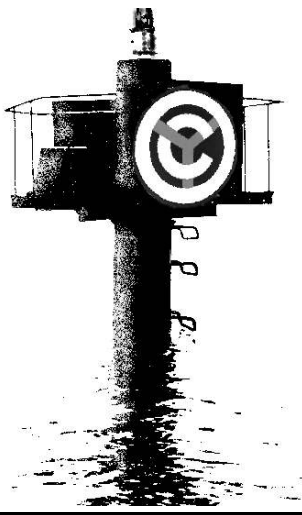
Bob and Jan Wilcox, in *Sanctuary*, show off the benefits of *Pride-C* to the US Navy.

Development, in cooperation with the Eastern Maryland Chicken Nitrate Alternative Fuel Development Association, it is anticipated that *Pride-C* will generate in excess of an 85% increase in local revenue and produce an “industry to itself” as the volume of gas and diesel stores are increased with the regular use of *Krimiderf*.”

The Occoquan Yacht Club will feature this product at our Flag Raising in May. We have been able to guarantee only 17 gallons of *Pride-C* so it will be on a first come first served approach.



**Whoever said that dog owners look like their dogs must certainly have
seen these two loafing around a local marina.
However, it’s not hard to tell which one has the cutest nose.**



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Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

COMMODORE OR FIRST MATE, BUT NOT CAPTAIN

I may be the Commodore of your yacht club but when it comes to *Forever Dreamin'* I am just the First Mate. Not that there is anything wrong with being First Mate but we have a different perspective on boating. So this is my tale about buying our new Regal Commodore 3860. The saga all started last boating season when my Captain said "We don't take this boat out often enough, we hardly ever raft up, its just too big for that." So the search was on. We needed something sleeker, with diesels (don't ask me why), faster, but about the same size. Steve went through dozens of magazines and websites trying to find yet *again* the perfect boat. We went to Kent Narrows to see a couple of boats but I wasn't convinced. So now Steve was getting desperate and we were off to the Annapolis Boat Show. There were just a few models we needed to look at. So five hours and many models later it was (he?) decided, a Regal was in our future. Now the big decision gas or diesel? I said why bother with diesel, after all it stinks. Riding in a boat with diesel engines was like breathing money burning to me and gas didn't smell. But after much discussion and some re-figuring of our finances it was decided. The order was placed and the wait was on. Oh, did I mention that before the order was placed we actually visited the Regal factory in Orlando (I thought we were going to visit friends). We got a ship date, our new baby was due to leave the



Ready to Go!!

factory on February 14. But before it was shipped we were off to Orlando (again) to be sure all was ok. There she was at the end of the production line. We climbed aboard and for me it suddenly became real, we WERE getting a new boat. Steve just couldn't wait so starting on the 21st he went down to the marina every night to see if our boat had arrived. We got a call on February 23 that she was here. The boat had to be placed 4 foot high so the IPS drives could be installed. Just getting the drives installed required a lot of coordination. After all, these are the first IPS drives on the Occoquan, or Northern Potomac for that matter. So we got a date for drive installation, March 20 was what they were aiming for. But low and behold on the 14th we got an email saying the drives were being installed. So Steve left work and headed to see his beautiful new drives. I stayed at work. After all how exciting are new drives; new appliances, now your talking. Two days later they put her in the water and off they went, the Volvo rep, our salesman, a Full Tilt Marine mechanic, and Steve. I'll leave something for Steve to
 (Cont.)



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Well, boating season has arrived. By the time the Daymarker is distributed, my designated lay up period from 1 December to 30 March will have expired. Actually, I normally look to the 15th of March in our boating area as a pretty safe point where freezing of components that have been winterized are out of harms way. What might you put on your list to do for De-winterization? Place your attention on water leaks...of the A/C, the fresh water, and the sanitation systems.

Configurations vary but air conditioning (heating/cooling) systems are closed, meaning that water flows in from outside the boat (gray water) through a thru-hull fitting to seacocks, strainers, flexible hoses, a circulating pump, hard tubing (on compressor) and back outside the boat at a thru-hull fitting. Start by opening the sea cock and then inspect along the system for leaks and then check:

- backing plate at the thru-hull for deterioration and tightness
- seacocks operate freely and are bonded (normally a green electrical wire secured to the sea cock)
- for cracks on hoses or wear points where hose might vibrate against a hard surface
- clamps for tightness and condition (deformed and signs of rust is bad)
- all hose fittings below waterline are double clamped
- hard tubing for rust and deterioration
- pump is securely mounted and bonded



The fresh water and sanitation systems on boats are open systems in that they are vented. However, they should not leak for obvious reasons. They generally have

the same functional fittings as the air conditioning system and a similar systematic check should be

made. Note that the vents should be checked for blockage (spider webs and bugs) as they do not work properly when blocked. Was that pink stuff used to winterize the fresh water system? Propylene glycol antifreeze is potable and odorless and tasteless...good luck finding someone to agree on the latter. Proceed by turning on pump, open faucet farthest from pump and drain system. Close faucet and fill water tank and drain system again. Re-fill tank again and add one quarter cup of Clorox (regular household bleach) to tank, allow to set overnight and then drain tank again and refill. Drain and refill again if you should taste the Clorox and next year don't use quite as much bleach.

Above is good preventive maintenance for new or older boats. You would be surprised how many loose fittings and poor bondings can be found. It may seem expensive to replace cracked hoses and weak clamps, but, the alternative my really be expensive. Want some free advice? The Captain and First Mate should know where all thru-hull and seacocks are on your boat. Enjoy the new boating season.

Upcoming Events:

March 25 (Sat)-General Membership Mtg. at Fairfax YC/ Joe Livingston @ 703-505-8313.

April 21 (Fri)-Coldwell's Farewell Roast at Wilcox's/ Jan Wilcox @ 703-550-0616.

April 22-23 (Sat-Sun)-Early Bird Cruise to Alexandria/Linda & Laslo Bozoky @ 703-590-8440.

May 6 (Sat)-Occoquan YC Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina/Sue Thompson @ 703-440-8114.

May 13 (Sat)-ORMA Blessing of the Fleet/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.

Cheers, Joe.

(Commodore's Article – Cont.)

talk about so be sure to ask him how the shakedown went. So here we are on Sunday and after two evenings and one full day the newest *Forever Dreamin'* is just about ready for her first cruise. Now I need to do my job – STOCK THE GALLEY.

Now for my recipe of the month, this was a new one I tried last season with rave reviews. They freeze and store well for "drop-in" company.

Crabbies

- 8 oz crabmeat
- 1 jar Kraft Old English Cheese
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ cup butter (1 stick), softened
- 8 large toasted bread rounds (English muffins)

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a large bowl combine crab, cheese, mayonnaise, garlic powder, and butter. Divide mixture evenly over bread rounds and spread. Score each round into quarters and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake until topping is heated through and golden brown on top, about 10 – 15 minutes.

Till next time, I'm Forever Dreamin'.

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Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

HOW TALL ARE YOU?

An article in Boat US and during our recent trip down the ICW moved me to consider; what is the rule of law and what is reality. The law (federal)says you must contact the bridge by name on the radio even if the bridge is opening for others or has regular bridge opening times. However, in reality, during our trip to Florida, we called several bridge tenders on the radio requesting bridge clearances to determine if we needed the bridge open for us to pass under, and never received a reply. At one bridge, we waited for almost an hour while maintenance was done on the bridge.

On the other hand, if you request to raise a bridge, that the boat would fit under if you lowered the antennas and or outriggers or you miscalculated the height of the boat. You could be fined an outrageous amount of money. An abnormal high or low tide could change whether your boat will fit under the bridge and change the requirement you need to have the bridge opened.

It all comes down to the bridge tender and his decision as the whether the boat will fit under the bridge. Three feet of clearance is the average to clear a bridge. We all know that from a quarter mile away, it is hard to know how much three feet is or isn't.

The bottom line: When in doubt, open the bridge, save your boat and answer the letter from the GS-99 with a request to have the boat height measured at a Coast Guard Station. Finally, a bridge tender who does not respond to a request to open a bridge or does not maintain a clearance gauge, should also share in the responsibility and also face the possibility of a fine.

Although not a problem on the Potomac, the Bay has many bridges which many of us can't fit under. Check the charts and tides.

Plane to Sea back on Plane

The 4th of July Weekend at White Point

by Rick Sorrenti

OYC will host a cruise to White Point Marina and Yacht Club for the 4th of July Weekend, July 1 - 4th. We currently have 6 boats that expressed interest at the Plan Fest held in January. We will be limited to 15 slips so now is the time to confirm your reservations!!

Please send an e-mail to Rick Sorrenti at sorrentis@comcast.net with the following data:

Captain/First Mate
Boat Name
Length/Beam
Power Requirement
Date of Arrival and Departure

Product Safety Recall – Fire Extinguisher

WBSF-ABC110AP

WBSF-ABC210AP

WBSF-ABC340AP



The following Strike First Corp 2.5 lb. and 5 lb. dry chemical fire extinguishers are being recalled:

Mdl. No.	Serial No.
WBSF-ABC110AP	TC101566-TC108819
WBSF-ABC210AP	TC114969-TC135000
	VV822001-VV832000
	WH161001-WH167622
WBSF-ABC340AP	TC135894-TC142345

The valve stem seat may prevent the extinguisher from discharging properly. Retrofit kits are available to correct this problem.

These extinguishers are not very prevalent in local stores. They are red, not white, in color. For more information visit the Strike First web link at www.strikefirstusa.com/serv_bull_002.htm.

The *Coldwells* are leaving...

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Please join us to bid a fond OYC farewell to Mary Ann and Tom Coldwell before they head south to begin their new life in Cary, North Carolina. Let's toast (and roast) their many years of dedicated service to OYC and celebrate the many years of fun and cruising we've all shared together. Dinner and beverages will be served.

Date/Time: Friday, April 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Jan & Bob Wilcox's house

8208 Lazy Point Lane, Mason Neck, VA 22079

RSVP:

By April 16th

Call 703-550-0616 or

Email jhwilcox@aol.com

Directions:

Pretend you are going to Fairfax Yacht Club. After passing under the railroad bridge (don't forget to honk for safety), turn left at the stop sign onto Old Colchester Road. Take the first right onto Anita Drive. Follow Anita for about a mile to a right onto Lazy Point Lane. The house is straight ahead. Parking in the driveway is very limited – so please park on Anita if necessary.

Hope to see you on the 21st! RSVP now!!

Blessing of the Fleet

May 13th 2006 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars! More than two hundred boats are expected to cruise along the Occoquan River to take part in the area's sixth annual Blessing of the Fleet, Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA).

ORMA is coordinating efforts of the Occoquan, and Prince William Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Potomac Marine-TowBoat/U.S., and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.

The event is open to all boats in the area.

OYC Flag Raising

by Sue Thompson

Boating Season is just around the corner! OYC will officially start the 2006 boating season at their annual flag raising on May 6th, at Occoquan Harbour Marina. The ceremony will start at noon but why not arrive early to enjoy the festivities. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served along with lots to drink. You are asked to please provide a dish to share to round out our menu. If you know of any boaters (new or old) that are not members, this is a good time to introduce them to the club. In addition to raising the flag, the Quartermaster will be there with her goodies. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be present to perform courtesy vessel safety checks. And don't forget about our club's annual cannon fire to officially open the season. If you have any questions contact any board member. Hope to see you there.

Bring your boat and crew for this special time-honored seafaring tradition...

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

Plan now to "parade dress" your boat with festive flags and colors! Invite family and friends to participate in a chaplain's invocation of blessing for safe cruising the year ahead *for your boat and crew.*

This simple ceremony harkens back to ancient times when fishermen and seafarers yearned for good fortune and safety at sea—which at times was perilous. As the fleet departed seaward, priests invoked blessings upon each vessel as it departed. The Occoquan community re-invigorated the annual Blessing of the Fleet in 1999 when the tradition was embraced by the yacht clubs of the Occoquan vicinity and the [Occoquan River Maritime Association](#).



How does it work?

Fairfax and Prince William County First Responders, Coast Guard, and Law Enforcement will lead a procession of boats outbound from Prince William Marina passing the Blessing Boat moored at the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina fuel dock. Participating boats will form-up proceeding outbound passing the Blessing Boat and, once "blessed", proceed outbound. The procession will include a host vessel with local dignitaries and media representatives embarked.

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

Plan now to take part!

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

Point of Contact : ORMA Coordinator Chris Webster, WebsterCw@msn.com.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Kenny Harris, 4/12	Daria Lepisko, 4/12
Peter McLeod, 4/15	Tom Shank, 4/15
Sarah Robins, 4/17	Susan Cheatham, 4/19
Paula Wexler, 4/19	Brian Young, 4/23
Patricia Maxwell, 4/24	Jennifer Burrows, 4/26
Laslo Bozoky, 4/27	Joan White, 4/27
Arleen Rhodes, 4/29	Jerry Darnell, 4/30

Welcome New Members

Rob & Jana Burton of Fairfax Station. They keep their 36' Cruisers, Forplay, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Scott & Terri Casteel of Fairfax. They keep their 35' Four Winns, Resolution Too, at Pilit House Marina.

Anniversaries

Merri Jo and Bill Gamble, 4/3
Clara and William French, 4/5
Mary Lynn and Randy Snowman, 4/10
Karen and Ronald Marx, 4/12
Donna and Gary Lee Gochenour, 4/19
Elizabeth and Andrew Kalweit, 4/20
Dana and Huy Phan, 4/29

Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach

by Ed & Stephanie Karpinski

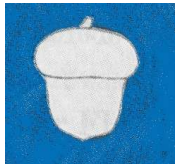
It's no April Fools joke – the Memorial Day cruise to Colonial Beach is coming up soon!!

By that time the boating season will be in full swing and you should be ready for some serious cruising. There was quite a bit of interest in the Colonial Beach cruise expressed at Planfest – preliminary interest was expressed by the following boats:

Codie-Logon	Bay Dreamer	Our Dream	Jet Global	Sunshine	Plane to Sea II	Lucy E
TDY	Great Escape	C:\Sea Drive	Cadenza	Gail Lynn II	Sea Venture	Forever Dreamin'
Sea Duck Too	Empty Packets	Stephanie Ann	Sanctuary	Touch of Fate	Impulse	

We are working on a list of activities for the weekend and will provide the details shortly. So far the marina and Dockside restaurant are hosting a free picnic cookout on Saturday afternoon. Also on Saturday, the Town of Colonial Beach is hosting Market days and Bluemont concert on the town commons. On Sunday we are planning tours of the Westmoreland Berry Farm and the Ingleside vineyards which was a very popular event last year. Those who went last year will recall the VIP tour and wine tasting. Cruisers may want to rent a golf cart so they can "land yacht" around town with ease. A group meal and/or brunch may be in the plans and we will coordinate with the cruisers and make arrangements as we get closer to the trip.

We are looking forward to spending a great weekend with everyone. If you have any questions or would like to sign up or if you need to cancel out of the trip please call us at (703) 590-7260 or e-mail us at elkarper@aol.com.



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

Quarterly Treasurer Report

The early hints of spring remind us that within a few weeks we will be back on the water and into the 2006 boating season. Hopefully, we will start off with a well-attended and enthusiastic General Membership meeting on March 25th.

Planning for a variety of spring and summer cruising is well underway. For those of you who haven't cruised with the *CLUB*, or for those who have not recently participated, the club's planning theme is placing special emphasis on sharing knowledge, promoting boating safely and finding the right experience for every level of our group from the novice to the experienced captain—with time reserved for wine, song and "fine dining". O.K. some time it's paper plates.

Financially, the club is robust and healthy. Our winter expenses depleted the treasury as usual. Membership dues are replenishing the assets, but budgeting and planning is always easier when the resources are made available early. So for those of you who have forgotten to mail your renewals or waited to see what gasoline prices will do this year, (DOWN modestly, I predict), please send your remittances to me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your support and your commitment to OYC.

Signed, Your Treasurer, one of "*Bat Too*"

INCOME:

MEMBERSHIPS	3,208.00
CHRISTMAS PARTY	3,569.00
QUARTERMASTER	635.75
MISC	205.18
STARTING BALANCE 10/01/05	3,142.96

EXPENSES:

DAYMARKER	1,020.74
CHRISTMAS PARTY	4,859.94
PLAN FEST`	660.84
QUARTERMASTER	635.75

ASSETS:

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
BALANCE 03/21/06	4,011.62

NOTICE: LOST AND FOUND

Ladies: If you found that your black boots don't fit quite right after the Wilcox party, contact Linda Bozoky (703) 590-8440.

If you lost a multi-colored plate around the time of the plan-fest, contact Liz Kalweit (703) 404-0171.

2006 Occoquan Yacht Club Cruise Calendar

DATE(S)-DAY(S)-TIME(S)	EVENT-LOCATION	CONTACT-TELEPHONE
FEBRUARY		
4 (Sat)-1400-1700	Planfest at Oasis	Joe Livingston-540-373-9203
12 (Sun)-1000	Brunch at Fort Belvoir Officer Club	Rick Sorrenti-703-590-6724
17-20 (Fri-Mon)-Arrive early	Land Cruise to Cambridge Hyatt	Gail Livingston-540-373-9203
MARCH		
25 (SAT)-1400-1700	General Membership Mtg at Fairfax YC	Al Jorsey-703-850-2888
APRIL		
22-23 (Sat-Sun)	Early Bird Cruise to Alexandria	Linda/Laslo Bozoky-703-590-8440
MAY		
6 (Sat)-1200-1500	Occoquan YC Flag Raising at OHM	Sue Thompson-703-440-8114
**13 (Sat)-1100-1400	ORMA Blessing of the Fleet-Occoquan	Joe Livingston-540-373-9203
27-29 (Sat-Mon)	Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach	Ed/Stephanie Karpinski-703-590-7260
JUNE		
**9-11 (Fri-Sun)	Cobb Island Days Cruise to Cobb Island	Peggy/Bill Johnson-703-799-1042
17 (Sat)-1200-1600	Dinghy Regatta at OHM	Liz/Andrew Kalweit-703-404-0171
**24 (Sat)-1600-2200	Tim's Rivershore Fireworks-raft-up	Ruth/Ted Eisenman-703-491-5197
24-2 July (Sat-Sun week)	Mid-bay Week Cruise	Harry Croft-703-402-1238
JULY		
1-4 (Sat-Tues)	Fourth of July Cruise to White Point	Rick Sorrenti-703-590-6724
4-5 (Tue-Wed)-Dpt 1100	Fireworks in DC-raft-up Washington Chan	Al Jorsey-703-850-2888
** 8-9 (Sat-Sun)	Tim's II Fireworks-Raft-up at Fairview	Need Oyc Coordinator
**Jul 14-16 (Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Float-in at Port Kinsale Marina	Joan Hicks-703-850-8625
AUGUST		
5 (Sat)-1400	Moore's Marina Blast	Dave Moore-703-494-0651
11-13 (Fri-Sun)	OYC August Cruise to Solomons	Chris Webster-703-278-8865
18-20 (Sat-Sun)	End of Summer Party to Aquia Harbour YC	Susan/Walt Cheatham-703-243-2430
SEPTEMBER		
2-4 (Sat-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise to Kinsale Marina	Need OYC Coordinator
2-4 (Sat-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise to Point Lookout	Pat/Carl Maxwell-703-680-0090
**9-10 (Sat-Sun)	Party on the Potomac at ODBC	Dave Moore-703-494-0651
OCTOBER		
7-9 (Sat-Mon)	Columbus Day Cruise to Tall Timbers	Gail/Joe Livingston-540-373-9203
21 (Sat)-1400-1700	Membership/Election Mtg at FYC	Al Jorsey-703-850-2888
28 (Sat)-1200-1600	Crab Feast at Hoffmaster's	Joe Livingston-540-373-9203
NOVEMBER		
10-12 (Fri-Sun)	Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria	Arleen/Ned Rhodes-703-741-0861
25 (Sat)-1000	Santa Cruise from OHM to Occoquan	Susan/Walt Cheatham-703-243-2430
DECEMBER		
**2 (Sat)	Alexandria Parade of Lights	lloyd@funsided.com-703-838-4200
**3 (Sun)	Georgetown Parade of Lights	Loraine Lloyd-703-549-2079
9 (Sat)-1800 2300	OYC Holiday Party at Ft. Belvoir OC	Joe-Livingston-540-3733-9203

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April 2006						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Kite Month (of course) Straw Hat Month						1 April Fools Day
2 * Daylight Savings Time Starts	3 National Workplace Napping Day	4	5	6 National Fun At Work Day	7 No Housework Day	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Passover Begins	13	14 Good Friday	15 Husband Appreciation Day
16 Easter	17 Blah! Blah! Blah! Day	18	19	20	21 Farewell Coldwells at Wilcox's	22 ** Early Bird Cruise to Alex.
23 Early Bird Cruise to Alex.	24	25	26 Admin/ Secretary's Day	27	28 Arbor Day	29
30 National Honesty Day	* Peanut Butter Lovers Day ** Also Earth Day and Jelly Bean Day					
May 2006						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Get Caught Reading Month National (Cheese) Hamburger Month						
	1 May Day	2	3 Lumpy Rug Day	4 Umbrella Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 * OYC Flag Raising at OHM
7	8 No Socks Day	9 National Teacher Day	10 **	11	12	13 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
14 Mother's Day	15 National Chocolate Chip Day	16	17	18	19 Hug Your Cat Day	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Neighbor Day	22 National Maritime Day	23 World Turtle Day	24	25 Ascension	26	27 Cruise to Colonial Beach
28 Cruise to Colonial Beach	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Chinese Dragon Boat Festival	* Nurse's Day ** Root Canal Appreciation Day		

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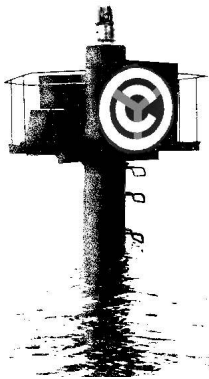
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