

# The Daymarker

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Sue Thompson

### AND YOU THOUGHT CRUISING THE POTOMAC WAS A CHALLENGE

It's the height of boating season so if your Daymarker arrived a day late or so it is because your board and Daymarker editor have been out enjoying the wonderful world of boating. Let me bring you up to date since last month because a lot has happened. Congratulations go out to all OYC members who attended the 2006 PRYCA Float-In and helped us bring home 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There was a tie for first (both teams having 18 points) but a team consisting of one boat brought home the cup (the tie breaker was their dinghy race time which was 1 minute) and they were from the Quantico Yacht Club. Our third place win earned us a respectable 17 points. Special congrats go out to Steve Thompson and Dana Phan for coming in first in the life ring toss and to Rick and Teresa Sorrenti for coming in third in the dinghy race. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to the PRYCA bridge for a great event!

After the Float-In my Captain and I joined some other OYCers for a 10 day cruise. I won't go into details about that other than to say we only had one night of rain, great shopping, and great food. We brought along some friends from Maine and learned a lot about boating in that state. For example, did you know that the boating season in Maine starts on June 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on September 15<sup>th</sup>? That's when their docks come out of the water. We also learned that the tidal difference is much greater than ours, up to 10 feet. We did teach our friends a few things like knot tying



The PRYCA Ring-Toss Champs.

and how to secure a boat to a piling (since they have such a great tidal range they don't have pilings, only floating docks). They also do most of their boating in water a lot rougher than the Potomac, seeing as how they are in the Atlantic Ocean and in water 200 feet deep a few hundred yards out from their protective harbor.

October and the General Membership Meeting is fast approaching and we will be looking for folks to serve on the board. Please let any board member know if you are interested. Also, at the October board meeting we will have a guest speaker from NOAA speak to us about boating and the weather.

Now for my recipe of the month. This is from my sister Donna, and has been enjoyed by not only our family but OYC as well.

### Shrimp Dip

½ large or 1 small box Velveeta cheese  
1 can cream of shrimp soup (undiluted)  
1 can medium shrimp

Melt Velveeta cheese, add soup. Stir till completely blended and add shrimp. Serve warm.

Till next time, I'm *Forever Dreamin'*



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

### HELLO ALL MEMBERS

The Gail Lynn II has been actively cruising during the month of July. She has made Ports of Call in the District of Columbia for the 4th of July fireworks display, to Kinsale, Virginia for the PRYCA Float-in, to Yorktown and Portsmouth, Virginia for a naval history lesson, and to Deltaville, Virginia to avoid some bad weather and to relax. My mate and I were aboard 24 days with 21 overnights and have enjoyed spending time with our family, OYC members, and other friends within the recreational boating community. August and September will provide YOU the opportunity for both longer distance and short distance cruises ... come cruise with your OYC club members ... check your calendar.



**Fireworks and Music  
on the Potomac in DC**

For longer cruises, coordinate with Chris Webster and call the Spring Cove Marina to reserve a slip for the August Solomon's Cruise and/or contact Pat & Carl Maxwell for information on the Labor Day Cruise to Point



**Riverwalk and new docks at Yorktown**

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Lookout. A nearby cruise (a great cruise as your first cruise) will be the End of Summer (Dog Days) Party at Aquia Harbour Yacht Club (see registration form in back). In conjunction with this weekend event, there will be a "Discovery Days Fest" at Aquia Landing, Virginia and the sailing vessel Godspeed, a tall ship, will be making a Port of Call at Aquia. Another short cruise will be the Party on the Potomac being sponsored by the Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria (see the enclosed "save the Date" flyer). Make reservations with Alexandria City Dock or plan to join the raft-up on the water front and come to enjoy the weekend and attend the art festival in Old Town Alexandria.

In October, a Columbus Day Cruise to the Gangplank Marina on the District of Columbia waterfront and to the Fort Washington Marina is being planned. We are planning to spend one day/night at each location and see a stage play, have dinner and, of course, do a little partying along the way. Contact me if you have interest and would attend such a weekend.

### Upcoming Events:

- August 11-13 (Fri-Sun) – OYC August Cruise to Solomon's/Chris Webster @ 703-278-8865.
- August 18-20 (Fri-Sun) – End of Summer (Dog Days) Party at Aquia Harbour YC/Joan Hicks @ 703-768-4014.
- September 2-4 (Sat-Mon) – Labor Day Cruise to Point Lookout/Pat & Carl Maxwell @ 703-680-0090.
- September 9-10 (Sat-Sun) – Party on the Potomac at ODBC/Walter Kraus @ 703-768-4014.

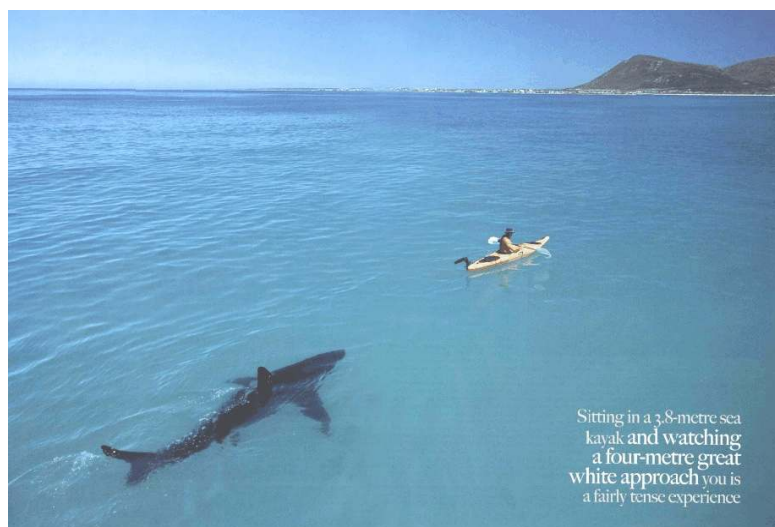
Cheers, Joe

### A Couple More Photos From the Dinghy Regatta at Occoquan Harbour Marina





## How to tell if your boat is too small.



Photographer/Publisher Unknown



**Teresa (the Captain) and Rick (the swabby)  
halfway thru their great Third Place effort.**

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## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Alison Rose, 8/1	Andrew Kalweit, 8/7
Bryan Burrows, 8/12	Sharon Striker, 8/12
Edward Karpinski, 8/17	Jody Miller, 8/19
Steve Krouse, 8/23	Rob Burton, 8/24
Monica Lovell, 8/26	Huy Phan, 8/29
Linda Cunningham, 8/30	

### Anniversaries

Barbara and Larry Freedman, 8/7  
Barb and Tom Egmore, 8/20  
April and Dave DeHanas, 8/22  
Maria and Timothy Gibbons, 8/22  
Debbie and Jim Minard, 8/24  
Susan and Walt Cheatham, 8/30

### Welcome New Members

Sorry but there were no new members joining the club in July. I guess we were too busy enjoying ourselves.



**PRYCA 2006 – Port Kinsale**



**Dana's Near Perfect Ring-Toss Form**



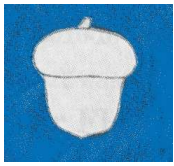
**A Vacation on the Bay**  
(Cruise One)



**A Vacation on the Bay**  
(Cruise Two)







Treasurer

Trish Mattke

### CASH IS KING!!!

As your treasurer it is my duty to report that Cash is King.

Not everyone can enjoy the serene calm of lapping waves, the splendor of soaring Osprey, the thrill of zigging and zagging through crab trap buoys. Boating is for those who can float. Float loans to pay for gas, spend your inheritance, your retirement, your spouse's second job income. Thank heavens I'm your treasurer and have an endless amount of money.

Things like impellers, fuel pumps, water pumps, 3 batteries, fiberglass damage, prop damage, hull damage, generator problems, a bent anchor (?!), stuff that I'm not admitting too and neither is my Captain.

All this takes is a "boat load" of money and the ability to enjoy it as it sinks.

With that said let me be the first to say how much we enjoy our boat. But let me also be the first to say, money isn't everything, – unless of course you haven't paid your dues for 2006.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and have good friends in high places.

Your honest treasurer,  
One of "BAT TOO"



Secretary

Gail Livingston

### BAY CRUISE TO NORFOLK

The three Motor Yachts, the *GAIL LYNN II*, *PLANE TO SEA* and *SEA VENTURE* departed Port Kinsale on 16 July 2006, destination Yorktown, VA. The Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay were not forgiving but all three cruised into port at the Yorktown City Marina with no mishaps. We were entertained by the sailing ship "The Alliance" which has been moored at the Yorktown marina since late 2005. There are tours scheduled 3 times daily including an evening sunset cruise. The picturesque and quaint Yorktown waterfront has been rebuilt since its destruction from Hurricane Isabelle. The Old Town area has a clean and



About to Enter Historic Yorktown

attractive beachfront, good dining, and specialty shops.

At no cost a shuttle picked up our crew on the waterfront and took us through the Colonial National Historical Park -- scene in 1781 of the siege of British forces under General Charles Cornwallis by General George Washington and Count de Rochambeau and the surrender of Cornwallis besieged by Union forces Under General George McClellan during the Civil War and evacuated in 1862). Oh! Also as the shuttle approached Pubs back at the waterfront all jumped off being that it was 1200 hours and we needed to quench our thirst and have a bite of local flavor.

We departed Yorktown Tuesday morning and arrived at Portsmouth and the Tidewater Marina that afternoon. There are museums,



great shops including Antiques, Art, and Specialty and the best, "The Kitchen Koop". Visiting the NAUTICUS Naval museum in Norfolk – reaching it by paddle boat \$.50 one way, and touring the Battleship BB64, *USS WISCONSIN*, known as *Big Whisky* was a highlight of our cruise. The Wisconsin and the Iowa are the only US Battleships, and they are currently on Mobilization Reserve Status. Except for a couple shoppers, the crew boarded the *Victory Rover* for a 2 hour Naval Base Cruise viewing Aircraft Carriers, Nuclear Submarines, Guided Missile Cruisers and much more.

The last port of call was to be White Point on the Potomac but weather deteriorated on the Chesapeake changing our port to Deltaville on the Rappahannock and the Dozier Regatta Point Yacht Center. What a great Marina -- swimming, an all new marina clubhouse and lounge with satellite TV and restaurants nearby that provided transportation. A marina courtesy car was available to take a one hour tour of Deltaville. It was a relaxing two days. The seven hour run to the Occoquan and homeport was smooth and a climax to a wonderful week.



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cruise to the Yeocomico River

by Rick Sorrenti

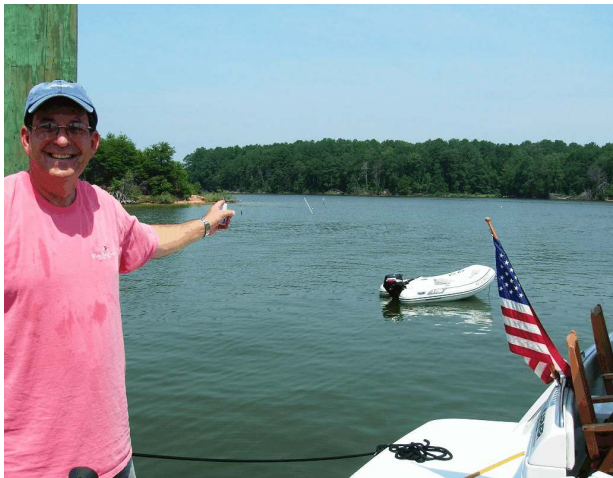
The White Point Marina and Yacht Club provided the backdrop for another fabulous cruise. Helping White Point celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary we came prepared for the festive weekend of doing what we do

best...eating, drinking and generally relaxing. The White Point Yacht Club were our hosts for the festivities on the 4<sup>th</sup>, which included a great cook-out and fireworks coupled with yours truly winning the 50/50 drawing. The rest of the time was spent at the swimming pool, biking, and the daily forced march with our 4 legged crew members. The OYC Rescue Squad did participate....somewhat.....in helping a grounded



**Half of the OYC Rescue Squad - Ready to Go.**

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**Better Practice Those Knot Tying Skills.**

OYC member's boat. The picture below says it all. For those of you that attended, thank you and for the members who did not make the trip...we're sorry you missed such a great cruise.

Until next time....*Sea Duck Too* back to one six



**Another Successful Rescue.**

## Labor Day Cruise to Point Look Out

by Carl Maxwell

Hello fellow shipmates. Final stages of planning are underway for our Labor Day getaway. Summer has passed its half way mark so it's time to take a quick snapshot on our arrangements and to remind you-all that you need to phone Point Look Out Marina to

[www.pointlookoutmarina.com](http://www.pointlookoutmarina.com)

16244 Miller's Wharf Road

Ridge, MD 20680

Phone: 301-872-5000 or toll-free 877-384-9716

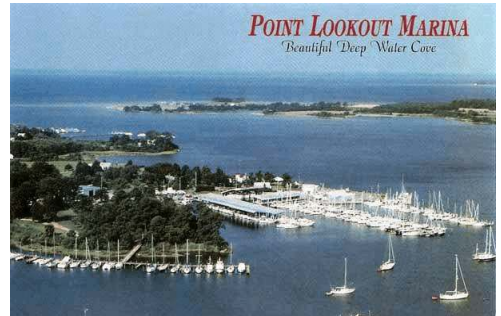
Fax: 301-872-4033

ensure you have a slip for the cruise. I have following names on the sign-up list: Thompson, Rhodes, Hatten, Eisenman, Sorrenti, Croft, Dubraque, Maxwell, Zsirm, and Jeirles.

Please respond if you have not yet done so, so that I have an

idea how many to plan for. My email address is [carl-maxwell@comcast.net](mailto:carl-maxwell@comcast.net). Additional emails will be sent to all to confirm our sign-up list is set. Also if you decide you want to go on the trip it is not too late to sign-up. We have 15 slips so feel free to get a slip and join the trip!

Thanks,  
Sunshine



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## Cruise to Solomon's

by Chris Webster, Coordinator

We have the following members on the list at this point: Schall, Freedman, Jorsey, Wilson, Turic, Lasch, Johnson, Rhodes, Thompson, Jerles and Webster

On April 6th I sent out a snapshot of the cruise dates and sign-up list for Solomon's. We expect to have a great time. This email is to remind you-all that you need to phone Spring Cove Marina

<http://www.springcovemarina.com/> to ensure you have a slip for the cruise.

In any case this is a reminder for three things:

- 1) If you have not done so, please confirm back to me that you are coming (use [Webstercw@msn.com](mailto:Webstercw@msn.com)) and the number in your party.
- 2) Your planned arrival date
- 3) Please phone and confirm your reservation

I am planning on putting out a float plan on or about 01 AUG. There is still time to join us if you like.

Solomons is fun and unless the Bay acts-up it's beautiful run.

Thanks and feel free to be in-touch with ideas or suggestions.

All the very best // Chris Webster



# Occoquan Yacht Club

## August 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Happiness Happens Month						
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Coast Guard Day	<b>5</b> Work Like a Dog Day
<b>6</b> Friendship Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> National Underwear Day	<b>10</b> S'mores Day	<b>11</b> Chinese Valentine's Day	<b>12</b> Cruise to Solomons
<b>13</b> Cruise to Solomons	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Relaxation Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Sand Castle Day	<b>18</b> Bad Poetry Day	<b>19</b> End of Summer – Aquia Hbr
<b>20</b> End of Summer – Aquia Hbr	<b>21</b> Poets Day	<b>22</b> Be an Angel Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> National Dog Day
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Natl. Toasted Marshmallow	<b>31</b> Love Litigating Lawyers Day		

## September 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month Subliminal Communications Month					<b>1</b> Chicken Boy's Day	<b>2</b> Cruise to Point Lookout
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<b>10</b> ODBC Party on Potomac	<b>11</b> Patriot Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Fortune Cookie Day	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> POW/ MIA Recogn. Day	<b>16</b> Wife Appreciation Day
<b>17</b> Time's Up Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Talk Like a Pirate Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Dear Diary Day	<b>23</b> Rosh Hashana
<b>24</b> Ramadan Begins	<b>25</b> World Maritime Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Fish Tank Floor Show Night	<b>29</b> VFW Day	<b>30</b> Pumpkin Day

# Oh No! – Boating Season is Half Over!!

Inside . . .

**2006 PRYCA Float-In Cup Results,**

**The OYC Rescue Squad,**

**A Bay Cruise and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cruise**

**Reports,**

**Lots of Pics to Make you Envious,**

**And Much More.**

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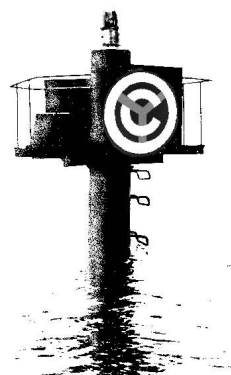
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