

# The Daymarker

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## Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

### A NEW YEAR

I can't believe I am your Commodore. You voted and now you are stuck with me. It became official at the Holiday Party/Change of Watch on December 10. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the 2005 board and volunteers for all their hard work. It sure was a great team to lead us in a real fun year. For those of you who missed the holiday party you will need to check with our Immediate Past Commodore Rick Sorrenti to find out what he learned (and still remembers?) as Commodore. Congratulations go to our award winners for 2005. Commodore's Cup was awarded to Steve Thompson. I know this may sound slightly prejudicial, but seriously, he worked hard to earn this and I couldn't more proud. The Bent Prop Award went to Harry Croft. You now know what happens when the whole club hears about your mistakes, remember we want to see you display this award proudly. And finally, The Golden Snorkel Award went to Terry Mattke who accepted it most graciously.

Now I know you are asking yourselves what can I expect to read in the Commodore's Column in the upcoming months. Well, as you all know I sort of have a reputation of providing



Happy New Year

new and exciting foods to our happy hours.

So at the request of some of our first mates, I will try to provide a monthly recipe to share. This month's recipe is great for happy hours, breakfasts or brunch. Enjoy (and let me know if you are making it so I can come visit and help devour them).

#### Sausage Rolls

1 pkg prepared pie crust (the kind in the dairy case that you roll out)  
1lb. bulk sausage  
Roll out 1 pastry sheet and spread with half the sausage. Roll like a jelly roll. Repeat with remaining pastry and sausage. Refrigerate for at least 1 hr (overnight is best). Preheat oven to 350. Slice thin and bake until golden brown (about 15 minutes).

As always, I'm Forever Dreamin'



The 2006 Occoquan Yacht Club's Board



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

**LET'S LOOK TO THE FUTURE**

Thank you for confirming me as Vice Commodore of the Occoquan Yacht Club. As of last month, I could only spell "vice" but not "commodore" but now I am Vice Commodore of both the OYC and the Potomac River Yacht Club Association. I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve and seek OYC members to volunteer support and make the 2006 boating season a great success. Communications is key.

Commodore Sue has provided a list of duties for me to assume but since I can't spell or, as a matter of fact, can't read either. I will depend upon her verbal guidance and membership input to keep us on track.

Hope that's not too subtle, but that's twice I have said that I look forward to **You**, the Club members becoming active, volunteer, and enjoy the benefits of our yacht club.

Task 1: Schedule. Can you help me get our year planned? Between now and the first of February, I will be coordinating and formalizing the events and cruises for the coming year to establish the 2006 "Schedule of Events" **Request** an e-mail to [joseph.livingston@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net) and let me know your desires and input for cruise destinations or activities ... your ball.

Task 2: Develop Fleet Captains. We have Fleet Captains at many marinas in and about the Occoquan. We need a Fleet Captain at Captain John's Marina...any volunteers? As a member, do you know who the Fleet Captain is at your marina? Hope so, but if not, be active and find out and seek their assistance to make us a better Club.

Task 3: Safety Training. Several have shown interest in revamping and promoting the BOATR (Boat Operation and Training Retention) Safety Program...a safety program that teaches and demonstrates on water boating skills and knowledge based upon established standards. Tell me if your interested and we will start in March, 2006.

**Upcoming events:**

January 14 (Sat)–Wintertime Blues/Bob and Jan Wilcox–703-550-0616

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[opsco@earthlink.net](mailto:opsco@earthlink.net)

January 21 (Sat)–PRYCA Change of Watch/Steve Thompson–703-440-8114

February 4 (Sat)–OYC Planfest at Oasis Restaurant/Joe Livingston–540-373-9203

February 12 (Sun)–Brunch at Fort Belvoir Officers' Club/Rick Sorrenti–703-590-6724

February 17-19 (Fri-Sun)–Land Cruise to The Tides Inn/Gail Livingston–540-373-9203

Cheers, Joe

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**Land Cruise to The Tides Inn**

by Gail Livingston

Start the new year with a Land Cruise to The Tides Inn. The Club has planned what looks like a fun weekend at one of Virginia's finest resorts. The weekend will feature a Mardi Gras theme with a New Orleans style dinner, Masquerade Ball, and a party cruise aboard the *Miss Ann*, a 120' motor yacht.

The event will be the weekend of **17-19 February** (arrive Friday & depart Sunday). The Inn is located in Irvington, Virginia about 2.5 hours drive South along the Rappahannock River. Room rates will begin at \$159.00 per night for deluxe accommodations. Pets are welcome w/a one time "pet fee" of \$35. We will be able to negotiate a lower room rate with 10 or more Club members attending. Weekend schedule will develop as we determine interest and attendance.



**Aerial view of The Tides Inn with the *Miss Ann* at bottom.**

Need to know now if you will attend. Number of persons. Will you bring a pet? Will you arrive on Friday or Saturday? Will you do the *Miss Ann* Cruise. There will be a reception Friday evening, a New Orleans style dinner and Masquerade Ball Saturday, a "Fat Tuesday" Party Cruise on Saturday on the *Miss Ann*, and possible other events. To be included in this weekend event please respond now to Gail Livingston by e-mail: [joseph.livingston@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net)

Looking forward to a great weekend. Joe and I have been to the Tides Inn many times by boat and it is one of our favorite places for relaxation. Come Join us.

Give me a call sooner rather than later if you have questions at 540-373-9203 and leave a message and phone number. After the 5th of January we plan to be on the ICW to Florida but I will return your call.



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

### THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

Historic Harbors 2005 Holiday Boat Parade of Lights began on Dec. 01, 2005 with the Captain's and First Mate's Reception at Old Dominion Boat Club complete with complimentary beer, wine, hors oeuvres, music by JC and the Hopcats, parade instructions, and a gift bucket of goodies from the merchants.

Saturday, Dec 03, there was a dismal weather forecast, but having some experience with weather forecasters and the fact that I was the coordinator, we



*Plane to Sea II*

**2005 Parade of Lights - Alexandria**

**Photo courtesy of Katherine Frey, The Washington Post**

decided to go anyway. The crew of *Plane to Sea II* consisted of me, First Mate Lynanne, and Captain Joe Livingston and First Mate Gail. While we gassed up *Plane to Sea II* at Hoffmaster's we loaded it with lights, decorations, and all the good stuff we thought was needed to create a theme that was only created that morning in a dream.

While Capt. Joe sailed up the creek so to speak, I started putting together our sign with Lynanne and Gail. Our theme was Support Our Troops to honor our troops serving our country which makes it possible for all of us to have the great freedom to be in this parade. When we arrived at Alexandria Marina we quickly started putting together our decorations to include the Grinch, deer, lots of lights and a six by eight sign which read "Support R Troops" made of candy cane rope lights--did not have time to make "our" so it became "R". We finished in time to join the line as number 35 of 53 in the parade.

We made two passes by the Alexandria docks each time announcing that we were from OYC and that we "Supported Our Troops" and then went to the Washington Harbor where we did the same. We then had a complimentary slip at Gangplank and proceeded to the Cantina Marina for the awards reception where

*Plane to Sea II* won the Spirit of America award for both Alexandria and Washington. The bad weather arrived about the time we got back to *Plane to Sea II*, but by morning it was clear again and we went to brunch at the Capital Yacht Club and then sailed back to Hoffmaster's, took down all the decorations and went home after a most enjoyable weekend--You should try it next year.

Plane to Sea II Back to Plane

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### **The 2005 Santa Cruise**

by Fred Foss

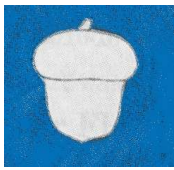
Saturday morning, November 26, dawned as a sunny, chilly, breezy day during which OYC would deliver Santa to the town of Occoquan. We arrived at our slip around 9:15, quickly did our safety check, and were underway for the gathering spot at the OHM Gas Dock at 9:30. The *Gail Lynn II* and *Plane to Sea II* were already started and left with us. These 2 crews had decorated their boats on Friday, and done a very nice job. Belinda and I had spent the previous weekend decking the *Seaclusion II* out with 700 lights, a 14 foot animated holographic train on her bow, a waving Santa on her radar arch and a Christmas tree and blinking snowflakes in the cockpit.



**They're Smiling –  
Santa must have told them that  
they've been good this year.**

After getting tied up at OHM, we broke out the "brunch" goodies and began celebrating and taking pictures. We were joined by the *Bay Dreamer*, *Robin's Nest*, the new *Stephanie Ann*, and *Lizzie Bitz Too*. Since Walt Cheatham, the Cruise Coordinator, had a last minute commitment, I was asked to fill in as Cruise Coordinator. At about 10:35, Captain Livingston found me in the crowd and began gesturing at his watch. When we both swallowed what we were eating, he asked where Santa was and said that we needed to be getting underway to make Occoquan by 11:00 AM.

(Cont.)



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

(2005 Santa Cruise Cont.)

### WHEN REVERSE EQUALS FORWARD

Well, the checkbook is balanced, bills are paid and the New Boat Fund is growing quietly in the shady corner. So what to write about when the temperature is below freezing and the boat is (finally) safely out of the Captain's reach. She's up on blocks waiting for the soothing hands of the OHM mechanics to restore the lovely lines of the stainless anchor and heal the scars of the Battle of Haines Point.

Most of you probably missed the event, as it was overshadowed by the spectacle of enthusiastic crowds exhorting the 30,000 runners abusing themselves in the Marine Marathon. In fact except for the two surprised Coast Guard sailors on board for a routine inspection, no one seemed to notice the encounter. I was busy attempting to bribe the Federal Officers with chocolate chip cookies while our own Captain Ahab focused on the puzzle presented by a boat that slowly but purposefully motored back and forth across the river current with both engines in neutral. Something was amiss, but we made the classic mistake of ignoring our instincts and tried to drive out of trouble. As a result, when we tried to pivot left with the port engine reversed and starboard engine forward, the boat accelerated straight ahead. Resorting to full back on both engines seemed justified, but to everyone's surprise, like a creature possessed the 8.1 litre double prop engines drove us straight into the concrete and steel bulwark. We bent the steel guard rail post and slid off to the left. By now the Coast Guard was muttering and ready to get off, although they did the courteous thing asking politely if we'd like them to check below to see if we were taking on water. Satisfied we weren't actually sinking, they left and we resumed our trouble shooting. It didn't take long to work it out.

Needless to say, with the score 1 – 0 in favor of the Point we were done for the day. As you experienced boaters have all guessed, our port drive cable had escaped the bracket that controls and shifts the outdrive from forward to neutral to reverse. So, in close to the bulwark we had only forward and more forward when we ran the throttles up—even in reverse gear.

Lessons anyone? Well, listen to your boat. Boats don't magically motor across currents with engines in neutral. Distractions, Coast Guard sailors, dogs, children, bloody Mary's or Vanilla rum can break habit patterns, affect judgment, and disguise even obvious problems. And finally, in most cases applying more power is not the answer. At least that's what we learned up against Haines Point.

Now, back to the checkbook. But this time it's ours.

I began to panic, thinking I had misunderstood the time schedule. I immediately began canvassing the other Captains to determine the correct ETA. It was determined to be Noon, so with a sigh of relief we returned to the task at hand, more partying and picture taking. Santa showed up at 11:30, posed with the kids for pictures, and, with Captain Sorrenti directing operations, we boarded our vessels and began the parade to Occoquan. It was decided that Santa would ride on the Seclusion II which prompted several of the children to ask permission to come aboard and ride with him, which we granted.



**Santa's Nautical Sleigh has Arrived.**

We were quite a spectacle going up the river with decorations blinking and flashing, stereos blaring Christmas Music, horns blowing, and the Bay Dreamer's genset billowing white smoke. We arrived to a crowded city dock and attracted quite a crowd along the sea wall. We took one turn in a circle and then we went to the dock to disembark Santa. As he was swallowed by the crowd, we shoved off and went back down river to our slips.

OYC came through for Santa and the kids of Occoquan once again.

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Did you know . . . You too could be the proud owner of your very own lighthouse?

Middle Ground Light, Thimble Shoals Light, Smith Point Light, and Wolf Trap Light are now privately owned. Middle Ground Light sold for the bargain price of \$31,000 while Smith Point Light went for \$170,000.

Check out GSA's web site [www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov), click on "Real Property Disposal", and see how you can bid on future offers.

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Secretary

Liz Kalweit

### FOR THE BEGINNER

[Editor's Note: Ken is a club member who is a GREAT guy, but rarely comes to any OYC events. Liz is trying to get him to show up more often, since he doesn't know how much fun he's missing out on. If you know club members like Ken, ask them if they read *The Daymarker*, show them this issue and what they're missing. Please do your part. Thank you.]

Dear Ken:

I hope you enjoyed the holidays, but like me, I'm sure you're also kind of welcoming back the less- hectic day-to-day routine. Now we can watch the days get longer, and think about getting our boats back on the water!

I just wanted to write to you about a couple of OYC events coming up, because I know you don't make it to club events very often, and I don't want to nag you but you really should participate more, because you don't know how much fun you're missing! Everyone always asks about you, anyway. Okay, I'm done "shoulding" on you, for now.

Wasn't it great that Steve Thompson was awarded the Commodore's Cup at the Change of Watch in December? I was so pleased for him! He works so hard for this club, as the editor of *The Daymarker*, supporting Commodore Sue, participating in and coordinating cruises, and helping to coordinate our itinerary for the year.

I've mentioned this before, and it's time to remind you once again: Come to the Planfest in February and sign up to participate in as many of the cruises and club events planned for 2006 as you can! I think you came to a Planfest once. The food was free.

In addition to the cruises, there's lots of fun and interesting land-based stuff to look forward to all-year 'round. Some of these might be up your alley; Captain Andrew and I enjoyed ourselves:

We both served on the board, as secretary (me) and rear commodore (Andrew). Now I'm back as secretary. Vicki Hamp did a great job as secretary for the past two years! Remember to thank her the next time you see her, if you haven't already.

Did I ever mention that Andrew and I contributed to the OYC web site as writers, reporters, and photographers? You might have fun with that. If you're interested, let me know. I can hook you up!

We also contributed to *The Daymarker*, again, by taking pictures and playing "cub reporter" by covering events OYC either sponsored or participated in, and by spreading information important to boaters.

We've enjoyed our OYC membership since we joined six years ago. We've coordinated cruises, and we've participated in countless events that were OYC-

based, and PRYCA-based as well. We've scavenged, volleyed, canoed, kayaked, dinghied blindfolded, balloon-tossed, played tug-o-war, showed off our bosun skills, navigated, knotted, laughed, and learned a lot. Equally importantly, sometimes we simply showed up to cheer on our fellow OYCers.

And, since you love boating, there are great opportunities beyond the marina, and beyond OYC! Several OYCers became even further involved in boating through the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron, and the Occoquan River Maritime Association. You already know that Andrew has his U.S. Coast Guard captain's license and is a professional towboat captain with TowBoat U.S. Did you know that a few of our club members were towed in by him, and a few more of our club members also have captain's licenses now, too?

It's your club, so have fun with it! It's been such a pleasure to be a member of OYC, and it is truly an honor to serve on the board again. Best wishes for a safe year of boating in 2006.  
Your friend, Liz

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## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Fred Foss, 1/1	Daniel Kent, 1/10
Janet Sobie, 1/12	Alan Gorenstein, 1/14
Walt Cheatham, 1/15	Stephanie Karpinski, 1/19
Ned Rhodes, 1/22	Shane Hatton, 1/23
Vicki Hamp, 1/28	Jan Wilcox, 1/31

### Anniversaries

Linda and Laslo Bozoky, 1/4
Kathy and Shane Hatton, 1/19
Gigi and Nadir Hanna, 1/30
Rebecca and John Heinze, 1/30

### Welcome New Members

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

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## St. Valentine's Sunday Brunch

by Rick Sorrenti



Teresa, Jillian, and I will be hosting our 6th annual St. Valentine's Sunday Brunch on February 12 at the Fort Belvoir Officers' Club. Due to the nature of this event, firm reservations must be provided. You can be assured that the selection of food and drink will be vast and you will not be disappointed. If you would like to attend please send me an e-mail at [sorrenti\\_rick@bah.com](mailto:sorrenti_rick@bah.com). This has been a very popular event in the past so get your reservations to me immediately. We will more than likely capped at 40 people, so don't delay!!

After a few beverages at the OYC Holiday Party, Jan & Bob Wilcox agreed to substitute for Marg & Rob Grant this year in hosting the Ain't No Cure for the Wintertime Blues Party. You may have watched from the water as their new house was being built - now is your opportunity to see it by land.

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## 5th Annual

### Ain't No Cure For The Wintertime Blues Pot Luck Dinner

OYC Members and Boating Friends.....It's that time again!

Good Food- Pool-- Good Friends- Music- Drink- Good Food & Drink Again

When: January 14, 2006

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: 

Jan & Bob Wilcox (standing in this year for the Grants)

8208 Lazy Point Lane

Mason Neck, VA 22079

#### What To Bring:

If Your Last Name Begins With.....

A-G Appetizer and/or Dessert

H-N Salad / Side Dish

O-T Main Course

U-Z Dessert and/or Appetizer

Beer & Soda will be provided.

Please Bring Your Own Wine (White Wine Only,  
Please)

#### RSVP(Now!!):

January 10, 2006

703-550-0616 Leave A Message or

Email: [jhwilcox@aol.com](mailto:jhwilcox@aol.com)

#### Directions:

Pretend you are going to Fairfax Yacht Club. After you go under the railroad bridge, turn left at the stop sign onto Old Colchester. Take the first right on Anita Drive. Follow Anita for about 1 mile to a right onto Lazy Point Lane. Go straight ahead toward the water to 8208. Parking in the driveway is limited so you may need to park on



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## OYC 2006 PLANFEST

It's that time of the year again to plan our upcoming boating season. Since the Commodore's new boat will be arriving in February she is anxious to get the boating season started. This is an event for everyone. Please come and bring your suggestions for a weekend, week long, or land event. All suggestions are appreciated.

**Place: Oasis on the Occoquan  
(formerly Gecko's)**

**Time: 2 - 5 pm**



**Munchies will be provided by your board. See you then.**

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Did you know . . . Quicksilver makes a water eliminator for diesel fuel tanks?

Being the future owner of a diesel powered water conveyance this editor is now more attentive to articles of the diesel nature. This water eliminator sells for \$13.60, you need one for each tank, and is good for an entire season. Check out [www.mercurypartsexpress.com](http://www.mercurypartsexpress.com).

[Editor's Note: This info was found in this month's *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*.]

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## Occoquan Yacht Club Calendar

<i>January 2006</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Jump Out of Bed Month Oatmeal Month						
<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Dimpled Chad Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Fruitcake Toss Day
<b>8</b> Elvis' Birthday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Blame Someone Else Day	<b>14</b> Winter-Time Blues at Wilcox's
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> National Cheese Day	<b>21</b> PRYCA Change of Watch
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> **	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Australia Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Chinese New Year	<b>30</b> Bubble-wrap Appreciation Day	<b>31</b>	** Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day			
<i>February 2006</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Cherry Pie Month Return Shopping Carts to Supermarket Month			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ground Hog Day	<b>3</b> Wear Red Day	<b>4</b> OYC Planfest at Oasis
<b>5</b> Super Bowl Sunday	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Dump Ur Significant Jerk Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> **
<b>12</b> Brunch - Fort Belvoir Ofcr's Club	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> National Gum Drop Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Land Cruise to Tides Inn	<b>18</b> Land Cruise to Tides Inn
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mardi Gras				
** Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day						

*Winter Is Here! Let's Go  
Boating:  
Inside . . .*

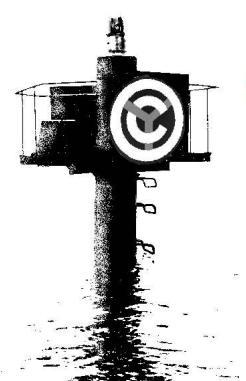
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