

The Daymarker

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Sue Thompson

ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?

You bet we are. We currently have 89 members and I've seen lots of them out on the water enjoying their boats and the OYC family. But for those of you I haven't seen, here is just a small sampling of what you missed.

Our first cruise was to Alexandria – the Early Bird Cruise. We had a little rain the first day but like they say, aren't boats made to get wet? Lots of shopping, great food and don't forget the 7:30 am dog walks, a highlight of most of our cruises. Not only are they great for our four-legged friends but you get to see sights you probably wouldn't normally see.

Our next adventure was Memorial Day at Colonial Beach. We had a blast. First we were invited to join the Colonial Beach Yacht Club for a cookout. The next day we visited the Westmoreland Berry Farm where most everyone enjoyed some great strawberry shortcake. That was followed by a wine tasting at Ingleside winery. And if that wasn't enough, this was all followed by a great BBQ hosted by our cruise coordinators (see the article in this issue). We also visited a craft fair and spent time bicycling or driving a golf cart around Colonial Beach seeing the sights. Are you starting to wish you went? If not, read on.

Our next cruise was a short trip down the Potomac to a laid back village of old called Cobb Island. Our coordinators started us off with a great happy hour salute to Jimmy Buffet. The next day we awoke to craft fairs, fireman parades and competition, and let's not forget the visit to



Independence Day

the new Art Gallery/ Coffee Shop/ Ice Cream Parlor. At the end of the day we joined other PRYCA members for happy hour followed by dinner at our choice of one of their restaurants. Next day was brunch followed by some folks touring the island on bikes. Along with all of this let's not forget the great sunsets and just being outdoors on the water away from phones, television, and all those other electronic gadgets.

Wherever we go it seem like everyone always has a great time. So all of you who haven't been on a cruise yet check out our schedule for a fun spot you like (or someplace new you'd like to explore), pick up the phone, and call a coordinator to sign up. OYC members always try their best to ensure everyone has a great time.

Here's the recipe of the month. It's easy to prepare, has great taste, and is a real crowd pleaser.

Zesty Cocktail Meatballs
1 package prepared meatballs
1 12 oz jar chili sauce
1 12 oz jar grape jelly

Mix chili sauce and grape jelly together in slow cooker. Heat on high until smooth. Pour thawed meatballs in slow cooker. Stir to coat meatballs with sauce and simmer on low heat for about 3 hours. Stir occasionally.

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



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Has your crew enjoyed your first Club event or cruise for the 2006 boating season? The year got a jump start in February with the Planfest and a long weekend at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina. March featured the General Membership Meeting at the Fairfax YC and April delivered the Early Bird Cruise to Old Town Alexandria. Then May provided a tribute to our Military Services and the U.S. Flag at the Occoquan YC Flag Raising, followed by the Blessing of the Fleet and a cruise to Colonial Beach. My conservative estimate is that approximately 700 members have already enjoyed a variety of activities for this boating season...Don't **YOU** want to share in the experience and learn boating safety, cruising tips and the wonders of the Potomac River basin.



A Little more to Starboard, er your Port.

On Saturday the 17th of June the Occoquan Harbour Marina hosted the Dinghy Regatta and a Potluck picnic. Thanks to Dick and Caroline Lynn for their tremendous support. We had some 35 OYC Club members and a great afternoon. The Dinghy Regatta or "blind man dinghy race" was suspended for technical equipment problems, but, Rick and Teresa Sorrenti proved again that *he does what she sez* as they qualified to be the Clubs' Dinghy Pair at the July Float-In. The Ring Toss provided lots of vocal support, but, unfortunately we need practice. Ned Rhodes was awarded 1st prize, Nabil and Lucy Dubraque's Son-in-law, Scott, took 2nd and Ted Eisenman was 3rd. We need a First Mate (female) that can throw the life ring 30 feet...training will be provided. Then, talk about potluck. Food was plentiful and special. A big "Thank You" goes to Sharman and Kenny Harris for their **Dog**

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Anybody for Dessert?

Commodore Sue!! For those that missed this event, ask for details as you attend your next event. Thanks to all attending for a great afternoon.

and Chile...cooked on his "\$6,000 commercial roller cooker". We know cooking is an art, but that lone sausage was coveted to the last. Laslo really had no idea that it was planned for your evening meal,



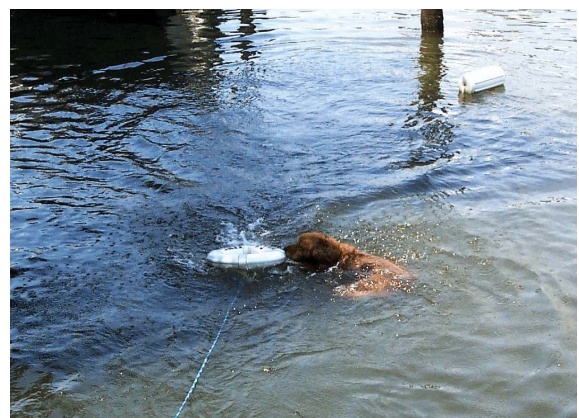
A few of the gang enjoying themselves.

Please note that Moore's Marina Blast scheduled for the 5th of August has been cancelled. See the item later in this issue. There are two cruises (week long) planned to start following the PRYCA Float-In on 16 July. The first coordinated by Ned Rhodes was previewed in last months Daymarker. The second will go South to Norfolk area and make ports of call at Yorktown and Portsmouth. Contact Joe Livingston if interested in this cruise.

Upcoming Events:

- July 4-5 (Tue-Wed) – Fireworks in DC-raft-up in Washington Channel / Al Jorsey @ 703-850-2888.
- July 14-16 (Fri-Sun) – PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale Marina / Joan Hicks @ 703-850-8625.
- August 11-13 (Fri-Sun) – Cruise to Solomons / Chris Webster @ 703-278-8865.
- August 18-20 (Sat-Sun) – End of Summer Party at Aquia Harbour YC / Joan Hicks @ 703-768-4014.

Cheers, Joe



A good retriever helping out with the ring toss.



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey



HELP CELEBRATE OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTHDAY

Again this year, several OYC boats will raft-up in the Washington Channel to watch the fireworks on July 4th. The Washington Channel is on the east side of East Potomac Park just past Haines Point between the Potomac River and the Anacostia River. Plane to Sea II will proceed up river to arrive mid afternoon on the 4th and drop anchor for you techo GPS types at Lat 3852.767N, Lon 07701.729W or about in front of the Capital Yacht Club for the rest of us. The raft-up will grow to whatever we have room for.

Some of us will spend the night at anchor in the channel. Others may want to check slips available at James Creek Marina, Buzzard Point Marina, Gangplank Marina, Washington Marina, or Capital Yacht Club. Entering the channel, call any OYC vessel on channel 16 and someone will answer to guide you to us. Hope to see you there. Any questions, call Allen Jorsey at

703-850-2888.

Plane to Sea back to Plane



Cruise to Solomon's

by Chris Webster, Coordinator

Well for those of you who braved the Tim's fireworks show on the 24th, here is an invite that hopefully will carry better cruising conditions. Join us for a little trip up the Bay to Solomon's on 12 AUG. We are 6 weeks out from the event. If you have not contacted Solomon's yet I strongly recommend you do so if you plan to attend this nifty cruise. Solomon's has nice facilities, is easy to get-to, and sheltered if the weather gets testy. I am going to try to get there FRI the 11th, but the official dates are 12-13 AUG. I am open to any suggestions for get-togethers as we get to the point where we know for sure who is coming and what they prefer to do. I am thinking about a pot-luck on SAT Night so everyone gets to socialize a bit, and a trip down the street for brunch on Sunday prior to departing. If this by chance is your first trip up there, I can assist you with navigation planning or finding someone to cruise with.

In any case this is a reminder for three things:

- 1) Please confirm back to me that you are coming (use Webstercw@msn.com) and the number in your party. I know some have sent me notes, but plans change, so I would like to firm it-up.
- 2) Your planned arrival date
- 3) Please phone and confirm your reservation

All the very best // Chris Webster

Attention all OYC Members

OYC schedule change, please read and note.

It is with sincere regrets that the event scheduled for August 5 at Dave Moore and Gina Croci's home has been canceled. Conflicts have arisen that will require Dave and Gina to be away at that time. There were also several, as yet, unresolved logistical problems.

Dave and Gina would like to assure OYC members that next year they will reschedule and things will work out.

They apologies for any advance planning on members' part for this event and are truly sorry.

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Jean Goodnough, 7/1

Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/14

Steve Krouse, 7/18

Patricia Croft, 7/2

Jerry Lepisko, 7/15

Jpe Hoffmaster, 7/26

Barb Egmore, 7/30

Anniversaries

Patricia and Harry Croft, 7/2

Lynn and Bob Wilson, 7/2

Mary Ann and Tom Coldwell, 7/6

Jody and Don Miller, 7/8

Debbie and Daniel Kent, 7/11

Suzanne and Richard Lewis, 7/11

Martha Jane and Ed Dodd, 7/18

Lee and Bob Fortna, 7/18

Daria and Jerry Lapisko, 7/19

Frank and Wilma Spikes, 7/19

Monica and Henry Lovell, 7/24

Sabrina and Patrick Worchester, 7/25

Terri and Scott Casteel, 7/27

Sharon and Jack Striker, 7/30

Welcome New Members

Jim & Judy Dooley of Lorton. They keep their 24' Bayliner, *Jus Chill-in*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Charles & Doris Burton of Spotsylvania. They keep their 31' Sea Ray, *Loco*, at Hope Springs Marina.

Richard & Suzanne Lewis of Burke. They keep their 28' Chaparral, *Day Tripper*, at Hoffmasters Marina.

Cruising Preparation

by Joe Livingston



Here we are well into the cruising season. The dates are all set, the destinations have been worked out and we know who has paid and will definitely be going on the *cruise*. Now, is the boat ready to launch?

JOE HAS A BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

Take all the equipment you will need on the other end:

- Know what power cords you will need and put them on board.
- Water hose for cleaning the boat and connecting to shore water.
- Fenders for those tight slips and high winds
- Plenty of towels to keep visual areas clear when running.
- Basic tools to be prepared for small fixes.
- Batteries for flash lights, walkie-talkies etc.

Change the oil if needed and check the batteries for water and corrosion.

Are all of the switches working on the console – radio, horn, lights (nav, spotlight, transom etc,) bilge blowers, generator, trim tabs, radar etc.?

Are the air conditioners in working order (it gets hot in July-August!)?

Waste tank clean and fresh water tank full.

Well, Joe has gone through his checklist and all is in working order.

Gail is responsible for the living area of the boat.

STATEROOM:

Do we have the proper clothes for the trip. (The last trip to Cobb Island Bill and Peg Johnson had a *Jimmy Buffett* party. How about a Jimmy Tee Shirt, oh, and a parrot to adorn your hat!!!)

Extra boat shoes are always a good idea so you have a dry pair in case of rain or *HEAVEN FORBID* you *fall in the water!*

HEAD:

Toiletries for both and plenty of towels.

Our laundry bag is never empty when we are on a

cruise and if you run out of underwear there is always a recyclable in there somewhere (get a bag with holes, they work best).

Take along some treasures for the treasure hunt if you are going to the float-in for extra points for OYC:

– Light bulbs for all size lamps 110 and 12 Volt.

– A fan to use in the bathroom, it helps keep down humidity and gives great circulation.

SALON:

Bring games, stock the bar and check the library for proper chart books that includes marina information.

Do we have DVD's and or the cable for TV.

Always have extra throw pillows for seating.

GALLEY:

Stock the refrigerator and other food reservoirs.

Clean sponges and dishtowels are a must. Don't forget laundry soap for those long cruises and the recyclables (dirty clothes) are to the limit!

Check the recipes for the ingredients you will need to prepare for Happy Hour apps and the just-in-case-meals.

LAUNCHING:

Secure all items and make sure the frig is snapped shut and cabinets are closed.

It is good to have lunch ready ahead of time due to that unexpected squall's that hit whenever you least expect it.

Have your lines ready to secure the boat at the first marina or raftup

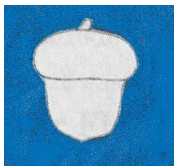
Make sure the throwable has a 30 ft line attached to it in case of emergency it can be tied securely to the boat and reach the mate in the water.

A bucket is good for bailing and or passing items from your boat to another.

HAPPY CRUISIN TO YOU!!!



Joe and HIS strawberry shortcake.



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

QUARTERLY TREASURER REPORT

March 30, 2006 thru June 30, 2006

It's that time of year again for the financial report. Thank you to all our members for your continued participation and loyal support to OYC. Membership remains stable, a few new mariners joined this spring and we have said good-bye to some old friends. Financially the ebb and flow of members has been neutral but remember, each and every one of you make a difference in our club!

Have a happy and safe July 4th holiday. Your Treasurer, one of "BAT TOO"

INCOME:

Membership.....	\$ 1,635.00
PRYCA Float in.....	\$ 2,024.00
Misc.....	\$ 76.00
Quartermaster.....	\$ 1,295.00

EXPENSES:

Daymarker.....	\$ 668.73
PRYCA Float in.....	\$ 2,059.00
Flag Raising.....	\$ 237.48
Membership Meeting.....	\$ 270.42
Blessing of the Fleet.....	\$ 150.00
Misc.....	\$ 65.00
Quartermaster.....	\$ 1,666.37

ASSETS:

Checking Account Balance.....	\$ 3,893.76
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June 20, 2006

July Holidays and Observances

There were so many interesting holidays and observances for the month of July that the editor thought they should all be shared with the membership. So, here they are:

- 2nd** *I Forgot Day – Freedom From Fear of Speaking Day*
- 3rd** *Compliment Your Mirror Day – Stay Out of the Sun Day*
- 6th** *Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day*
- 7th** *Father-Daughter Take a Walk Together Day*
- 13th** *Embrace Your Geekness Day – Gruntled Workers Day*
- 15th** *Gummi Worm Day – Be a Dork Day*
- 16th** *National Ice Cream Day*
- 17th** *National Get Out of the Doghouse Day*
- 20th** *National Lollipop Day – Special Olympics Day*
- 22nd** *Rat-catchers Day*
- 23rd** *Gorgeous Grandma Day – Parents' Day*
- 27th** *National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day – Take Your Houseplant for a Walk Day – Walk on Stilts Day*
- 28th** *National Milk Chocolate Day – System Administrator Appreciation Day*
- 29th** *All-American Soap Box Derby Day*



**Who is this masked man?
Responses will be published in next month's Daymarker.**

Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach

by Ed & Stephanie Karpinski

The Memorial Day cruise to Colonial Beach was a great success. Over 20 OYC boats made the trip to the Colonial Beach Yacht Center and were treated to great weather and a fun weekend. Colonial Beach is a cute little golf cart friendly town – OYCers could be seen zipping around on their golf carts all weekend long. On Saturday afternoon there was a craft fair on the town commons and a complimentary bar-b-que at the marina hosted by the Dockside restaurant. Saturday night we had dinner for 22 at the Dockside restaurant -- good food and good conversation.



Are we having fun yet?

sweet tooth the cruisers were back on the bus to head for the Ingleside Vineyard for a private wine tasting. We were treated to more than 15 different wines served up by knowledgeable wine experts. The wine was complemented by platters of cheese, crackers, fruit, and cookies. After the tasting, the OYC cruisers pretty much cleaned out the retail store and left heavily laden down with bags and boxes full of wine, wine glasses and other wine-related goods. Sunday night we had an



Is this heaven? No but you're close, it's a vineyard.



Good Friends - Good Eats - It's an OYC cruise.

old fashioned Memorial Day cookout for around 50 people. The OYCers ate, drank, and chatted until way after dark. It was a great way to spend the evening.



Happy Thoughts

Reluctantly we departed on Monday and headed back up the river. All in all a fantastic weekend and great start for the cruising season.



A Different Taste of Heaven?

Happy cruising – Ed & Stephanie Karpinski
("Stephanie Ann")

Occoquan Yacht Club

July 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Women's Motorcycle Month National Bakes Bean and Hot Dog Month (of course)						1 July 4th Cruise to White Pt.
2 July 4th Cruise to White Pt.	3 July 4th Cruise to White Pt.	4 July 4th Cruise to White Pt.	5	6 Dalai Lama's Birthday	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 PRYCA Float-In at Prt.Kinsale	15 PRYCA Float-In at Prt.Kinsale
16 PRYCA Float-In at Prt.Kinsale	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	* Due to the number of significant holidays in July they have been listed elsewhere in this issue of the Daymarker				

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

It's Hot - It's Muggy - It's Time to Party on the Water!! Inside . . .

A Memorial Day Cruise Wrap-up,

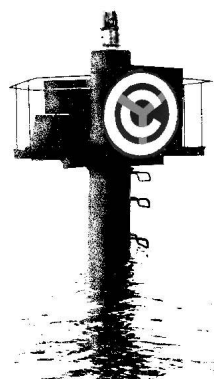
A 2006 Year-to-Date Review,

**Some Helpful Hints for Preparing for a
Cruise,**

YES, We Have Money,

And Much More.

**July 4 - 5
Fireworks/Raft-up
in DC
Al Jersey
July 14 - 16
PRYCA Float-in
at Port Kinsale
Joan Hicks
July 16 - 7
South Bay Cruises
Joe Livingston &
Ned Rhodes
August 11 - 13
Cruise to
Solomons
Chris Webster
August 18 - 20
PRYCA End of
Summer Party at
Aquila Harbour YC
Joan Hicks**



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