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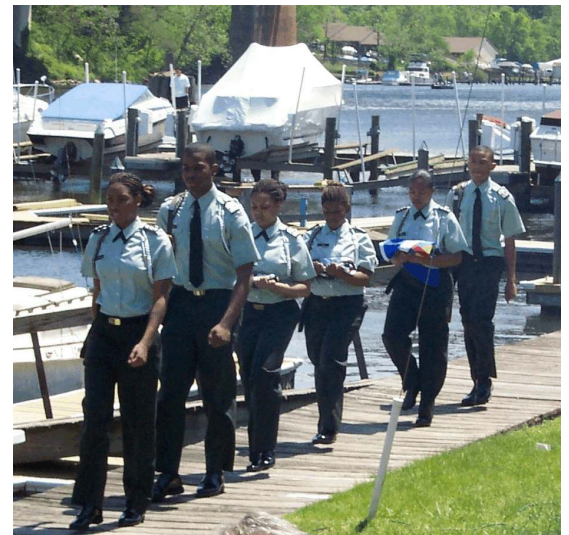
Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

SERIOUS BOATING SEASON

The flags are raised, the boats are blessed, and now it is time to get down to some serious boating. I know everyone likes to have a good time when boating but let's not forget to do it safely. Here are a few quick reminders to help you have a safe and healthy boating season.

1. Get a vessel safety inspection – when was the last time you used your navigation lights? Do they work? A vessel inspection will check this out. Why wait until you need something to find out it doesn't work.
2. Check your fire extinguishers. Is the indicator pointing at green?
3. Check your flares. Do you know how long they are good for? They are good for 42 months. But keep the expired ones on board. Just because they are expired doesn't mean they won't work.
4. Restock your first aid kit. Remember all those band aids you used last summer. If you don't have one, get one and if you have pets on board please have a kit for them. For more information check out the Treasurer's May Daymarker article.
5. Bows of boats are not for riding. Please remember to keep your friends and family safe, don't allow them to ride on the bow when you are underway.
6. Put kids under 12 in Life vest at all times around a boat or dock. Without it one slip could turn a good time into a tragedy if someone should fall into the water.



McKinley Technical HS Army Jr. ROTC presents the colors at the Flag Raising.

7. Remember you are responsible for your wake so observe no wake zones, when in doubt slow down.

All that said, please have a safe and happy boating season.

Here's an easy recipe that you can use for brunch, happy hour or anytime.

Bacon Wraps

Precooked bacon
Pineapple chunks
Water chestnuts (optional)

Cut bacon slices and pineapple chunks in half (if using water chestnuts leave bacon slice whole). Wrap bacon around pineapple and (water chestnut – optional). Secure with a toothpick. Microwave until bacon is cooked about 1 minute. Enjoy. Now how simple is that!

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



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Hello – I really would like a volunteer to coordinated the August 18-20 "End of Summer Party" Cruise to Aquia Harbour Yacht Club. This cruise is close by and will be real easy to coordinate since Aquia HYC will do all the work...can you pass information? Call me.



"I Spell" TANGO HOTEL ECHO- ALPHA
BRAVO CHARLIE- OSCAR FOXTROT- VICTOR



HOTEL FOXTROT- ROMEO ALPHA
DELTA INDIA OSCAR- PAPA ROMEO
OSCAR CHARLIE ECHO DELTA
UNIFORM ROMEO ECHO SIERRA-
TANGO OSCAR- ROMEO ECHO
DELTA UNIFORM CHARLIE ECHO-
MIKE INDIA SIERRA UNIFORM

NOVEMBER DELTA ECHO ROMEO
SIERRA TANGO ALPHA NOVEMBER DELTA INDIA
NOVEMBER GOLF- INDIA SIERRA- TANGO HOTEL
ECHO- PAPA HOTEL OSCAR NOVEMBER ECHO
TANGO INDIA CHARLIE- ALPHA LIMA PAPA HOTEL
ALPHA BRAVO
WHISKEY
NOVEMBER-
GOLF
ALPHA LIMA
ROMEO ECHO-
ALPHA KILO-
NOVEMBER



ECHO TANGO-
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SIERRA INDIA
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DELTA- ROMEO

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YANKEE- VICTOR INDIA ECHO WHISKEY- TANGO
HOTEL ECHO- ALPHA BRAVO OSCAR VICTOR
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ALPHA YANKEE- "I SPELL" TANGO
ECHO DELTA- ZULU SIERRA INDIA
ROMEO ALPHA INDIA-
NOVEMBER ALPHA MIKE ECHO-
CHARLIE OSCAR ROMEO
ROMEO ECHO CHARLIE TANGO
LIMA YANKEE. "Now use this to
learn the phonetic alphabet and be a
safe boater!!"



Upcoming Events:

– Jun 9-11 (Fri-Sun) – Cobb Island Days at Cobb Island/Peggy & Bill Johnson @ 703-799-1042.

– Jun 17 (Sat) – Dinghy Regatta/Potluck at OHM/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.

– Jun 24 (Sat) – Tim's Rivershore Fireworks Raft-up/Ruth & Ted Eisenman @ 703-491-5197.

– Jun 24 to Jul 2 (Week) – Mid-bay Week Cruise/Harry Croft @ 703-402-1238.

– Jul 1-4 (Sat-Tues) – Fourth of July Cruise to White Point/Rick Sorrenti @ 703-590-6724.

– Jul 4-5 (Tue-Wed) – Fireworks in DC w/Raft-up in Washington Channel/AI Jorsey @ 703-850-2888.

Cheers, Joe

Tim's Rivershore Fireworks/Raft-up

by Ted Eisenman

It is that time again for the fun part of the boating season...seeing some fireworks. I have been looking for a good place to hold a raft-up in the vicinity of Tim's (24 June) so that we can accommodate some of our more "draftier" boaters. So far, I have the following people signed up: Theodore & Iona Zsirai (Empty Pockets), Joe & Gail Lynn Livingston (Gail Lynn II), and Walter Kraus and Joan Hicks (Sea Venture). (I will be checking just days before to ensure Tim actually got a permit this year.)



If you would like to attend, please send an email to eisenmant@comcast.net and give your expected time of arrival. I will be at our chosen location by 1600 to set up for fellow rafters. When approaching the area, hail the "C:\Sea Drive" (pronounced Sea Drive) and I will get you on a working channel for your approach and raft-up assignment. Come out and enjoy the evening events as well as the fellowship of your club's boaters. See you there!

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Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

THE SWEET SMELL OF FRESH WATER

In the spring when we fill up our water tanks, we often get water that smells and tastes bad. The problem is usually the pink stuff some use to winterize the tank and lines. But more often it is algae or a bacterium that grows in the water tank.

Two thirds of a cup of bleach for every ten gallons of water in the tanks is enough to solve the problem if left overnight, then pumped out, and then flushed again. After you get the water smelling good, a teaspoon of bleach for every gallon once a month will keep the tank fresh.

After the water starts to smell fresh, the next thing you want to do is purchase an in line water filter, which will filter out the chlorine. Buy an extra filter cartridge as you will be surprised how much the first filter will pick up. The water will smell and taste good in addition to making great ice cubes for "on the rocks" drinks.

Plane to Sea back to Plane

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*

Dave and Gina's Marina Summer Blast

Saturday, August 5, 2006

3 pm until 10 pm or?

Members and guests, adults only, please mark your calendars and plan to have a fun afternoon/evening on August 5, 2006, a Saturday which will be filled with OYC fun times. This is considered a boating event, however vehicle arrivals are okay too.

Fuel prices are still high and likely to go even higher, so here is an event that will consume very little fuel to get to the party destination which is on the Occoquan Bay shoreline, just south of Tyme and Tyde Marina. Detailed directions will follow in next month's *Daymarker* as well as RSVP info and other details.

The event will abound with good food and drinks and a band will entertain us for dancing. An outdoor event with no rain is scheduled!

Dave Moore and Gina Croci are the hosts and this is at their home with beautiful views of the bay and river. Arriving boats will anchor out just beyond the dock and some means of transportation to the dock will be provided (still working on this item).

Please arrive between 3 and 4 in the afternoon and plan to spend the evening and overnight if desired; coffee and pastry in the morning. Dinner scheduled around 6 pm. High tide is mid afternoon and the Occoquan Bay has ample depth for almost all boat sizes. Call Dave for such information.

Please mark August 5th on your calendars and prepare for a great time as only OYC'ers know how to do.

Dave Moore and Gina Croci – 703-494-0651

July 4th Cruise to White Point

by Rick Sorrenti

The July 1 – 4 cruise to White Point Marina and Yacht Club is in the final stages of planning. I have the following members confirmed for the cruise.

Sorrenti	Rhodes
Thompson	Croft
Mattke	Goodnough

We only have 15 slips available so please send me an e-mail @ sorrenti_rick@bah.com if you would like to sign up. Don't be disappointed by waiting!!

Thanks
Sea Duck Too

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The following scheduled events are CANCELLED:

Tim's Rivershore II Fireworks at Fairview Beach due to no indicated interest and no coordinator. The fireworks remain scheduled and you may want to attend as a day trip.

Labor Day Cruise to Port Kinsale as no coordinator has volunteered. Two cruises were scheduled for this weekend and Pat and Carl Maxwell's Cruise to Point Lookout remains scheduled for that weekend. Contact the Maxwell's at 703-680-0090 if interested in joining their cruise.

Columbus Day Cruise Tall Timbers due to cost. The marina is asking \$2 per foot slip fees which is considered too high. Your coordinators (Kraus/Livingston) are planning an alternative cruise...possibly going to Gangplank Marina & a play (Sat night) and then to Fort Washington for dinner (Sun night). Call Joe at 703-505-8313 to show interest.

Any questions, contact VC Livingston at 540-373-9203 or joseph.livingston@verizon.net.

Dinghy Regatta/Potluck at OHM

by Joe Livingston, Coordinator

Need to practice for the PRYCA Cup Competition and have a Party.

The Dinghy Regatta and a Potluck Picnic will be held at the Occoquan Harbour Marina on Saturday, the 17th of June, from 1200 (NOON) to 1600. New members and "old" members...Come on out for a GREAT Club event.

What is the "Dinghy Regatta"? The rules will be set when we start, but two people will work as a team to row a dinghy over a course with a blindfold in use. There will be laughter but cheering is prohibited ... touching or speaking will be permitted on the dinghy.

For the potluck, sodas and water and plates, etc., will be provided by the Club. Please bring a dish to Share. Names starting A to G – Appetizer or Salad; H to R – Main Dish and S to Z – Desert. A hot grill will be available for individual cooking and BYOB.

To assist in organization and setting up, please RSVP by e- mail indicating your name and number attending and your plan (yes/no) to participate in the regatta to joseph.livingston@verizon.net.

Looking for a large group to support the OYC's Cup Team and do what we do best...eat, drink, drink and party. See ya at OHM!!

Cruise to Solomon's

by Chris Webster, Coordinator

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. I have responses so-far from Schall, Freedman, Wilson, Livingston (cannot make it). The other names on the sign-up list are Karpinski, Johnson, Jorsey, Kraus, Thompson, Rhodes, and Jeirles. Please respond if you have not so I have an idea how many to plan-for. Also if you decide you want to go on the trip it is not too late to sign-up, so feel free to get a slip and join the trip!

All the best // Cw

WebsterCw@msn.com

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The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Marri Jo Gamble, 6/6	Timothy Gibbons, 6/12
Mary Jo Worcester, 6/15	Kenneth Hawes, 6/16
Jim Minard, 6/16	Steve Thompson, 6/16
Buzz Lasch, 6/19	Michael Angst, 6/21
Walter Kraus, 6/21	Bill Hamp, 6/28
Robert Daugherty, 6/29	Janet Jeirles, 6/29

Anniversaries

Vicki and Bill Hamp, 6/1
Margaret and Rob Grant, 6/4
Alison and Christian Rose, 6/4
Maria and Paul Koenig, 6/6
Beth and Bill Frances, 6/6
Stephanie and Edward Karpinski, 6/9
Janet and Duane Jeirles, 6/15
Jan and Bob Wilcox, 6/15
Lucy and Nabil Dubraque, 6/19
Carol and Robert Daugherty, 6/20
Gail and Joe Livingston, 6/20
Mary Jo and Steve Worcester, 6/21
Marilynn and Bill Dalgetty, 6/22
Peggy and Bill Johnson, 6/22

Welcome New Members

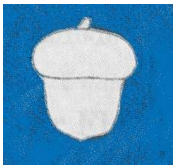
Robert & Carol Daugherty of Alexandria. They keep their 31' Sea Ray, *Sea Me Go II*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Greg & Cheryl Garrison of Manassas. They keep their 30' Monterrey, *Just Chillin'*, at Hope Springs Marina.

Gordon & Jean Goodnough of Fairfax Station. They keep their 28' Four Winns, *Sojourner*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Patrick & Sabrina Worcester of Stafford. They keep their 30' Sea Ray, *Favorite Child*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

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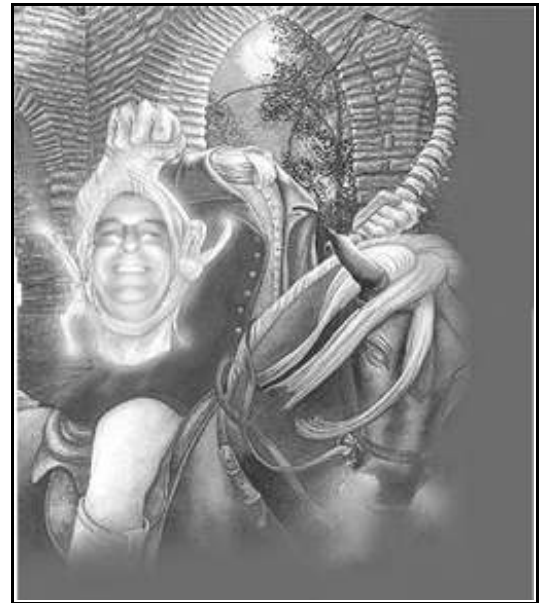
Trish Mattke

GO CAREFULLY, THE FAIRIES ARE NEAR

Dateline: Occoquan Marina May, 2006

With the recent beak up of the Lorton Prison grounds into endless residential plots, many of the old residents, deer, raccoons, bear, and heretofore unmentionable specters are moving into our community. Among the most bizarre and certainly most frightening development are reports of sightings of two Irish fairies now roaming adjacent land looking for a home. For those of you who grew up in the 50's, the real meaning of fairies was lost when Disney took out a franchise on Tinker Bell, a far cry from the dark creatures of old Irish lore. The Commodore has cautioned the Membership committee to carefully vet all new applicants. But caution is needed from all, as these marauders are reported to be able to occupy the bodies of living men and women, only showing themselves late, late at night when the moon shines dimly or not at all. For benefit of all we enclose what is known about the two fearsome creatures: the Dullahans and (shudder) the Pookas.

Dullahans are headless. Although the dullahan has no head upon its shoulders, he carries it with him, either on the saddle-brow of his horse or upraised in his right hand. The head is the color and texture of stale dough or moldy cheese, and quite smooth. A silly grin splits the face from ear to ear, and the eyes, which are small and black, dart about like malignant flies. The entire head glows with the phosphorescence of decaying matter and the creature may use it as a lantern to guide its way along the darkened docks of Irish marinas.



Artist's rendition of Dullahan



Artist's rendition of Pooka

Another possibility is the Pooka. The pooka becomes a small, goblin who demands a share of the night's drinks at the end of a party: for this reason several strands, known as the 'pooka's share', are left behind by the fearful partiers. The mere sight of it may stop hens laying their eggs or cows giving milk, and it is the curse of all late night boaters as it is known to swing compasses and even distort a GPS. The pooka has the power of a form of human speech, and it has been known to stop in front of certain boats and call out the names of those it wants to take upon its midnight cruises. If that person refuses, the pooka will threaten to bring vanilla rum to their next party and tell funny stories until very late because it is a very vindictive fairy.

Fairie scholars of 'C' Dock understand that the origins of the pooka are to some extent speculative. The name may come from the Scandinavian pook or puke, meaning 'nature spirit'. Such beings were very capricious and have to be continually placated or they would create havoc in the marina.

Fortunately, the Blessing of the Fleet (in absentia in our case) seems to have turned our fairies' nature from malevolent to beneficent. Rather than exacting rum tribute from peasant slip owners, and mocking

their return and docking technique, they magically materialize gifts of burgee covers and dance through the night. Though no one will ever prove it, the good fairies from the Magic Kingdom are rumored to play a significant role in the mellowing of the old fairies. Looking like little Barbie dolls with wings, these temptresses lure the ancient ones into the community and within limits tame their natural instincts for chaos.

So don't hesitate to make new members feel welcome, for the meaning of life itself will be lost if we fail to sing and dance when the sun settles in and the dark follows day. Just be careful who you sup with, for it could be a bad fairie lurking under that laugh, barely restrained by the little Tinker Bells of the Occoquan.

Bay/Rappahannock River Cruise

by Ned W. Rhodes

Plans are being made for a week-long cruise on the Bay and the Rappahannock River. The tentative plan is to leave Port Kinsale the Sunday after the Float-In (July 16) and head over to Cape Charles on the Virginia Eastern Shore. We will stay 3 nights at the

Bay Creek Marina (www.bay-creek.com), which will be the nights of July 16, 17, 18. The marina has an event on the 19th so we would have to leave by 10am on the 19th to head across the Bay to the Rappahannock River and the Tides Lodge and Inn for the nights of July 19, 20 and 21. Along with spa treatments, we would probably plan a day trip to Urbanna across the river.

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We would then leave the Tides for a short trip back up the River to Deltaville for the nights of July 22 and 23. We would finish by coming home from Deltaville on Monday July 24th.

Basically we are looking at 3 nights at Cape Charles, 3 nights at the Tides (with side trip to Urbanna) and 2 nights in Deltaville. The run from Deltaville to the Occoquan is a reasonable run for most boats. At 20 knots, it is about an hour from Deltaville to inside the mouth of the Potomac and then whatever

your time is from there to home. The fast diesel boats can make the total run in about 4 hours (your time and mileage may vary). The time on the Bay for the return leg is minimal even if the Bay is sporty.

We are in the process of making reservations, so please let me know if you are interested in this week-long trip on the Bay. Contact me by phone at 703.741.0861 or by email

ned@softwaresystemsgroup.com. We really need to nail down the participants by June 9.

Those that serve were present at the Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet



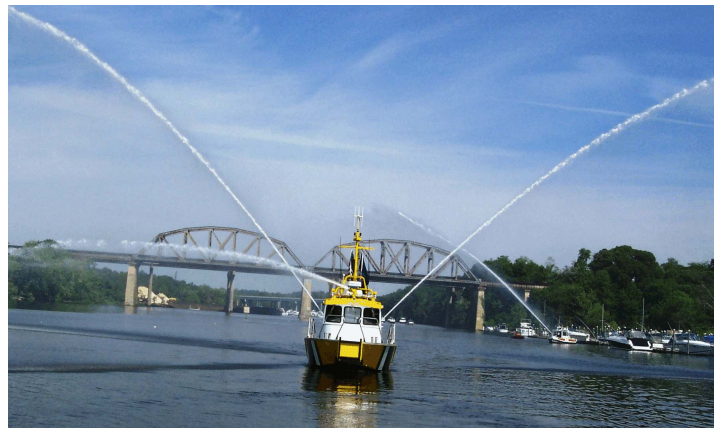
On your Mark, Get Set ...



The Reverend Lorenzo Hill



Go.



The Prince William County Fire Boat



The Prince William County Marine Police – unfortunately the Fairfax County Marine Police could not make it because of a funeral for a fallen fellow officer.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Occoquan Yacht Club

<i>June 2006</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Dairy Month – Got Milk? National Steakhouse Month				1	2	3 Donut Day
4	5 I Love My Dentist Day	6	7 VCR Day	8	9	10 Cobb Island Days
11 Cobb Island Days	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Recess at Work Day	16 Fudge Day	17 Dinghy Regatta at OHM
18 Father's Day	19 Garfield The Cat Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 Stupid Guy Thing Day	23 Take Your Dog to Work Day	24 * Tim's Rivershore Raft-Up
25	26	27	28 Hand Shake Day	29	30 Leap Second Time Adj. Day	
* Start of Mid-Bay Ten-Day Cruise						
<i>July 2006</i>						
<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 4 th Cruise to White Pt.
2 July 4 th Cruise to White Pt.	3 July 4 th Cruise to White Pt.	4 July 4 th 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
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