

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

HODGE PODGE

Life sure has been busy since last month's issue of the Daymarker. We had the Membership Meeting on March 25th. As usual we had great fun, ate well, and actually got some things accomplished. The membership voted and approved the printing of a membership directory which we hope to send out in June. We had a briefing on the PRYCA Boatr program by Commodore George Allen. And, finally, we had our annual photo contest. Congratulations to all the winners! And they are: Animal – 1st place – Dave Moore, 2nd place – Dave Moore, 3rd place – Trish Mattke; Landscape – 1st place – Mark Schall, 2nd place – Dave Moore, 3rd place – Mark Schall; People – 1st place – Teresa Sorrenti, 2nd place – Mary Ann Schall, 3rd place – Rick Sorrenti; General Boating – 1st place – Nabil Dubraque, 2nd place – Ned Rhodes, 3rd place – Trish Mattke. The winners in our new category, Photoshop Art, are 1st place – Tom Coldwell, 2nd place – Tom Coldwell and 3rd place – Ned Rhodes. I should note that there were only three photos submitted in this category. Thanks to all who participated and remember to save your photos. You too could be a winner next year.

While we are on the subject of photos, I have discussed requirements for submitting photos for publishing on our website with our webmaster. Let me give you some guidelines on how your photos can be posted. The best way is to create an html page or pages ready to post. The



Fare thee Well – Tom and Mary Ann

next preferred method is to provide, in electronic format, with descriptive file names. In other words, each photo should have its own name describing the photo content – not the numbers your camera automatically gives each file. That way Ned can run them through a program that makes a web slide show. Finally, just send the pictures, unedited. This is the least preferred method. Ned will try to cull the ones that are boring and then just process them without changing the names of the files or correcting the tint and color. So let's get out there and take some photos to share.

On Friday, April 21, OYC bid a fond farewell to longtime members Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell. Thanks go out to Jan and Bob Wilcox for hosting this wonderful event. About 60 OYC'ers were on hand to roast and toast this great couple. We will dearly miss them, but wish them the best of luck with their new endeavor.

(Cont.)



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Joe Livingston

Colonial Beach Yacht Center/Ed & Stephanie Karpinski
703-590-7260.

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

Cheers, Joe.

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

The Gail Lynn II has been out of her berth three times this year. The **first time** she was poled to the lift and blocked for the weekend for maintenance. Aluminum/zinc anodes were replaced, thru-hull fittings were checked and serviced, bottom inspected and cleaned and the hull was waxed...that was work, especially since my first mate had to travel out of town and my children all had something important to do...even with a months notice. Thanks go out to my friend Mike as we both survived. The second time out, she was under power for 200 feet to the fuel dock for fuel...that was costly. It took on one hundred and twenty gallons which is about one-third of our fuel capacity at a cost of approximately \$390. It reminded me of IPC Rick Sorrenti's analysis a while back when he compared the rising cost of fuel to the cost of water. In today's market, a gallon of marine fuel costs \$3.25 and a gallon of bottled water (8 of the pint bottles we drink so freely) costs \$2.08. The third time out, I noticed I was a little thirstier as I cruised to Old Town Alexandria for the OYC's Early Bird Cruise. Hosted by Linda and Laslo Bozoky, the cruise was a great success. There was plenty of water around as I am sure will be reported, but, when I computed the cost of drinks (beer, wine and the cosmo's)...Gas is cheap!! Let's cruise some more.

The Club needs you. Please telephone me and volunteer as a cruise coordinator for one of the planned cruises. We still need a coordinator for the Tim's II Fireworks-raft-up at Fairview Beach in July, for the End of Summer Party to Aquia Harbour YC in August, and the Labor Day Cruise to Port Kinsale Marina in September. As always, Commodore Thompson and I are willing to assist and you also have the "Cruise Coordinators Handbook" on our web page for help. I regret to report that if coordinators are not found soonest...the cruises will be cancelled. On a more positive note, Dave Moore continues to plan the "Moore's Marina Blast" to be held on Saturday, the 5th of August at his home on Occoquan Bay. Mark your calendar.

Upcoming Events:

– 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.

-- May 27-29 (Sat-Mon)-Memorial Day Cruise to

(Commodore's Article – Cont.)

Our first official cruise of the season took place the weekend of April 22 and 23. While it started out as a rainy Saturday and continued that way all day, by Sunday we had sunny skies. Thanks to Linda and Laslo for a great cruise.

Don't forget our Flag Raising that will officially start the 2006 boating season on May 6, 2006, at Occoquan Harbour Marina starting at noon. Hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as drinks, will be provided by the club. Please provide a dish to share when you come and join us for a great time. Once again we will have an Army ROTC unit led by COL Frank Holland as well as great music provided by our own Ted Eisenman. Don't forget your checkbook as the Quartermaster will have new goodies for sale. And if you haven't paid your 2006 dues this will be a great opportunity to do so. If you know of someone new that is interested in boating why not bring them along.

Now for my monthly recipe. This is a family recipe that has been passed down from my Aunt Anne (hence the name). It's great for potlucks and picnics. I'll be bringing it to the Flag Raising so you will be able to taste it for yourselves.

Aunt Anne's Marinated Carrots

2 lbs carrots cut into bite size pieces. Cook until tender but not mushy.

In a bowl mix the following ingredients:

½ can tomato soup	1 large onion diced
1 cup sugar	1 green pepper diced (optional)
½ cup oil	celery salt or seed to taste
½ cup vinegar	dill dried or fresh to taste

Mix well. Drain carrots well and add to mixture.
Marinate at least 24 hours.

Till next time I'm Forever Dreamin'

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HEAD SERVICE

When the head produces odor, it is usually due to a leak. Most often everyone goes to the discharge side but the intake can also cause odor when the marine growth decomposes in the stagnant water of the inlet hose. This is more common in saltwater than fresh. A test for leaks, even in the best of hoses, is to wipe the hose with a damp cloth and if the cloth smells the hose is permeable and needs to be replaced.

The system should be purged with a 30 percent solution of vinegar and fresh water. Bleach should not be used as it can attack the rubber and metal parts of a marine toilet. The discharge joker valve can leak allowing sewage to back up into the head.

The holding tank needs oxygen to replace the carbon dioxide in the tank, which promotes bacteria growth. A kink free vent line, or better yet, a cross vent system that brings large amounts of oxygen into the tank will replace the carbon dioxide and prevent odor. Spiders like to live in the vent line when it vents out the side of the boat so don't forget to check for these.

Happy odor free boating.

Plane to Sea back to Plane

Cruise to Cobb Island

by Bill Johnson

The summer OYC boating season is almost here. Start making your plans to join us for the Cobb Island Days on June 9, 10, and 11. This year the Cobb Island Days will reflect the Cobb Island Fire Department's sixty years of service to Cobb Island. On Friday night there will be music and other activities on Fisherman's Field. On Saturday, you will have an opportunity to shop at a crafts show, watch parades, and play games of chance in the Firehouse. This year, Cobb Island Yacht Club is utilizing Shymansky's, The Pirate's Den, and their newest marina, Bob's. The deadline for reservations on a first come/first serve basis is May 15.

The OYC cruise coordinator for this year's Cobb Island Days is Dr. Bill Johnson. Contact Bill at JohnsonB48@aol.com, or 703-799-1042 for a registration form or more information.

Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach

by Ed and Stephanie Karpinski

Spring has sprung and the Memorial Day cruise is coming up soon!! The Early Bird Cruise is already over and the boating season is in full swing. The following boats have signed up for the weekend:

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

The marina and Dockside restaurant are hosting a free picnic cookout on Saturday afternoon. Also on Saturday afternoon, the Town of Colonial Beach is hosting Market days and Bluemont concert on the town commons. On Sunday we are planning to take a bus to Ingleside Vineyard around 3PM. Many cruisers are planning to take the VIP winery tour which was enjoyed by all who went last year. Be on the lookout for an e-mail update that will include an activity update and hailing instructions for your arrival. We are looking forward to spending a great weekend with everyone.

If you have any questions please call us at (703) 590-7260 or e-mail us at elkarper@aol.com.

Happy cruising.

NOTICE:

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST DAYMARKER!!

Have you paid your 2006 dues? Check out your address label. If it has a 2005 on it then the answer is NO. If it has a 2006 on it then skip this and go on to the next article.

Dues are due the first of January. But we know that boating season doesn't start until May so we give you some leeway. Send that check now! The address is on the front page, as is the phone number for the Treasurer.

***Farewell
to
Mary Ann and Tom Coldwell***



**Tom and Mary Ann Coldwell
(The cute couple in the lower right – no
not that pair – the lowest lower right)**



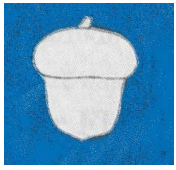
An Award Winning Photo by Nabil Dubraque.



**An artists conception of what Occoquan Bay looks
like in a boater's mind. Yeah – Keep Dreamin.**



**Just some of the gang that came to say goodbye to
Tom and Mary Ann.**



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

BOATING FIRST AID 101 FOR DUMMIES

Hi everyone,

This month I thought it would be appropriate to talk a little about first aid on the water. As only a few of you know, I practiced emergency nursing for about 25 years. It was a very rewarding and exciting career. Enough said about my personal bio but a few important words of wisdom.

Every boater should take an American Red Cross or other approved first aid course. It is not only important for your own personal safety but for your passengers and other boaters you may encounter who need first aid assistance. Most medical "emergencies" are minor cuts, burns, sprains, stings and punctures, to name a few – and if you have the appropriate bandage, ointment, cold-pack, medication, or tweezers aboard, you can usually take care of these events. Otherwise your boating day is over. Think of a First Aid Kit as a tool kit for keeping the crew in working order. This kit should be sufficient to deal with common problems such as sunburn, scrapes, bruises, minor burns, seasickness, and bug bites. The following is a minimum inventory of first aid supplies you should carry. Also remember to keep all your first aid supplies together, not distributed around the boat. Having them in a box or bag lets you quickly take the whole kit to a victim.



1. First aid manual
2. Adhesive bandages in various sizes
2. 3-inch sterile pads
4. Triangular bandages
5. 1-inch and 3-inch rolled bandages
6. Tweezers and **blunt** scissors
7. Cotton balls and cotton tipped applicators
8. Antiseptic
9. Sun screen
10. Calamine lotion
11. Motion sickness pills or patches
12. Aspirin or Tylenol
13. Eyewash cup
14. Benadryl for allergic reactions

There are a lot of different first aid kits available on the Internet, including Pet First Aid Kits for all your canine friends. Stay safe and in a real emergency call 911.

Signed your Treasurer, one of "BAT TOO, R.N."

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Donna Gochenour, 5/1
Linda Bozoky, 5/7
Patty Shumaker, 5/7
Robert Davis, 5/10
Jim Hawley, 5/11
Tom Coldwell, 5/15
Beth Frances, 5/23
Gina Croci, 5/29

Teresa Sorrenti, 5/4
Kathy Hatton, 5/7
Pete Turcic, 5/8
Ed Dodd, 5/11
Gail Livingston, 5/14
Steve Worchester, 5/15
Dave Moore, 5/26
Bill Johnson, 5/29

Lynn Wilson, 5/30

Anniversaries

Katherine and John Corley, 5/1
Paula and Stephen Wexler, 5/5
Jennifer and Bryan Burrows, 5/21
Heidi and Dwayne Johnson, 5/21
Jeanne and Buddy Axtell, 5/22
Diane and Frank Machi, 5/26
Tracy and Jerry Darnell, 5/27

Welcome New Members

Sorry. There were no new members joining the club last month.

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.

AND NOW, THE REST OF THE STORY.



Perseverance, and a little luck, paid off.

Come and join us to begin a great boating season with the

Blessing of the Fleet

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

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, Cost 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.

Occoquan Yacht Club

May 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		
June 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 River shore Raft-Up
25	26	27	28 Hand Shake Day	29	30 Leap Second Time Adj. Day	
* Start of Mid-Bay Ten-Day Cruise						

It's not Dark When I get Up – It's Boating Season!! Inside . . .

One of OYC's Favorite Couples Departs,

Two Words – Marinated Carrots,

**What Do You Need On Your Boat To Be Safe
– How About A Good First Aid Kit,**

Black Boots Miraculously Find Owner,

And Much More.

May 6

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