

OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

BOAT SHOW BUSY



Well, the boat shows have come and, for the moment, passed us by. Yes, there are more on the horizon but there's nothing like the Annapolis (Power) Boat Show to get those seafarer emotions really flowing at a time when most Captains are thinking of winterization. On top of Annapolis however, I was doubly lucky to attend the boat show in Tampa, Florida.

At Tampa, I was afforded the opportunity to view what another \$14,000 can get my Captain in increased boating maneuverability – the venerable IPS Joy Stick. Somehow the terms "Joy Stick" and "Boating" just don't seem right when used in the same sentence. Yet here I am using it. In this instance the joy stick is not the one you use for your favorite computer game, although computers are involved. For those not quite up to speed, the Volvo Penta IPS marine drives are now available with a joy stick control that, at lower speeds, allow the boat to be turned completely around in just the length of the boat, as well as to be driven sideways. But the term BOAT (break out another thousand) won't quite make this upgrade possible. Now we're starting to talk REALLY BIG, like taking out a second mortgage on the house. I could always try selling the kids (I always wanted to say that) but they are now grown and out of the house. Perhaps if I could convince the Captain to sell those tools he has in the shed, you know – the ones he never uses, we could make a significant dent in the cost. Of course there is always the

motorcycle, but I think he would probably try to sell me before he would sell his bike. My offer to him may be to use my airline credit card. Then we could use all those mileage points towards that vacation at a far off exotic locale that I have been thinking more and more about lately. At any rate, stay tuned for a possible update.

Going to boat shows can also benefit you in other ways. You may recall the article in last month's Daymarker about when a new boat becomes a used boat. Well ... one of the last manufacturers we visited at Annapolis, in fact it was more of an afterthought, was Regal. After all, that is the boat we now own so we had to see if there was anything new that could possibly help us in our journey to improve our current maintenance situation. In a chance encounter while looking at a larger boat (the Captain thinks it sacrilegious to look at anything smaller than what's currently in our slip) we spoke with a representative from the Regal factory. Now we have been working with another rep for a short time up to this point, but from our conversation on this day I believe I can actually say there may be a little bit of light visible at the end of the tunnel. This too we will see what is to come.

Going back to my comment about looking at bigger things, Regal is currently designing a 52 foot cruiser and, as luck would have it, another Regal rep was there with a design presentation. Since it was bigger, my Captain was not going to pass up the opportunity to see what he would next be trying to convince me he could not do without. Maybe that retirement date is not as close as I had thought.

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Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

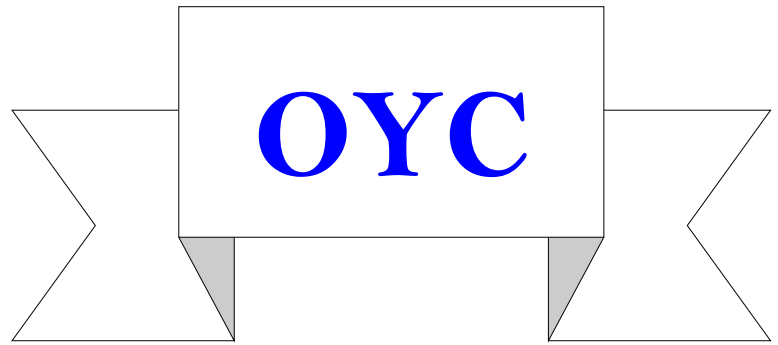
Uneventful travel to Main Street, SW in the District led by Gail Lynn II (XXX & Gail) and then: Left turn, Right yield, Left turn (Sea Venture (Walter & Joan) has the GPS), a U Turn, Left turn, Left turn, U turn, Left turn ((Time Away (Peg & Bill) coasting on fumes)), Around the block, Left turn, Right turn, Left turn, a U turn ((19th Hole (Lynn & Bob) hails Gail Lynn II)), and straight to the Market Inn. Now for the record, there were only 3 "U turns", we were on land & not by sea, this follows a great happy hour at Hoffmaster's and all said they would lead next time, if they repeated this tale ... by Sunday afternoon the Club had a whole bunch of new leaders!!

The above " made up story" was part of a great Columbus Day Weekend that was impacted by weather, high tides and a mix of schedule and itinerary changes. All had a good time... Thank you Christopher. The weekend started by canceling the cruise to James Creek Marina on Saturday morning, but in OYC tradition, cocktails were served on "OYC Time" and it was off to dinner. Jazz music and an enjoyable evening at the Market Inn. Sunday an OYC Flotilla of four, (adding C:\Sea Drive (Ruth & Ted), made the trip to Fort Washington Marina and were met by Darn Tootin (Sharman & Kenny). A dock social was followed by watching a Redskins loss and some local hiking and then cocktails and hor d'oeuvres. The Fort Washington Boating Association Commodore, Walt Staples, and his friend joined us for some lively discussion on the Skins, marina expansion, careers, retirement and politics and then, we went to dinner at Proud Mary Restaurant ... good meals followed by deserts (How can 5 transient boats provide such decadent triple chocolate-carmel-orange fantastic sweets?) and flavored coffees on the Gail Lynn II. Columbus Day brought bright warm sun, a super continental breakfast on Sea Venture, and a great cruise back to home berths.

Upcoming Events:

- November 10-12 (Fri-Sun) – Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria/Arleen & Ned Rhodes @ 703-741-0861.
- November 25 (Sat) – Santa Cruise to Occoquan/ Susan & Walt Cheatham @ 703-395-9968.
- December 2 (Sat) – Alexandria Parade of Lights/Al Jorsey @ 703-850-2888 or Lorraine Lloyd at 703-838-4200 or llloyd@funside.com.
- December 3 (Sun) – Georgetown Parade of Lights/ Lorraine Lloyd @ 703-838-4200 or llloyd@funside.com.
- December 9 (Sat) – OYC HOLIDAY PARTY/ CHANGE OF WATCH/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.
- January 20, 2007 (Sat) – PRYCA Change of Watch Dinner-Dance/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.

Cheers, Joe.



It's a Party and Your Invited!

**OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB'S
2006
HOLIDAY PARTY AND CHANGE
OF WATCH
CHANGE OF WATCH**

**On Saturday, the 9th of December at 6:30
PM**

**At The
Fort Belvoir Officer's Club
Fort Belvoir, Virginia**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Cocktails (cash bar) and Hors d'oeuvres

Dinner

Change of Watch and Presentations

Dancing to selections by DJ Peggy Castle

**FORMAL
INVITATIONS
WILL BE MAILED
SEPARATELY
A TIMELY RSVP WILL BE
APPRECIATED
SAVE THE DATE**





Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey



2006 PARADE OF LIGHTS

The 2006 Parade of Lights is scheduled for December 2nd and 3rd this year with a kick off Captain's party on November 30th.

Again this year I will be the coordinator for OYC and Lorraine Lloyd is coordinator for the City of Alexandria. Again this year, Plane to Sea II hopes to sail at least for the event on December 2nd. See the details here. Anyone interested should contact me at 703-850-2888 or Lorraine Lloyd at 703-838-4200, ext 209.

In the past this has been a fun event with only a few boats taking part due to early winterization but many come to Alexandria Marina to see the parade and take part in the festivities. There will be complementary slips available again this year.

Plane to Sea, back to plane.



The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Chris Webster, 11/1	Katherine Corley, 11/2
Wilma Spikes, 11/2	John Heinze, 11/3
Tricia Mattke, 11/6	Dick Lynn, 11/7
Jeanne Axtell, 11/15	Ted Eisenman, 11/16
Clara French, 11/16	Kim Lasch, 11/16
Stephen Wexler, 11/16	Christian Rose, 11/18
Henry Lovell, 11/19	Ilona Zsirai, 11/27
Dana Phan, 11/28	Joe Livingston, 11/30

Anniversaries

Ilona and Theodore Zsirai, 11/7
Mary Ann and Mark Schall, 11/13
Anna and Ralph Burner, 11/21

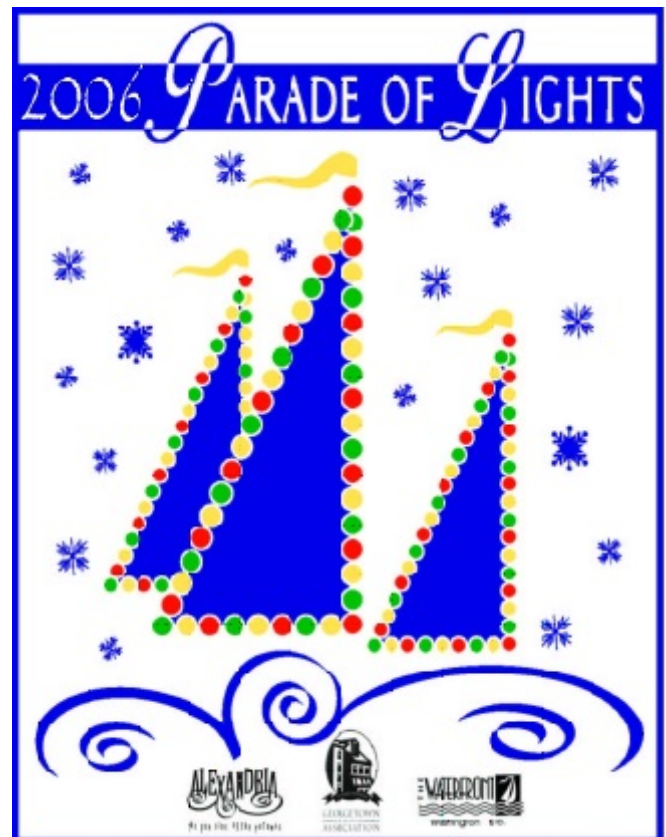
Welcome New Members

No new members were reported for the month of October.

The Daymarker
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Steve Thompson, Editor
Sue Thompson, Editor's Advisor on Worldly Matters
Ruth Eisenman, Circulation

The deadline for submission of materials to **The Daymarker** is the 20th of each month. Please submit copy by e-mail to:
opsco@earthlink.net



Saturday, December 2, 2006

3:00pm Festivities at the Alexandria Docks

5:30pm Alexandria Harbor Parade
of Lights

6:30pm Procession to Washington Channel

7:30pm Washington Channel Parade

8:30pm Awards Party at Cantina Marina
Entertainment, food, reduced beer & wine
prices and lots of fun!

Sunday, December 3, 2006

4pm Festivities at Washington Harbour

5:30pm Washington Harbour Parade

6:30pm Closing Awards Reception

*Limited complimentary slips
available for the weekend in
Alexandria and Washington, DC.*

CASH Prizes plus
*Thousands of dollars worth of
great prizes.*

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Besides boats, there are other things to look at at boat shows. This could prove more expensive in the short run, and in my case it was. But here I got the better end, picking up a new pair of boat shoes and a fantastic new tote bag. The Captain got new hose nozzles and his yearly supply of sun glasses (to help appease the sea gods he habitually donates a couple pair to the deep each year). Nick, our puppy, even benefitted with a new boat mat, complete with paw print. On a more serious note the Captain signed up for a diesel maintenance course, probably in the hope of actually being able to know what he is talking about when the subject comes up in conversation with fellow captains.

Christmas also came early this year in Tampa when, while visiting a shopping mall, I picked up a new piece of Lladro. Perhaps the Captain has something more sinister up his sleeve and is currently trying to butter me up? We shall see. But we didn't walk away with a new boat.

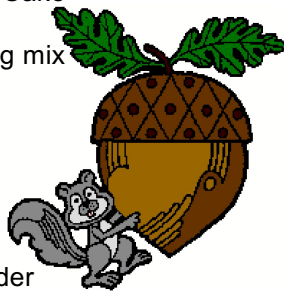
It seems that I have created a lot of unanswered questions. Perhaps it is time for a recipe. I am pleased to share the award winning Chocolate Eclair Cake recipe from the October General Membership Meeting. Next time you see Ruth be sure to thank her for a great dessert.

Chocolate Eclair Cake

- 2 3oz pkgs instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 cups milk
- 1 8oz cool whip
- 1 16 oz pkg graham crackers

Topping:

- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp. Butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract



In a large bowl, combine pudding mix and 3 cups milk; mix until mixture is thickened. Fold in cool whip.

In a 9x13 inch dish, place a layer of graham crackers. Spread 1/2 of pudding mixture over crackers; top with second layer of crackers, final 1/2 of pudding mixture, another layer of graham crackers. (You'll start and end with crackers.)

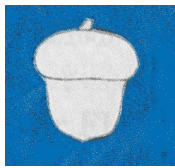
To make topping: In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine 1/4 c. milk, cocoa and sugar. Allow to come to a boil, stirring frequently let boil for 1 minute. Remove from heat, add butter and vanilla. Mix well and cool.

Pour sauce over graham cracker layers and refrigerate. (It's best if you refrigerate for at least 4-5 hours, allows graham crackers to soften.)

As Always, I'm Forever Dreamin'

OYC Fall General Membership Meeting





Treasurer

Trish Mattke

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OYC: OCTOBER 1, 2005
TO SEPTEMBER 30 2006**

I am pleased to report as your treasurer that 2006 was a good year, financially speaking. Now the leaves are falling and the wind is blowing but we're not done yet! Look for the Santa Cruise, Parade of Lights and the Holiday Party as upcoming events.

Thanks for your continued support and participation.

Your treasurer, one of "BAT TOO"

2006 Financial Report OYC

October 1, 2005 - September 30, 2006



INCOME

Membership	5,058.00
Christmas Party	3,269.16
Quartermaster Sales	2,137.75
Miscellaneous	768.00
PRYCA	3,344.00
Starting Balance 10/01/05	3,142.96
Total	17,719.87

EXPENSES

Daymarker	2,154.02
Christmas Party	4,359.94
Plan Fest	639.53
Membership Meeting	270.42
Flag Raising	237.48
PRYCA COW	1,320.00
PRYCA Float IN	2,059.00
Quartermaster	1,666.37
Miscellaneous Costs	1,259.72
Total	13,966.48

Checking account Balance 09/30/06 **3,753.39**

Net Change FY05 to FY06 **610.43**

Prepared by Trish Mattke, Treasurer

10/20/2006

OYC Santa Cruise to Occoquan

by Walt Cheatham



Last's Years Transport

The Saturday after Thanksgiving will again inaugurate OYC's holiday season as we gather on the OHM docks for food and beverage followed by our traditional ferrying of

ole St Nick himself up river to Occoquan. So, decorate your boat, crank up some holiday music, bring some libation and munchies to share, and be in place on the OHM gas dock around 10:30 AM so we can enjoy an hour of merry making before blasting off at 11:40 in order to have Santa arrive promptly at the Occoquan Town Dock at noon for the Occoquan Merchant Association's Christmas kickoff.

We've had very mild weather the past few years, so no one has an excuse for missing this fun event. See you there Saturday, Nov 25th at 10:30.

Potential skippers please call 703-243-2430 and let me know you will attend so I can make sure we will have a boat for Santa.

Thanks, Walt Cheatham, cruise coordinator

OYC Fall General Membership Meeting

by Sue Thompson

Our Fall General Membership Meeting was held at Fairfax Yacht Club on Saturday, October 21st. Turnout was a little low but, as always, everyone had a great time.

The meeting started off with a presentation on Boating and Weather by Rich Hitchens of the National Weather Service. I was surprised to learn the wave height stated on their broadcasts is actually just an estimate, or as some OYC'ers believe, a guesstimate.

After announcements were made regarding upcoming events, the elections for the 2007 board were held. Congratulations go out to Commodore Elect Joe Livingston, Vice Commodore Elect Ted Eisenman, Rear Commodore Al Jorsey, Treasurer Trish Mattke, and Secretary Elect Pat Croft. They will officially take office at the OYC Holiday Party/Change of Watch on December 9th. From all of OYC, I would like to thank them for their efforts, past, present, and future.

Now for the results you have all been waiting for. The winners of the 2006 chili cook-off are 3rd place – Teresa Sorrenti, 2nd place – Kathy Hatton and the winner is Ken Harris. Watch out ladies the men are out to win! Not to be out done by the chili, the desserts were great. The winners of the dessert cook-off are 3rd place – Steve Thompson with his Banana Split Cake, 2nd place – Sharman Harris and her cheesecake and the winner in the dessert category is Ruth Eisenman with her Chocolate Eclair Cake. So if you missed the meeting you missed a lot. See you next year.

Westmoreland Yachting Association Change of Watch

by Sue Thompson

You may remember that the Occoquan Yacht Club sponsored the Westmoreland Yachting Association on its membership application for entry into the Potomac River Yacht Club Association. Our two clubs hold some of the same principles in common, one being that both our clubs are non-landed (not sponsored by a specific marina) clubs.

WYA has invited the members of the Occoquan Yacht Club to attend their Change of Watch on the 18th of November at the Colonial Beach Moose Family Center, 4780 James Monroe Highway, Colonial Beach, VA. It is a formal (black tie optional) buffet dinner starting at 5:30 pm with live entertainment. Cost is \$50.00 per person.

If you are interested in attending please call 703-790-1920 or 504-382-5547. They asked for RSVPs by the 1st of November but perhaps a couple late responses would be accepted.



WESTMORELAND YACHTING ASSOCIATION, INC.
PO BOX 325 COLONIAL BEACH, VIRGINIA 22101

October 7, 2006

Occoquan Yacht Club
Commodore Sue Thompson
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Dear Commodore Thompson:

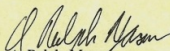
The Officers and Members of the Westmoreland Yachting Association, Inc. would be honored to have you attend our 2nd Change of Watch celebration on Saturday, November 18, 2006 at the Colonial Beach Moose Family Center, 4780 James Monroe Hwy, Colonial Beach, Virginia. Please extend this invitation to your membership. The evening begins with a cocktail hour (cash bar), hors d'oeuvres and silent auction at 5:30 P.M. Buffet dinner begins at 6:30 P.M., and music and dancing featuring "Out of Order" until 11:30 PM. This affair is formal; however, "Black Tie" is optional. The cost for this affair is \$50.00 per person and requires your R.S.V.P for tickets by November 1st.

The Westmoreland Yachting Association has had another very successful year and an outstanding season of cruising. We hope you will be able to join us. Please call me if you plan to attend, or if you need additional information at 703-790-1920 or 504-382-5547.

Westmoreland Yachting Association (WYA) is affiliated with PRYCA serving the Northern Neck of Virginia and all of the waters surrounding it. Our goals are to promote enjoyable boating through club sponsored cruises and related activities, educational training and the sharing skills that contribute to safe recreational yachting. Please visit our web-site at www.wyava.com.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,


A. Ralph Mason
Commodore

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Change of Watch Dinner Dance

by Joe Livingston

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) 2007 Change of Watch Dinner Dance is scheduled for SATURDAY, the 20TH of JANUARY 2007. This annual grand event will be held at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA 22150.

Schedule of Events: Hors D'oeuvres -- 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM
(Cash Bar)
Served Plated Dinner -- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Change of Watch/Awards -- 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Dancing and Party -- 8:30 PM to Mid-night

Dress: Winter Uniform or Business Suit (Black Tie Optional)

Cost: \$60 per person

Parking: Complimentary

Accommodations: A block of rooms is reserved -- make reservations directly with Hilton Springfield
Room rate is \$99 plus state and local taxes.

More specific information on menu selections and payment method will be forthcoming.

Come and enjoy PRYCA Commodore George Allen's anecdotal stories and tales leading to a new recreational boating season with the Association of Clubs on the Potomac River basin, the PRYCA for 2007.



Occoquan Yacht Club

November 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Georgia Pecan Month Celebrate Empty Nester Month			1 All Saints' Day	2 National Men Make Dinner Day	3 Cliché Day	4 Sadie Hawkins Day
5	6	7 Election Day	8 National Parents as Teachers Day	9 Viet Vets Memorial Day	10 Hardy Souls Cruise	11 Hardy Souls Cruise
12 Hardy Souls Cruise	13 Gingerbread House Day	14 Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day	15	16 Great American Smoke Out	17	18 Married to a Scorpio Support Day
19 Have a Bad Day Day	20 Name Your PC Day	21 World Television Day	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Black Friday / Flossing Day	25 Santa Cruise to Occoquan
26	27	28	29 Electronic Greeting Day	30		

11th – Veteran's Day

28th – Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting Day

December 2006

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Bingo's Birthday Month					1 World Aids Day	2 Parade of Lights – Alexandria
3 Parade of Lights – Washington	4 National Dice Day	5 Bathtub Party Day	6 Special Kids Day	7 National Cotton Candy Day	8	9 OYC Holiday Party-COW
10 Human Rights Day	11	12 Poinsettia Day	13 Pick A Pathologist Day	14	15 Cat Herders Day	16 Chanukah
17 Wright Brothers Day	18	19	20 Sacagawea Day	21 Humbug Day	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 Pledge of Allegiance Day	29 No Interruptions Day	30
31 Make Up Your Mind Day	26th – National Candy Cane Day 26th – National Whiner's Day					

It's Time For "As The World Turns" **Boating Season Ends"**

Inside . . .

**Don't Delay and Miss All The Fun – Send in
 Your Change of Watch Reservation Today,
 Boat Show Report – Did They Buy Another
 One?**

A Fun Fall Festival (Membership Meeting),

And Much More.

**November 25
 Santa Cruise
 to Occoquan
 Walt Cheatham**

December 2

Parade of Lights

Alexandria

Allen Jersey

December 3

Parade of Lights

Washington

Allen Jersey

December 9

OVC Holiday Party

& Change of Watch

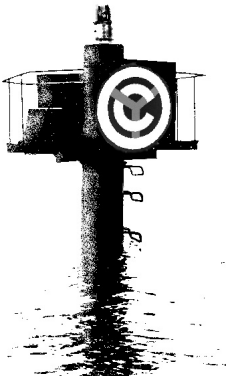
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Change of Watch

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Change Service Requested