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Commodore's Comments

Sue Thompson

AND YOU THOUGHT CRUISING THE POTOMAC WAS A CHALLENGE

It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. It seems like only yesterday we were raising flags and kicking off the boating season. With the fall come thoughts of membership meetings and holiday parties. Our membership meeting is being held on October 21 at Fairfax Yacht Club (see article later in this Daymarker) and with that brings the need for volunteers to serve on the OYC board. Please take the time and volunteer for one of the positions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered to be cruise coordinators this year. Whether it was a weekend, or week-long we all appreciate the hard work you have done. Remember, we are only as good a club as our volunteers make it.

During the month of September let's not forget all those who perished on September 11, 2001. Prince William Marina has invited us to join them at a fireworks display on Monday, September 11th in remembrance of all those who lost their lives. The remembrance will begin at 7:30. You are invited to come by land or anchor your boat in the Occoquan. Fireworks will be ignited at Occoquan Park.

It seems that my recipe column is quite a hit. Lots of folks are commenting on it. So with that in mind I will continue with the recipe column for the foreseeable future. However even my repertoire is limited so if you have any recipes you



Not only Commodore but Revolutionary Gun Commander as Well

would like to share please send them to me at foreverdreamin@earthlink.net. Who knows maybe your favorite recipe will be published!

I got this recipe from Arleen Rhodes who got this recipe from OYC member Mary Jo Worcester, currently in North Carolina. She has prepared it many times for OYC gatherings and it's always well received – and it only has 4 ingredients, which makes it a hit with me too! This can be prepared ahead of time and reheated; and it even freezes well.

MJ's Sausage Dip

- 1 lb roll Jimmy Dean original sausage
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1-8oz. cream cheese
- 1 can Rotel tomatoes with chilies

Brown sausage & onion. Drain. Add cream cheese. Add undrained can of Rotel tomatoes with chilies. Simmer 20-30 minutes. Serve warm with corn chips or sturdy crackers.

As always, I'm *Forever Dreamin'*



Vice Commodore

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Here it is the first part of September and Your Board is now planning events reserved for the END of the 2006 boating season. Hopefully, you are reading this as you cruise to Point Lookout for the Labor Day Cruise and have made plans to attend the ODBC's Party on the Potomac on the weekend of the 8th of September.

The accompanying photos show the water Lilly



trapped channel leading to Aquia Harbour YC and the entrance to the Aquia Creek just off the Potomac with the sailing vessel "Godspeed" at anchor during the Discovery Days Festival and Flotilla Parade during the PRYCA End of Summer Cruise.

The vessels *Gail Lynn II*, *Shalom*, and *Stephanie Ann* arrived on Friday (8 people/7 dogs) to dock and pool activity and a clubhouse party.

Plane To Sea, *Time Away*, *La De Da* and *Anna Marie* joined

Saturday (21 people/8 dogs. *Seclusion II* arrived and provided a count of 23 members/9 dogs. Members won the count and all reports indicate OYCer's represented the club well during the parade and the



dinner/dance on Saturday evening. Our thanks to Aquia Harbour for a great weekend as we departed following the continental breakfast on Sunday. The End of Summer (Dog Days) Party was a blaaaast!

Mark your calendar for our Membership/Election Mtg on the 21st of October, for the OYC Holiday Party on the 9th of December, and for the PRYCA Change of Watch on the 20th of January 2007. If/When elected, I look forward to the opportunity to serve as Commodore of these organizations...that's enough of being a campaigner.

Upcoming Events:

– September 8-10 (Fri-Sun) – Party on the Potomac at ODBC/Walter Kraus @ 703-768-4014.

– October 7-9 (Sat-Mon) – Columbus Day Cruise/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.

– October 21 (Sat) 1400-1700 – Membership/Election Mtg at Fairfax YC/Al Jorsey @ 703-850-2888.

– October 28 (Sat) 1200-1600 – Crab Feast at Hoffmaster's/Joe Livingston @ 540-373-9203.

Cheers, Joe.

Fall Membership Meeting (Annual Chili & Dessert Cook-Off)

The Occoquan Yacht Club's fall membership meeting will be held at Fairfax Yacht Club on Saturday, October 21, from 2- 5 pm. Remember, this is also our Chili and Dessert Cook-Off. We will be awarding 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes in each category. The most important item on the agenda that day will be the election of officers. We will also have a presentation by the NOAA on weather and boating.

Help Wanted!!

It is that time of year again when we must nominate a new slate of club officers. If you are interested in serving on the board as Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, or as the Quartermaster please contact Rick Sorrenti at (703) 590-6724 or at sorrenti_rick@bah.com.

The duties of the positions vary but, as you can see, many will need to write an article for the *Daymarker*. The editor is always happy to help out with suggested topics and can even assist if needed. Another requirement is a once-a-month board meeting. There is no requirement that you go on the cruises. Remember, at the Occoquan Yacht Club, you participate in the cruises that you want to. You will, however, need to help out with some of the landed events. For specific duties of the various positions contact your Commodore, (703) 440-8114.

Remember, what would our club be without volunteers like you?

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Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

REAR ARREARS

The Rear Commodore is in arrears as far as articles have been concerned. Lynanne and I took a trip to De Ruyter Lake in New York State to visit our old friends Pat and Bill Savage who some of you know from trips on OYC cruises. We launched their 21 foot Bayliner for a trip down the Erie Canal, through a lock and into Cayuga Lake, then down the east side of the lake for 35 miles to Ithaca, New York. Speed on the canal had been 10 mph for years but while the Turnpike Authority had control, raised it to 45 mph. After so many complaints, control was given to a canal authority who put it at 20 mph. It took us 2.5 hours to get to the lake. The lake is 375 to 400 feet deep. We arrived at a State Park Marina in Ithaca in time for dinner and an overnight stay in town. The next day we traveled up the west side on the lake with a stop at one of the 15 wineries located on the lake. After loading the wine into the boat



[Editor's Note: The water line of the boat, I'm sure, must have rose a couple inches] we traveled back through the lock and back to where we launched. It was much like an OYC trip with the exception of the temperature where it was in the low 70's during the day and a cool 39 at night.

Plane to Sea back to plane

Solomon's Island Trip

by Ted and Ruth Eisenman



It is unfortunate that our original Cruise Coordinator Chris Webster had to cancel his attendance this trip, we know he was really looking forward to it. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of the arrangements and coordination he made.

This trip was truly outstanding! Stepping in for him was effortless and his hard work paid enjoyable dividends (yes, the weather was fantastic).

Whenever I get a chance to go somewhere I have never been or to a place that is always guaranteed to be a good time, I jump on it! C:\Sea Drive got underway mid-week for our original destination of Waterside Marina in Norfolk was quickly dashed when we made a southern turn in 4-6 ft sea state. Thinking quickly, we turned north and called Spring Cove...well a couple more days wouldn't hurt...would it?! Truth is, on Sunday we didn't want to leave...

Friday evening, "Jet Global" (Mark and Mary Ann Schall) and "Daddy's Harley" (Bill and Vicki Hamp) arrived at Spring Cove Marina. We did receive word that some of our members turned back from the mouth of the Potomac as sea states did



not support a safe transit. In true OYC tradition, those of us that made it went to dinner at the local Holiday Inn "Issac's" and were quickly pleased with the fare served.

Saturday was a free day as we awaited the arrival of our Commodore's boat. Some of us trekked into town and looked at the local sites along with sampling the local fare. Later that night, happy hour was held on "E" dock with Shane and Kathy Hatton (our permanent Solomon's island residents). Some ended up at the Comfort Inn at the "Captain's Table" to sample what we

think is some of the best seafood we have sampled in a long time.



Sunday morning came to fast as it was time for the traditional OYC breakfast & Bloody Mary gathering prior to getting

underway. All seemed to enjoy themselves and then turned to the task of making ready to get underway. A couple of our members decided to stay one more night, but rest assured...it was just as tough to leave this wonderful island retreat!

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Rob Grant, 9/5	Maria Koenig, 9/6
Carl Maxwell, 9/6	Ralph Burner, 9/10
Barbara Freedman, 9/10	Joan Hicks, 9/11
Anne Gorenstein, 9/12	Mary Ann Schall, 9/12
Tom Egmore, 9/13	Maury Shumaker, 9/15
Margaret Grant, 9/18	Bob Fortna, 9/19

Anniversaries

Betsey and Bob Nalevanko, 9/11
Caroline and Dick Lynn, 9/12
Cheryl and Greg Garrison, 9/15
Kim and Buzz Lasch, 9/16
Patricia and Carl Maxwell, 9/21

Welcome New Members

Sorry but there were no new members joining the club in August.

A Week on the Bay on One Tank of Fuel

by Ned W. Rhodes

Three OYC boats left from the PRYCA Float-In on July 16th for a week long vacation on the Bay. Our goal was to maximize our fun and visit a few places we had never been before. We were successful on all counts. The flotilla consisted of three boats, three dogs, three couples and two "Maine-iacs." The boats were *Impulse*, *Sea Duck Too* and *Forever Dreamin'*. The dogs were Abby, Corky and Nick, and the couples were the Rhodeses, the Sorrentis and the Thompsons. The "Maine-iacs" were Steve and Debby from Maine who



A special treat.

are old friends of the Thompsons and wanted to experience a Bay cruise. Coming from Maine, where the boating season is about three weeks, they were amazed that we were still boating in July. Our first stop was Bay Creek Marina in Cape Charles. I first read about this marina in the Prince William Yacht Club newsletter and it sounded like a good place to go. Apparently others do as well, since the town is featured in the current issue of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*. We had following seas as we headed south to Wolf Trap light and then did a zig across the Bay to reach Cape Charles. The entrance to Bay Creek Marina is well marked, but you have to stay in the middle of the channel. After repeated unanswered calls to the marina, I pulled into an empty slip and walked up to the Dockmaster's office to see about slips.

The marina is huge and not all that filled and so we had our pick of slips. I figured that the slip I was in was good enough and soon *Sea Duck Too* and *Forever Dreamin'* joined us. We broke out our bikes and Sue rented a 12 passenger golf cart for our stay.

We spent the next three days sweating, relaxing, shopping, bike riding, eating, walking, visiting the museum, new house shopping and just plain having fun. We ate one night at the Cabana Bar which had a kick-ass sunset and a good meal. For dinner another



Bay Creek, Cape Charles

night we used our table-top grill at the end of the pier, on a beautiful deck overlooking the water and then the next evening we borrowed the Dockmaster's super-cab for a fun evening at 'Chez Exxon' which is really called Stingray's. Yes, it is really a truck stop, but the shrimp and crab were wonderful.

Bay Creek is a definite do-over, and I recommend you get slips at the end of C-Dock so as to have use of the deck overlooking the water.

Our next stop was York River Yacht Haven on the York River. This was a quick two-hour run across the dead flat Bay and up the York River. We swam the dogs, did laundry, and took a cab across the river to tour the town of Yorktown where we participated in the



Orange Man to the Rescue.

(simulated) firing of a cannon led by Commodore Sue. Lunch at the pub was good, followed by shopping and ice cream.

We had a fabulous cocktail party on the T-pier where there was a breeze and great meal at the River's Inn. The Sorrentis treated us to a dinghy ride up Sarah Creek, and former OYC member Jim Ball joined us for a cookout the other night.

Upon leaving the York, we had another flat run up the Bay to Deltaville where we stayed at Dozier's, which is the first marina on the left as you come into Deltaville. Fellow cruisers Livingstons, Jorsey, and Krause joined us for a few nights. Sue was able to get use of the clubhouse for our cocktail parties and cook-out dinners, which provided a welcomed relief from the heat.

We spent an afternoon in the pool, rode our bikes all over the place and did more shopping. Dick and Carolyn Lynn joined us by land yacht for a late lunch at Kokomo's, which is a new restaurant in town.

One afternoon, Steve took us for a fast boat ride up the Rappahannock to Urbanna. Guess what we did? Shopped, walked, ate and visited museums. Arleen wouldn't let me get this orange outfit at Bristow's department store, which is probably for the better. We stopped by Windmill Point on the way back and the place looks like a ghost town. They have removed the channel markers and there are very few boats in the marina.

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CoCoMo Restaurant, Deltaville

Again the cocktail parties at the end of the dock were wonders to behold. What we have done on past cruises is to assign boats to host the cocktail party each night. That way we don't overeat and over the course of the week, you only have to bring food two nights instead of every night.

One of our other traditions is to have a poker run. Everyone puts in \$5 and we deal a card out at cocktails each night. Then to make things interesting, some nights we mix things up a little by having the



It would help if there was a sign facing the other way too.

person on your right pull a card from your hand. There is no better way to get rid of that pair than by having someone pull it from your hand. Debby, from Maine, was the big winner with a pair of Aces as I remember it. Husband Steve tried to steal the pot with a pair of Kings.



Those IPS drives really purrr.

We departed Deltaville on Monday around 10 and had another flat run up the Bay to White Point. Our purpose there was to fill our tanks and enjoy a few hours at the pool there. Cool and refreshed, we made the run back to OHM where we had our final cocktail party and talked about how much fun we had.

Was it really only one tank of fuel? Well that is mostly correct. We fueled up at White Point before we hit the Bay and fueled up again on the way back up the Potomac. OK, maybe a tank and a half, but who's counting?

In total, we were out eight nights, three at Cape Charles, two at Yorktown, and three at Deltaville. I wonder what we will do next year....



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

WHAT AND WHO IS A "BOATER"?

The other day, my husband and Captain asked me an interesting question. "How would you describe typical boaters?" he said. Then he proceeded to do what he likes to do, he answered the question. I wasn't surprised. I've taken the Meyers-Briggs test and know that most of his questions come out only after he's thought the question through and is ready to announce the answer.

"Most boaters, that is boating couples, like each other. If they don't, they get off the boat and become ex-boaters," he said. "It's comfortable," he continued, "to be around people who like the people they live with." We agreed that liking people begins at home. So those who have mastered the challenge of getting along within the confines of a boat, are likely to be easy to get along with. Simple.

Then he moved on to stereotypes. "Boaters are active, adventurous people. They aren't afraid." We discussed the uncertainties of cruising at night, of the strange noises that the boat makes after dark, how nothing looks the same when shore lights replace shore lines and landmarks disappear. But boaters learn to navigate, trust in charts and instruments – and each other. And unlike our land locked neighbors we have

stories to tell and bragging rights. We may not have discovered New Worlds, but we found the marina.

And because we boaters are full of daring and adventure, plying the treacherous Potomac, we love to party. Or maybe we always loved to party but grew out of it until we found that boaters were always looking for a party, so we joined in. Either way, boaters seem to laugh a lot. At least they do when gathered around a bottle of ancient rum.

Boaters also tend to be helpful. They will gather around a slip and shout conflicting suggestions to a Captain typing to put the ship in to the slip. When machinery breaks down fellow boaters tend to be generous with their time, tools, and if available, parts. This is very important as boats are imperfect machines. They are not Hondas. They break down and need attention. So one reason boaters are helpful, they've all been there and will be again.

Finally, boaters, real boaters, tend not to be rich. Oh they may start out rich. But boating takes its toll on the bank account. The bigger the boat, the steeper the costs. But to real boaters, the cost is repaid many times over by the good times shared with people who like their boat mates and boating friends.

Well, on that note, we'll sign off. It's time to take the treasury off to Europe so we can sail back, retracing the route the Titanic almost perfected. Details and adventures will be in next month's article. See you on Labor Day.

Your Treasurer, Trish One of *Bat Too*

ODBC's Party on the Potomac

by Walter Kraus

The Old Dominion Boat Club is hosting the 2nd annual "Party on the Potomac Raft-up Weekend" on September 8-10. Looks to be a fun weekend in Old Town w/Alexandria's Festival of the Arts and other activities. Money raised will go to support the Alexandria Seaport Foundation.

The Cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 per child under 12. Registration will include Friday on ODBC patio, Saturday's dock sale & carnival and Sunday's breakfast and complimentary shuttle service. You can also reserve slips at Alexandria City Docks at 703-838-4265.

To register, contact Walter at 703-768-4014 or email boat information (length/beam/draft), Number of adults and children and arrival date (Fri or Sat) to seaventure@cox.net. Please provide home or cell telephone to coordinate payment.

Raft-up instructions will be provided on September 7th. An ODBC pin will be used for entrance to activities and welcome packets with discount coupons and goodies will be provided.

Thanks, Walter

DSC, MMSI, VHF – Important Terms – Now There's an Easy Way to Learn More

by Steven B. Thompson

Being a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and a volunteer vessel inspector, I thought I knew everything there was to know about Digital Selective Calling (DSC). BoatU.S. just released a 35 minute tutorial that taught me more. To find out more about how DSC can help you in an emergency situation go to BoatUS.com, click on their Boating Safety and then VHF/DSC links. The tutorial is in the lower left portion of the page.

Party on the Potomac!

ODBC Raft-Up Weekend for ALL MEMBERS BOATERS & LANDLUBBERS

September 8 -10, 2006



Old Dominion Boat Club

Registration – 6pm

7pm to 11pm - Danielle Westphal, Carol Gaylor & Bruce Katsu
ODBC Tiki Bar

SATURDAY

9am Raft-Up Begins

8am to 3pm - ODBC "DockYard" Sale – Boating & Non-boating items
including ODBC's own "designer" corner

8pm to 12am – *The House Band Review* -Music, Dancing, Silent Auction, Food
& Fun at ODBC's "CARNIVALE" Fundraiser

SUNDAY

9am to 12pm - Bloody Boaters' Breakfast including one complimentary Mimosa or
(Bloody Mary (open to all – please sign reservation list)

For those anchoring out or visiting boaters in the raft-up, shuttle service will be provided between the Raft-Up and ODBC Friday through Sunday noon.

Party on the Potomac Weekend	\$25.00 per person (\$10.00 children under 12)
Carnivale Fundraiser Only	\$20.00 per person
Breakfast Only	\$7.00 per person

All proceeds go to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation

Remember This Picture

Only one individual came forward with an answer, a correct one at that. The winner is ... Barbara Freedman. The answer is ... I'm not going to tell.



Occoquan Yacht Club

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Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month Subliminal Communications Month					1 Chicken Boy's Day	2 Cruise to Point Lookout
3 Cruise to Point Lookout	4 Cruise to Point Lookout	5 Be Late for Something Day	6	7 National Feel the Love Day	8	9 ODBC Party on Potomac
10 ODBC Party on Potomac	11 Patriot Day	12	13 Fortune Cookie Day	14	15 POW/ MIA Recogn. Day	16 Wife Appreciation Day
17 Time's Up Day	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20	21	22 Dear Diary Day	23 Rosh Hashana
24 Ramadan Begins	25 World Maritime Day	26	27	28 Fish Tank Floor Show Night	29 VFW Day	30 Pumpkin Day
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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Cookie Month National Pajama Month						
1 Fire Pup Day	2 World Habitat Day	3	4 Balloons Around the World	5 World Teachers Day	6 Mad Hatter Day/World Smile Day	7 Columbus Day Cruise
8 Columbus Day Cruise	9 Columbus Day Cruise	10	11 Emergency Nurses Day	12	13 World Egg Day	14 Be Bald & Be Free Day
15 National Grouch Day	16 National Boss's Day	17 Mulligan Day	18 Confucius's Birthday	19	20	21 OYC Mbrship Meeting
22 Mother-in-Law Day	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27 Cranky Co-Workers Day	28 OYC Crab Feast Hoffmastrs
29 Daylight Savings Ends	30 Haunted Refrigerator Night	31 Halloween	11th – National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work & School Day			



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