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New NavAids Come to the DC Metro Area!

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Over the past several years recreational boating has become an ever more popular activity, resulting in a significant increase in recreational boat sales. With this increase in sales comes an increase in the number of boats plying the waterways of the nation. This fact is never more prominent then when looking at the waters around the nation's capital. Each year there are more boats on the Potomac and its tributaries, and each year there are more accidents, placing an increasing strain on already overtaxed local law enforcement agencies.

But now, local officials have decided to do something about this problem. With the installation of new local NavAids, red and green will no longer mean starboard and port, but also stop and go.

For several years the recreational boating traffic, especially around the Hains Point area, has gone almost unchecked. When asked, experienced boaters say that many new boaters don't know what they are doing, and they probably didn't bother to take a safe boating course. Captains of the commercial tour boats agree, saying that many people don't understand the rules of the road when it comes to boating. Most can readily recall several stories of close calls with an inexperienced boater.

So local authorities have developed a plan and will institute that plan this spring with the installation of a traffic light where the Anacostia River flows into the Potomac

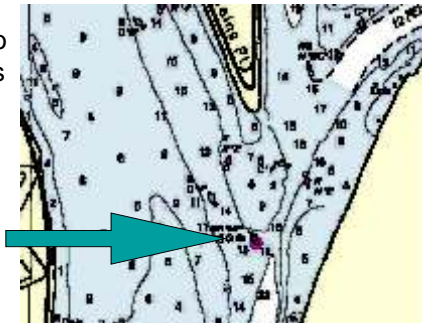
River, a known high boating traffic area. The rationale is that while everyone might not know when to yield according to Coast Guard Inland Waterway Rules, everyone does know the principle behind a traffic light. If it is red, you stop. If it is green, you can go.

The traffic light will replace the Red/Green marker where the Anacostia flows into the Potomac. The District has already stated that it plans to actively enforce compliance with the new traffic signal. As with all new traffic signaling devices, there will be a 30-day period

where violators will be severely scolded and berated by the officer that pulls you over to the curb. Violations after that time will carry a fine equal to one-twelfth of your annual slip fee (or one month worth of launching fees) and the issuance of a red bumper sticker saying "I May Not Stop for Red Lights" required to be

placed on the driver's side window. Maryland and Virginia officials have already said that if the program is a success they will institute it at locations within their jurisdictions.

Officials have also stated that future efforts will include a requirement for boats to be equipped with turn signals. They have already made preliminary inquiries with boat manufacturers, the NMMA, and the US Coast Guard and hope that this new effort will be made mandatory for all boats manufactured in 2008 and beyond. There was, however, no mention of any effort to require brake lights.



Special Offer!!! \$1/Gallon Gasoline!!

In gratitude for the many years of loyal customers and for the much appreciated business at Fairfax Hail Home Marina (FHHM), on the Occoquan River, from OYC'ers, Nick Abby (or an avaricious representative) has made a one time special offer to OYC members, \$1 per gallon for 87 octane or diesel!!!! As with all good deals, there are a few limitations, all of which are easy to meet and are more than fair for this bargain.

1. You must be a member of OYC in good standing with no recent history of suspected abuse (within the last year)
2. You must either pay cash (preferred in unmarked bills) or charge the fuel to an "FHHM" credit card, the one with the conditions, "20% interest, if not paid off within 48 hours of purchase."
3. You must get a secret code from the OYC secretary to activate the pump at the reduced rate. The code is REKCUS in case you lost her telephone number.
4. You must buy or commit to buy at least 1,000 gallons. (Nick offers 55 gallon drums at the ships store for a modest price and a minimal storage fee)
5. You must have had at least \$2,000 of repair work done at FHHM within the last year.
6. You must purchase the fuel within 10 days of April 1st

So my fellow boaters, lets get your boat repaired, clean up those court records, and get on down to FHHM for a great bargain!!! **Note:** The Representative doesn't want anyone to contact Nick directly as he is on vacation until May and prefers to be modest.

An Open Letter to My Creditors

Dear Banks/Credit Unions to whom I owe money,

I have started down that slippery slope to bankruptcy and thought you might appreciate it if I gave you plenty of advance notice. Granted, this may not happen for a while, but I didn't want it to be a complete surprise for you when it does.

You see, I've recently taken the first step toward insolvency. Yes, that's right. Despite knowing full well what the future consequences were, I recently went out and bought a boat. This news is certain to cause my file to be adorned with those large red flags that you like to use to denote probable future deadbeats. I understand you have rules that you've got to follow.

Although it probably has no bearing on your view of my financial future as being quite dismal, I thought you might like to know that we only bought a small, used boat. One that was well within our budget. Oh, I know, you're going to say that it doesn't matter how sensibly the addiction begins. You'll say that once it has taken hold there is little, if any, treatment. You'll warn me that the insidious cravings worsen with each season until the guy who started out with a small pontoon boat wakes up one day in the stateroom of his custom built seventy-eight foot houseboat and realizes that he is in way over his head. Then he has no choice but to bail out, so to speak, of his financial obligations.

Perhaps it's pier pressure (a little marine humor there) that causes otherwise sane people to immediately start planning the purchase of a larger boat the same day they take delivery of their new one. All it takes is for some so-called **friend** to float by in a rig that's 6 feet longer and twenty miles-an-hour faster, saying, "Hey, man, this is good stuff, ya wanna try it?"

The next thing you know, they're visiting boat dealers, hanging pictures of the bigger boat on their refrigerator door, and putting their 3 week old boat in the *Boat Trader*. Tragically, they're hooked. Another classic example, you say, of the need for a **Just Say No** campaign on our nation's lakes and waterways.

Maybe you're right. After all, you guys are the experts. You're the people who try to intervene by referring debtors to Boaters Anonymous. (Those meetings don't work, by the way, because whenever someone mentions "higher power", everybody else runs out to buy a bigger boat motor.) You're the originators of the saying, "Not everyone who owns a boat goes bankrupt, but everyone who goes bankrupt owns a boat."

So, dear creditors, now you know. It's probably only a matter of time until our boat payment dwarfs our mortgage payment; until we're raiding the kids' college funds to cover slip rental; until we're found siphoning fuel from boats because our gas cards are maxed out. But, until that time comes, you can breathe a sigh of relief with every check we send you (after it clears, of course). Who knows, maybe we'll even be one of the few who beat the odds by enjoying boating while remaining fiscally sound. (Is that snickering I hear?)

Okay, I feel much better now. If anything else comes up that I think you should know, I'll be back in touch. In the mean time, if you turn down any loan applications because the people are trying to buy too much boat, ask them if they'd be interested in a 3 year old, 20 foot bowrider. You see, we have our eye on this new twenty-six footer and if we can sell our old boat, then...well, never mind. There are some things you probably don't need to know.

Sincerely,

Future Chapter 13 Filier

Commodore Livingston Wants OYC's Name Changed

by Harry Croft, PasTreasPoPoBoG

I had an epiphany last night (it could have been gas,) that our club has a politically and geographically challenged, incorrect name that must be changed. I am certain that, after reading this, you will arrive at the same conclusion. Perhaps you'll even be able to offer ideas for a new name that more accurately describes our organization. Send any suggestions to me at: hpcroft@verizon.net.

First of all, "Occoquan Yacht Club" is a misnomer, since fully 20% of our members do NOT keep their boat on the Occoquan! Those whose boats are berthed on, say, Neabsco Creek, may take offense at having to identify with the neighboring body of water as if it were somehow more important, while those who are located on, say, the Potomac, may resent having to defer to a mere tributary. However, since the majority of us do keep our vessels on, near, or at least on a tributary of the Potomac, referring to the Potomac in our name should not offend anyone. (For those of you who are already working on the name change, that would be "P", not "O"!!!)

Secondly, "yacht" club implies a gross over statement of the length and size of our... boats. I realize this is largely a male problem, since the distaff members have a well documented history of distorted size perception. But that is no excuse for calling our boats "yachts." The average size for OYC is 35', hardly yacht-sized, regardless of how we feel about it. To qualify as a yacht, a vessel should probably be at least 50' or longer; only three boats in our club can lay claim to that status, even though some in our midst get close with their "big ass" boats. Get real; we are Power BOATers, pure and simple. (The "Y" has to go.)

Thirdly, we call this organization of undersized yachts a "club." Well, if it's a club, then we need a secret handshake, similar to the one in "Spanky and Our Gang." For a long time, I thought we actually had a nautical, semaphore-like signal that I most often observed as I powered up past sailboats in the narrow channel out of the Occoquan; the sailboat captain often held up his fist with a "You're number one!" signal. While this filled me with pride, I think something along the lines of a waving of the fingers under the chin would be better. I'm also thinking that calling ourselves a group instead of a club makes sense. "Group" is a

non-descript designation with no expectations of pomp or ceremony, which is much more in line with our motto, "Eat, drink, and have fun!" or just plain "Drink!" (If you're keeping track of the alphabetic progression here, the "C" would be replaced with "G".)

I've noticed that some yacht clubs have their commodore and officers wear a cute captain's hat with yellow bird dropping-like stuff on the visor, along with a blue blazer and white duck pants, sort of like Thurston Howell III on Gilligan's Island. As you can see from the picture of Ned and Lexie, our true nature is more visceral. Can you say "AARGH!"?



Lastly, we need an eponymous name, one that symbolizes our group. I can't think of anything that matches slurping, burping, gas guzzlers, stink pots, winos ... but maybe you can. All suggestions will be considered. It will, however, be difficult to surpass the suggestion I've already submitted to "Go Joe!" Livingston. He has given it his preliminary endorsement. I've suggested that we follow the lead of the Navy, which is fond of combining parts of words to form unpronounceable names like "ComSecFltFwIBrd". If we called ourselves the Potomac Power Boaters Group, then, instead of OYC, we would be the PoPoBoG, and our commodore could be ComPoPoBoG. I think it has a nice ring to it! AND, it really sounds official on Channel 16! I have tried it out and gotten numerous responses, none of which, however, are suitable for repeating in the Daymarker.

To bring this stellar bit of analysis to fruition, I have formed a committee to review your suggestions to arrive at my solution. No good suggestion will be noticed or recognized, so send your suggestion and \$5 to me. After all, I'm retired and on a fixed income, and wine in a box isn't cheap.

Here's a few deft marine definitions:

Aboard - A piece of lumber that may be used to repair your boat.

Astern - A type of look. Your spouse gives you astern look when you attempt to buy things for your new boat.

Cleat - A template used to practice knot tying that allows knots to easily slip off.

Compass - A navigational aid that accurately points to the largest metal object on your boat.

Deck - This is what your spouse will do to you after

discovering how much money you have spent on the boat without first obtaining permission.

Line - What you feed your spouse in order to obtain funding for additional boat-related purchases.

Overboard - A term describing the final resting-place for anything expensive dropped while on board a boat.

Rudder - This is the device that steers your boat. The rudder is usually the first part of your boat to come off when you hit a rock.

Through-the-hull fitting - A leak.

Report From the Florida Boat Shows

Filed by Captain Rick from Gator's Bar

You can tell that spring is right around the corner as the Florida boat shows are now finished. I attended the Miami Boat show (free tickets of course) and picked up a few items. First let me comment on the latest trend in showing boats. Normally I like to go below with no salesperson. Then when no one is looking, I bar the door in the master stateroom and then fling myself on



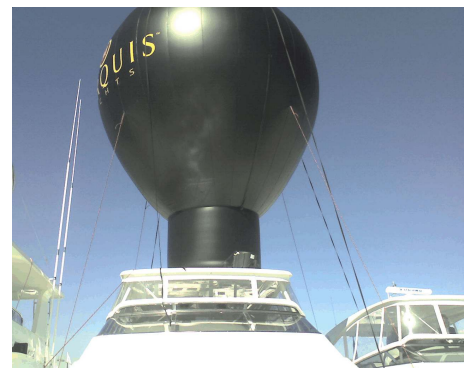
the bed to check out the possible "action." My efforts were thwarted at the last show due to the sign that appeared on one of the berths. I inquired as to the exact

meaning of the sign and they suggested that I come back after 5, when a sales-person would be available. I did and they were not.

Best New Gadget

You know I like to watch TV when out on the boat. When the snoring gets to be too loud, I retreat up to the main saloon and watch monster movies. The problem

is that depending on where you are on the bay, the reception is just not great. Well, I have finally solved that pesky reception problem with the addition of my new Skyblaster



1000 satellite dish pictured here. This will allow me to get all the channels on all the satellites in the northern hemisphere. The only issue is the increased wind profile for the boat, but I think that with sufficient mounting, there won't be a problem.

Possible Boat Warming Gift



Pictured here is a nice boating warming gift appropriate for many of our fellow OYC boaters. Let me know if you have trouble finding one as I was given three.

WAY TOO MUCH IDLE TIME HERE FOR A BOATER

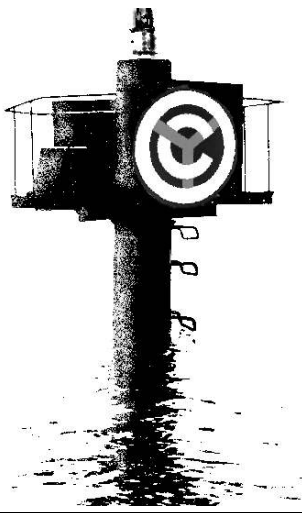
Created by Dave Moore

Yes, it's puzzle time. So sit down, sit back, get the brain in gear so to speak and have some fun here. Find all the hidden words in the puzzle. They may be vertical, horizontal, backward or diagonal. You may even find a word or two that is not on the list; forget those. An individual letter may be used multiple times so when marking the puzzle, it's best to use a light colored magic marker or draw a fine line through the word so the letters are still distinguishable. When done, the leftover letters will spell out a message! The first person with the correct message will receive a prize. E-mail to Evermoorex@aol.com or call Dave at 703-494-0651.

AWAY BARGE BOOT BOW BUY CALM
CHART CLUB COMPASS DANFORTH DECK
DEPTH DOOR DUCT EBB EDIT FLOW
FOG FUN GALE GREAT HELP HORN
IRS JOE KOI LEAKS LINE LIVINGSTON
LOWER MAST MOP NAVIGATE NETTLE
NUNBUOY OAR OCCOQUAN OYC PIER
PLOT PORT POTOMAC RADAR RODE

ROPE ROSE SAIL SALINE SALT(2)
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SMOOTBAY SNOW SOLO SOS SPOT
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Commodore's Comments

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

You may have noted that my theme each month this winter season has been to help "passing" time. Well here are some lines for you. "Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die" or "Never take life too seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway." or "Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital dying of nothing." or "Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again." Well, that short little sequence pretty much sums up the month of March for the crew of the Gail Lynn II...our health was not too good', the first mate did well, but spent her time nursing the "Captain" back to health. He is breathing again after a struggle with pneumonia. Looking forward to the new boating season that is now upon as April and Spring have arrived.

Certainly hope all crews attending, enjoyed the General Membership Meeting on the 24th of March. Our members have a way of making a "potluck" really great ... is it really the *deserts* or the friendships that have been made? As a little challenge, let's see if each crew that attended can bring a new prospective or current member, that did not attend the Gen. Mbr. Mtg., to the Club's annual **Flag Raising on the 5th of May**. The Board will buy you a drink to go with the annual picnic lunch!

Are you looking for a land based event for the family. The annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on Saturday, April 7, the day before Easter. Along the DC waterfront, it will be a 3 hour event

from 5 to 8 PM ending with fireworks. Activities for children will be emphasized including over sized Easter bunny, origami, fireboat water show, and model boat building. Enjoy.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 12th of April. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items/suggestions for consideration. Please notify me of your plans and to get the location of the meeting.

Cheers, Joe.

Dues are Due!!

Your club dues for the 2007 season were due on the 1st of January. If you haven't paid yet, please do so. Payment will ensure that you are kept up to date on club events and receive our newsletter, which always has something of interest to just about everyone, to include boating safety.

Send your check, made out to "Occoquan Yacht Club" to OYC, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125.

Annual dues are \$60.00 (Family), \$40.00 (Single), or \$30.00 (Associate). An Associate membership is for those individuals and families that do not currently own a boat.





Vice Commodore

Ted Eisenman

GEEZ ... ANOTHER ARTICLE

Geez! Is it time to write another article? How time flies ... and boating season is right around the corner! Now that our Membership meeting has been held, starting those engines and getting underway is closer than ever. I am getting excited about seeing all of our members out on the water and enjoying our favorite past time!

Spending time finishing up those winter projects ... like the complete kitchen make over I started some time ago. It is nearing completion (so I can get my boat "liberty card") and is looking great. One of the things I have found during this project is that my energy and stamina aren't what they used to be. I keep asking myself throughout this period were my goals too lofty, or I would find myself asking why I couldn't accomplish as much as I used to? Well ... there is only one answer ... I am getting old! Now most of you are going to look straight at me and say ... "your what"? Yes, over the last year or so, I have been finding that my stamina has been waning, but that doesn't mean I am ineffective. All that means is I am entering an era that I can no longer function like I did during my twenties. I believe the phrase "pace yourself" is more of a prominent form of guidance. (If you asked Ruth, she would say I am losing my mind. Just because I drove into work and slugged home leaving my truck in Crystal City one time.) So why am I saying this ...

My first action during boating season normally would be to "get everything done in a day" on the boat. Most of you know that isn't realistic, and activities to ready our craft should be done over several days ... not hours. Well, I think that this year I will take my own advice and take at least two days to totally clean and ready the boat. Okay, how about a couple of weekends??? I think I will take my time this year and enjoy the experience, I hope every one of you will also!

Now on to the scheduled upcoming events:

April 21-22 – Early Bird Cruise to Alexandria – Linda & Laslo Bozoky

May 5 (1200-1500) – OYC Flag Raising at OHM – Joe Livingston

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May 12 (1100-1400) – ORMA Blessing of the Fleet – Joe Livingston

May 19 – First OYC Raft Up – Need a Volunteer

May 26-28 – Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach – Steve & Sue Thompson

June 9 (1200-1600) – Dinghy Regatta/Potluck at OHM – Ted Eisenman & Al Jorsey

C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring Channel 16!



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

TO SACRIFICE OR NOT TO SACRIFICE

Cathodic protection is a method of protecting metal parts of your boat instead of using an insulating coat or paint where corrosion occurs instantly when the layer is damaged. Cathodic protection provides a deliberate electrochemical preservation system that is effective and efficient. Anodes (sacrificial metals) are used to prevent corrosion to boat parts (rudders, shafts, props, etc) by corroding themselves.

Having heard all the dock stories as to what type to use, I decided to research these things called anodes. Anodes are available in different alloys, namely aluminum, magnesium and zinc. It is important to use the correct alloy for your type of boating to insure the maximum protection of the underwater metals.

Aluminum is used in salt and brackish waters only. Because it is light, smooth corrosion pattern and high electrical capacity, fewer anodes are required as compared to zinc, last longer and cost less.

Magnesium is used only in freshwater. Zinc is used in saltwater only. It does not last as long as aluminum but has an even corrosion pattern, good electrical capacity and a long working life but not as long as aluminum. For you folks with aluminum hulls, you have one large anode and should consider an impressed current system which uses a transformer rectifier (TR) with an auxiliary anode to create an electric field at the metal surface. This provides a uniform coverage of corrosion protection over a large surface area. Check your anodes yearly, as they can go fast depending on where you keep your boat.



Plane to Sea back on Plane

The Early Bird Cruise

by Laslo and Linda Bozoky

Be careful what you wish for. Spring is finally here, and if you haven't started getting organized for boating season, now's the time to do it. If you saw last month's *Daymarker* you will know our first cruise for the season is to Old Town Alexandria, April 21st and 22nd. This is always a fun event to finally get to be out on our boats, and be with our OYC friends. If you want to attend this cruise by boat, you need to mail your application to the Alexandria Marina with the slip fees. You can get the application from the Marina's website at <http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/marina/marina.html>. The application must be mailed on or after April 1st.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the cruise. We will have Happy Hour on Saturday evening at 5:30pm at the Marina on the dock. Everyone is invited even if you aren't able to come by boat. Please bring an appetizer to share, and your own beverage.

We will make dinner reservations for anyone that wants to go to a restaurant as a group. Please let us know if you are interested in going out to eat. We will also do the same for Sunday brunch.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and getting the boating season started. Please call us at (703) 590-8440, or email us at HotSchatz2@AOL.com.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Boat check, classes can save life, limb, wallet

By Wilbur Scott (edited)

Is my boat really safe? We would all like to think that our boat or vessel is safe. But is it really safe? There are two ways to find out.

One way, of course, is to continue as you have, and place those you care about at risk. The second way is to have a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "Vessel Safety Check" performed. It will cost you absolutely nothing except about 20 minutes of your time depending on the size and type of your vessel.

Whatever type of craft you own, you really owe it to yourself and your passengers to know if you are operating a safe vessel.

Vessels passing the safety check will be awarded the prestigious "Vessel Safety Check" decal, to be proudly displayed on your vessel for all to see and know that you truly care about boating safety.

What happens if a vessel fails the safety check? You will know what deficiencies need to be corrected. Once those deficiencies have been corrected, your vessel will again be checked (perhaps even the same day if you wish), and if it passes, the decal awarded.

The vessel safety check is not a law enforcement type activity. Those few that may not pass the first time around are not going to be reported to any law enforcement agency. Our sole purpose is to have the deficiencies corrected, thereby giving you and your

passengers a safer vessel in which to enjoy your favorite water activity. You can arrange for a vessel inspection simply by contacting your *Daymarker* editor, who is an Auxiliary Vessel Safety Examiner, or by checking the web at <http://www.uscgboating.org/safety/vsc.htm>.

Once your vessel passes the safety check and is awarded the decal, we know that your boat was safe at the time of the examination. However, as the "captain," it is your legal responsibility to maintain your vessel in safe operational condition.

This, of course, does not mean that you are going to be problem- or accident-free. The boat may be in safe operational condition, but what about the operator? Only you can control that factor!

How? By being familiar with the proper operation of your vessel and being a responsible boater.

Another great way to be safe on the water is to attend one of the newly designed U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary "Boating Safety and Seamanship" courses that are offered and presented by local Flotillas. Check the web, at <http://a054.uscgaux.info/News%20and%20Information/Public%20Education/pe.htm>, to find the contact information for a class near you.



THE MARYLAND MARITIME HERITAGE FESTIVAL – 2007

"Celebrating The Chesapeake Bay"

Festival Fact Sheet

DATES: Friday, May 4- Sunday, May 6, 2007

TIMES: Friday, 10-7pm; Saturday, 10-7pm;
Sunday, 10-5pm

LOCATION: City Dock, Annapolis, Maryland

ADMISSION: Free and open to the public, the Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival is held outdoors in tents. The event is handicapped accessible. The Maryland Maritime Heritage Festival takes place rain or shine.

ATTENDANCE: More than 20,000 people visited the festival in 2006.

PURPOSE/GOAL: The MMHF is a three-day Maritime Festival at City Dock in Annapolis for the purpose of Education, Entertainment, and Conservation of the Chesapeake Bay.

WEBSITE: Festival info: www.mdmhf.org



Secretary

Patricia Croft

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

WE NEED YOU!!!

[Editor's Note: This month's Secretary's column was hijacked by your PRYCA Delegate.]

The PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale is scheduled for July 20, 21, and 22. We anticipate that there will be at least 75 boats from clubs all over the Potomac. IT WILL BE FUN! HOWEVER, we need to get you registered early to reserve a spot at the dock or you may have to anchor out somewhere south of Smith Point!

What's the Cost?? Registration fee is \$60 per person, \$35 for children 5 to 12. Unlike last year, this includes everything, Continental brunch (with juices), Dinner Saturday night, and a Sunday Brunch, taxes and tips. Slip fees are \$1.50/ft and a \$3/night for a 30 amp electrical outlet or \$6/night for 50 amp. Only request one outlet, 30 or 50; additional power requirements will be made based on overall marina power availability. (Sounds like a 30-2x30 splitter is in order!)

If you didn't bring your check to the Membership Meeting at FYC on March 24th, mail it to me, but make it out to "PRYCA". Send to Harry Croft, 6610 Mainsail Ct., Burke, Va., 22015 as soon as possible!

Don't Wait!! REGISTER NOW!!!!

Kenny Harris, 4/12
Peter McLeod, 4/15
Sarah Robins, 4/17
Paula Wexler, 4/19
Brian Young, 4/23
Jennifer Burrows, 4/26
Joan White, 4/27

Daria Lepisko, 4/12
Tom Shank, 4/15
Susan Cheatham, 4/19
Carol Daugherty, 4/22
Patricia Maxwell, 4/24
Laslo Bozoky, 4/27
Arleen Rhodes, 4/29

Anniversaries

Merri Jo and Bill Gamble, 4/3
Clara and William French, 4/5
Elizabeth and Andrew Kalweit, 4/20
Dana and Huy Phan, 4/29

Welcome New Members

There were no new members joining the club in March.



A late entry to the OYC March Photo Contest; a clear winner.

Memorial Day Cruise

by IPC Sue Thompson and the other guy

Have you confirmed your attendance for this great cruise? If not contact me at foreverdreamin@earthlink.net to sign up today. We have 3 slips left and after that we will have to start a wait list. This is a very popular cruise! Once you have notified us of your plan to attend don't forget to call Colonial Beach Yacht Center and give them credit card information to hold your slip.

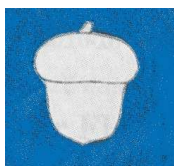
We will have the traditional dog walk for all you dog walkers and dog walker wannabes. You will have lots of time to spend in town visiting the Market Days and Antique Show on Saturday. Sunday is a full day starting with breakfast hosted by the crew of Forever Dreamin', followed by our annual trip to the Westmoreland Berry Farm and Ingleside Winery. Then to finish off the day we will have a BBQ/potluck with Westmoreland Yacht Club. We're still working on plans for a brunch on Monday. Don't forget that there will be a charge for the bus to the berry farm and winery. Also, slip fees are \$1.25 per foot plus \$5.00 for electricity, per day. So for all those going, stand by your emails for cruise lists and updated information coming soon.

Now my recipe of the month!

Sunshine Cake – 1 pkg (4serving size) Vanilla Instant Pudding; 1 can (20 oz) crushed pineapple in juice undrained; 1 cup thawed Cool Whip; 1 prepared Angel Food Cake; 10 small strawberries

Mix dry pudding and pineapple with juice in a medium bowl. Gently fold in Cool Whip. Cut cake horizontally into 3 layers.

Place bottom layer cut side up on plate. Spread 1 & 1/3 cup of the pudding mixture onto cake layer; cover with middle layer. Spread 1 cup of the pudding mixture onto middle layer; top with remaining layer. Spread remaining pudding mixture on top. Garnish with Strawberries and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

Hello Everyone,

As we begin to think about boating let us linger on the financial aspect of our club over the past year. **WE REMAIN IN THE BLACK !!!!** Thanks to each AND every one of you and your loyal support to OYC, our club is prospering !!!

A few facts that you may relish:

Membership Dues for 2006 were \$5,592.00....We need everyone to promote OYC to exceed that this year!

Quartermaster Sales were \$2,133.00 for '06 and let's all support Jim and the Club by refreshing your old gear with something new.

Christmas Party seems a long way away, but is a reflection of our Spring membership, in the past it has been ALWAYS a successful event with sales of \$2,700.00 for last year and a projection for \$3,150.00 for this year.

Thank you all for your prompt payments of DUES for 2007. As we look forward to the

promise of the 2007 boating season, let me remind you all that the "joy in life" is something to cherish, even boating should not be taken for granted.

The Occoquan Yacht Club Financial Plan will be available for your review. Hope to see you on the water soon.

Your treasurer,
BAT TOO



**Don't Jinx This Year's Boating Season.
Send in Your Membership Dues Today!**

ORMA and its affiliates proudly announce the

2007 Blessing of the Fleet

May 12th 2007 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Captains and crews! Join your friends for a special time-honored seafaring tradition...

- ➡ **dedicated to safety afloat**
- ➡ **"Launching" the new boating season!**

Plan now to captain your boat and be among the hundreds of boats with festive flags and colors! Invite family and friends to participate in a traditional blessing for safe cruising the year ahead **for your boat and crew** with a "flair for safety" !!

This simple ceremony harkens back in history to times when fishermen and seafarers yearned for good fortune and safety at sea—which was nearly always perilous. As the fleet departed seaward, clergymen invoked a blessing on each vessel as it departed. The Occoquan community re-invigorated the 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](#) as a fun way to highlight safety afloat.



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. 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. The event is marked by recognition for our First Responders. for safety afloat, and for fun boating!

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, Fairfax, and Prince William County public safety agencies.

Point of Contact : ORMA Coordinator Chris Webster, WebsterCw@msn.com.

Occoquan Yacht Club

April 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Couple Appreciation Month Southern Belles Month						
1 April Fools Day/Palm Sunday	2	3 Pesach	4	5 National Fun at Work Day	6 Good Friday	7 National Birding Day
8 Easter	9	10 Commodore Perry Day	11 Barber-shop Quartet Day	12 Licorice Day	13 Blame Someone Else Day	14 Tangible Karma Day
15 * Take a Wild Guess Day	16 Income Tax Pay Day	17 ** Stress Awareness Day	18 Pet Owners Independence	19 High Five Day	20	21 Early Bird Cruise - Alexandria
22 Early Bird Cruise - Alexandria	23	24	25 Admin Professionals Day	26	27 Arbor Day	28 Sense of Smell Day
29 National Dance Day	30 International Walk Day	* - Husband Appreciation Day ** - National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day				

May 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Smile Month National Barbeque Month						
		1 May Day	2	3 National Day of Reason	4 Respect for Chickens Day	5 OYC Flag Raising at OHM
6 Nurse's Day	7	8 Teachers Day/No Socks Day	9 National School Nurse Day	10	11 Eat What You Want Day	12 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Nylon Stockings Day	16	17	18 National Pizza Party Day	19 OYC Raft-Up - Place TBD
20 Neighbor Day	21 I Need A Patch For That Day	22 National Maritime Day	23 National Taffy Day	24 Brother's Day	25 National Tap Dance Day	26 Cruise to Colonial Beach
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