

# The Daymarker

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## Bay Cruisin'

### Northern Bay Cruise

by Ned Rhodes

Four boats, eight people, and four dogs made the trip north on the Bay this year. The four boats were *Impulse*, *Forever Dreamin'*, *Sea Duck Too*, and *Touch of Fate*. The eight people were Arleen and Ned Rhodes, Sue and Steve Thompson, Teresa and Rick Sorrenti and Jan and Dean/Duane Jeirles. And, of course, the four dogs were Abby, Nick, Corky and Kelsey.

For the first leg of our trip we made a quick dash to Spring Cove Marina in Solomons. We were able to outrun a pesky squall line for the length of the Potomac, but it caught up with us at 'Point No Point' for a brief rain. After that, we had a clear run into Solomons.

We spent the next three days doing the things we normally do at Solomons: morning dog walks, bike rides, shopping, lunch at Stoney's, drinks and barbeque at the Tiki Bar, food shopping at Woodburns, cocktail parties in the picnic area and cookouts. I have a vague recollection of some vanilla rum the first night out in celebration of the start of the vacation.

Monday we kept watching the weather and hoping that the waves would

subside. At noon, we had to go as we were blocking slips. The wind and waves were not too bad as we headed north to Baltimore, and things got better when we hit the Bay Bridge as the Bay narrows, usually lessening the wave action.

Our marina for the next three days was Inner Harbour East situated near Little Italy and Fells Point. This was the bargain of the trip—due to construction of the new marina facilities, our slip was discounted 50%. The people there were as friendly as could be, and the floating docks were spacious with numerous picnic tables scattered about. We rode the water taxi to the Maryland Science Museum and saw an IMAX movie of the bayou and the damage that Katrina did,

docked the space station, saw a planetarium show and looked for Uranus (my favorite planet, just ask anyone and it never gets old).



You can see it all at Fells Point

Shopping at Fells Point was good; drinking at the beer bar in Fells Point while the ladies shopped was even better. For many, our best meal was at Boccaccio in Little Italy. They were a little snooty when we all showed up in shorts and Hawaiian shirts, but loosened up as we kept ordering.

For the Fourth of July, we planned an all-American cookout on top of *Sea Duck Too*. Using our Foreman grills, we had hot dogs with 'the works' (chili, cheese, sauerkraut, etc.), accompanied by root beer baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad. After a slight rain delay, we enjoyed about 30 minutes of fireworks from the barge that was anchored right outside the entrance to the marina. A truly enjoyable evening.



**Baltimore Harbor Celebration**

For our trip to St. Michaels the next day, the wind had shifted 180 degrees so we were once again going into the waves. The waves got a little higher as we hit EBAY (Eastern Bay), but calmed down again as we ran up the Miles River. St. Michaels was definitely not the bargain of the trip with \$3.40 a foot prices and \$16 per night power charges. But we did have fun anyway. More morning dog walks, shopping and good meals at the Crab Claw and 208 Talbot.

We met up with the two-weekers (Pat and Harry Croft plus Linda and Dave, Sharmin and Kenny Harris, Kathy and Shane Hatton, and MaryAnn and Mark Schall) at St. Michaels and hosted a cocktail party around the pool for them. Mechanic extra ordinaire Shane fixed Jan and Dean's boat so they could enjoy a worry-free trip home.

On Saturday, we waited until 11:59 (checkout time is 12:00 and we had to make the most of our \$3.40/foot), to depart for our last leg back to the Potomac and White Point Marina. Mark Schall developed engine issues at the entrance to EBAY. Even after an emergency transfusion of 1.5 gallons of oil, he decided to head back to St. Michaels on one engine. We continued on with a hot but relatively calm run down to the Potomac.

One of our cruising rules is that the first boat in is supposed to make drinks for everyone. *Touch of Fate*, first in to St. Michaels, claims to not have known about

this important "rule of the road," saying his boat was so slow that in fifteen years of cruising with the Club he has never been first to anything. Thinking he had outsmarted us, he left an hour before us from St. Michaels, knowing that fast diesel boats would pass him on the Bay. But, since we stuck around to help Mark, we were delayed. We did actually catch up with *Touch of Fate*, just past the Birthday Cake marker on the Yeocomico, but we all throttled back to ensure that Jan and Dean would be first in for the second time in fifteen years. Although a little late, Jan and Dean did come through with some fabulous frozen drinks for a hot day.

That night we joined White Point Yacht Club for their Fourth of July party which included hamburgers, hot dogs, and another round of fireworks. We usually have a poker game going for the duration of the cruise, where we draw cards each evening during cocktails. This year we tried a Texas Hold'em variation which was won by Duane Jeirles with a Jack-high straight as I recall. His crowing the whole night and the next day were something to remember.



**Looking Good.**

We spent our final day in the pool at White Point and swimming the dogs in the river. All too soon we had to leave for home and one final cocktail party.

Here are the results of the items we always vote on for our cruise:

**Best Run:** St. Michaels to White Point

**Worst Run:** Baltimore to St. Michaels

**Favorite Marina:** No clear winner as they all got votes

**Least Favorite Marina:** St. Michaels (due to prices)

**Best Bathrooms:** White Point

**Worse Bathrooms:** Crab Claw or Inner Harbour East

**Best Happy Hour:** Fourth of July on *Sea Duck Too* or Vanilla Rum at Solomons

**Best Restaurant:** Boccaccio in Little Italy

**Thing I Should Have Brought:** Camera, more money, more stain remover, more underwear, shorts, new mic for marine radio

**Thing I Should Have Left Home:** half the clothes, DVD movies, half the food, books, half of Duane's dress clothes

**Thing I Couldn't Have Done Without:** credit cards, spouse, radar/GPS/waypoints, Ned being himself

**Most Memorable Moment:** Squall line following us, dinner chatter at Boccaccio, Duane winning poker game

**Least Funny Moment:** *Jet Global* with engine trouble, anchor coming loose (there is a story there), Ned's reaction to Duane winning the poker game

**Best Shopping:** St. Michaels

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# Bay Cruisin'

## Bay Odyssey

by Harry Croft

It's tough enough to plan and coordinate a one-week, multi-destination cruise, so you can imagine the complications of setting up two such cruises that run back to back, with two different groups of boaters, some of whom will participate in both cruises, and others who will join the group for whatever time they can. But if the people you're working with are OYC members, you can be guaranteed the results will be well worth the effort and cooperation required from all.



Such was the experience my First Mate and I recently shared with eight OYC boating couples, various family members, and various family dogs. On the first segment, we cruised down, across, and back up the Bay with only a few minor set-backs, logging close to 400 miles and four destinations.

Any details of the minor set-backs will have to be forced out of me; a good, strong drink might be effective. I will say that one particularly shallow point in the channel to Bay Creek has been named in honor of one of our boats which found a soft grounding there, and two captains took an unnecessary detour to the wrong port, (failure to listen to the previous night's briefing.) Two boats took a pounding while crossing the Bay under less than desirable conditions and one boat was temporarily disabled with a broken impeller. All of these obstacles were overcome with relative ease and aplomb, though we may have several nominees for various dubious awards.

That first segment, known as the South Bay Cruise, began on June 23, with Port Kinsale as the rendezvous destination. Pat and I were joined by the club's official In-law team, Linda, (Pat's sister,) and Dave Nelson, on *Bay Dreamer*, and we left the Occoquan with Frank and Diane Machi on *Wild Horses*, Kenny and Sharman Harris on *Darn Tootin'*, and Terry and Trish Mattke on *Bat, Too*, also underway. Mark and Mary Ann Schall, on *Jet Global*, cruised up to Port Kinsale from their



new homeport at Spring Cove, and, as the first to arrive, greeted everyone with first-round Margaritas. Bob and Jan Wilcox, who currently berth *Sanctuary* at White Point, joined the group the next morning as we set out on the first long leg of the cruise.

After 4-5 hours of easy cruising down the bay, the group pulled in to Tidewater Yacht Agency at Portsmouth. Larry and Barbara Freedman, on *Takin To The Sea*, with daughter Kiersten, a.k.a. Sally, who had begun their trip a day or two earlier to spend time at Deltaville, met up with us at TYA. The South Bay Cruisers were now complete.

Some of the notable highlights at Portsmouth included the Commodore Theater, where we had Happy Hour and a light supper while watching *Pirates of the Caribbean 3*. Well, some watched the movie, and some slept, despite the amazing Surround Sound, but between the wine, the food, the comfy chairs, and the long day of cruising, a little shut-eye was to be expected. Another highlight was seeing the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, docked in Norfolk as we cruised by, along with several other carriers and many guided missile frigates. It's hard to imagine the fire-power of those ships! The Nauticus museum was also a "must see"; my favorite exhibit there was the USS Wisconsin, with its 16 inch



cannons that can fire a shell the weight of a VW Beetle a distance of 22 miles!

The next port of call was Kingsmill on the James. The day brought beautiful weather, with clear visibility and smooth

water. As we traveled up the James with all of the boats of our group in sight of one another, and three of the boats racing side by side, one of our captains called out on the radio, "We've got ourselves an Armada!" It was a glorious day of cruising!

The route to Kingsmill took us past the "Ghost Fleet", which consists of about 50 war support ships at anchor, some rafted up together, some in pretty sorry shape, and others just waiting for their next mission. The marina at Kingsmill is nice, but pretty exposed to wind and weather. The resort is beautiful, with fantastic golf courses, both indoor and outdoor swimming pools with beverage service, and the most lavish men's locker room encountered on the whole trip. The women in our group reported that the women's locker room was equally luxurious, but I am not able to give you firsthand confirmation of that claim.

From Kingsmill, we journeyed back down the James, passing the busy shipyards of Newport News, and then across the bay to Cape Charles, the little town that time forgot and the developers of Bay Creek Resort are trying to resurrect. The marina is on King's Creek, just one creek north of the actual port of Cape Charles. It is an

exquisitely beautiful marina, with well protected water, surrounded by nature preserves, with marsh grasses and habitat teeming with birds and sea life. The floating docks are covered with Brazilian Walnut decking. The marina complex includes a well stocked ships store, a free laundry room, a very nice gift shop, and a fine-dining restaurant, Aqua, which we frequented several nights. Since the town of Cape Charles is a bit of a hike, the marina office rents golf carts for your sight-seeing and shopping pleasure; as



one would expect, our cruisers did a little of both.

Bay Creek also has two premier golf courses, one of which exceeds my skill level by a whole lot, and another that is

play-able, even for those with high handicaps. Both are gorgeous. The owner/developer is reportedly a gardener, not a golfer, so even the rough is flowered and manicured beyond description. Their brochure describes the resort as "emerging", which translates to, the hotel and other amenities have yet to be built. However, as far as boaters are concerned, they have done a fantastic job on the most essential component – the marina!

After a few days at Bay Creek, it was time for the South Bay Cruise to end. The Mattke's were the first to leave, heading to Virginia Beach to dock *Bat Too* on Lynnhaven Inlet, to have it available later for a family reunion. The Machi's headed back up the bay on *Wild Horses* to return home.

On the scheduled day of departure for the rest of us, now en route to Solomons, the bay was churned up with 3-4 foot waves, with 5-6 footers in between. After several grueling miles, two of our boats turned back, opting to stay an extra day in the luxury (and calmer waters,) of Bay Creek Marina. One boat of our group was still at the fuel dock when those two returned and heeded their warning, so that made three of us hanging back. Two intrepid boats, inexplicably out of radio contact, forged on, up and across the roiling bay, until their First Mates insisted on dropping anchor far short of the planned port. Rumor has it that the Captains received much feedback regarding the wisdom of such



a journey from their mates, but no significant damage or injury was sustained by either boats or Captains.

Even on the next day, the bay was choppy, though a little less punishing than the day before. *Takin To The Sea* headed for home. Eventually, *Sanctuary* headed back to White Point, and *Bay Dreamer*, *Darn Tootin*, *Jet*

*Global*, and *Our Dream* finally met in Annapolis for the Mid Bay Cruise. Kathy Hatton had made reservations for the group way back in February, guaranteeing us front row docking for all of the July 4<sup>th</sup> action and fireworks at the Annapolis Yacht Basin, right next door to the Marriott. It was a great way to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>, and, as has now become his custom, Dave Nelson, a.k.a., The Brother-In-Law, regaled all with rousing renditions of patriotic songs played on his trumpet as the fireworks progressed.

From Annapolis, we made an easy crossing to St. Michaels, docking at the Harbour Inn. With newspapers and coffee on the dock every morning, breakfast available on the terrace, complimentary bicycles, or the shuttle bus at the ready if you'd rather not pedal, it remains our favorite in St. Michaels.

We were able to meet up with the North Bay cruise in St. Michaels; that included the Rhodes', Jeirles', Sorrenti's, and Thompson's. They hosted Happy Hour at pool side at the Town Dock Marina, where we swapped weather stories and shopping notes – isn't it all about the shopping anyways?

The next day brought optimum conditions for moving back across the bay to Solomons, but an unfortunate mechanical mishap spoiled the day, and perhaps the season, for *Jet Global*. Although this was the one major, negative incident of the whole 16-day adventure, the positive spin is that, though one of the boat's engines will need major repairs, the Captain and First Mate eventually made it home safe and sound, and in relatively good spirits, all things considered.



The Mid Bay Cruise added another 250 miles or so, bringing the total for the full 16-day marathon to 640 miles. We won't even talk about the fuel consumption. OYC is proud to do its part to keep the marine industry prosperous.

The Hatton's and the Schall's co-hosted a farewell breakfast for the rest of the cruisers on Sunday, July 8, bringing the cruise to an end. *Darn Tootin'* and *Bay Dreamer* made it back up the Potomac without incident, a little saddened that it was all over, and already planning for the next great adventure.





Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

### TRIP BRIEFING

Having guests on the boat on a recent trip reminded me of the need to brief before leaving the dock.

I read an article about how the U.S. Coast Guard was delayed in finding the captain of a boat for 12 hours because the two women left on board (maybe his wife and his girlfriend??) the boat when he went overboard did not know how to operate the radio, how to read the GPS, how to throttle back the engines, disengage the autopilot or stop the boat until it ran out of gas. Fortunately the guy survived the ordeal but could have been back on board if he had done a briefing. (One probably knew everything and the other was educated beyond her intelligence.)

A briefing should, at a minimum include, a tour of the boat to show where everything is ... like life vests, the first aid kit, etc. and how the head works, to include covering the toilet paper roll before taking a shower in the forward head. (Causes hard to use paper for the next person.)

It helps to instruct them how to use the radio, get the position from the GPS, operate the engine controls to include speed up, slow down and stop and some basic terms like pointy end is the bow and straight end is the stern. And as a last resort, how to drop the anchor which will at least slow the boat down.

Plane to Sea, back to plane



Secretary

Pat Croft

### OYC SECRETARY IS FOUND ON THE BAY!!

The summer of '07 will go down in my memory book as the best and busiest cruising season the crew of *Bay Dreamer* has ever had. All of our adventures have been enjoyed in the company of good friends from OYC – the only way to cruise!

We began with the pre-season Early Bird Cruise to Alexandria, and continued the warm-up maneuvers with the Memorial Day trip to Colonial Beach. By the end of June, we were ready for the much anticipated 16-day odyssey up and down the Bay, which included two cruising groups: the South Bay Cruisers, (*Bay Dreamer*, *Takin To The Sea*, *Darn Tootin'*, *Wild Horses*, *Bat, Too*, *Jet Global*, and *Sanctuary*), for the first 8 days, and the Mid Bay Cruisers, (*Bay Dreamer*, *Darn Tootin'*, *Our Dream*, and *Jet Global*), on the final 8 days.

As is now our family tradition, my sister, Linda, and her husband, Dave, joined us on our Bay Odyssey

for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. On several legs of the trip, they 'hired out' to various boats in the group, riding along with Captains on parts of the journey, with Dave serving as Navigator or Deck Monkey, as needed. Next year, Harry will be offering Dave's services on E-Bay, hoping to cash in on the In-Law thing.

Dave kept track of our cruising routes, and has reported that the full, 16-day Bay Odyssey, completed by 3 boats with a total of 8 people aboard, included some 640 miles and 7 destinations. (The destination count does not include the unplanned stop-overs some of us were forced to make as a result of weather or repairs.) An additional 5 boats with 12 more people participated in either the first or second half of the trip, not to mention 3 salty dogs! One unique participant was our official Landlubber, Katherine Harris, who followed the cruise itinerary by 4-wheel drive, and provided land-based support, not only to her parents on *Darn Tootin'*, but to everyone in the group.

Ports of call included places some of us had never been before, and places some had enjoyed many times in the past. Likewise, the roster of cruising companions included familiar crews, and some who had not previously cruised together. There's nothing like a little boating adventure to forge and strengthen friendships!

*Bay Dreamer* got only a short rest before heading out again for another week of cruising fun at Port Kinsale, at the PRYCA Float In, and Commodore Joe Livingston's cruise to The Tides. After a brief interlude for a trip to the West Coast to visit family, we'll return to the boat and set out once again for the Bay and, eventually, the Labor Day Cruise to White Point. With any luck at all, we'll extend the cruising season into October, but those plans are yet to be determined.

This heavy cruising schedule is, of course, made possible by the fact that *Bay Dreamer's* Captain and First Mate have both quit their day jobs, and are now working relentlessly on succeeding as retirees. One goal we set for ourselves to denote that success was to enjoy the boat as much and as often as possible. I'm feeling pretty confident that this summer of '07 boating season is evidence we've achieved that benchmark!!

## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Alison Rose, 8/1	Carolyn Dabney, 8/11
Bryan Burrows, 8/12	Sharon Striker, 8/12
Ed Karpinski, 8/17	Mike Hollingsworth, 8/26
Monica Lovell, 8/26	

### Anniversaries

Barbara and Larry Freedman, 8/7  
 April and Dave DeHanas, 8/22  
 Maria and Timothy Gibbons, 8/22  
 Susan and Walt Cheatham, 8/30

### Welcome New Members

The were no new members reported in July.

## Back at the Helm

by Duane Jeirles

Jan and I had a great time on the week-long North Bay cruise. We were not sure if we would be able to make the trip due to boat problems. The boat has had an electrical problem for the past 5 years that seemed to elude everyone that attempted a diagnosis. This was the first cruise we were able to do in 4 seasons.



Dean Duane Jeirles

Ned Rhodes sent e-mails several times before the cruise to confirm that we were going. I kept responding that the boat wasn't ready yet but I was optimistic and still planned to go. The electrical problem kept getting worse each year. I would be cruising and the starboard engine would either shut off or the power would cut back causing the boat to veer to the right and then it would recover. I attempted to take the boat out for a cruise this year and within about 20 miles the engine either shut off or the power cut back 12 times.

At the last minute the boat was worked on and we were able to go on the cruise. The boat was not totally fixed but it would be "OK" to take the cruise. We made it to each destination with little difficulty. Jan and I had a great time with Ned and Arleen Rhodes, Rick and Teresa Sorrenti, and Steve and Sue Thompson.

On our run from Baltimore to St. Michaels we broke a cardinal OYC rule; 'the first boat arriving at the destination makes drinks for the rest of the boats when they arrive'. I'm not sure if it's in the OYC bylaws or if it's a "Ned Rule". Ned brought it to my attention when we were the first to arrive and didn't make drinks. He suggested that since it has been a long time we had forgotten. I told him we usually arrive just before or during happy hour. Besides, I think he set us up to be first. He kept saying since we were the slowest boat we should leave at least an hour before everyone else.

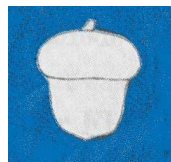
While we were at St. Michaels we met up with Harry Croft's group. I was talking to Shane Hatton and he asked about the problem I was having with the boat. I explained it to him and right away he said he could fix it for free and in 15 minutes. Shane had had the same problem. It turned out to be a fuel sending module that went bad. He came over and, after shedding some blood and sweat, he bypassed the fuel sending module. I have to say that this is what our club is all about, the camaraderie of fellow members and helping one another. Thanks Shane for solving the mystery of our electrical problem.

Our trip back to White Point Marina was perfect. The boat had not run that good in five years. I was talking to Sea Duck Too on the radio about the boat running great. Ned listened in and said that he knew it was running good because I wasn't cussing.

The electrical problem started to be noticeable in

2002. After about six mechanics tried to diagnose the problem, Shane solved the mystery. We are extremely grateful to Shane for helping us. A couple of years ago we thought about selling the boat and buying a motor home. We didn't because we enjoy boating too much. Now we will be able to enjoy boating again.

[Editor's Note: For some unexplained reason the portion of the photo, at left, showing First Mate Jan was all blurry.]



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

### BUGS!

In a recent article in *Chesapeake Bay* the subject was bitey flies and other bugs ... so, let's talk about bugs – the saltmarsh mosquito is the most common of the many varieties populating Maryland (59 species) and Virginia (only 55). As you probably know, only the females suck blood, traveling up to 25 miles in search of a mammal to bite. How do you avoid the pests? Confuse the little ladies' sense of smell with a repellant – and stay away from shore.

Should you hesitate to kill a mosquito consider that a single female can lay 300 eggs in a single batch and lay several batches if she isn't splattered in the act of draining you and your mate.

Compared to mosquitos, the midge is pretty harmless. Although they look just like mosquitos, midges have no biting parts. However, when they swarm, attracted by your lights, your party can turn ugly as missions flood your space like a humming pod. Otherwise, midges live fairly ideal lives. They live just long enough to breed and then die with little smiles on their little faces. Oh, and unlike their mosquito cousins, the females don't fly 25 miles to suck your blood. Now that's something to think about.

### One of "BAT TOO"

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[Editor's Note: If you can write it on a piece of paper, it can make it to the pages of *The Daymarker*. This was the Treasurer's report.]



## ***PRYCA Dog Days of Summer Cruise to Aquia Harbor***

by Walt Cheatham

Aquia Harbor YC is hosting their Dog Days of Summer event again this year on Friday 17 thru Sunday 19 August. This PRYCA supported event features dinner and dancing in the clubhouse Saturday night and usually has golf available Saturday afternoon and a breakfast Sunday morning. The *usually* word is here because final announcements and prices for this

years events cannot be found by your intrepid OYC trip coordinator - Walt Cheatham - who is currently in Missouri typing on a wi fi laptop. So, if you are interested in this trip leave a message at 703-243-2430 with your e-mail address, and Walt will send you detailed info when he gets home (~1 July) and finds it. The trip up Aquia Creek is supposed to be neat and interesting. The *supposed* word is in there because Walt has never made said trip although he has tried (and had to turn back when fluid started gushing from his helm).



## **The Aquia Harbour Yacht Club (AHYC) Invites you to the PRYCA Dog Days of August Fun Time**

### **Come enjoy a weekend at Aquia Harbour.**

There will be Food, Swimming, Games, a super raffle and lots of fun. On Friday Evening Join us at our Clubhouse for some free munchies; Saturday evening will feature your choice of Steam-Ship Round OR Chicken, with salad, rolls, potatoes and music for dancing; and on Sunday morning a Continental Breakfast will be served at NO CHARGE. Our Super Gas Raffle that gives you three chances to win on one ticket.

**August 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Reservations are required** for the Saturday night Banquet at \$25 per person, \$10 for each child over 12 - See attached Registration Form for further details

**Slips Are Available at \$.75 a ft.; power at \$5.00 each day.**

**Parking is also available at no cost for land boats.**

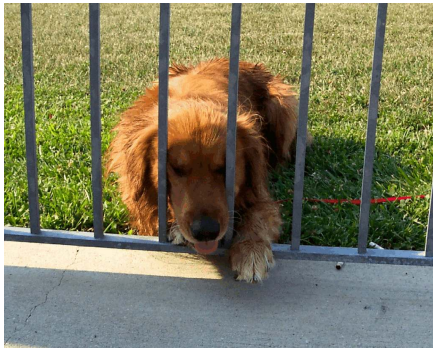
**Deadline for reservations is August 10<sup>th</sup>.**

If you want to stretch the weekend, come early. Our Club House is open on Friday night. Arrangements will be made for a ride if you want to go out to eat outside of Aquia Harbour.

*OYC Trip Coordinator is Walt Cheatham (703-243-2430 or [cheathamwalt@comcast.net](mailto:cheathamwalt@comcast.net)). Contact him ASAP - or definitely By 7 Aug, and he will make consolidated OYC reservations.*



# Cruisin' the Bay





## Labor Day Cruise to White Point

by Duane Jeirles

For anyone that has not visited White Point, this marina is a very relaxing and fun destination with pool, grills, picnic tables, plenty of area for bike riding and (dog) walking.

We have 10 slips reserved at White Point Marina for the Labor Day weekend. So far we are the only club to be arriving there and I am in the process of reserving more slips if I can. The following OYC members are signed up for the cruise:

<b>Rhodes</b>	<b>Sorrenti</b>
<b>Thompson</b>	<b>Bozoky</b>
<b>Croft</b>	<b>Schall</b>
<b>Dubraque</b>	<b>Heinze</b>
<b>Webster</b>	<b>Eisenman</b>

White Point Marina will be able to accommodate everyone's electrical requirements but some may need a 50A Y Adaptor. If you have a 50A Y Adaptor, please bring it.

If for some reason you are not able to make the cruise, please let me know ASAP, so another member will have the opportunity take your place. Anyone else that is interested in joining us, at White Point, either call or send me an e-mail and I will see about getting a slip reserved.

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## Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's Marina

by Joe Livingston

The crew of the *Gail Lynn II* will host the "Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's". This ground cruise event will be from **noon to 4PM** in and adjacent to the new boat pavilion on **Saturday, the 22nd of September**. Mark your calendar, plan to attend and order your shrimp.

The Club will provide the shrimp, water and sodas and Ice. Bring your own beer, wine and/or other alcoholic preference. Request members bring a sidedish and/or desert to share. If the "shrimp" part of this event is to be a go, a response from those planning to attend is critical. Send an email to [joseph.livingston@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net) and let us know how many in your crew will attend. No response...no shrimp!

The Club thanks Hoffmaster's marina and staff for providing the facility and table and chairs for this event. Marina slip holders, who do not fly the OYC burgee, are always welcome. Come and enjoy our comaraderie.

Questions. Call Joe or Gail at 540-373-9203 or Joe's cell at 703-505-8313.



"Captain Frank's WEATHER STONE

- If the stone is wet ... it is raining
- A dry stone indicated ... it is not raining
- If a shadow is beneath the stone ... the sun is shining
- Should the stone be swinging ... there's a strong wind blowing
- If the stone is bouncing up and down ... there's an earthquake
- If it's white on top – it is snowing
- If the stone is expanding, it's getting warmer ... if contracting, it's getting colder
- If the stone appears fuzzy, you should probably walk, not drive, to your next destination."



According to the Weather Stone the Sun is Shining.

A check with a local weather station confirmed this fact.

## **Cruise to Dennis Point/St. Mary's Yacht Club 10 - 12 August**

by John Heinze

The Dennis Point/St. Mary's Yachting Center marina looks like a terrific destination for our OYC cruise August 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. This full service marina has been

greatly upgraded since its purchase last year by the same folks that own Solomons Yachting Center. The upgrades include new restrooms/showers, air conditioned lounge, restaurant and get this



– a Tiki bar by the swimming pool! The wooden docks – serviceable but in obvious need of upgrading - are scheduled to be replaced with floating docks in the fall. In the meantime there is plenty of marina space for everyone who wants to make the trip down the Potomac to the St. Mary's River for this marina set in a lovely wooded area.

Everyone wishing to participate in the cruise needs to contact the marina (301-994-2288) to provide credit card info for the first night's deposit. Rates are \$1.5 per foot/night plus power.

Schedule: Friday August 10<sup>th</sup>, arrive safely, 6 pm Happy Hour followed by dinner at the marina restaurant.

Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup>, dog walks/bike rides/lunch/swimming pool; Tiki bar opens at noon. 6 pm Happy Hour/Cookout in the picnic area – please bring your own portable grill (if you have one); bring your own meat to cook and a side dish to share. 7 pm Karaoke at the restaurant/Tiki bar.

Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>, dog walks/bike rides; 10:00 Brunch buffet in the picnic area – please bring a breakfast dish to share; Lunch/pool etc., return safely

For further info please contact John and Rebecca Heinze, Great Escape, Phone: 703-765-2380/e-mail: jheinze@johnadams.com.

## **The Cost of Fuel has Gone Up Significantly**

Investigative Reporting by the Editor

Have you been feeling the pinch to your wallet lately when you fill up the fuel tank? Imagine the shock to a local boat owner when he purchased 600 gallons of fuel and got the receipt shown here.

If you apply some basic math skills you may find that the price per gallon is in excess of \$22. Needless to say, when this boat owner discovered the recent cost increase, he decided to put some of it back.

Now, if you believe that one, how about trying the following recipe.

Here is a great recipe for all you shrimp lovers. This recipe was created by my mom, Joyce Safran, adapted by my sister, Donna Pucek, and loved by me, Sue Thompson. It's great any time of the year.

### Shrimp Dip

1 sm pkg Velveeta cheese  
1 can cream of shrimp soup undiluted  
Canned or frozen salad shrimp (1-2 cans depending on how much shrimp you want)

Heat soup and cheese in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Once the cheese has melted remove from heat and fold in shrimp. Then serve.

\*This can be heated in a microwave but must be watched VERY closely.

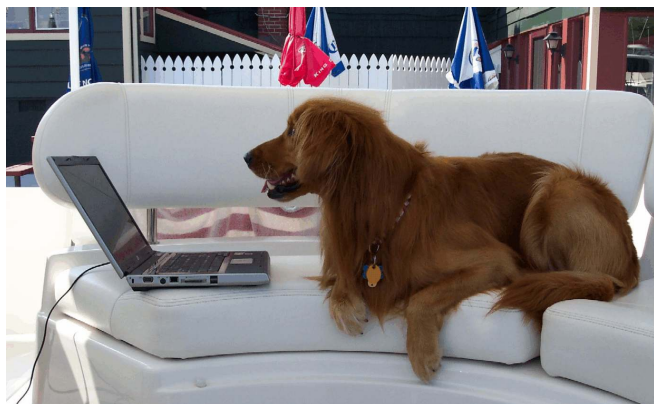
I know there are lots of great cooks in our club so how about sharing your favorite with fellow members. Send it to me at [foreverdreamin@earthlink.net](mailto:foreverdreamin@earthlink.net).

Till next time, it's back to the kitchen for me!

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Have you ever wondered what they do when you are away from the boat?

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**Have you ever wondered what those photos look like in color?**

**Take a look at –**

**[www.occoquanyachtclub.org](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org)**

**and click on the newsletter link on the left of the page.**

**Almost every Daymarker printed is in the archives and accessible here.**



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<b>5</b> Psychic Sunday	<b>6</b> National Fresh Breath Day	<b>7</b> National Night Out	<b>8</b> National Underwear Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> S'mores Day	<b>11</b> Cruise to Dennis Point
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<b>26</b> National Dog Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Crackers Over the Keyboard	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Toasted Marshmallow Day	<b>31</b> Love Litigating Lawyers Day	

### September 2007

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<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Constitution Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Talk Like a Pirate Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Int'l Day of Peace	<b>22</b> Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters
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<b>30</b> Gold Star Mother's Day						

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**Some Words from a Long Lost, but now**

**Active Member,**

**A Few Summer Photos,**

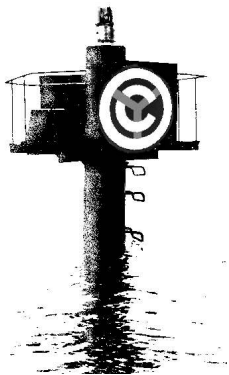
**And Much More.**

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Hampton's Landing  
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OYC Cruise to  
Dennis Point  
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of Summer  
Aquila Harbor  
Walt Cheatham

**August 25**  
OYC Ratt-up  
Mattawoman  
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