

# The Daymarker

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Comments

Joe Livingston

### HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Thank You. Thank you Commodore Sue Thompson for serving our Club and volunteering so much time and effort to ensure our members had special events to attend throughout the 2006 boating season. All may not know that she has brought her energy and can do attitude to the table for four years. Serving as Quartermaster and then Vice Commodore for two years prior to becoming Commodore this past season. On the 9th of December, with a passing of a gavel, Commodore Thompson became IPC (Immediate Past Commodore) and with time she will join the ranks of Past Commodore. Please take the opportunity to thank IPC Sue Thompson and let her know how much we appreciate the exceptional service given to the Occoquan Yacht Club. She remarked at the Change of Watch something to the extent "don't know why I kept volunteering, but have been waiting for this time". We know from the old adage that all following the "BUT" is not true!! We do know where her heart is, however, as she has already volunteered to be the "cruise coordinator" for the Memorial Day Cruise in 2007. "Thank You" again IPC Sue Thompson, *ForeverDreamin'.*

The 2006 Holiday Party and Change of Watch has been declared a great success. We had a full brilliant orange moon shining through the patio windows over-looking the Potomac River as we dined and danced the night away. Maybe the only thing better would have been cruising on the river, however, we may



have needed a few more warm handshakes and embraces between members. Sixty-six fellow Club members cheered as **Bob and Lynn Wilson (19th Hole) won the Bent Prop Award** going away over the Burners', the Freedman's, the Johnson's and the Rhodes' for "touching astride the nun buoy #6 just north of the 301 bridge". **Arleen and Ned Rhodes (Impulse)** rebounded well from BPA consideration, as they were named recipients of the 2006 Commodore's Cup. As two time recipients, we think even Ned was surprised, Arleen earned it and both truly deserved the Cup for long and continued volunteer service to the Occoquan Yacht Club. Mark your calendar for the 2nd Saturday in December, 2007 ... this is the one event all members should attend. Thanks to the 2006 OYC Board for planning and conducting the Party.

Thank you fellow members for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 2007. I want to also recognize your other serving Board Members: Vice Commodore Ted Eisenman, Rear Commodore Allen Jorsey, Secretary Patricia Croft and Treasurer Trish Mattke. In addition, the following are serving in staff/leadership positions: IPC Sue Thompson, Daymarker Editor Steve Thompson, Membership Chair Ruth Eisenman, Historian Dana Phan, Webmaster Ned Rhodes and Quartermaster Ilona Zsirai. Elected or appointed, all are volunteers who need your support in executing the activities and cruises of our Club. Please come out and participate in your Clubs events and step

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Vice Commodore

Ted Eisenman

### OHMYGAWD!

Ohmygawd! I have to write an article? I'm not sure I want this position now ... just kidding! Actually, I had a debate with myself, and I'm losing, (figure that one out) on what to talk about in my first article. There are a variety of things I would love to talk about, but I will keep it to the first 50 or so subjects and maybe save some for next month?

I would like to say that I am honored to serve as your Cruise Director ... oops ... Vice Commodore. All kidding aside, I know I will never live up to the hard work that Joe Livingston put into this club and position last year, but I will attempt a good effort! I am only starting to see the magnitude of effort that goes into meetings, cruise events, and the year-end Christmas Party. I will be one busy bee this year. While we are on that subject, I do have one goal in mind for everyone in the club ... to have as much fun as we can!

How do we have fun, you ask? Well, it starts with every member not only paying their dues (hint, hint), but also contributing a few hours (and maybe a dish or two) each year to help out during our many events. One thing I learned about this Yacht Club is that we are the most active boating organization in the area. Last year, I heard comments from many people belonging to other Club's that traveled with us as well as Marinas that complimented OYC on our activities. It shows that we are serious about boating and enjoying ourselves. Every time I pulled into a destination or watched our members enter a marina, it showed that we were there in force to enjoy ourselves! Our Christmas Party being the culmination of the entire year's experiences, something we should share with others! Speaking of which ... know someone who has a boat and would like to join? Well, invite them to our website or give them a membership form (you can even forward a name and number to me), we could always use more members and new people to navigate the rivers and bay with!!!

One thing I would like to bring up, and I am serious about this ... if you have an idea to improve our club, add more events to our schedule, or just want to volunteer to do something, don't hesitate to contact me at [eisenmant@comcast.net](mailto:eisenmant@comcast.net). If you see something that we aren't doing quite right, or would like to add your "two cents worth", then by all means, contact me. Remember, we are adults here, please offer solutions or try to develop your ideas prior to sending! I will entertain anything within reason, and our Commodore doesn't make me "walk the plank"! By the way, did I mention it is time to renew your annual dues???

I am looking into new activities for this year. It was suggested that we go out to some of the other marinas and look into having gatherings away from the

usual mainstream gatherings held on the Occoquan. Hampton's Landing was suggested as they have a nice facility for holding BBQs. I would like to see more marina owners/operators get involved in bringing OYC to their facilities. Maybe in turn, their business would benefit from our presence? I will look into this and other marinas as they are suggested. It was also suggested that we do some local day cruises ... I will look into all these ideas!

Another thing that would be helpful this year is we can use the OYC Membership Broadcast to schedule last minute raft ups. For example, let's say a group plan on going down to Fairview Beach or over to Maryland "Matawoman" inlet for a small raft up. Don't be shy...tell someone by sending your composed notice to [oycmbrs@comcast.net](mailto:oycmbrs@comcast.net) by Thursday evening (6PM preferred) of each week. Ruth or myself will make sure that notice is turned around to the membership. You never know when one or two more members have the same idea but don't know anyone else is doing the same thing? By the way, did I mention it is time to renew your annual dues???

Since joining OYC, I have met many wonderful people and have cruised to places I would have never considered going by myself. In short, this is a great forum to discover more of our surroundings, enjoy the fellowship of other members, and learned more about recreational boating than I care to admit. I would like to ask each and every member to keep that in mind, that we are a volunteer organization for the sole purpose of the boating experience. If you find yourself at odds with any of our members, please remember that we are all different and we need to respect each other. Enough said!

Now, onto our 2007 schedule. The board members will have a pre-planfest in January to ensure we get feedback from last years events into this years schedule. Following the board's actions, we will be having a planfest in February to finalize our schedule, drawing upon our membership for volunteers to lead our cruises and help out with our various events. The February meeting is, in my opinion, the most important one that we will have, and sets the tone for the rest of the year. This will also be an opportunity for you to sign up for some of the cruises, or to make suggestions for adding events. Please plan on attending!

"C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring channel 16"!

### Upcoming Events:

January 20 – PRYCA Change of Watch-Dinner Party (Sue Thompson, 703 440-8114)  
 February 3 – (1400-1700) Planfest at Oasis (Ted Eisenman, 703-491-5179)  
 February 11- (1000) Brunch at Fort Belvoir (Rick Sorrenti, 703-590-6724)  
 February 16-19 (Fri-Mon) – Land Cruise to Cambridge Hyatt (need a volunteer!)  
 March 24 (Sat) – (1400-1700) General Membership Meeting at Fairfax YC (Al Jorsey, 703-850-2888)



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

### A WINTER EVENT

When the snow is on the roads and it is bitter cold in the DC area, consider a trip to the Miami Beach International Boat Show to perk you up for the coming boat season. With over 2,300 manufacturers present in an exhibition space of over 2 million square feet, if you can't find it for a boat, they don't make it.

The show is February 15-19, 2007, and covers three areas, Miami Beach Convention Center, Sea Isle Marina (power boats) and Miamarina at Bayside (sail boats).

Even though I work in Miami, I am told by reliable sources that after the show there are many restaurants and much night life in Miami to go along with the 80 degree temperature - dress accordingly.

*Plane to Sea back to plane*

### A Significant Day for Boaters

by IPC Sue Thompson

Yes, December 22<sup>nd</sup> has come and gone. But why, you may ask, is that day such a significant day for boaters? It represents the start of the dreaded season of Winter. And boaters hate winter, right? Well, the 22<sup>nd</sup> also was the Winter Solstice. But what does that term mean? Well, the Winter Solstice signifies that the days are no longer getting shorter. Yes, the period of darkness will now start to get shorter and the period of daylight will get longer, and longer, and longer. So Hurray! We are no longer on the downward spiral of progressing darkness. We can only look forward to longer days ahead, and thus the beginning of **Boating Season**. Can you see the light at the end of the tunnel? Winter has arrived and thus Boating Season is fast approaching. Let's lift a glass to toast the impending arrival of our most favored time of the year.

Now, how about a recipe to try out for the upcoming boating season?

### Chewy Chocolate Chip Cookies

2 sticks unsalted butter	2 1/4 cups bread flour
1 teaspoon kosher salt	1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup sugar	1 1/4 cups brown sugar
1 egg	1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons milk	1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips	

Heat oven to 375 degrees F.

Melt the butter in a heavy-bottom medium saucepan over low heat. Sift together the flour, salt, and baking soda and set aside. Pour the melted butter in the mixer's work bowl. Add the sugar and brown

sugar. Cream the butter and sugars on medium speed. Add the egg, egg yolk, 2 tablespoons milk and vanilla extract and mix until well combined. Slowly incorporate the flour mixture until thoroughly combined. Stir in the chocolate chips.

Chill the dough, then scoop onto parchment-lined baking sheets, 6 cookies per sheet. Bake for 6-8 minutes or until golden brown, checking the cookies after 5 minutes. Rotate the baking sheet for even browning. Cool completely and store in an airtight container.

### The Datemarkers

#### Birthdays

Patrick Worcester, 1/2	Daniel Kent, 1/10
Doris Burton, 1/11	Charles Burton, 1/11
Alan Gorenstein, 1/14	Walt Cheatham, 1/15
Tom Shank, 1/16	Laurie Angst, 1/18
Terri Casteel, 1/19	Stephanie Karpinski, 1/19
Ned Rhodes, 1/22	Shane Hatton, 1/23
Vicki Hamp, 1/28	Jan Wilcox, 1/31

#### Anniversaries

Linda and Laslo Bozoky, 1/3  
Kathy and Shane Hatton, 1/19  
Rebecca and John Heinze, 1/30

#### Welcome New Members

Brian and Maria Bryant of Waldorf. They keep their 30' Chaparral at Hoffmasters Marina.



The 2007 OYC Board

The Editor apologies for not providing more photos of the Change of Watch, due to publishing limitations. Watch for more photos in upcoming issues of the DM.

#### The Daymarker

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Ruth Eisenman, Circulation

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forward as a volunteer so we can again have a successful recreational boating season.

In the next month or so, we will be planning the schedule of events for next year. I have asked Vice Commodore Ted Eisenman to develop our calendar, schedule cruises and get cruise coordinators, which we will review and firm up at our annual PLANFEST Saturday, the 3rd of February. Please pass your interest in activities and cruises to Ted at [eisenmant@comcast.net](mailto:eisenmant@comcast.net). Volunteers will also be accepted at this time.

Word of the Month: **Volunteer** – the simple act we all are capable of that will make the OYC go.

I would personally appreciate your support by your attending the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association's Change of Watch and Dinner Party on Saturday, the 20th of January. This annual event brings together Club members from the other twenty-three yacht clubs on the Potomac River. A gala evening well attended by OYC members, it would be really special (to me) if this year our Club had the most members in attendance as your Commodore is also being installed as Commodore of the PRYCA. In this scenario, you could also win a nights accommodations with breakfast at the Hilton Springfield for a getaway with your First Mate. Contact IPC Sue Thompson for registration. See you in January.

Cheers, Joe

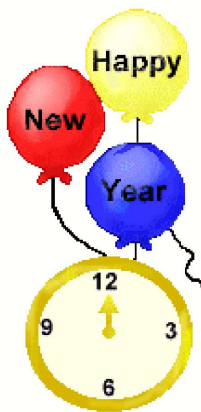


Secretary

Patricia Croft

#### BOATING'S BADGE OF HONOR

I have a picture on the bookshelf at home showing Harry and me at the 2005 OYC Holiday Party, at the moment we were awarded the Bent Prop Award for the '05 cruising season. The picture seems to me to illustrate the dichotomous nature of the award itself. In the photo, Harry can be seen proudly holding the trophy, while I'm clearly protesting, "It wasn't my fault!" The Bent Prop is both the most dreaded and yet illustrious trophy any OYC captain worth his/her salt could ever receive. A glance at the list of former recipients tells the tale: most of the frequent cruisers of the club, the names you hear about and read about as having gone on this cruise or that, are engraved there. As the Immediate Past Recipient of the Bent Prop Award, I felt a sense of relief at not earning the title for a second consecutive year, but I know we'll never be out of the running for a repeat nomination. I know that because we will be out there cruising as often as we can. I'm reminded of one of those St. Peter jokes:



After a preacher died and went to heaven, he noticed that a New York cabdriver had been given a higher place than he had. "I don't understand," he said to St. Peter. "I devoted my entire life to my congregation."

"Our policy is to reward results," explained St. Peter. "Now what happened, Reverend, whenever you gave a sermon?"

The preacher admitted that some in the congregation fell asleep.

"Exactly," said St. Peter. "And when people rode in this man's taxi, they not only stayed awake, they *prayed!*"

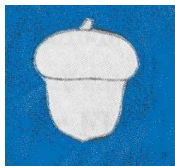
We all know the guy who's devoted his life to taking care of his boat. Some of you may even be that guy! That guy's boat is always there, in its slip, when you pass by on your way to take your boat out. It's there when you cast off; it's there when you return. The only time you see that guy on his boat, he's washing or waxing it, he's repairing or replacing something on it, or he's sitting on his boat at the dock, in the slip, thinking about more work he needs to do on it. He's rarely taken his boat past the No Wake zone on the Occoquan.

Now, there's nothing inherently wrong with this picture. Taking good care of your boat is generally considered a virtuous character trait by any measure, and at this time of year, sitting on your boat contemplating the next repair or upgrade may be the only form of boating pleasure available to you. And we all know that the next best thing to going *out* on the boat is just *being* on the boat at the dock. It's the finest waterfront property you could ask for!

But the point here is that getting your boat out there where a little praying may be necessary is what it's all about. Getting out and checking out other waterfront vistas, plying new waters. Getting that boat out in situations that challenge your skills as a mariner, keeping you awake and at heightened awareness of all those navigation rules and regulations you've committed to memory, that's what it's all about.

OYC offers the chance to practice the best of both strategies. Cruising with a congregation of experienced, knowledgeable, safety-conscious mariners who are also adventurous, gregarious, fun-loving boaters is the best way to derive rewarding results from your boat. Go ahead and devote yourself to the care and maintenance of that floating palace, so it will be operating at peak performance when you venture out on OYC cruises.

January and February are the planning months for OYC. The Plan Fest will be your opportunity to look ahead to the next cruising season and decide which events appeal to your sense of adventure. Get them on your calendar, and then prepare to experience the exhilaration of exploring new waterways and ports of call. Cruising may put you in some challenging situations, and could even put you in the running for the next Bent Prop Award, but you know how to pray, don't you?



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Let me begin by saying what a privilege it has been to serve on the board this year. I have very much enjoyed the friendships, old and new, the boating, slow and fast, but mostly fast. But the real heart of this club



is the people!!! It is the OYC family that really sets our club apart. They are there to teach, support, laugh and cry with you. It is indeed a privilege to be part of this OYC extended family.

Take these next few months to gather up the steam, gasoline, or diesel and make 2007 a record season for boating safely with lots and lots of fun with friends's and family.

Happy New Year,  
One of Bat Too

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Did you know the cleaning supplies listed below are Boating Magazine's Editor's choices . . .

Collinite 925 wax – for a deep gloss

Interlux gel soap – gel stays on the brush

MaryKate Spray Away – vinyl and cushion cleaner

Soft Scrub with bleach – nonslip cleaner

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## OYC Santa Cruise to Occoquan

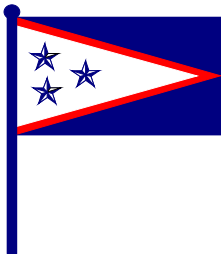
by Walt Cheatham

Eight OYC boats delivered ole Saint Nick to the town dock in Occoquan on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, as we have done for many years. This year was in beautiful sunshine in **65 degree weather**.



Participating were boats from: the Cheathams, Crofts, Eisenmens, Jorseys, Livingstons, Rhodes, Thompsons and Foss/Nichols with Chris Webster on board – with their assorted friends and guests. All present enjoyed libations and snacks on the Occoquan Harbour Marina gas dock, and then headed up the river with music playing - and horns a-blowin' as we passed under the new Route 123 bridge construction. The decorated boats circled the deep water as Ted and Ruth Eisenman slipped over to the dock where Santa jumped off and into the enthusiastic crowd.





*You are cordially invited to the  
Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association  
2007 Change of Watch Dinner-Dance  
Saturday, January 20, 2007*

**LAST CALL**

**Place:** Hilton Springfield  
6550 Loisdale Road  
Springfield, VA (703-971-8900)

**Program:** 1800 to 1900 -- Cocktails  
& Hors d' Oeuvres  
1900 to 2000 -- Dinner  
2000 to 2030 -- Change of  
Watch  
2030 to 2400 -- Dancing

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

**Cost:** \$60.00 per person

**Parking:** Complimentary

**Menu**

Baby Green Salad w/Grapes and Pears  
Dinner Rolls w/Whipped Herb Butter

Chef's Asiago Scallop Potato & Stir Fried Green Beans  
W/Carrot & Sesame

**Choice of:**

Beefeater - London Broil with a Sherry Mushroom  
Sauce

**or**

Chesapeake Crab Cakes - Delicately Seasoned Lump  
Crab lightly sautéed and served with a roasted Red  
Pepper Puree.

Chef's Mint Chocolate Tartufo in  
Dark Kahula Hot Fudge Sauce

Coffee and International/Herbal Teas

*Vegetarian Meal available by request*

Make your reservations now through Sue Thompson. Make individual checks payable to "PRYCA" and mail your registration to: Sue Thompson, 7908 Edinburgh Drive, Springfield, VA 22153. Telephone: 703-440-8114; email: foreverdreamin@earthlink.net.

Reservations with full payment must be received by Sue Thompson no later than Tuesday, 9 January 2007. Cancellations thru PRYCA after 12 January 2007 are non-refundable. Acceptance of late reservations will be subject to availability of space.

There will be a block of rooms with a rate of \$99 plus state and local taxes (10.5%) reserved until January 12th. Make your reservations directly with the Hilton Springfield at (703) 971-8900.

**Required Individual Reservation Information**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yacht Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Special Request(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Selection:**

# \_\_\_\_\_ London Broil; # \_\_\_\_\_ Crab Cakes; # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

**Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Individual Check Payable to PRYCA)



# Occoquan Yacht Club

## January 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Clean Up Your Computer Month Oatmeal Month						
	<b>1</b> New Years Day	<b>2</b> Happy Mew Year for Cats Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Dimpled Chad Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Fruitcake Toss Day
<b>7</b> *	<b>8</b> National English Toffee Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Penguin Awareness Day
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>16</b> Nothing Day	<b>17</b> Customer Service Day	<b>18</b> Winnie The Pooh Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> PRYCA Change of Watch
<b>21</b> National Hugging Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> National Pie Day	<b>24</b> Belly Laugh Day	<b>25</b> A Room of One's Own Day	<b>26</b> National Peanut Brittle Day	<b>27</b> Holocaust Memorial Day
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bubble Wrap Appreciation	<b>30</b> Inane Answering Message Day	<b>31</b>	* – I'm Not Going To Take It Anymore Day		

## February 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month National Pet Dental Health Month				<b>1</b> Hula in the Coola Day	<b>2</b> Ground Hog Day	<b>3</b> Planfest – at Oasis Restaurant
<b>4</b> Super Bowl XLI	<b>5</b> Weatherman's Day	<b>6</b> Pay a Compliment Day	<b>7</b> *	<b>8</b> Boy Scout Anniversary	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pro Sports Wives Day
<b>11</b> Satisfied Staying Single Day	<b>12</b> Darwin Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b> National Gum Drop Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Who Shall I Be Day
<b>18</b> Chinese New Year	<b>19</b> President's Day	<b>20</b> Mardi Gras	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> National Chili Day	<b>23</b> Iwo Jima Day	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> National Tooth Fairy Day	* – Wave all your Fingers at Your Neighbor's Day		

# **An Introduction to the 2007 OYC Board**

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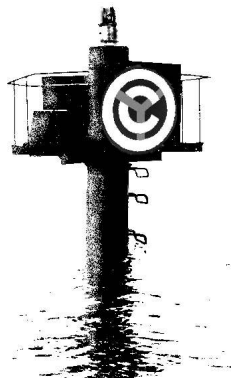
**OYC's Badge of Honor Explained in Detail,**

**Guess Who Got to See Santa at the Marina,**

**The True Meaning of "Winter Solstice",**

**And Much More.**

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