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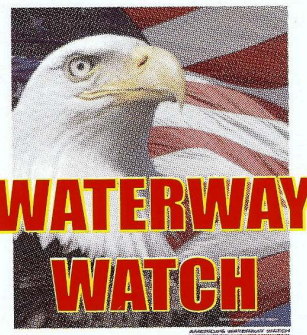
Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

The Club's cruising season really got off to a great start as twenty some boats and more than twice that number of Club Members made the run to Colonial Beach for the Memorial Day weekend. The Board recognizes that busy schedules and other commitments keep a number of our members from enjoying these cruises, however, a number of land-based events are available which can be very enjoyable. In addition, take a look at the monthly raft-ups on the calendar. These can be an over-night or a day event, a fun, as well as a boating skills, experience and most importantly a great opportunity to participate and learn to enjoy the water and other Club members.

As I started to prepare this article, I reviewed the newspaper, as well as several boating publications and newsletters from other yacht clubs along the Potomac River. I found a common subject of "SAFETY". Our Club seeks safety

on the water as does The Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Coast Guard when they ask you to take part in "America's Waterway Watch" to help



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877-24 WATCH

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waterways
safe and
Secure.

How do
we participate
in this
program? Look for and be aware of
suspicious activity, near sensitive
installations, facilities and structures along
our waterways. Your common sense will
alert you to these activities and when
noted, do not approach or challenge
anyone acting in a suspicious manner...call
the National Response Center at 877-
24WATCH or 911. For more information
please visit
AMERICASWATERWAYWATCH.org.

The months of June, July, and August
on the Club's Calendar are full up with fun
activities. I sincerely hope you will take
advantage of the events. Look at the Dog
Days of Summer at Aquia Harbour YC...
the cruise destination is close by, will offer
inexpensive docking fees, protected slips,
swimming for the kids, socials and dinner
for all, and a beautiful look at nature as you
navigate the Aquia Creek. See ya on the
water.

We have not scheduled a meeting of
the Board in July. Our next Board meeting
is scheduled for Thursday, the 9th of
August. 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.

[Editor's Note: If you would like to have one
or two of the neat decals pictured above
contact your Daymarker editor.]





Vice Commodore

Ted Eisenman

THE BOATING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

So far, it appears we are having a safe season. I am also still looking for a coordinator for our raft up on 14 July.

I am hoping to have a good photo for next months newsletter of our 23 June raft up. At the writing of this article, it looks like we have 6 boats that will participate.

Of course, our theme for this is "Floaty Toys". Ruth and I will be testing our new Dinghy with a new style engine we found in Florida.

Basically, someone took a gas powered

"Weed Wacker" and turned it into a low horsepower engine. This should prove to be interesting!

I wanted to briefly talk about a couple of long-range items for a moment. We have some land gatherings that I need your help and participation on. The first one is the Membership Drive at Hampton's Landing on 4 August. Hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, and basic picnic items will be served. You can help by bringing a new boater or boating couple to our gathering, as well as wearing your OYC garb. A membership table will be set up, and I am hoping to get our Quartermaster to set up the Club products for sale. By introducing our club to an area not normally frequented, we might pick up quite a few new members, or at least that is the goal.

Our second land item is the Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters on 22 September. During our planning meetings this year, we decided to change from a crab fest, move up the date, and change the main item to shrimp this year. With the boating season winding down, a nice helping of shrimp and a day to relax is in order for all. Joe and Gail Livingston are that day's



Yes, Summer has arrived.

coordinators. During this event, we also ask that you bring a dish to share. Sodas and water will be provided.

Last on the list for land items is what we hope to be a new tradition for the OYC membership...is a joint Fairfax Yacht Club (FYC)/OYC Halloween party on 27 October. The reason we are bringing it up now is that we will be looking to form a small committee of members that would like to help decorate, interact with the FYC organization, and basically volunteer to help out early that day to set up for this event. I would imagine that we would need 2 to 4 members to help set up the FYC facility. Please keep this function in the back of your mind. If you are interested in functioning in this capacity, please drop me a line!

I've rambled on enough ... now onto our pending schedule: Until next time ... "C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring channel 16"!

July Events:

4/5 July, Fireworks in DC Raft-Up in Washington Channel, Al Jorsey

14 July, Raft Up at TBD, need Coordinator

20-22 July, PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale, Harry Croft, 703-451-9147

22-29 July, Long Cruise to Rappahannock (Tides), Joe & Gail Livingston

28 July, Raft Up at Mattawoman, Bill & Beth Francis, bbrfran@comcast.net

August Events:

4 Aug, Membership Drive at Hampton's Landing, Ted Eisenman & Board Members

10-12 Aug, OYC August Cruise to Dennis Point, John & Rebecca Heinze

17-19 Aug, Dog Days of Summer at Aquia Harbor, Walt Cheatham

25 Aug, Raft up at Mattawoman, Carl & Patricia Maxwell



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA

Plane to Sea II is planning to sail up the Potomac River on July 4, 2007, and drop the hook at 38 52.710 N / 077 01.659 W, which is in the Washington Channel about opposite the Capital Yacht Club. All are welcome the hook up with us to watch the fireworks and enjoy food and drink of your choice. The plan is to spend the night in the Channel and return to Occoquan the next morning. Any questions, give a call.

Plane to Sea, back to plane

The Daymarker

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

This month's trivia question:

Question. What is the maximum number of sheets of marine toilet paper recommended to be used per flush?

Answer. Five

BUT ... There was no mention as to whether or not the number "five" was based on single or double ply paper.

Gotta Haves for the Captain that Wants Everything – Part Two

by Steve Thompson

When you subscribe to three quarters of all the boating magazines published in the United States you tend to run across an ad or article on something new; something innovative; something that you just have to get for yourself. Well, I found another one. It's called a "Boat Brumgee". It doesn't slice; it doesn't dice; but it does clean. At least that's what the article says. It not only cleans dog hair off the carpet (a near and dear topic for me) but it gets into the groove (literally) in the anti-skid deck top. And how about that hard to reach space at the bottom inside of the windscreen? No problem. I'm ready to try it out, how about you? Check it out at, you guessed it, www.brumgee.com.

And now for a recipe. This one was enjoyed by all at the Cobb Island Cruise. It was graciously contributed by Peggy Johnson of Time Away.

Rise and Shine

1 (24.6 oz) pkg. frozen biscuits
All purpose flour
¼ cup softened butter or cream cheese
1 pkg. Jimmy Dean Sausage
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese

Arrange frozen biscuits with sides touching in 3 rows of 4 biscuits on a lightly floured surface. Let stand 30-45 minutes or until biscuits are thawed but cool to the touch.

Sprinkle thawed biscuits lightly with flour. Press biscuit edges together and pat to form a 10x12 inch rectangle of dough. Spread rectangle with butter or cream cheese and then sprinkle with sausage then cheese.

Roll up dough carefully starting at one long end of the rectangle and pinching together any open spaces on the underside.

Cut into 12 slices that are about 1 inch thick. Place rolls into a lightly greased skillet. Cover with any sausage or cheese that may have fallen out of the roll. Bake at 375 about 25-30 minutes or until biscuit dough is cooked and lightly browned.

Thanks, Peggy. Hope you all enjoy!

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Jean Goodnough, 7/1
Mary Ann Coldwell, 7/14
Steve Krouse, 7/18

Patricia Croft, 7/2
Jerry Lepisko, 7/15
Joseph Hoffmaster, 7/26

Anniversaries

Lynn and Bob Wilson, 7/2
Patricia and Harry Croft, 7/2
Mary Ann and Tom Coldwell, 7/6
Debbie and Daniel Kent, 7/11
Sarah and Mike Robins, 7/11
Martha Jane and Ed Dodd, 7/18
Daria and Jerry Lepisko, 7/19
Wilma and Frank Spikes, 7/19
Maria and Brian Bryant, 7/22
Monica and Henry Lovell, 7/24
Sabrina and Patrick Worcester, 7/25
Terri and Scott Casteel, 7/27
Sharon and Jack Striker, 7/30

Welcome New Members

Tom and Donna Lensis of Manassas. They keep their 48' Sea Ray *Copy Cat* at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Al and Candy Clevenger of Woodbridge. They currently do not have a boat.

Justin and Jennifer Krieger of Alexandria. Their boat information was not reported to the editor.



Secretary

Pat Croft



**Have you seen this person?
If so, contact the Editor immediately. A
reward may be posted for information
leading to her expeditious return to the
pages of the Daymarker.**

What a Wonderful Weekend for a Raft-Up

by Ted Eisenman

With the weather cooperating, on 23 June the OYC held a raft up in the inner cove of Mattawoman creek. The Raft up was attended by our Commodore and his better half Gail (Gail Lynn II), Allen and Lynanne Jorsey (Plane to Sea II), Ted and Ruth Eisenman (C:\Sea Drive), Daniel and Debbie Kent



(FSBO Oasis), Bob and Lynn Wilson (19th hole), Jim Hawley and Meimei Tidrow (Lori Ann), Steve and Sue Thompson (Forever Dreamin'), and finally Brian Bryant. (The picture shown is missing "Plane to Sea II" as our Rear Commodore had arrived late.)

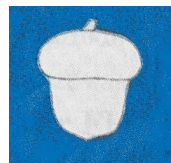
Several floaty toys were placed out for use by all, including a new dinghy belonging to C:\Sea Drive. I'm sure I'm never going to live this down, but the brand new 2 HP motor on the dinghy decided to have a mind of it's own and ejected itself into the briny deep. A valiant search and rescue effort was mounted, however, it was of no use. So, C:\Sea Drive has a Dinghy with oar power.



Anyway, the day was wonderful! Most of our participants had taken a dip in the water and played with their "floaty toys". Our non-human participants were in the water as well! We all came together and enjoyed an evening meal and then settled back to enjoy the rest of the evening, with Forever Dreamin' deciding



not to spend the night. I can tell you that not many beautiful days exist like the one we experienced. I'm looking forward to more stories about our events from our OYC membership ... see ya' out there!



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

There are two ways to look at the Board of Directors of the Occoquan Yacht Club. One is the role of public servant, the other is "how much can you get out of it, or how much can they get out of you?"

In the voluntary role of public service an official serves but does not rule. Service is not without cost, certainly in time and energy. Inevitably, a person accepting a leadership position may encounter differences of opinions that could lead to controversy and even hard feelings. Never-the-less members continue to step up to the helm and volunteer and serve!

Why? Well, to my Captain's dismay it certainly isn't to get the new boat I was promised as the *treasurer*. Not surprisingly the benefit of service to your fellow boaters comes from the work you put into it. We've learned about the special fellowship and friendships formed by shared responsibility. Overcoming obstacles together breeds more confidence, not only in boating but in our friends, than we would have ever learned "laying about" and letting someone else carry the load. Now I'm not accusing any of our members of being (very) lazy. What I'm saying is, for those of us who aren't accustomed to playing a leadership role, membership on the OYC Board is a very satisfying experience. We get to know more boaters, better. We are asked to solve the occasional problem rather than just gripe about it. And when our short tenure runs its course, we have bragging rights.

So as the real season begins to draw us to the sun and the water and we board our craft for the distant shores of Maryland and exotic ports beyond, think about the next boating season and whether YOU would like to participate as a board member. After all, if YOU won't, who will see us through next season?

We are always looking for someone with new ideas and new experiences to add to the wonderful club we all love and support. Wishing you all a safe summer!!!!

One of "BAT TOO"

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 – 19th, 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 10th.

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). Contact him ASAP - or definitely By 7 Aug, and he will make consolidated OYC reservations.

Cruise to Dennis Point 10 to 12 August

by Daymarker Editor

Please mark this date on your calendar and stay tuned for further information.



2007 OYC Dinghy Regatta



A true American meal.



Wow! So that's what that string does.



Someone forgot to call the boat tender on the VHF to get the anchor raised.



Row to port. No ... Chardonnay.



Another misguided soul.



I think it's a balance issue.



A good Commodore needs to keep up his strength.

Occoquan Yacht Club

July 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Hot Dog and Baked Bean Month Women's Motorcycle Month						
1 Canada Day	2 I Forgot Day	3 Stay Out of the Sun Day	4 Independence Day	5	6 Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day	7 Cherry Pit Spitting Day
8	9	10 Don't Step on a Bee Day	11 World Population Day	12 Hot Dog Day	13 Gruntled Workers Day	14 OYC Raft-Up – Place TBD
15 Be A Dork Day	16 Get Out of the Dog House Day	17 Harvey's Birthday	18	19	20 Special Olympics Day	21 PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale
22 PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale	23 Gorgeous Grandma Day	24 National Drive Thru Day	25 Day Out of Time	26	27 Walk on Stilts Day	28 OYC Raft-Up – Matawoman
29	30	31	22 nd thru 29 th – Long Cruise to Rappahannock			
August 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happiness Happens Month			1 Girlfriend's Day	2 Satchmo Day	3	4 Mbrship Day at Hampton's
5 Psychic Sunday	6 National Fresh Breath Day	7 National Night Out	8 National Underwear Day	9	10 S'mores Day	11 Cruise to Dennis Point
12 Cruise to Dennis Point	13 Int'l Left Hander Day	14	15 National Relaxation Day	16	17 Meaning of "Is" Day	18 Dog Days Cruise to Aquia
19 Dog Days Cruise to Aquia	20	21	22 Be an Angel Day	23	24 National Waffle Day	25 OYC Raft-Up – Matawoman
26 National Dog Day	27	28 Crackers Over the Keyboard Day	29	30 Toasted Marshmallow Day	31 Love Litigating Lawyers Day	

Summer Time/OYC Time- They're Both Hot!

Inside . . .

A dinghy, a blindfold, and a couple anchors,

What is America's Waterway Watch

Program?

Rafting Up Can Be Fun ... and Expensive,

And Much More.

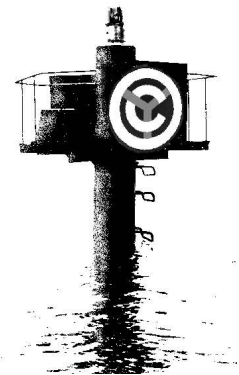
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Fireworks Raft-up
Washington Ch.
Al Dorsey

July 14
OYC Raft-up
at TBD
Need a Coord.

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PRYCA Float-in
Port Kinsale
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