

# The Daymarker

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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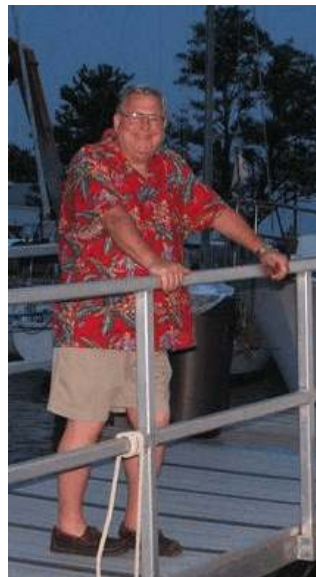


## Commodore's Comments

Joe Livingston

### HELLO ALL MEMBERS

With reference to my article in last month's Daymarker, I regret to report that no member(s) indicated interest in attending the class "Suddenly in Command". Therefore, I will not continue to pursue scheduling this class.



Commodore Joe

Boating Safety and Education is a stated purpose of the Occoquan Yacht Club and must be foremost on our members minds as we enjoy our recreational boating activities. We are in the "101 Critical Days of Summer" defined as between Memorial Day and Labor Day

(26 May - 4 Sep) by the Marine Corps Center for Lessons Learned. During this period, summer outdoor activities-boating-swimming-hiking-fishing or just steaks on the grill-mishaps are higher and there is a marked increase in the number of fatalities. Let's be safe!

Hope all attending enjoyed the OYC's Flag Raising. The liquid sunshine came in early to wash our vessels but did not dampen our spirits. We were very pleased

that ten (10) honored guests attended, to include the Honorable Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and Mayor Earnest Porta of the Town of Occoquan. IPC Thompson and Past Commodore's Yarnell, Rhodes, T. Sorrenti and R. Sorrenti were also in attendance and supporting our Club. Thanks also to our Board members and the fifty some Members that made the day a success.

Back to Safety. All members should get a **Vessel Safety Check (VSC)**. It is a courtesy examination of your boat. It is provided as a public service on a voluntary basis and without cost and verifies the presence and condition of VSC items required by state and federal regulations. And finally, it is required for all OYC vessels attending the PRYCA Float-In to maximize our points in the Cup Competition. Contact Steve Thompson (contact info on the left of this page) for additional information or to schedule your VSC.



Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 7th of June. 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.



Vice Commodore

Ted Eisenman

### PROPS AND SHAFTS USUALLY DON'T MIX WELL WITH DEBRIS

Well, OYC boating season is underway. Our Flag Raising and the Blessing of the Fleet have been conducted, boats are being taken out of winterization, and our first couple of runs were made...seems like another perfect start to another season...well, maybe??!!

Last week after taking Ruth and her Daughter to Tim's for Mother's Day dinner (nothing like seafood on a holiday) and after a perfect day, C:\Sea Drive got underway and found that once again, the port engine was malfunctioning. After limping back to the slip, later in the week I had the boat pulled and sure enough, there were signs of what appeared to be someone's old rejected tarp wrapped around my shaft and prop. To make a long story short, once the debris was cleared and a test run conducted, the boat was fine. No maintenance was required, however, this just proves that there is a lot of debris out in the Potomac River. "V-Drives" (or any drive located solely beneath the hull, yes Steve, even Volvo Penta Drives) are susceptible to picking up things that might have settled on the bottom. Entering shallow waters makes it even more fun, but there is a way to try to clear that debris. Slowly shifting out of forward once the problem is determined, then to reverse for about three seconds can sometimes dislodge the debris, returning to neutral will allow the debris to settle back down and clear your boat's drive section. I will be better informed for the next incident.

We just completed the first OYC Raft Up at Mattawoman. It seemed a little rough in the Potomac River on Saturday, however, once in the cove, it was a gorgeous day! The food was great as well, Ruth and I prepared what I call "Ike" burgers (my old nickname from the Navy) with beans and other picnic items. The Grant's from 3 G's called about mid-afternoon stating they were in their center console and they wouldn't be able to make it out. Otherwise, it gave Ruth and I time to clean and make ready for the following weeks. We also didn't realize that our Monster Tube had a seam tear in it, it turned out to be un-repairable...oh well, back to Boater's World for a new one.

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I would like to talk about a couple of upcoming events. The Dinghy Regatta/Potluck at OHM will be on 9 June. Bring a dish to share, and there will be events like the Ring Toss, Blindfolded Dingy Race (Rick & Teresa Sorrenti defending their title from last year). There will be music, sodas and water provided. Bring a new boating couple or two, the more the merrier. Our long cruises will be starting in June, I hope all have a safe and enjoyable trip.

Still looking for coordinators for 23 June and 14 July Raft ups. Now onto our pending schedule: Until next time..."C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring channel 16"!

### June Events:

9 June 1200-1600, Dinghy Regatta/Potluck at OHM, Ted Eisenman/Al Jorsey

15-17 June, Cobb Island Days Cruise, Bill & Peggy Johnson, 703-799-1042

23 June, Raft Up at TBD, need Coordinator

23-30 June, Long Cruise to South Bay, Harry & Pat Croft, 703-451-9147

30 June, Fireworks at Tim's Rivershore, Raft Up, call for members upon approach

30 June – 8 July, Long Cruise to North Bay, Ned & Arleen Rhodes, 703-741-0861

### 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 Livingston

28 July, Raft Up at Mattawoman, Bill & Beth Francis, [bbrfran@comcast.net](mailto:bbrfran@comcast.net)



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey



Due to technical difficulties, there will be No Rear Commodore article this month.



# For Your Information

by Commodore Livingston

The Occoquan Yacht Club is a participating member with the BOAT/U.S. Accord and maintain Accord #GA80979Y. Reference this number in the header of "The Daymarker" and on the footer of Club Stationary. As a participating accord member, Club Members receive a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the cost of annual membership in Boat/U.S.

Our certificate has been renewed through the summer of 2008. Each year, as a participating member, the Club is requested to encourage your membership in Boat/U.S. and for you to enjoy the benefits such as the Boat/U.S. magazine, rebate certificates on purchases and boating safety and waterways advocacy.

I would also encourage you to consider the un-limited on-water towing coverage offered by Boat/U.S., depending upon your personal situation, as optional to the basic coverage offered by membership.

## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Merri Jo Gamble, 6/6	Steve Bell, 6/8
Judy Dooley, 6/10	Timothy Gibbons, 6/12
Mary Jo Worcester, 6/15	Steven Thompson, 6/16
Buzz Lasch, 6/19	Walter Kraus, 6/21
Bill Hamp, 6/28	Robert Daugherty, 6/29
Janet Jeirles, 6/29	

### Anniversaries

Vicki and Bill Hamp, 6/1  
Margaret and Rob Grant, 6/4  
Alison and Christian Rose, 6/4  
Beth and Bill Francis, 6/6  
Stephanie and Edward Karpinski, 6/9  
Janet and Duane Jeirles, 6/15  
Jan and Bob Wilcox, 6/15  
Lucy and Nabil Dubraque, 6/19  
Carol and Robert Daugherty, 6/20  
Gail and Joe Livingston, 6/20  
Mary Jo and Steve Worcester, 6/21  
Peggy and Bill Johnson, 6/22

### Welcome New Members

No new members were reported for the month of May.

## 2007 OYC Flag Raising



Occoquan Supervisor  
Mike May



It's Official – Let's Go Boatin!



Trying to stay a little dry under the tent.



The cooks dun good.



Ready .... Aim ....



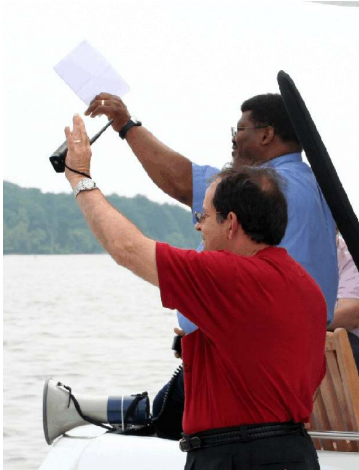
FIRE!!!

## Occoquan River Maritime Association Blessing of the Fleet

by Ned Rhodes

Depending on how you count, this is either the 9<sup>th</sup> year we have done the Blessing of the Fleet on the Occoquan or, if you read the Washington Post, it was the 25<sup>th</sup> year.

Whatever the count, the event was a lot of fun and will hopefully ward off all dangers, to those boats blessed, for the coming year. Reverend Lorenzo Hill from the Cranford Methodist Church in Lorton was present to bless 160 boats on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He had such a good time, that he has already agreed to do it again in May of 2008. "As



**The Two Reverends blessing the boats.**



**The Latest Boating Accessory, Side View Mirrors.**

you sail the waters, may you be protected from the dangers of the wind, the rain, shallow water, and the perils of the deep," was the individual blessing that he offered to all boats passing

the blessing boat, Sea Duck Too.

Here are a few interesting statistics from the blessing:

- 160 boats blessed
- 2 boats were not blessed because they went aground and turned around
- Female boat captains (9) outnumbered the number of dogs (8) on board, but not by much
- Only one boat tooted in response to the blessing
- Reverend Hill received 3 beer salutes
- Most Sea Rays have blue hulls
- I took 223 pictures with a borrowed lens from the Washington Post photographer



**OYC Member Experiments with Miniaturization. Pictured here are a miniature sail and bimini.**

## Gotta Haves for the Captain that Wants Everything

by Steve Thompson

In my vast travels around the world, well okay - around the bay, I have found one truth to be self evident, every boat captain has their stash of neat toys.

I myself am always on the lookout for interesting gadgets that I simply can't do without. Recently I found two. And chancing the wrath of First Mates I would like to share what I have found.

The first is fairly small but something useful, a portable pressure cleaner. You can get up to 10 minutes of continuous high pressure water. But what is neat about this one is that it runs off of a 12V plug so you can use it anywhere, even while at anchor. Check out [Dirtworker.com](http://Dirtworker.com).

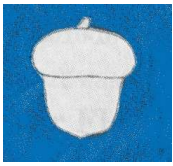
The second is a little more eccentric, but still useful. It is a Cruzin Cooler. Although it only holds 24 cans, what it lacks in space it makes up for in speed. That's right, this cooler, which comes in either gas or electric power, can get up to 13 mph. What better way is there to cruise to the marina office to stock up on your favorite liquid refreshment. And if you need more space you can always get the trailer hitch and hook up the optional trailer (Coolagon). Check out [cruzincooler.com](http://cruzincooler.com)

[Editor's Note: This article is not an endorsement of the above items by either The Daymarker or the Occoquan Yacht Club.]



**Isn't it time OYC had a mascot and motto?  
How about this one?  
Let your board know what you think.**





Treasurer

Trish Mattke

### **SAFETY COMES FIRST!!!**

Having complied with the time honored traditions of the Flag Raising and a particularly well attended Blessing of the Fleet, we launched the real boating season with a flotilla moving south to Colonial Beach over Memorial Day. Given the size of the OYC movement (about 21 boats), I'm optimistic about the size and participation - and financial strength of our club for the 2007 boating season.

As we cruise just ahead of IMPULSE, we'll enjoy the time spent on the water and reflect on a basic question that every member, or prospective member



**The Fastest Boat in the Club??**

considers. What do I get from the Club?" After all, this isn't the Navy. We weren't drafted or "press ganged" into serving on a ship of the line. No, we are volunteers, so we need justification sufficient to explain to friends and family why we chose to spend our free time and disposable income not with neighbors or in-laws, but with fellow club members.

Do we enjoy the special solitude and independence boating offers? Or do we seek the companionship of our active and occasionally eccentric members?

For the BAT TOO crew the answer is "yes" to both questions. Boating with a strong Yacht Club in no way subtracts from the idyllic opportunities for discovery, of stopping along the way for a quiet hour in a beautiful inlet, or drooping anchor off a secluded beach and spending time watching the eagles soar. On the other

hand, some planning, experience and organization is required to coordinate a simple trip to King's Dominion, let alone the safe movement of many boats, varying in size and speed, so as to arrive at a common destination and find the reservations are in order. It is a great relief to have experienced Captains planning and organizing the details. Upon arrival, the scene quickly changes as helpful hands gather around to help with the lines and marvel at the death-defying docking skills of the Captain. Tied up and shut down, a sense of security and common purpose quickly forges bonds and friendships that otherwise would never occur in our busy metro Washington lives.

So whatever your preferences, sailing under the OYC pendant facilitates a satisfying blend of relaxing independence and stimulating companionship. So don't hesitate, if you missed the Memorial Day cruise. It's not too late to realize your particular favorite reason for sailing with one of the most active little Navies on the Potomac.

See you astern,  
One of BAT TOO

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### ***Mexican Riviera at Mattawoman Creek July 28, 2007 (rain date July 29, 2007)***

by Bill Francis

Come join us for a fun time at Mattawoman Creek on July 28 from 2 pm until... We are planning a taco bar, chips and salsa replete w/Mariachi music and maybe even some caracas for the real party folks! Please sign up to bring your favorite Mexican appetizer or side dish. This will be in the 2nd cove just past the cabin and gas ramp.

Bring your favorite Mexican beer and/or Margarita concoction. We will have a tasting/judging of the best Margarita recipe!! Beth and Bill Francis – "TDY" – email at: [bbrfran@comcast.net](mailto:bbrfran@comcast.net). (PS, We are open to changing the date to Sunday July 29, if some of those attending the long cruise to the Tides want to attend on their way back - just email us to let us know your interest in that option.)

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### ***The OYC Dinghy Regatta/Potluck is Just Around the Corner***

by Ted Eisenman

I Just wanted to take a second and remind our members about the Dinghy Regatta/Potluck we are having on 9 June, from noon to 4 pm, at Occoquan Harbour Marina's picnic area. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

What is the "Dinghy Regatta"? The rules will be set when we start, but two people will work as a team to row a dinghy over a course. Basically, the rower will use a blindfold, and the navigator will speak instructions to the rower. There will be laughter but cheering is prohibited ... touching or speaking will be permitted in the dinghy.

For the potluck, sodas, water, and plates will be provided by the Club. Please bring a dish to share. Names starting A to G – Appetizer or Salad; H to R – Main Dish, and S to Z – Desert. A hot grill will be available for individual cooking and BYOB. To assist in giving me a rough idea of who will attend, please send a quick e-mail indicating your name and number attending to [eisenmant@comcast.net](mailto:eisenmant@comcast.net). Looking forward to seeing all of you out their participating in the fun! See ya at OHM!

## Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Colonial Beach Yacht Center

by Steve Thompson

First impressions are usually lasting impressions. I'm thankful that this was not my first trip to Colonial Beach because my first impressions of this trip were



the 4:30am Saturday, 4:00am Sunday, and 3:00am Monday wake-up calls with our boat rocking back and forth from someone's wake. That and the time I was below deck and found myself

being tossed around like a Bingo ball in a metal cage waiting to be plucked from the unknown, and a response I got from a passing boater when I asked him to slow down, were the not so happy memories I came away with. Maybe next year I'll try to rent a bunk in the Cat that was on the inside of the dock.

So, that's out of the way. Now let's get down to what really happened. This is also the hard part because, as most

OYC'ers know, there's always a possibility that large quantities of alcohol could be consumed, thus making the telling of the story a little bit more interesting. And, of course, it also helps if you stay awake ... Allen.



They came, they partied, they wine and dined, and, finally, they had to go back home. Present at Colonial Beach Yacht Center were Pat & Harry Croft on *Bay Dreamer*, Teresa & Rick Sorrenti on *Sea Duck Too*, Judy & Jim Dooley on *Just Chillin*, Arleen and Ned Rhodes on *Impulse*, Gail & Joe Livingston on *Gail Lynn II*, Ruth & Ted Eisenman on *C:/Sea Drive*, Kim & Buzz Lasch on *Magic*, Lynn & Bob Wilson on *19<sup>th</sup> Hole*, Vicki & Bill Hamp on *Daddy's Harley*, Rebecca & John Heinze on *Great Escape*, Sharman & Kenny Harris on *Darn Tootin*, Lynanne & Al Jorsey on *Plane to Sea II*, Mary Ann & Mark Schall on *Jet Global*, Diane & Frank Machi on *Wild Horses*, Peggy & Bill Johnson on *Time Away*, Trish & Terry Mattke on *Bat Too*, Alison & Chris Rose on *La-Dee-Da*, Lucy & Nabil Dubraque on *Lucy E*, Jennifer & Brian Burrows on *Forever Dreamin'*, and many, many other family members and friends that came by both boat and car.



Activities included Happy Hours, a Memorial Holiday Picnic with Colonial Beach Yacht Center, a BBQ with Westmoreland Yachting Association and Colonial Yacht club, morning dog walks, bike rides, numerous trips in to town, and the well attended trip to the berry farm for some fabulous fresh strawberry shortcake and to Ingleside Winery for some liquid refreshment. We hope that everyone had fun. See ya next year. And now for a recipe ...

### Olive Cheese Balls

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1 ¼ cup all purpose flour  
½ cup butter or margarine melted  
36 small olives

Mix cheese and flour. Add in butter. Work dough with your hands if it seems dry. Mold 1 teaspoon of dough around olive. Shape into ball. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheet. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour. Heat oven to 400°F. Bake until set 15-20 minutes.

Do ahead tip: Stack in freezer on ungreased baking sheet for 2 hrs, then place in freezer bags. Keep frozen no longer than 3 months.





# Occoquan Yacht Club

<i>June 2007</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
International Accordion Awareness Month National Candy Month					<b>1</b> Hug Your Cat Day	<b>2</b> National Bubba Day
<b>3</b> Cancer Survivors Day	<b>4</b> Apple Computer Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Belmont Stakes	<b>8</b> Upsy Daisy Day	<b>9</b> Dinghy Regatta at OHM
<b>10</b> Children's Sunday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b> Recess at Work Day	<b>16</b> PRYCA Cobb Island Days
<b>17</b> Cobb Island Days/ Dad's Day	<b>18</b> National Splurge Day	<b>19</b> Garfield the Cat Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> First Day of Summer	<b>22</b> Take Your Dog to Work Day	<b>23</b> OYC Raft-Up – Place TBD
<b>24</b> America's Kids Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Decide to be Married Day	<b>28</b> Hand Shake Day	<b>29</b> Chicken Wings Day	<b>30</b> Fireworks at Tim's
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> – Long Cruise to South Bay</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> thru July 8<sup>th</sup> – Long Cruise to North Bay</b>						
<i>July 2007</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
National Hot Dog and Baked Bean Month Women's Motorcycle Month						
<b>1</b> Canada Day	<b>2</b> I Forgot Day	<b>3</b> Stay Out of the Sun Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day	<b>7</b> Cherry Pit Spitting Day
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Don't Step on a Bee Day	<b>11</b> World Population Day	<b>12</b> Hot Dog Day	<b>13</b> Gruntled Workers Day	<b>14</b> OYC Raft-Up – Place TBD
<b>15</b> Be A Dork Day	<b>16</b> Get Out of the Dog House Day	<b>17</b> Harvey's Birthday	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Special Olympics Day	<b>21</b> PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale
<b>22</b> PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale	<b>23</b> Gorgeous Grandma Day	<b>24</b> National Drive Thru Day	<b>25</b> Day Out of Time	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Walk on Stilts Day	<b>28</b> OYC Raft-Up – Matawoman
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup> – Long Cruise to Rappahannock</b>			

# May Was a V E R Y Busy Month!

Inside . . .

Lots of info on events past and events to

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Another View on the Benefits of OYC

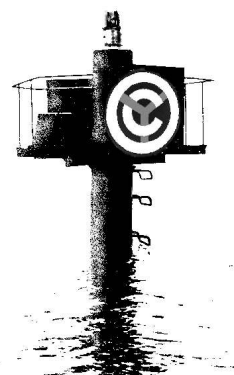
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Tim's Riverside  
June 30 - July 8  
Bay Cruise  
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