

# The Daymarker

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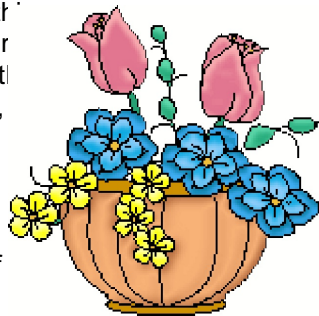
## Commodore's Comments

### Joe Livingston

#### HELLO ALL MEMBERS

Kudos' to our members who submitted the extraordinary articles for last month's "The Daymarker". Board has approved the expenditure and your checks are in the mail. Although the voting was close for best all time article ... Dave Moore's article on "new fuel additive" from a few years back maintained an edge...least in my mind.

Each year at this time, we all turn our efforts to being on the water. First mates, please ask a few questions of your Captain before you start off on that first cruise. Of course, I may take some flack from a few for suggesting such a thing and will not take any responsibility for arguments that follow. Anyway, number one: Have you checked seacocks to insure proper operation and that they are open/closed, as appropriate. As an aside to this question, do you know *what a seacock is* and possibly more important, do you know *where each is located* on your vessel? Number two: Have all hoses and fuel lines been inspected for cracks and deterioration? Number three: Have hoses and fuel lines been inspected, with equipment and machinery operating, for leaks? Remember these are just questions. You may not be able to tell if that seacock is working properly. You probably can tell if hoses and fuel lines have cracks and



deterioration. You can certainly visually see leaks. But, if called on in an emergency, could you react effectively? Just a thought, but I have a reason for this and a question.

The reason is safety. The question is "Would you be interested in taking a class entitled "Suddenly in Command", which is a safety primer specifically designed for those not generally at the helm? Your email response would be appreciated.

"Thank You" to all who responded to the call for payment of annual club dues. Remember, our membership period is from 1 January to 31 December each calendar year. New first time members that join, as of 1 October or later, will be credited as paid through the next year's membership period. The Club does not invoice dues by mail to avoid mailing costs. Our paid membership numbers are ahead of last year and your Membership Chair's goal is continued growth for the best yacht club on the river! Don't forget my challenge from last month..."bring a new prospective member or current member that did not attend the General Membership Meeting to our annual Flag Raising on 5 May".

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 10th of May. 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**

### ONE PICTURE – A THOUSAND WORDS

Funny thing happened to me the other day. I have a picture Steve Thompson took of my boat during the Santa Cruise and a picture that Ned took of the 2007 Officers hanging in my “puka” at work. I had a couple of folks walk up and ask who’s boat that was and why was Santa standing on the front, who are the people in the picture (referring to the OYC Officers), and why am I hugging another man in the picture? After several inquiries, I came up with the following answers: I simply explained that we had a “Santa Parade” participated by several clubs and my boat was volunteered to deliver Santa to the town of Occoquan for the kids. The picture was our new Officers Board for 2007...and someone had to hold the Commodore up (just kidding Joe). People were simply amazed that we participated in so many events, and voiced their willingness to participate...even though they don’t own a boat!!! Go figure.

Well, the boating season is finally here. Can’t wait to hear how the “Early Bird” cruise did. I am really looking forward to our traditional events (Flag Raising, Blessing of the Fleet) to kick this season off properly. I would ask all of you to make it to the Flag Raising on 5 May at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Bring a dish, and maybe a new boating couple or two. I have heard that our new Quartermaster, Jim Dooley will have some OYC merchandise on hand for sale, with music by yours truly, a membership table, and this year we will enjoy a repeat performance of the honor guard from last year. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. I heard a rumor that Rick Sorrenti had offered to sing the National Anthem prior to the usual cannon shot. Please refrain from bringing glass products (just kidding Rick). Sounds to me like a setting for a good time with lots of camaraderie in store for all of us.

Since I didn’t get a volunteer, I will conduct the “Raft Up” scheduled for 19 May, and it will be in one of the Mattawoman coves. I will send out a broadcast message in addition to this notification with contact information and what to bring, etc. This will be an overnigher for those who want to spend the evening on the water. I am also hoping that we will kick off our

“Boaters Safety” course with an hour lecture/training Sunday morning from one of our PRYCA “PE” folks. Speaking of which, I have also volunteered for the one-day course to become an examiner so that our club has more folks qualified to “sign off” our club members qualifications. I know our Commodore and several past officers are qualified as well. I will try to get a consolidated list out to you in the next edition of the Daymarker.

I always look forward to Memorial Day at Colonial Beach. I recently attended “Commodores Night”, sponsored by the PRYCA Bridge, representing OYC. You should have heard the praise we collectively received from the Colonial Beach organizations. Wow! You thought we were the only club to have a good time and actually be welcomed back to the same location (Ok Harry, who did you pay off?)!!! I was impressed and made comment that we were looking forward to this year’s events. I know that our Immediate Past Commodore (IPC) Sue Thompson has been putting in a lot of time planning our first major event. I’m looking forward to the Go-Carts and site-seeing. C:\Sea Drive is expected to have a couple of extra folks onboard...Yes, we are grandparents and Ruth’s daughter will be along with her newborn (can’t get ‘em started to early you know).

I’m still looking for volunteers to coordinate the “Raft-ups” on 23 June & 14 July. I have offered to our surrounding clubs to join us during these events as well. If you have a desire but need ideas, just send me an email to [eisenmant@comcast.net](mailto:eisenmant@comcast.net). I will do my best to help you get started. If I can’t answer your question, I will find someone who can.

Now onto our upcoming scheduled events. Please remember that this is a “fun” club, and that all of our events are for you the members. Until next time...“C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring channel 16”!

### May Events:

5 May 1200-1500, OYC Flag Raising at OHM, Bring a dish to share, Joe Livingston, 540-373-9203

12 May 1100-1400, ORMA Blessing of the Fleet-Occoquan River, Joe Livingston, 540-373-9203

19 May, Raft Up at Mattawoman, Ted Eisenman, 703-303-7534

26-28 May, Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach, Steve & Sue Thompson, 703-440-8114

### 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

### **The Daymarker**

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## Rear Commodore

### Allen Jorsey

#### OYC FLAG RAISING FORECAST

May 05, 2007, is the scheduled OYC Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina and the Rear Commodore has been busy getting the food, beer, wine (Merlot etc), and shelters ready. Included in these duties is the weather forecast, which as everyone knows is a very exacting procedure of checking the record high temperature, 94degrees (1928), the record low, 39degrees (1926), last year's temperature (76 degrees), the average rainfall, the chance of snow (0) and putting all these facts in a computer program that meteorologist use and then making a highly precise prediction. And the results are: That like any good Aviator, we are going anyway and will know precisely at noon on 05 May what the weather is at that time and at that location. See you there.  
*Plane to Sea, back to plane*

## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

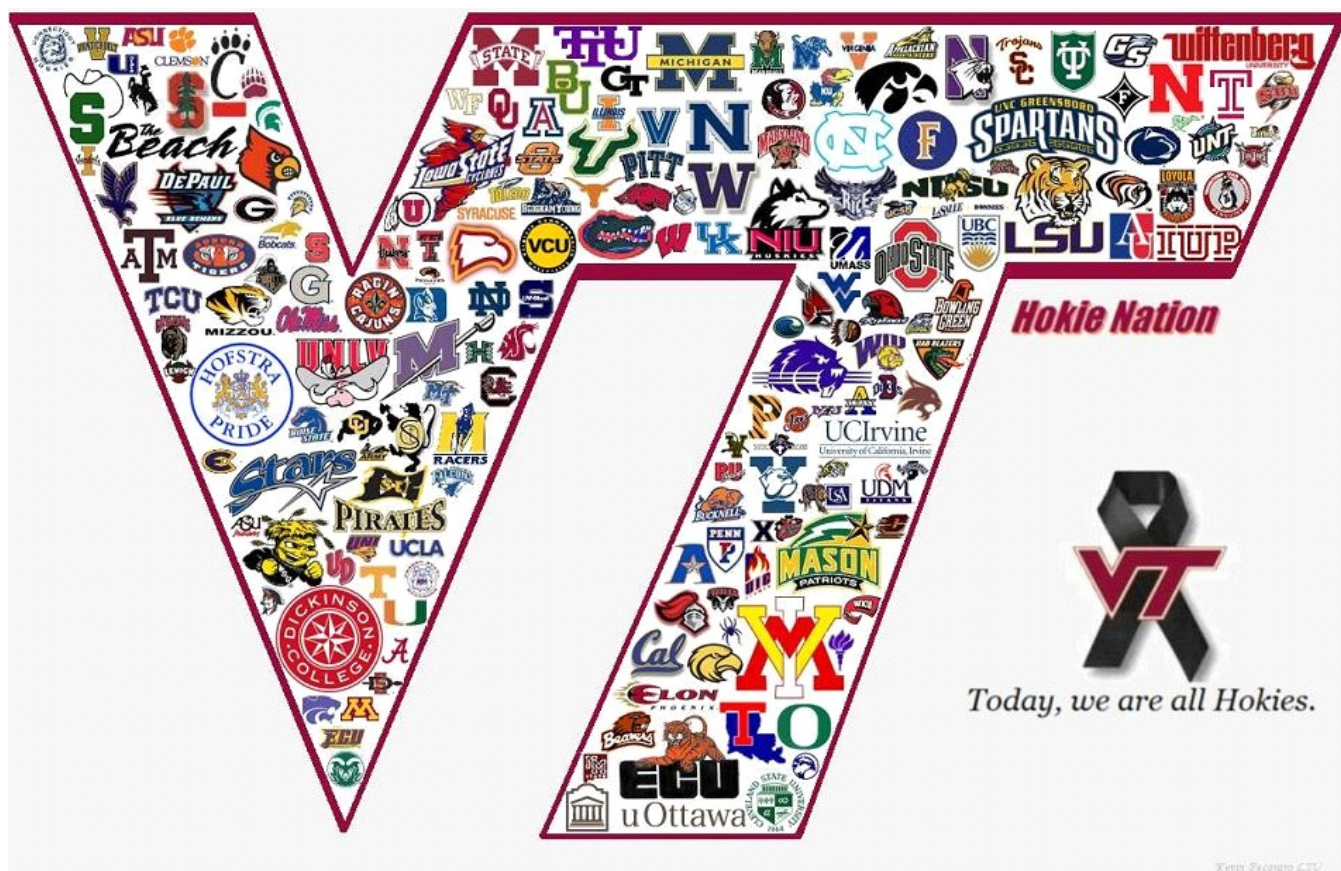
Teresa Sorrenti, 5/4	Jim Dooley, 5/6
Linda Bozoky, 5/7	Kathy Hatton, 5/7
Pete Turcic, 5/8	Ed Dodd, 5/11
Jim Hawley, 5/11	Gail Livingston, 5/14
Tom Coldwell, 5/15	Steve Worcester, 5/15
Beth Francis, 5/23	Dave Moore, 5/26
Gina Croci, 5/29	Bill Johnson, 5/29
Lynn Wilson, 5/30	

### Anniversaries

Katherine and John Corley, 5/1  
Paula and Stephen Wexler, 5/5  
Jennifer and Bryan Burrows, 5/21  
Heidi and Dwayne Johnson, 5/21  
Jeanne and Buddy Axtell, 5/22  
Diane and Frank Machi, 5/26

### Welcome New Members

No new members were reported for the month of April.



View Color Version on the OYC Web Site.

## ***The Early Bird Cruise to Old Town Alexandria***

by Laslo Bozoky

Thanks to the Weather Gods for the sudden change in the weather, the EARLY BIRD CRUISE was a big success! Not even the terrible conditions on the River, from floating TREES and other Debris could stop *TAKIN' TO THE SEA*, *HOT SCHATZ*, *IMPULSE*, *FOREVER DREAMIN'*, and *DARN TOOTIN*, from arriving there Friday evening. It was a little bit chilly coming up river but we were all very happy to finally sit at the dock with our Friends and enjoy the Sun and being together. The whole Group went to Chadwick's for dinner and of course everybody wanted to go to famous Ben & Jerry for dessert! Unfortunately they were closed! But we didn't have far to walk to find what we wanted. Ken Harris and Laslo got, somehow, separated from the rest of the group for a little while and Ken had a chance to tell Laslo, in one of his favorite Bars, some great stories about his Father's Business and his childhood in Alexandria. Well, that took care of Laslo's good intentions to go jogging at 7:30 while other people went for the traditional AM Dog Walk. Saturday was another picture perfect day and we were joined by *SEA NISLE*, *BAY DREAMER*, and *OUR TIME*. Most First Mates headed to the Farmers Market on King Street for shopping while others sat on their Boat and soaked up the long awaited RAYS. Later in the evening at Happy Hour we were joined by the Grants, Burrows, Young and the Robins who arrived by car.

Thanks go out to Tom Whalen, Commodore of the Old Dominion Yacht Club, who invited us to join their annual "Sock Burning" event. It was a great night. We

danced to live Music provided by "The Fuzz"! Old Dominion did a wonderful job preparing the Pig Roast with all the good side dishes. Lot of thanks go to our Friend Steve Bell, the Drummer in the Band, who also made it possible for all of us to be there.

Sunday was another super day, starting out with a great Breakfast at "The Warehouse". After Breakfast and a couple Mimosas, Steve Thompson went shopping for a special gift for his wife; she was thrilled! Now it was time to get our Boats ready for departure and watch out for more logs down the river. As far as I know everybody made it home safely and without any damage. Thanks to everybody who joined the first Cruise of the year and made it a memorable Early Bird Cruise! See you all on the river, Laslo!

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### **Did you know that . . .**

**rubbing down stainless steel rails with a rag containing Vaseline petroleum jelly helps to prevent rust and corrosion from developing. The Vaseline will embed into the pores of the steel. It does not need to be a thick coat. You can also wipe it down a second time with a dry cloth and maintain the protective coating.**

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**OYC Dinghy Regatta and Potluck June 9 from noon till 4pm at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Contact your OYC Event Coordinators Ted Eisenman at 703 491-5179 and Al Jorsey at 703 850-2888 for more information.**



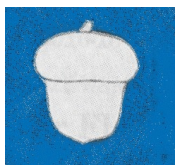
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**Cobb Island Days June 15, 16, and 17, 2007. The Cobb Island Yacht Club requests their reservation form be completed and forwarded to them by 1 June 2007. Contact your OYC Cruise Coordinators, Bill & Peggy Johnson, at 703 799-1042 for more information.**







**Treasurer**

**Trish Mattke**

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

I hope you all are taking advantage of the beautiful weather and getting ready for a wonderful summer season of boating. Let me share our first day at the boat. Cleaning is, of course, one of the worst parts except when it is 80 degrees and sunny. It renews the soul to be able to walk down the dock and start loading up the boat. We had great plans of finishing the job in one hour or less and then starting the engines and dodging the mess in the river from the Nor'easter .... Not so fast, cleaning is a lot harder than anyone anticipates and it doesn't help to be surrounded by friends who get you distracted. Bottom line, we did not get out of the slip but we still had a wonderful day with lots of promise of a wonderful season to come.

On that note let me remind you that safety comes FIRST!!!

Every boater should take an American Red Cross or other approved first aid course. It is not only important for your own personal safety but for your passengers. Most medical "emergencies" are minor cuts, burns, sprains, stings and punctures. Make sure you are prepared with the appropriate bandage, ointment, cold-pack, medication, or tweezers. Extra medication is also good for your fellow boaters. They might not be as prepared as you. This kit should be sufficient to deal with common problems such as sunburn, scraped, bruises, minor burns, seasickness and bug bites. If you don't have these items, make sure a nurse is on the cruise with you.

To refresh your first aid kit, make sure you have this as a minimum:

1. First aid manual
2. Adhesive bandages in various sizes
3. 3-inch sterile pads
4. Triangular bandages
5. 1 and 3 inch rolled bandages
6. Tweezers and **blunt** scissors
7. Cotton balls and cotton tipped applicators
8. Antiseptic
9. Sun screen
10. Calamine lotion
11. Motion sickness pills or patches
12. Aspirin or Tylenol
13. Eyewash cup
14. Benadryl for allergic reactions
15. Ice to reduce swelling and minimize orthopedic injuries, of course we all have that!
16. Vanilla rum for pain if all else fails

***Stay safe and have a wonderful summer!***

Your treasurer, one of "**Bat Too**"



**Secretary**

**Pat Croft**

### **SAFER BOATING THROUGH GOOD**

### **COMMUNICATION**

Boating is not a solitary activity. It's best done with at least two people on board. That's so the captain has someone to command. If the captain gives an order and there's no one there to shout "Aye!", is he still the captain?

Communication is an essential component of safe boating. That's why the Coast Guard has that cheat-sheet sticker for your helm in case you can't remember how many horn blasts it takes to inform the captain of the oncoming vessel that you are about to ram him if he doesn't fade off to starboard, (his, not yours.) You can only hope the other guy has the code committed to memory, because there won't be time for him to consult **his** cheat-sheet in order to figure out what you were trying to tell him. This points out the most important aspect of good communication – actual understanding by both the sending and receiving parties must occur.

In the case of a captain and his first mate, actual, mutual understanding is a rare thing. First of all, mates don't always comprehend, or at least acknowledge, the magnitude of the authority the captain believes he wields. Typically, their response is not, "How high?" when he says "Jump!" They are usually more inclined to counter, "Not until you change the tone of that voice!"

Smart captains have learned to lower their expectations; instead of insisting on instant, accurate execution of their every command, they will settle for minimal attempts to complete the task at some point in time. There will still be occasion when fast action is critical, so for those times, it is especially important that the captain choose his words, and his tone, carefully. He must convey his message succinctly, and the mate must comprehend that direction precisely.

Ambiguous phrases like, 'over there' create confusion. Where, exactly, is 'over there'? And when the first mate requires clarification, it does not make for better understanding if the captain simply repeats the exact wording that wasn't clear the first time. Saying it louder doesn't necessarily help.

Most boating couples get these glitches in communication smoothed out over the years of working together to get the boat from point A to point B and back again without mishap, but at the beginning of every boating season, a little practice is required to bring those skills back up to par. Just as you need to get your 'sea legs' back after a long, land-locked winter, you may need to get your 'boat speak' back as well.

When the captain issues clear commands in neutral voice tones, the first mate might offer a few crisp salutes; and a little "Aye, Aye!" thrown in now and then can't hurt. But recitation of "O Captain, My Captain!" is absolutely not necessary.

# Notice to Mariners

## Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet

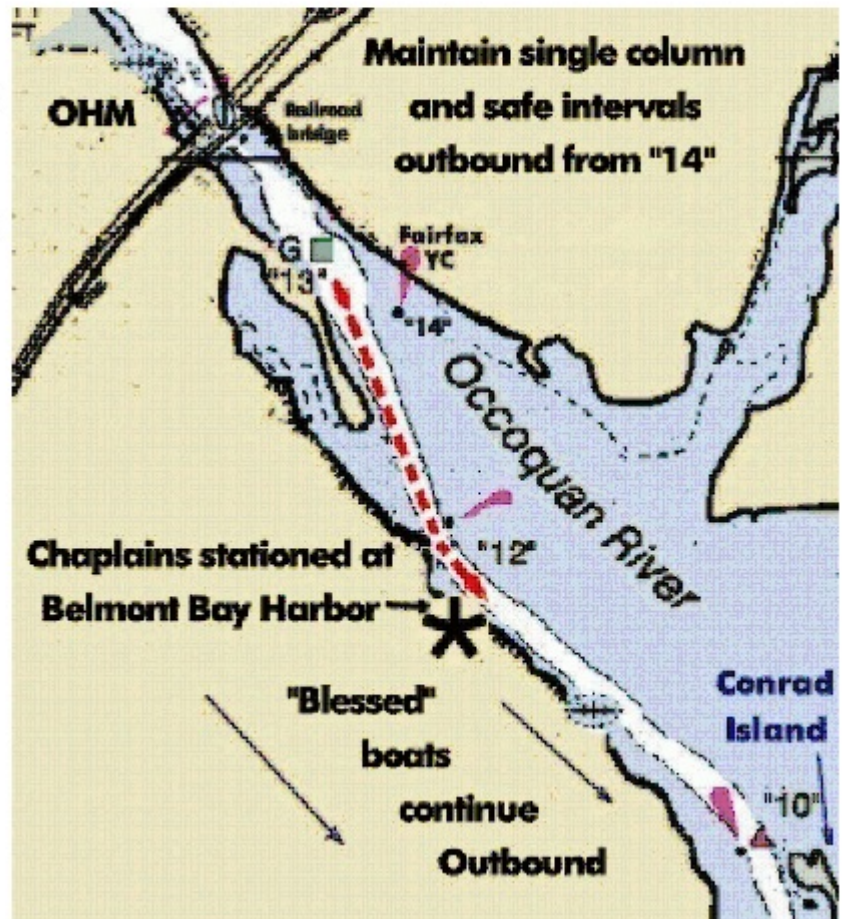
**May 12, 2007, 10:30 A.M. -- 2:00 P.M.**

**Dedicated to Boating Safety and  
Celebrating the Opening of the 2006 Boating Season**

Enter the parade route at Marker No. 14, just past Fairfax Yacht Club, and proceed outbound toward Belmont Bay Harbor and pass alongside the gas dock where a chaplain will invoke a blessing on each passing boat. *Please maintain safe intervals between boats*

Guard VHF Ch. 9 to talk and Ch. 71 as a working channel. Marine bulletins regarding the event will be broadcast starting at 0930 on VHF Ch. 16 and Ch. 22A.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is coordinating the efforts of the Prince William, Fairfax and Occoquan Yacht Clubs, with support from the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Fairfax and Prince William County public safety agencies.



**Boaters *NOT* wishing to take part may pass the procession to port, staying clear of the blessing area during the designated hours. This is a U.S. Coast Guard-designated marine regatta and law enforcement vessels will be patrolling to ensure that safety is maintained in this area. Thank you for your consideration.**

ORMA is a civic organization dedicated to coordinating activities involving commercial and recreational use of the Occoquan River. ORMA's major initiatives are maintaining the Occoquan channel depth, working with the Town of Occoquan to reestablish its historic seaport for recreational boaters, and preserving the environmental quality and safety of the river.

# Occoquan Yacht Club

May 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
National Smile Month National Barbeque Month						
		1 May Day	2	3 National Day of Reason	4 Respect for Chickens Day	5 OYC Flag Raising at OHM
6 Nurse's Day	7	8 Teachers Day//No Socks Day	9 National School Nurse Day	10 n	11 Eat What You Want Day	12 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
13 Mother's Day	14 Income Tax Pay Day	15 National Stockings Day	16	17	18 National Pizza Party Day	19 OYC Raft- Up - Matawoman
20 Neighbor Day	21 I Need A Patch For That Day	22 National Maritime Day	23 National Taffy Day	24 Brother's Day	25 National Tap Dance Day	26 Cruise to Colonial Beach
27 Cruise to Colonial Beach	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Memorial Day (actual)	31 What you Think Upon Grows Day		
June 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
International Accordion Awareness Month National Candy Month					1 Hug Your Cat Day	2 National Bubba Day
3 Cancer Survivors Day	4 Apple Computer Day	5	6	7 Belmont Stakes	8 Upsy Daisy Day	9 Dinghy Regatta at OHM
10 Children's Sunday	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 Recess at Work Day	16 PRYCA Cobb Island Days
17 Cobb Island Days/ Dad's Day	18 National Splurge Day	19 Garfield the Cat Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 Take Your Dog to Work Day	23 OYC Raft- Up – Place TBD
24 America's Kids Day	25	26	27 Decide to be Married Day	28 Hand Shake Day	29 Chicken Wings Day	30 Fireworks at Tim's
23 <sup>rd</sup> thru 30 <sup>th</sup> – Long Cruise to South Bay 30 <sup>th</sup> thru July 8 <sup>th</sup> – Long Cruise to North Bay						



# ***FINALLY, Boating Season has Arrived!***

*Inside . . .*

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**The Flag Raising Weather Forecast,**

**Some Helpful Tips for De-Winterizing your  
Boat and Ensuring a Healthy Season,**

**And Much More.**

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