

# The Daymarker

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Comments

### Joe Livingston

#### A GREAT FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thirty-three of your fellow members enjoyed five special Chili dishes and four desert entries for bragging rights to our annual contest. If you were not there, sorry you missed out. The meeting was hosted by Trish and Terry Mattke at their beautiful (showcase) home in Fairfax Station. Thank you Trish and Terry for your hospitality. I am sure another board member will detail our winners.

During the business meeting the Slate of Officers for 2008 was elected by a vote of Acclamation. I look forward to serving as your Commodore again for the next year. I am also fortunate to have all the same exceptional officers serving and with the great addition of Harry Croft as Vice Commodore, I can assure you we will work hard to provide sound leadership for the Occoquan Yacht Club. Also, it's great that the appointed staff members (Ned Rhodes-Web Master/Steve Thompson-Daymarker Editor/Jim Dooley-Quartermaster) have again volunteered to serve. Nabil Dubraque has volunteered to serve as Historian. Thanks to all. Per my article last month, your club needs you to step forward to fill the Membership and PRYCA Delegate positions. Please call me if you are interested.

"Thank You" to Ted and Ruth Eisenman for your service to OYC. Also,

"Thank You" to Dana Phan for your long service to the Club as Historian. You are wished "Fair weather and following seas" as you leave office.

Want a weekend get-away? The Westmoreland Yachting Association has extended an invitation to our membership to attend their 3rd Change of Watch celebration Saturday, November 17 at the High Tides Restaurant, Potomac River waterfront, Colonial Beach Virginia. "Black Tie" optional; cost per person is \$55.00 and requires your R.S.V.P. to Lucinda Johnson @ (804) 224-7604 soonest;

dinner selection: Chicken Cordon Blue, Tilapia or Prime Rib. Note—OYC sponsored WYA into the PRYCA. Gail & I will make an overnight land cruise to Colonial Beach to attend. We are told it will be a weekend affair with various hosted events.

The Gail Lynn II will be berthed at Old Dominion Boat Club, Old Town Alexandria, from 7 November to 12 November. The visit is over the Veterans' Day weekend and in conjunction with the Hardy Souls Cruise hosted by Ned & Arleen Rhodes. Welcome aboard and say "hello" when the cocktail flag is flying. For access call Joe's cell @ 703-505-8313.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 8. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items for board consideration. Please notify me of your plans and to get the location.

Cheers, Joe



Happy Thanksgiving



**Vice Commodore**

**Harry Croft**



**Rear Commodore**

**Allen Jorsey**

#### **MAINTENANCE TIP OF THE MONTH**

Remember that anchor that you used to have? The one you dropped into the water, never to see again. Did you notice the little hole on the anchor shackle bolt? That's for the safety wire! Shackle bolts have a nasty habit of loosening and eventually will work their way out and presto, your anchor is gone! Simply run a safety wire through the bolt and affix it to the shackle by twisting the wire as you would a braid. A one-inch long twist will usually suffice.

Anchors should also be secured to your deck or deck fitting when in the up or down position. Securing your anchor chain to a fitting takes the strain off the windlass motor during the all the bouncing around while underway or at anchor.

One last item: remember to have the end of the anchor line or chain tied off inside the anchor locker, so that if you do forget and let all the line out, you can actually retrieve your anchor without diving for it!

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCT 20, 2007**

Today many of us gathered at Trish and Terry Matke's house for our annual membership meeting. We voted in the new Board and enjoyed the many chili and dessert entries. Trish and Terry offered their house for the meeting so we could enjoy a more relaxed and casual activity. And they were right on the money; thanks Trish and Terry.

Our club is unique in that it exists because of volunteers who make the events happen. This has been mentioned many times before in the pages of the Daymarker but I believe needs to be repeated. Relying on a select few for too long does not benefit the club.

One function that is really important to the club is the Christmas Party on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, which we hope all members will attend and seeing we are short on members, bring a prospective member to help us celebrate our season of boating and sign them up as a new member. You will have a good time.

Plane to Sea back to plane

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## **Dave Moore's Magic Wand**

Now that your attention is caught and you wonder just what this might be, good news follows. No, Dave has no magic body parts or true magical abilities but he states "this tool is great for boaters, especially if you suffer from *arachnophobia* (a fear of spiders)".

Let's face it, all boaters experience these pests on their boats, both outside and inside as well as dockside. We spray, we swat or flick them, we carefully step on them, squeeze them in a paper towel and other unpleasant ways to kill them and dispose of them.

Now, a tool to do this and fun in the process. Dave purchased an electric fly swatter from Harbor Freight Tools in Woodbridge for \$2.98 plus 2 batteries and claims although it's designed for flying insects, forget that. Just run the tool through a spider web and the spider gets zapped. Run it along ceiling lines, corners, handrails and watch the fireworks. It actually smokes when you get a large spider. He goes out in the evening when the spiders come out and gets his quota. Kinda like the wild west shoot out of sorts.

It basically is a bug zapper but looks like a badminton racket. He warns to not touch the wire mesh screen ... it can zap you too. While holding the unit you activate the electric current by pressing a button on the handle so it's not *on* unless you activate the button.

So, have some fun and eliminate your creepy crawly pests with this magic wand. No joke! Happy Halloween.



**Dave's Madness**

## Did You Know . . . .

The Federal Aviation Administration recently decommissioned two WAAS GPS satellites (PRN 122 and PRN 134) and then activated two replacement satellites (PRN 135 and PRN 138). The WAAS firmware in certain Raymarine (and possibly other brands) products does not recognize the new satellites.

Although they are still considered safe for navigation you may want to check out the manufacturer's web site to see if updated software is available for download. If so, there will also be instructions on how to update your GPS.

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## The Datemarkers

### Birthdays

Katherine Corley, 11/2	Wilma Spikes, 11/2
John Heinze, 11/3	Tricia Mattke, 11/6
Dick Lynn, 11/7	Jerry Byers, 11/13
Jeanne Axtell, 11/15	Ted Eisenman, 11/16
Kim Lasch, 11/16	Stephen Wexler, 11/16
Christian Rose, 11/18	Henry Lovell, 11/19
Donna Lensis, 11/23	Ilona Zsirai, 11/27
Joe Livingston, 11/30	

### Anniversaries

Ilona and Ted Zsirai, 11/7  
Mary Ann and Mark Schall, 11/13  
Anna and Ralph Burner, 11/21

### Welcome New Members

No new members were reported for the month of October.

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## Hardy Souls Cruise to Old Town Alexandria – November 9 - 11

by Ned Rhodes

We are continuing to make plans for what I am sure will be a great holiday weekend at our annual Hardy Souls Cruise to Old Town and the Alexandria City Marina. I have unconfirmed reports of many OYC'ers planning on attending, by sea and by land.

If you want to attend and have procrastinated sufficiently to not yet have made a reservation, you will need to go to [http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/marina/ples\\_res.pdf](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/marina/ples_res.pdf) and download the Alexandria City Marina reservation form. Please fill this out and send it in to the marina immediately. Once the reservation is in, you can call Wade the Dockmaster and give him your credit card information.



Off season rates of \$1 per foot will apply and I can guarantee that the weather will be hot or cold or rainy or snowy.

I am still making plans but you can be sure there will be lots of fun activities for everyone.

If you have any questions, please email me at [ned@softwaresystemsgroup.com](mailto:ned@softwaresystemsgroup.com). I look forward to seeing you on the cruise either by boat or land yacht.



**It's nice to see her without that suspicious black cloud hanging around her stern.**

## Santa Cruise to Occoquan – 24 November

by Walt Cheatham

The Saturday after Thanksgiving will again inaugurate OYC's holiday season as we gather on the OHM docks for food and drink followed by our traditional ferrying of ole St. Nick himself to downtown Occoquan. So, decorate your boat, crank up some holiday music, bring some libation and munchies to share, and be in place on the OHM gas dock around 10:30 AM so we can enjoy an hour of merry making before blasting off at 11:40 in order to have Santa arrive promptly at the Town Dock at noon for the Occoquan Merchant Association's Christmas kickoff.

We've had very mild weather the past three years, so no one has an excuse for missing this fun event. See you there Saturday, Nov 24th at 10:30. Skippers planning to attend, please e-mail me at [cheathamwalt@comcast.net](mailto:cheathamwalt@comcast.net) or call 703-243-2430 so I can make sure we will have a boat for Santa. If I don't get a confirmation before hand, I'll have to make some panic phone calls or go down to the Coan River, de-winterize the "Walt's on Water", and bring her up river fast.

Thanks, ...Walt Cheatham, Cruise Coordinator

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[opsco@earthlink.net](mailto:opsco@earthlink.net)





**Secretary**

**Pat Croft**

#### CHILLI AND DESSERT . . . AND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 20<sup>th</sup> was a glorious, Indian Summer kind of day. Sunshine prevailed, and the breezes held off, as thirty-three OYC members gathered at the home of Trish and Terry Mattke to approve the slate of officers for the 2008 Board, put forward by Immediate Past Commodore Sue Thompson. But the real attraction for this event was the Chili Cook-off and Dessert Contest, held annually in October, and, coincidentally occurring at the same time as the annual election.

The chili chefs provided a broad range of diverse renderings of the title dish, from Lynn Wilson's hearty white-bean chicken chili, to Sue Thompson's more traditional (in appearance,) chili, which was flavored with "Just a Touch" of an ingredient Sue refuses to reveal. Rick Sorrenti entered a robust version guaranteed to trigger digestive tract difficulties.



The panel of Chili Judges included Laslo Bozoky, Judy Dooley, Larry Freedman, Kathy Hatton, and Mark Schall. After multiple tastings and much discussion, the panel declared the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Chili Verde – **Pat Croft**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Weight Watchers Turkey Chili – **Trish Mattke**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 'See You on the Run' Chili – **Rick Sorrenti**

Not to be upstaged, the Dessert Judges were no less diligent in their deliberations. Harry Croft, Shane Hatton, Joan Hicks, Kim Lasch, and Rick Sorrenti endured repeated tastings before determining the winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pineapple-Cheddar Crisp – **Patricia Maxwell**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chocolate Kahlua Trifle – **Lynn Wilson**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chocolate Brownies – **Barbara Freedman**

(For those you who are wondering how anything pineapple could beat anything chocolate, Patricia will share her recipe so you can discover this delectable surprise for yourself.)

The overall **Grand Prize** winner by proclamation

was the fabulous custom birthday cake created and prepared by **Sharman Harris** for host Terry Mattke. The multiple-layer, ocean-blue confection included decorative sea grasses and fishes, a water wave, sand and seashells, and was topped with a whimsical, sea-captain likeness of the birthday-honoree himself, Old Salt.



[Editor's Note: the black/white format of the printed version of the DAYMARKER does not allow sufficient definition to do justice to the photo; to view it in color, please go to the OYC website.]

The official minutes of the October General Membership meeting will note that a quorum was verified, the slate of officers was approved, and the treasurer reported a balance of \$1,658. Information on the PRYCA BOATR program was shared; there was constructive discussion of ways to encourage inactive members to become more involved and how to attract new members. The meeting was then adjourned to the back deck for the all-important activity required at any OYC event: Eat, Drink, and Enjoy!

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#### ***Dog Days of August at Aquia Harbor YC***

by Walt Cheatham

As usual Walt and Susan Cheatham tried to make it on their "Walt's on Water" to the PRYCA sponsored Dog Days of August at Aquia YC on the 18th and 19th, and, as usual, they were denied. Last year it was hydraulic fluid flowing out of the helm at the power lines. This year they made it abeam of Quantico before turning back with the overheated port engine shut down.

Three other OYC boats made it fine however: Al & Anne Gorenstein on "Shalom"; Ed & Stephanie Karpinski on "Stephanie Ann"; and Jim Hawley & Meimei Tidrow on "Lori Ann". The Cheathams made it by car (again). The group found former OYCers Fred Foss & Belinda Nichols, and all had a fine evening meal and dance, got more than their share of door prizes, and enjoyed breakfast Sunday morning. Aquia sure knows how to put on a good party!!

Next year the "Walt's..." will make it, and the Walt will get his story into the Daymarker Editor on time.



## Treasurer

**Trish Mattke**

### Annual Treasurer's Report

Hopefully you attended the membership meeting at my house. The weather was beautiful and the members provided fellowship, delicious food, and shared adventures. Here is our financial report. Please help us promote our membership and sponsor our quartermaster sales. We are heading into a busy time, not of boating but getting prepared to protect our most precious summer pastime, our lazy and sometimes harried days on the water. I hope to see you on docks and thanks for all your support and guidance.

**One of BAT TOO**



Could this be the infamous and reclusive Captain of *Bat Too*?

### On the Internet

Occoquan Yacht Club:  
[www.OccoquanYachtClub.org](http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org) \*

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association:  
[www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org](http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org) \*

Occoquan River Maritime Association:  
[www.ormaweb.org](http://www.ormaweb.org) \*

and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association:  
[www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org)

\* Web space donated by Software Systems Group  
 Ned Rhodes, President and CEO

### October 20, 2007 ANNUAL OYC FINANCIAL REPORT

OYC 2007 Financial Plan			
	Actual 2006	Estimate 2007	Actuals 2007
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Dues	5,592	5,500	4115
Quartermaster Sales	2,133	2,000	876
Mats	118	100	0
COW - Dinners	2,700	3,150	3060
50/50	182	200	222
PRYCA Float In	2,059	2,000	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,784</b>	<b>12,950</b>	<b>8,273</b>
Carry Forward 09/30/2006			3,754
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>12,027</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative Costs</b>			
Bank Fees	36	50	77
Brochures	50	52	51
Membership Directory	115	120	115
PO Box	46	46	46
Planfest	639	270	270
March Membership Meeting	270	300	253
May Flag Raising	237	250	314
ORMA BOF	160	160	160
June Dinghy Regatta	63	100	50
August Membership Drive	0	250	320
October Membership Meeting	129	130	129
COW	4,835	5,000	4,464
PRYCA Float In	2,059	2,000	0
PRYCA Dues	60	60	60
Daymarker	2,154	2,055	2211
CBYCA Dues	150	115	115
Quartermaster	1,667	1,666	1500
Miscellaneous			233
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,604</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>10,369</b>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>1,658</b>

Respectfully Submitted

**Trish Mattke**

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Trish Mattke OYC Treasurer



Halloween has gone to the dogs.





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## **The OYC Holiday Party/Change of Watch**

This is a fun-filled celebration of boating and volunteer service.



Saturday, December 8, 2007  
6:30 pm to 10:30 pm

Place: Fort Belvoir Officer's Club  
Dress: Black Tie Optional



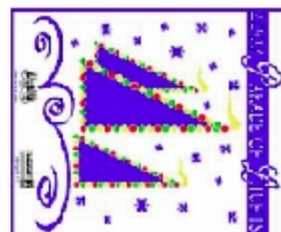
### Schedule:

6:30 pm – Cocktails (Cash Bar) and hor d'oeuvres  
7:15 pm – Seated Dinner (Your Choice of Steak, Chicken or Vegetarian)  
8:15 pm – Installation of Officers, Recognition of Event Coordinators,  
Presentation of Awards and Door Prizes

Watch for your invitations in the mail.  
Questions? Contact Sue Thompson at (703) 440-8114.

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**For more info on the Parade of Lights, contact Al Jorsey.**



Historic Harbors'  
2007 Holiday Boat Parade of Lights!  
December 1, 2007

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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Photos Available

The historic Potomac River will light up again this year for the annual Historic Harbors' Holiday Boat Parade of Lights December 1, 2007. Join your fellow boaters for a full weekend of fun on the Potomac. The infamous Captains' and First Mates' parade coordination meeting and reception will take place on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Old Dominion Boat Club featuring JC and the Hepcats! The parade begins on Saturday in Alexandria's historic harbor and proceeds in formation to the Washington Ship Channel. A celebration and awards party will follow hosted by Canina Marina. For those hearty souls, the party will continue on Sunday as the Capital Yacht Club hosts a Bloody Boaters' Breakfast for the boaters. Come by water or land, it promises to be fun!

Complimentary slips (limited) will be available throughout the weekend in Alexandria and DC. Start your decorating plans now, as each location will be awarding great prizes including over \$1500 in cash, gift certificates, dinners, weekend getaway, hotel stays and more valued at thousands of dollars in total. We have many categories this year, so all are eligible to win!

Remember, the purpose of the parade is generate holiday spirit and have fun! As some might be limited on creativity, time and/or funds, several clubs are spearheading "co-operative boats" for boat-owners and non-boat owners, and, one club is suggesting inter-club competition to make it even more fun. As always, we do seek prizes, so if you would like to help with a donation, it would be much appreciated.

Again, this year's parade will support Toys for Tots!

For further information or registration information, please visit our website at [www.OldDominionBoatClub.com](http://www.OldDominionBoatClub.com) contact Lorraine Lloyd at 703.838.4200 x209 or [Lloyd@funside.com](mailto:Lloyd@funside.com).



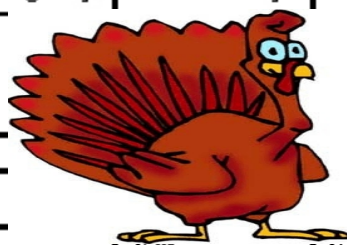
# Occoquan Yacht Club

## November 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
I am So Thankful Month National Peanut Butter Lovers Month				<b>1</b> All Saints' Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Cliché Day
<b>4</b> Daylight Savings Ends	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Saxophone Day	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> National Parents as Teachers Day	<b>9</b> Guinness World Record Day	<b>10</b> Marine Corps Birthday
<b>11</b> * OYC Hardy Souls Cruise	<b>12</b> Veterans Day	<b>13</b> World Kindness Day	<b>14</b> Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day	<b>15</b> Great American Smokeout	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Homemade Bread Day
<b>18</b> Mickey Mouse Day	<b>19</b> Have a Bad Day Day	<b>20</b> Name Your PC Day	<b>21</b> Pumpkin Pie Day	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>23</b> Flossing Day	<b>24</b> Santa Cruise to Occoquan
<b>25</b> Blasé Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> **	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Electronic Greeting Day	<b>30</b> Stay Home Cause Ur Well Day	

\* Hardy Souls Cruise to Alexandria City Dock 9-12 November

\*\* Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting Day



## December 2007

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Identity Theft Prevention and Awareness Month National Tie Month						<b>1</b> Parade of Lights - Alexandria
<b>2</b> Parade of Lights - DC Channel	<b>3</b> Special Kids Day	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bathtub Party Day	<b>6</b> Coats & Toys for Kids Day	<b>7</b> * National Cotton Candy Day	<b>8</b> OYC Holiday Party
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Human Rights Day	<b>11</b> UNICEF Birthday	<b>12</b> Poinsettia Day	<b>13</b> Day of The Horse	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Cat Herders Day
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Wright Brothers Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Underdog Day	<b>20</b> Mudd Day	<b>21</b> Hanukkah	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> ** Christmas	<b>26</b> National Whiner's Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> National Chocolate Day	<b>29</b> Tick Tock Day
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Make Up Your Mind Day	* National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ** A'Phabet Day or No "L" Day				

# ***It's November – Let's Go Boating!***

*inside . . .*

**Who Makes the Best Chili,**

**Bug Zapper or Magic Wand . . . Try it and  
Let me know,**

**Money, Money, Who's Got the Money . . .  
The Treasurer Gives an Update,**

**And Much More.**

**November 9-12**  
**Hardy Souls Cruise**  
**to Alexandria**  
**Ned Rhodes**  
**November 24**  
**Santa Cruise to**  
**Occoquan**  
**Walt Cheatham**  
**December 1-2**  
**Parade of Lights**  
**Alexandria and**  
**DC Channel**  
**Al Jersey**  
**December 8**  
**OVC Holiday Party**  
**Ft. Belvoir**  
**Officers Club**  
**Sue Thompson**



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