

The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

Joe Livingston

HELLO ALL MEMBERS

The Occoquan River has a number of organization, other than yacht clubs, that support recreational boating, such as the marine patrols of Fairfax and Prince William Counties, Tow Boat U/S, and the fire department. Another group that many of you are aware of is the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA). It was organized a number of years back with primary input from a former OYC member, Jim Ball. His foresight has led to the dredging of the river and the annual Blessing of the Fleet under the leadership of Presiding Coordinator Chris Webster, also a member of OYC. It seems our friend Chris has had a notion to retire to Florida resulting in the selection of George Allen to become the new Presiding Coordinator. Cudos, plaques and thanks have been given to Chris. Thank you again, Chris Webster.

ORMA restructured.

Action has been taken to obtain a tax identification number, establish an ORMA checking account and create an ORMA Burgee. With this, ORMA will continue to have volunteer membership to achieve goals but, George has taken steps to recognize folks for their service. To this end, Occoquan Yacht Club was recently presented with the new burgee and a certificate which read, "Presented to Occoquan Yacht Club in

recognition as a ORMA Plank Owner. Thank you for your years of support to the Occoquan River Blessing of the Fleet" In addition, our Captain Rick Sorrenti and crew received a plaque recognizing "Sea Duck Too" for serving as blessing vessel.

This is a burgee article. Our visit to Colonial Beach over Memorial Day revealed to several members that our burgee was not displayed by Colonial Yacht Club. Situation rectified.

Commodore Joe was asked to speak to the membership of CYC on the 14th of



July, as Commodore of PRYCA, and following his comments a burgee exchange with CYC's Commodore Chet Gardner was conducted.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, the 13th of September. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items/suggestion for consideration. Please notify me of your plans and to get the location of the board.

Cheers, Joe.



Vice Commodore

Ted Eisenman

THE BOATING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

There's not much to talk about this month. The season is starting to wind down to a close; we have very few functions left. Before you know it, it will be time for the Change of Watch and our annual Holiday party!

Before we get there, I need to ask for a couple of volunteers to help plan and coordinate the Joint OYC/FYC Halloween Party. (As I remember at our last Membership meeting, I saw over 40 hands go up indicating that we want to have this gathering.) One of the volunteers would help plan out the party, interfacing with the board, maybe writing a broadcast notice or two, the other would help with the "day of" types of things like decorating, etc. Neither position should entail much, but the positions are required for us to have an enjoyable evening. Please drop an email to eisenmant@comcast.net if you are interested in lending a hand.

I am going to keep it short this month, but I look forward to seeing all of you out on the water!

Until next time... "C:\Sea Drive clear and monitoring channel 16"!

September Events:

1-3 – Labor Day Cruise to White Point, Duane & Janet Jeirles

22 – (1200-1600) Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters, Joe & Gail Livingston

October Events:

6-8 – Columbus Day Cruise to James Creek/Fort Washington, Dave and April DeHanas

20 – 1400-1700 – Membership/Election at FYC, Al Jorsey

27 – 2000-2400 – OYC/FYC Halloween Party at FYC, Ted Eisenman



The Not So Ready Reserve, Standing By.



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

ALLEN (AJ) JORSEY III FOR ALLEN JORSEY, REAR COMMODORE

I joined Mama and Papa on Plane to Sea at Port Kinsale along with my parents on Saturday night July 21. Getting there late, Mama made dinner on the boat. The next day we had a wonderful brunch and sat on the deck of the restaurant. My mommy and daddy left to go back home in N.C. and I helped to get the boat ready to go to the Tides. My friend Justin Hamp, who I had met before on another trip, was going to join us at the Tides so I was excited to see him again. They had spent the weekend at Olverson's and having a fast boat; they passed us and got to the Tides before us. We had had a rough trip until we got around Smith Point then it was smooth as we followed *Sea Venture*, Michelle, and *Gail Lynn* to the Tides. We all had great slips in front of the pool. Justin and I swam a lot and other friends joined in too. We swam, crabbed, bicycled, went for dinghy rides and rides on Kenny's *Darn Tootin's* watercraft, and ate good food, cookies (some burned as Mama's oven was too hot). We ate at the Tides and Trick Dog restaurants and rooted for our parents at the OYC crochet tournament. Papa and I rode our bikes all the way to Kilmarnock to get some fuel filters which tired me out as it was about 12 miles round trip. We had great happy hours and fun was had by all. We left a day early because my Aunt Sue-Ellen was going to have a baby and my friend Justin was leaving because he had a game to play on Saturday. However Julie Rebecca didn't arrive until Aug 6th. I can't wait to go again next year.

Plane to Sea, back to plane

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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 gotta haves:

How about a SeaSucker? This is a vacuum cup that sticks to a side of your boat so you can connect a variety of attachments that will hold anything from a soda can to cell phones. There are two size cups that can hold from 120 to 200 pounds. Check out seasucker.com.

For those with deeper pockets, how about an automatic trim system. Yes, that's right, with one push of a button your boat will maintain an even trim no matter how much your crew moves about while under way. The tabs even retract when not in use to help keep them clean. Check out the QL Automatic Trim System by Volvo Penta.

And this is a "Gotta Do". If you have even really wondered how your VHF Digital Select Calling (DSC) works, check out the DSC tutorial and simulator at BoatUS.com/mmsi.

The Joys of Night Navigation

by Steve Thompson

I'm sure that many of you have watched boats, from near and afar, plying the waters of the river in the darkness we all call night. And I'm equally sure that just as many have said to yourselves that you wouldn't be caught dead doing the same thing. How many cruises have you passed up, or just left a day later, because to get there you would have to arrive after the sun has set? Well, as one who has had those very same feelings in the past I have to say, try it ... you might like it.

Well ... it might take a couple tries. The first time I was out at night I was sooooo concerned I might hit something that I strained my eyes trying to see the markers. I was endlessly scanning the water for odd shapes that might turn into killer logs hell bent on punching a hole in the hull or nominating me for the illustrious bent-prop award. But guess what, nothing happened. As remarkable as it may seem my boat did not turn into a magnet for all things foreign and domestic on and in the river.

The second time I took my previous experience and tried to do everything just the opposite. I monitored my GPS more than the river. A radar would also be a near necessity as it can act the same as a pair of eyes. When the GPS said I was near a marker I steered a little wide to be on the safe side. Again remarkably as it may seem, I again got safely back home without incident.

But the best part about night driving (boating) is the peace and quiet that surrounds you. The presence of other boats is nearly non-existent. No boats means no wakes. And as crazy as it may seem, you can see in the dark, just not as good as during the day. In fact, the last time I was out at night I actually let a friend with no boating experience drive for a while, and that was at

20 knots. (But for this non-boater, driving at night paled in comparison with the excitement she experienced when I allowed her to sound the horn.)

To boat at night you need to be prepared. Make sure your nav lights work. And make sure you know what the different light configurations mean. Seeing a red light on a boat means one thing while a green light means just the opposite. Can you tell me the difference? Even a novice boater should be able to answer. And don't forget that two yellow lights, one on top of the other, means Captain Tom is pushing a barge full of sand up the Occoquan. Also make sure the lights on your gauges and electronics are adjusted lower so you can keep your night vision.

After five years of boat ownership the First Mate finally acquiesced to a night outing. She survived and so can you. Take your time to learn to operate a boat at night. The experience may come in handy in an emergency situation. See ya on the river.

Now here is a real crowd pleasing recipe from the First Mate, just ask anyone who was on the Dennis Point cruise. The Daymarker editor even eats it and we all know how high vegetables are on his favorites list.

Three Bean Salad

1 can green beans (drained) ½ cup vegetable oil
1 can wax beans (drained) ½ cup cider vinegar
1 can kidney beans (drained) ¾ cup sugar
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients and chill for at least 2 hours (overnight is best). Enjoy!

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Rob Grant, 9/5	Carl Maxwell, 9/6
Ralph Burner, 9/10	Greg Garrison, 9/10
Anne Gorenstein, 9/12	Jean Hannah, 9/12
Mary Ann Schall, 9/12	Tom Lensis, 9/16
Brian Bryant, 9/17	Margaret Grant, 9/18

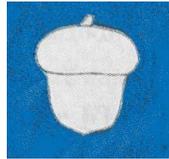
Anniversaries

Lynanne and Allen Jorsey, 9/5
Trish and Terry Mattke, 9/8
Betsey and Bob Nalevanko, 9/11
Caroline and Dick Lynn, 9/12
Cheryl and Greg Garrison, 9/15
Carolyn Dabney and Steve Bell, 9/16
Kim and Buzz Lasch, 9/16
Patricia and Carl Maxwell, 9/21

Welcome New Members

Dinah Du of Leesburg. No boat information was provided.

Dianne Bricker of Lake Ridge. No boat information was provided.



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

THE END OF SUMMER IS NOT THE END OF BOATING

The end of the summer is not the end of boating. Some of the best days are yet to come. In the midst of the August doldrums we are about to see a turn to the finer days of late summer and early autumn. With the exception of the occasional hurricane or two we can look forward to a more relaxed boating style. The fever and rush of the early season is replaced by warm days, cool nights and moderate winds. So don't think about "packing it up". There are still a lot of wonderful boating days between now and the "Hardy Souls Cruise" in November.



Memories of years gone by.



Just When You Thought it was Safe to Go Back into the Water ...

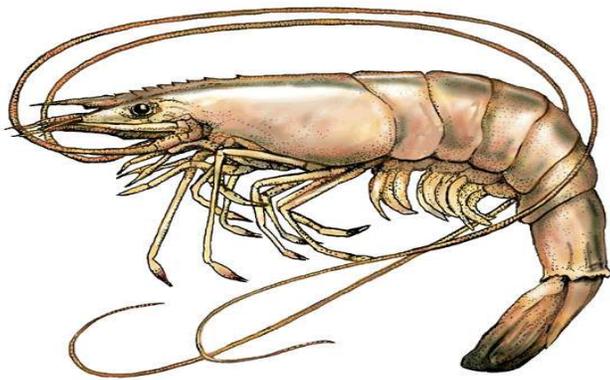


Good Times, Good Friends

However, as the days become shorter with the season change our club continues to provide lots of activities both on the water and on land. Check your Daymarker for current events or ask a board member. As we move into late fall and winter, OYC activities and business continues. The health of the club is dependent on the quality of its leadership and the participation of its members. It is a great time to introduce friends and neighbors to the OYC family.

So be safe, have fun, carry spare parts, "props etc" and enjoy the splendor of Fall on the water.

*Your treasurer,
One of "BAT TOO"*



If looking at this fella makes you hungry, read further on how to satisfy that appetite.

Call for Candidates

by IPC Sue Thompson, nominating Committee Chair

It's hard to believe that it is election time again. We are looking for folks to fill some board positions. Are you looking to get more involved in the club? Are you wanting to be a bigger part of the planning of events for our club? Are you just plain interested in expanding your knowledge not only about boating and our club but others as well? Well, have I got a deal for you. Join the OYC Board and enhance your boating experience beyond belief. While I can't promise you a huge paycheck, I can promise that this is one truly rewarding way to expand your boating experience and meet new folks.. Contact Sue Thompson at 703-440-8114 or at foreverdreamin@earthlink.net or Trish Mattke, at 703-690-3966 or at ttmattke@aol.com, for details. Remember, ask not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club!

Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's Marina

by Joe Livingston

The crew of the *Gail Lynn II* will host the "Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's". This ground cruise event will be from **noon to 4PM** in and adjacent to the new boat pavilion on **Saturday, the 22nd of September**. Mark your calendar, plan to attend and order your shrimp.

The Club will provide the shrimp, water and sodas and Ice. Bring your own beer, wine and/or other alcoholic preference. Request members bring a sidedish and/or desert to share. If the "shrimp" part of this event is to be a go, a response from those planning to attend is critical. Send an email to joseph.livingston@verizon.net and let us know how many in your crew will attend. No response...no shrimp!

The Club thanks Hoffmaster's marina and staff for providing the facility and table and chairs for this event. Marina slip holders, who do not fly the OYC burgee, are always welcome. Come and enjoy our camaraderie.

Questions. Call Joe or Gail at 540-373-9203 or Joe's cell at 703-505-8313.

Labor Day Cruise to White Point

by Duane Jeirles

For anyone that has not visited White Point, this marina is a very relaxing and fun destination with pool, grills, picnic tables, plenty of area for bike riding and (dog) walking.

White Point can accommodate everyone's electrical requirements but some may need a 50A Y Adaptor. If you have a 50A Y Adaptor, please bring it.

If you don't remember if you signed up, or haven't signed up and would like to go, please contact me ASAP. Call (804-559-6089/703-217-5273(c)) or send me an e-mail (djeirlessr@verizon.net) and I will see about getting a slip reserved.

Thanks,
Duane

What a Fun Cruise – Dennis Point/St. Mary's Yacht Center

by John and Rebecca Heinze

We came, we saw, we had a great time.

Ideal weather, a lovely cruise destination and of course, OYC members, combined to make this a very enjoyable weekend get-away. Participants included Joan Hicks, Walter Krause and their guest Sandy Scott (*SEA VENTURE*), Sue and Steve Thompson (*FOREVER DREAMIN'*), Jan and Duane Jeirles (*TOUCH OF FATE*) and Rebecca and John Heinze (*GREAT ESCAPE*).



The Dennis Point marina, now under the ownership of the Solomons Yachting Center, is making every effort to live up to its new name as the St. Mary's Yachting Center. Already visible improvements include a totally remodeled restaurant (with excellent food), Tiki bar (very popular with OYC members), swimming pool, air conditioned lounge, individual restrooms with showers and even upgrades to the adjacent campground (see photos). All this adds to the enjoyment of a 50 acre wooded site with friendly, helpful staff.

And this is just the beginning of the upgrades. Plans are underway for a major expansion of the marina - floating docks with 150 transient slips, larger Tiki bar (they know OYC), new, larger pool, new marina office with marina store, expanded kitchen for the restaurant, large screen TV for the lounge, etc. – all for the purpose of making SMYC a preferred destination on the Potomac.

Highlights of our August 10-12 cruise include Karaoke at the Tiki bar Saturday night with guest appearance by a Washington DC morning newscaster and his lovely wife, strolling around the wooded property, viewing some of the lovely houses and boats in the area, happy hours with friends, dinner and lunch at the restaurant, the great cookout Saturday night, the delicious shared brunch Sunday morning, and most important, good OYC friends with which to enjoy it.

In short we look forward to going back to St. Mary's Yachting Center next summer...



Mexican Riviera (a.k.a. Mattawoman) Margaritaville

These are pictures from the July 28 raft up at Mattawoman Bay – the Mexican Riviera / Margaritaville event. We had 3 boats – TDY (Beth and Bill Francis) hosted the event with *Bull Rider II* (Ray and Sue Bull) and Doug and Angelina Madison. All attendees were from the Heritage Harbor neighborhood in Woodbridge. Although we were competing with Aquapalooza and the Tides week long trip, we still had a great time and good weather. The fajita and taco bar were great, but the biggest hit was Bill's new Margaritaville Machine. A great time was had by all!



Sue and Ray



Margarita from the Pitcher ...
Beer from the Bottle



Water Toys (and People) in
Action



Miss Sports Illustrated?



A Father - Daughter Moment.



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<i>September 2007</i>						
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Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month National Biscuit/Chicken/Honey/Mushroom/Potato/Rice Month						1 Labor Day Cruise to White Pt.
2 Labor Day Cruise to White Pt.	3 Labor Day	4 Newspaper Carrier Day	5 Be Late for Something Day	6 Do It! Day	7 National Feel the Love Day	8 Bald is Beautiful Day
9 National Grandparents Day	10	11 Patriot Day	12 Rosh Hashanah	13 Int'l Chocolate Day	14 Meaning of "Is" Day	15 Wife Appreciation Day
16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20	21 Int'l Day of Peace	22 Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters
23 Autumn Begins	24 Energize Day	25 World Maritime Day	26	27	28 Love Note Day	29 VFW Day
30 Gold Star Mother's Day						
<i>October 2007</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Class Reunion Month Eat Better, Eat Together Month National Pajama Month						
	1 Fire Pup Day	2 National Custodial Workers Day	3 Balloons Around the World	4 Ten-Four Day	5 World Teachers Day	6 OYC Columbus Day Cruise
7 OYC Columbus Day Cruise	8 Columbus Day	9 Leif Erickson Day	10 Emergency Nurses Day	11	12 World Egg Day	13 Navy Birthday
14 Be Bald and Be Free Day	15 National Grouch Day	16 National Boss's Day	17 Mulligan Day	18	19 Evaluate Your Life Day	20 OYC Membership Meeting
21	22	23 National Mole Day	24 United Nations Day	25	26 Frankenstein Friday	27 FYC/OYC Halloween Party
28 Mother-in-Law Day	29 Internet Day	30 Haunted Refrigerator Night	31 Halloween			

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Mama and Papa,

And Much More.