



The Daymarker

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Commodore's Comments

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Joe Livingston

How about that Memorial Day Cruise? The extra hours to and from Colonial Beach for the crew of the *Gail Lynn II* (operating on one engine) did not dampen the weekend. Cruise Coordinators, Bill and Vicki Hamp, set a new expectation level and provided a special, fun filled weekend. Thanks, again, Bill and Vicki and also to the fifty or so OYCers' in attendance.

The *Gail Lynn II* is back on the water following the repair of the starboard transmission. We used Hale Marine of Warsaw, VA, and found them responsive and also a good source for parts. And for what it's worth, we re-discovered the **Law of Mechanical Repair**: "After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee" and also, the **Law of the Workshop**: "Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner." Don't we love to work/clean on our boats?

Boat/U.S. has offered ten tips for getting the most from a tank of gas in a periodic "news release." One was to leave extra junk at home, a second was don't top off your fresh water tank with water weight at 8.33 pounds per gallon, and another was to keep your props tuned. Don't know how much these items would save, but I would suggest browsing their website from time to

time as they do display a great deal of good information

Final action has not been taken by the courts, Congress or the EPA on the issue of water discharge for recreational boats, but I suggest you review http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=350 for data on the discharge permit schedule to be required in September. We may not have PFD's any more but we do have the NPDES...the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

I would encourage Club members to consider supporting, or even joining, Potomac River Keepers. Simply put, their mission is to "protect and restore water quality in the Potomac River and its tributaries through community action and enforcement." See them on www.potomacriverkeeper.org. They have a nice newsletter that is available online.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 10 July. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items for board consideration. Call to get location/time of the meeting.

Cheers, Joe



Commodore in Charge of Vice

Harry Croft

To Those Who Make It Work

Far too often, the many devoted volunteers who work to keep OYC functioning receive little recognition for their efforts. These folks give generously of their time and energy, toiling behind the scenes to make OYC a success.

Everyone knows the members of the Bridge, past and present, but do you know all the others who help make the club such a fun organization? **Ilona Zsirai**, our membership chair, recruits new members to keep our club vibrant and fresh, and keeps the membership information list up to date. Our Historian, **Nabil Dubraque**, has produced a spectacular new directory, replete with pictures of happy times. Have you noticed Alfred E. Newman on page 3?? Did you actually scratch and sniff the back page?

How about website management? On www.occoquanyachtclub.org, you can get an application to join, view past issues of *The Daymarker*, and even access current weather information, all thanks to **Ned Rhodes!** We are grateful he doesn't charge us!! And where would we be without all the fashionable OYC attire that **Jim Dooley**, Quartermaster, provides for sale? A lot richer no doubt, but, you can imagine the difficulty of assembling an inventory that all members will like and purchase!

Then there is *The Daymaker*, no easy chore! **Steve Thompson** has done a fantastic job of editing and assembling *The Daymarker* for many years. No one likes writing assignments but *The Daymarker* articles provide a valuable link to our members with humor and information. Hats off to Steve! Fortunately for OYC, one of newest members, **Carol Belcher**, has stepped forward to take on this very important job.

Let's not forget Cruise Coordinators, those people who plan and facilitate the cruises, ensuring we all have a grand time. So far this year we have had two outstanding cruises, thanks to **Terry and Trish Mattke**, who deftly coordinated the delightful Early Bird cruise to Old Town Alexandria, and **Bill and Vicki Hamp**, who masterminded the fabulous Memorial Day Weekend cruise to Colonial Beach. Making marina and restaurant arrangements,

setting up events such as wine tasting and golf putting, and just keeping everyone informed, all take time and effort on their part, just to provide cruising enjoyment on our part. It's early in the season and already we have many good memories.

OYC wouldn't exist without volunteers. Many of the same people step forward time and time again, and they deserve our thanks. THANKS!!!



Secretary

Pat Croft

Pat has nothing to add...no problems!!

OYC'S EXCITING CRUISES THIS SUMMER!!



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Float-In
July 18-20 2008

Coordinator: Harry Croft

It looks like we are all set for a grand time at Port Kinsale Marina, July 18-20! The PRYCA float-in has a busy schedule and fun time planned for an estimated 75 boats, starting with a BBQ on Friday night and full Sunday brunch. The competition starts when you check-in, so please make sure your boat has a current **Vessel Safety Check** by the Coast Guard Auxiliary or Power Squadron. Call me if you need one and I'll try to arrange one for you. For any last minute OYCers who would like to join in the revelry, call me, Harry Croft, ASAP at (703) 451-9147 or email, hpcroft@verizon.net, and I'll try to get you in. Currently, we have 14 couples and 12 boats in attendance.

The Port Kinsale Marina has a great restaurant and they work hard to make us feel welcome. The Saturday night dinner-dance provides a respite from all the nautical efforts of the day. The PRYCA float-in is a wonderful chance to meet a lot of other boaters from clubs all over the Potomac River and hopefully OYC can leave with the winner's trophy! There will be Safe Boater training classes as well

as competitive events such as a scavenger hunt, dinghy rowing, ring toss, and seamanship test. So, we'll see those who registered and hope to hear from others who may have changed their minds.

Potomac Medley Cruise **July 20-26 2008**

Coordinator: Joe Livingston

NOTE: Cruise name(s) and destinations have changed. Come join us for a week cruise on the Southern Potomac. Departing Sunday (noon) from Port Kinsale Marina, we will cruise to Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina for a two-night stay. On Tuesday, the 23rd, we cruise to the Corinthian Yacht Club for an overnight stay. Departing the next day, we set off for a scheduled three-night stay at the Saint Mary's Yachting Center. Boats will then depart for home berths or to the Bay.

This is the time to relax. Swim, play golf, shop and maybe do some sunbathing. We will plan a social hour each evening and do dinner as a potluck or at the local restaurant. We will probably set a poker run game, play some beach bocce and dominos along the way. We may possibly attend a music concert at St. Mary's College on Friday evening.

If you would like to join the crews of the *Gail Lynn II*, *Plane To Sea*, *Time 2 Play* and *Wild Horses*, send your email to joseph.livingston@verizon.net or call 703-505-8313 soonest so additional reservations can be set.

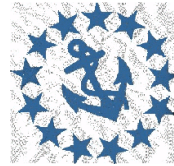
Dog Days of August Cruise

Save the dates: **August 8, 9, 10 2008!**

Coordinator: Harry Croft

Join other yacht clubs on the Potomac for a late summer social event at Colonial Beach Yachting Center, a short two hours down the Potomac. There's a pig roast and dancing, yes, boaters **can** dance! Dancing is scheduled for both Friday and Saturday night. Also planned is a winery tour to Ingleside winery. If you are interested, send me money no later than **July 15th**. Full refunds will be honoured up to **August 1st**. Costs are \$1.50 per foot per night and \$5.00 per cord per night for electricity. The pig roast and dancing cost \$25.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. The wine tour is an additional \$10 per person.

Call me (703) 451-9147 if you and your family are interested and I'll walk you through registration process OR you can e-mail me at hpcroft@verizon.net.



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

When to use Channel 9 versus Channel 16

Federal regulations and the U.S. Coast Guard Fifth District policy has now made Channel 9 the primary non-emergency hailing channel for recreational boaters on the Chesapeake Bay, to be used before switching to a working channel (68, 69, 71, 72, or 78A).

Channel 16 can be legally used as a non-distress hailing channel. Channel 16 remains the international distress, safety and hailing channel, and the Coast Guard now is strongly encouraging recreational boaters on the Bay to use Channel 9 for non-distress hailing. The Coast Guard is asking you to promptly switch to a working channel if you have to hail on Channel 16. If you call the Coast Guard, which monitors Channel 16, you will be asked to switch to its own working channel, 22A. Ships monitor Channel 16 and Channel 13. The Coast Guard monitors Channel 16.

Plane to Sea will continue to monitor Channel 16, as this is the channel on which the Coast Guard announces any distress calls and any information of concern to all boaters and this is the channel that most boaters are still using.

Plane to Sea, back to plane

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Brian McCormally 7/1
Steve Krouse 7/18
Ray Kelly 7/20
John Wix 7/25
Joseph Hoffmaster 7/26
Patricia Croft 7/2
Michele Price Cantello 7/8
Mary Ann Coldwell 7/14

Anniversaries

Harry & Patricia Croft 7/2
Bob & Lynn Wilson 7/2
Don & Jody Miller 7/5
Tom & Mary Ann Coldwell 7/6
Daniel & Debbie Kent 7/11
Mike & Sarah Robins 7/11
Wilma & Frank Spikes 7/19
Brian & Maria Bryant 7/22
Henry & Monica Lovell 7/24
Patrick & Sabrina Worcester 7/25
Jack & Sharon Striker 7/30

Welcome New Members

Randy and Susan Willetts of Alexandria. They keep their 40" Silverton, *Takin' It Easy*, at the Fairfax Yacht Club.

Dan Parsons of Annandale. He keeps his 38' Chriscraft, *DOROTHY B2*. at Hoffmasters.

Susan Quinn and Charles Woodruff of Lorton. They keep their 25' SeaSwirl, *SWANEE II*, at Fairfax Yacht Club.

Attention OYCers and your friends!!

Hanky Panky for sale!!! (Relax, that's just the name of the boat)

Henry and Monica Lovell are offering you the best cruising deal of the year!!

33' Chris Craft Corinthian. Sleeps 6 comfortably, and includes AC, beautiful teak bow pulpit and swim platform.

Twin Crusader 260s, large back deck & bridge. Great for entertaining, fireworks and stargazing!
E-mail o2bboatn@aol.com or call 202-374-1271 for interior and exterior pictures and full

description. Asking \$32,990



Boaters: Note the Safety Bulletin below!

In the July edition of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, on page 15, there is an article that warns of false GPS signals "especially in an area within a radius of 35 nautical miles of the Patuxent Naval Air Station." This is due to testing on GPS frequencies from April 1 through October 31 2008.

With the summer bay trips coming up this could be useful safety info for club members.

Article submitted by Steve Thompson

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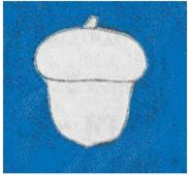
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Treasurer

Trish Mattke

Another First Aid Course by Nurse Ratchet

Back by popular demand, I am penning a reminder to all about common first aid requirements needed aboard. Having a robust first aid kit goes a long way to ensure a safe 2008 boating season. Please check your first aid kit or locker and make sure you have these minimum essentials. Please look through your medications and replace those that have expired. 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. A sterile needle is useful for taking out splinters: remember last year? Extra medication is also good for your fellow boaters. They might not be as prepared as you. 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:

- a. First aid manual
- b. Adhesive bandages in various sizes
- c. 3-inch sterile pad
- d. Triangular bandages
- e. 1 and 3-inch rolled bandages
- f. Tweezers and scissors
- g. Cotton balls and cotton tipped applicators
- h. Antiseptic
- i. Sun screen
- j. Calamine lotion
- k. Motion sickness pill and patches
- l. Aspirin, Tylenol and Motrin
- m. Eyewash cup and some sterile water
- n. Benadryl for allergic reactions
- o. Ice to reduce swelling and minimize orthopedic injuries.

With this list as a guide, all of us will be able to say, "Yes, we all have that!"

That should take care of the minor stuff. Hopefully none of you have more serious issues. Stay safe and have a wonderful summer.

Your treasurer,
One of "BAT TOO"

Absent but Not Gone Steve Thompson, Past Editor *The Daymarker*

Isn't it comforting getting up every morning knowing what lies ahead? Sure you have to go to work during the week, but at least you know you have a job and a steady income. How else are you going to afford those boat payments, not to mention those outrageous fuel bills? You are also comforted in knowing that breakfast is ready to be made in the kitchen or maybe you just make a short hop to that favorite fast food joint. And as the day wears on and you get home from work you know you can relax while watching the TV or maybe finish that book before you nod off to sleep for the night. Routines are good. They are reassuring. It's what makes time pass with the least amount of commotion.

But the repeated happenings in life can also get you down. Anyone who has seen the movie *Ground Hog Day* can empathize with Bill Murray when he wakes up one morning and pronounces "Change is good".

Well, as you look at this month's *Daymarker* you probably notice something a little different, a change here or there, or maybe everywhere. Well, that's because there is a new Editor in town, going by the name of Carol Belcher. Yes, after five years at the helm of *The Daymarker*, I decided, "change is good." I have to admit that the challenge and fun once found in putting together your newsletter was becoming more of a chore, a task or assignment, where on more than one occasion the *Editor's Advisor on Worldly Matters* had to close the door to the editing (computer) room.

But there are other happenings that have impacted on the amount of time I'm able to devote to the newsletter. There have been increased commitments in my Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer work. A new job last year has also taken away some of that free time. Perhaps there is another crisis or two in there somewhere. And so things would get a little tense in the old computer room from time to time.

BUT, Remember ... Change is Good.

So now *The Daymarker* has gotten a new lease on life. A new editor has taken the reins and I, for one, am anxious to see what changes may be forthcoming. Remember, The Occoquan Yacht Club is a volunteer organization. It is what YOU make of it. I, for one, will continue to assist the new editor with occasional articles. You too can submit articles, even if it is just about your leisurely float down river to the crab house or to have fun on

the hook. If you have fun, why not let everyone know. Let them be jealous.

So, with a little bit of sadness, your former editor would like to say thank you to all those that supported his efforts in getting the newsletter out, even if it was just a comment about his efforts or on newsletter content. Please don't forget to let your new editor know what a superb job she is doing.

TFN (Tchau for Now), Steve

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 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 safety wire through the bolt and affix 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 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!

Labor Day Cruise – Early Reservation Alert

By Harry Croft

If anyone remembers the 2005 Labor Day Cruise to Pt. Lookout Marina, then you know you must make your reservation early for this year's cruise to St. Mary's Yachting Center (SMYC), previously known as Dennis Point Marina. Harry and Shane are planning a raucous time that will be sure to entertain one and all! The photo on the right is from the 2005 cruise. I know many of you will not recognize Ned Rhodes in this photo, but that is indeed Ned with Lexy Schall and Kelly.

Bay Dreamer will arrive at SMYC a day early, August 28th to insure all is well and that they at SMYC are ready for you. Depending on your work schedule (I have heard that some of you actually have to work, but it may be just a nasty rumor) you should plan to arrive no later than Saturday, August 30th. For the *Bay Dreamer*, it

takes about 4 hours at 18kts from Fairfax Yacht Club to SMYC. It's an easy place to find, but you must watch out for pound (fishing) nets at the mouth of the St. Mary's River, but once in the river it's a straight course and the channel is well marked.



Don't let the high price of gasoline or diesel scare you off. Remember that I count on high returns from my petroleum investments so that I don't have to work, so buy often!! Seriously, where can you have a fun time with so many like minded friends for so little cost? The St. Mary's River and Carthagen Creek are two of the more beautiful bodies of water in the Chesapeake watershed. SMYC has a nice pool and restaurant, brand new restroom facilities and a great attitude! You can either lay back and vegetate or join in the activities we have planned for you. Pirate attire is entirely appropriate! You can also visit nearby St. Mary's historic town, a step into the 1600's.

To hold your spot, please call the marina **1-301-994-2288** with your credit card in hand (they won't run it, just as a hold). I have already provided them with a list of possible boats, so all you have to mention is that you are part of the OYC cruise and identify yourself. **If you didn't sign up at the plan fest, that's ok, just let me know via phone (703) 451-9147 or email.** When you make your reservation, please e-mail me at hpcroft@version.net so that I can keep track of everyone who is attending.

Planning Calendar July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Zip Code Day Canada Day	2 I Forgot Day	3 Stay out of the Sun Day	4 Independence Day	5 OYC Cruise to DC (4/5)
6 Take your Webmaster to Lunch Day	7 Chocolate Day	8	9	10 Don't Step on a Bee Day	11 World Population Day	12 Hot Dog Day
13 Gruntled Workers Day	14	15 Gummi Worm Day	16 National Personal Chefs Day	17	18	19 PYRCA Float In at Port Kinsale
20 PYCRA Float In at Port Kinsale	21 Get Out of the Doghouse Day	22	23 Gorgeous Grandma Day	24 Tell an Old Joke Day	25 Day Out of Time	26 National Cowboy Day
27 Parents' Day	28 Singing Telegram Day	29	30	31	July 20-26 Potomac Medley Cruise	
National "Doghouse Repairs" Month National Wheelchair Beautification Month Women's Motorcycle Month						

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 Work like a Dog Day	2 National Mustard Day
3 Friendship Day	4 Coast Guard Day	5 National Night Out	6	8 Happiness Happens Day	9 National Garage Sale Day	10 S'mores Day
11	12 Eleanor Roosevelt Day	13 International Left Handers' Day	14	15 National Men's Grooming Day	16 Sandcastle Day	17
18 Bad Poetry Day	19 Aviation Day	20	21	22 Southern Hemisphere Hoodie Hoo Day	23	24 Vesuvius Day
25 Kiss and Make Up Day	26 National Dog Day	27	28 Crackers over the Keyboard Day	29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day	30 National Holistic Pet Day	31 Love Litigating Lawyers Day
Happiness Happens Month National Win with Civility Month National Inventor's Month						

July 4/5
DC Fireworks Cruise-DC
Channel
Al Jorsey

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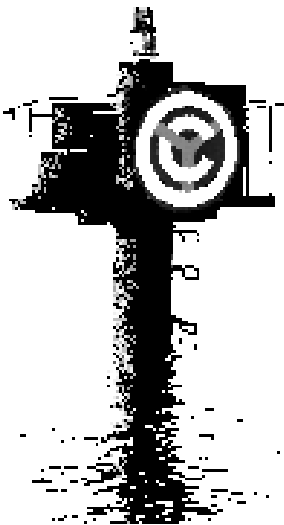
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**Upcoming summer cruises, many with
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