



# The Daymarker

## OCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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## Commodore's Comments

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### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

While visiting various sister Club's on the Potomac, as your Commodore or representing the PRYCA, I have found that folks do read the "Daymarker".

Seems it was not only our membership that took the "hook, line, and sinker" on "The Maydarker" article "OYC Commodore Resigns! in the April issue. That's what boating should be about...having fun...but always, "keep a watch".

National Safe Boating Week was May 17-23 May. I have attended two events this spring and read a couple of articles with emphasis on wearing a life jacket. Yes, life jacket. The US Coast Guard reportedly has yielded from the "PFD". Emphasis has been on the newer vest-style or belt pack inflatable's. Coast Guard statistics indicate that of 474 drowning deaths in 2006, 42% (201) involved boats under 16 feet and that most accidents occurred when conditions were calm (waves less than six inches) winds light (less than 6 mph) and visibility good. When you play with your toys...keep these safety facts in mind and have a safe boating season.

Want to remind you again of our Cooperating Group Agreement with BoatU.S.. The Occoquan Yacht Club group number is GA80979Y. When renewing your BoatU.S. membership reference our number and save 50%...the annual cost should be \$12.50. Also, don't forget the towing insurance. See them at [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com) or call Membership



Services at 800-395-2628.

Note. The Corinthian Yacht Club has extended OYC members an invitation to visit their Club facilities during the 2008 season. Their Clubhouse is just up from Point Lookout Marina on the Southern end of the Potomac River and they have good over-nite facilities. Contact Commodore Delores Derrington by email at [doloresd@cox.net](mailto:doloresd@cox.net) or phone at 703-569-2751 for information or to visit.

Am being told the facilities at the new National Harbor are open and going to be a great destination place. Some growing pains have been reported but as more and more shoppes and stores open...shop till you drop or run out of money. Good Opportunity. Plan to attend "**The Yacht Show at National Harbor, Thursday through Sunday, starting the 5th of June.**" VIP tickets are \$40.00 per day and regular tickets are \$16.00. Buy tickets online at [www.USBOAT.com](http://www.USBOAT.com).

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 12 June. 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  
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## CRUISING AND THE PRICE OF FUEL

As we get into the full swing of cruising this year, the rising prices of fuel have caused some boaters to shelve their plans for exploring the waterways. Damned the torpedoes, damn the price of gasoline!! Damned the price of diesel!! Full speed ahead!

However, on a more practical and rationale plane, if one would travel the bay at \$3.10/gal but not at \$4/gal, what is the marginal increase that is the cause for concern? Using a typical OYC boat as an example, at a nominal 23/gallons per hour at cruising speed, the hourly cost at \$3.10/g is \$71.30; at \$4/g, \$92/hr. If one cruises to the bay, that's a 4 hr run, the cost is \$285.20 at \$3.10 and \$368 at \$4, for a difference of \$83. So the decision is along these lines: You have a boat that costs around \$100,000, rental slip fees around \$5,000/yr, insurance at \$1,500, 300 gallons of gasoline in the tanks (\$1,000) and you're worried about \$160 round trip extra cost? If one didn't go down to Pt. Lookout, the cost of a psychologist or psychiatrist would easily exceed \$160/hr!! If one didn't cruise the beautiful waters of the bay, the utility cost would far exceed \$160: that's the cost of enjoyment and the value you ascribe to it. Personally, I would only have to give up a half case of wine to offset the \$160 and given my set of values, I wouldn't even give that up! What's your utility cost? When do you give up the very thing that makes you happy?

So those of you who hesitate about cruising because of fuel prices, what is the cost of your enjoyment? When do you stop using that beautiful boat and all the fun you have on it? My first wife and I recently returned from bare-boating in the British Virgin Islands. Diesel cost \$5.25/gallon. The trip: priceless. We all go through time but once and hopefully with many wonderful stops along the way. Don't let the price of fuel cancel out those priceless stops.

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## **Cobb Island Days Cruise**

by John & Rebecca Heinze

The time has come and gone for you to get in with the fun at Cobb Island, 13 to 15 June.

But ... if you are still interested, perhaps there is an extra empty slip that will fit your boat just perfectly.

If you are still interested, call Don Thayer (301-259-0164) or Roger Fajans at (301-259-0040) and let us know what they say ([jheinze@johnadams.com](mailto:jheinze@johnadams.com)) so we can ensure you are included in all the OYC fun.

## *No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problem*

Next year, when the winter blues have got you longing for boating season, hop a plane to St Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, catch a ferry to Road Town, Tortola, in the British Virgin Islands, and pick up a power catamaran for the bare-boat charter of your dreams. Cruising the aquamarine-hued waters of the Caribbean will be just the soothing cure you need for the winter doldrums.

There are several companies in Road Town offering a variety of vessels to charter. We chose The Moorings because of the 46' power cat they offer. With 4 staterooms, each with a queen-berth and its own head, the 464 Nautic Blue cat is well suited to comfortably accommodate four couples. A spacious salon with galley occupies the middle space. The aft deck is a broad staging area for water activities, with steps on both sides down to water level. Another stairway leads to the upper flybridge, where the comfortable seating and table offer ample space for all to lounge under the shade of the bimini top.

You can arrange to have the charter company provision the boat with your custom ordered groceries, or you can shop for provisions yourself once you get to Road Town. We chose a split provisioning option, with food for only about 75% of the meals for the 10 day cruise, knowing we would want to eat out on occasion. That worked out perfectly for us.

The orders for the day, every day, were relax, and have fun. No work, no worries, no agenda. The Caribbean provides the perfect backdrop for those orders. The temperatures were always in the balmy 70's to 80's range, never cooler and never warmer. We managed to avoid rain and storms altogether. The water was that beautiful aqua blue-green that looks too good to be real, but it is. The white sand beaches with palm trees waving aren't just postcard perfect – that's how they really look in person!

The best thing about a bare-boat charter is that **you** make the decisions about when and where to cruise or moor; you're not at the mercy of a pre-planned cruise itinerary. If you find a remote little bay where the snorkeling is fabulous, you can stay as long as you'd like. If that quiet cove that looked so idyllic when you first tied up to the mooring ball takes on a carnival atmosphere as it's swarmed by hundreds of beach combers on an excursion from that mega-cruise liner docked on the other side of the island, you can simply drop the mooring line and move on to another spot. (Cont. on Pg. 3)

(Cont. from Pg. 2)

One of our favorite anchorages was White Bay, on the island of Jost Van Dyke, where the white sand beach stretches out in a wide crescent to meet the pale turquoise sea. A dinghy ride to shore allows you to keep your pocket money dry, unlike the patrons who reportedly swam ashore and then paid for their drinks with damp dollars, giving the bar its name, the Soggy Dollar Bar. If you tire of the refreshing Painkiller drinks at the Soggy Dollar, you can stroll down the beach to Ivan's Stress Free bar, where you can make your own drink if Ivan isn't there – just be sure to write down what you made in the log, and leave your money in the box. It was at Ivan's that I first discovered that White Bay is also a favorite of country singer Kenny Chesney, who has written several songs inspired by the time he spent there, including one titled, "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problems." I hadn't really paid much attention to those songs until after we experienced the British Virgin Islands firsthand, but now that we have, I can't get these lyrics off my mind: ". . . it wouldn't take much for me to up and run, to another life, somewhere in the sun."

Now that our own boating season is upon us, I'll be anxious to ply the darker waters of the Occoquan, the Potomac, and Chesapeake Bay. But come next winter, it wouldn't take much for me to up and fly to the BVI again!

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### ***Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet***

Ned W. Rhodes

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the Occoquan River Maritime Association held its annual Blessing of the Fleet. The web site ([www.ormaweb.org](http://www.ormaweb.org)) documents past blessings back to 2003. Depending on how you count, this is either our sixth or eighth year of sponsoring the event.

The day started out cold and rainy and by the end of the day the temperature had climbed to 59 degrees with cloudy skies and occasionally heavy winds. The less than perfect weather did not stop the 66 boats from receiving their blessing from Reverend Craig Muffley of Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Woodbridge. We counted 35 boats who were repeat customers from last year when we had 160 boats, 5 jet skis, 2 groundings and 3 beer salutes.

Prince William Yacht Club boats came through the Blessing with boats loaded with wounded soldiers from Walter Reed and sported their own especially designed burgee for the event.



**The Reverend**

### ***Recipe of the Month***

by Sue Thompson

Here is a great summer salad. Those who attended the OYC Memorial Day cruise got a chance to sample this delight. Thanks to Rebecca Heinz for providing the recipe. Way to go Rebecca!

#### **Carrot Salad**

½ cup golden raisins    ¼ cup mayonnaise  
1 lb grated carrots    3 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons lemon juice    ½ tsp salt  
¼ cup sour cream    1/3 cup diced pineapple

Soak raisins in boiling water for 5 minutes and then drain. Whisk together sour cream, mayonnaise, sugar and salt. Pour over carrots, add pineapple and raisins. Toss and Serve.

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"Gracious God, send forth your blessing upon this vessel and be the guiding Spirit in the journeys of all who work or recreate upon her. Grant them abundant joy in their activities and a safe passage home. Amen."



**And so it starts.**



**Sit Back and Enjoy!**



**Wounded soldiers on board.**



**An OYC'er hobnobs with some big-wigs.**



Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

### HONOR AMERICA 2008

It is time to plan to honor our great country on its birthday on Friday, July 4, 2008. Again this year, *Plane to Sea II* will go up the river to the Washington Channel and drop the hook opposite the Capital Yacht Club at Lat:38° 52.889N Lon: 077° 01.202W. We plan to arrive in the early afternoon and welcome all to raft up with us. We plan to do the usual things to include drinking and eating and watch the fireworks. We plan to stay the night and some will depart down the river in the dark while the rest will keep the party going. Hope to see you all there. My phone is (703) 850-2888 and will be on the radio when you arrive.

Plane to Sea, back to plane

### **Crisfield National Hard Crab Derby and Fair**

by Barbara and Larry Freedman, *Takin' To The Sea*

Last year, the crew of *Takin' To The Sea* attended this event for the first time and found it to be a lot of fun. Spread over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Labor Day weekend, there were carnival rides, food, exhibits, boat races, numerous contests of various types, and of course the namesake crab derby. In this event, crabs race down the track in the marina's small stadium, with a lot of spectators cheering them on. If you have guessed already that alcohol is involved, you would be right. There are live concerts Saturday and Sunday night (exactly who it will be is not yet known for this year but it was pretty good last year), and Sunday night will also feature fireworks.



**Just Park It!**

The highlight however for us was the boat docking contest, where Chesapeake watermen (no amateurs here) vie for a lot of money and significant bragging rights to see who can take their boat from a side-tie on the main dock and turn it around 180 degrees and back it into a slip in the shortest amount of time. Once again, the stands will be filled with cheering spectators and yes again, alcohol will be involved (on the part of the spectators only and possibly the announcer, the boat captains are deadly serious).

If you would like to attend, the event is held

mostly within the grounds of the Somers Cove Marina, and that is who you need to call to reserve a spot (410-968-0925). You will encounter a small obstacle when you do that – the marina is already full for event days (the last confirmed spot was taken by us right before we left last year). However, the secret is to ask to be placed on the waiting list. We did this last year in early June and were notified about a month later that a spot had opened up for us, so calling them now is highly likely to get you in. You should also mention that you are with OYC, which will help the marina to place us all together.

If you haven't been there before, Somers Cove Marina is a large marina run by the State of Maryland. It is a nice run directly across the Chesapeake Bay from the mouth of the Potomac, between 2 islands into the Tangier Sound, and then south a short way until you turn into the channel that runs into Crisfield's harbor. The town has several good restaurants and shops to browse through, and the sunsets are fantastic.

This is a great family friendly event that has lots of things for everyone. Let us know if you make plans to attend or if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.

### **Bill and Beth Francis have Moved Up**

As such, they are selling their 2004 Regal 2665 Commodore Express Cruiser

Particulars are – Generator, windlass, extended swim platform, 3 batteries, rear washdown pump, AC, queen mid cabin, V Berth, galley, Trailer, 230 hours. Engine warranty extension available. \$57,900.

Contact Bill or Beth at 703-494-5797 for more info.



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Birthdays

Steve Bell, 6/8	Virginia Linse, 6/9
Judy Dooley, 6/10	Tim Gibbons, 6/12
Steven Quentmeyer, 6/15	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  
 Donna and Tom Lensis, 6/1  
 Margaret and Rob Grant, 6/4  
 Alison and Christian Rose, 6/4  
 Beth and Bill Francis, 6/6  
 Stephanie and Ed 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  
 Kris Butera and Ralph Mason, 6/25

Welcome New Members

Michele Price and Chuck Cantello of Bristow. They keep their 36' Maxum, *On the Rox*, at Occoquan Harbour Marina.

Paul and Virginia Linse of Woodbridge. They keep their 27' Searay, *Pandion*, at Belmont Bay Marina.

Dan Parsons of Annandale. He keeps his 38' Chris Craft at Hoffmasters Marina.

Randy and Susan Wiletts of Alexandria. They keep their 40' Silverton at Fairfax Yacht Club.

**Dinghy Regatta–Shrimp Fest**

Gail & Joe Livingston – Coordinators

The crew of the Gail Lynn II will host the annual **Dinghy Regatta-Shrimp Fest** scheduled for Sat., the **7th of June, 1200 to 1600, at Hoffmaster's Marina.** We will operate on real OYC time with gathering between 1200 and 1230, the regatta starting at approximately 1230 till completed and then followed by the potluck and shrimp picnic.

Request members and guests bring a covered dish or desert to share. The Club will provide table service, shrimp, beer, soft drinks and water and ice. Other beverages of choice, including wines, are at your option. Food will be set up about the marina's new boat building and the dinghy regatta will be held at the fuel dock (where the noise is).

If you would like to come by boat, call Joe Livingston at 703-505-8313, as early as possible so the limited dock space can be arranged. Questions?



Treasurer

Trish Mattke

**WHEN WEATHER MAKES HISTORY**

It was an ominous night, Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. After flooding rains on Sunday we wanted to check our boat because of a leak in the stateroom. I brought our chicken dinner and wine and off we went to OHM. The river current was amazing, almost "white water rafting" water without the canoe. THE WATER LEVEL WAS HIGH. We should have worn our life jackets just walking down the pier, the water was dangerous. We mopped up the stateroom, enjoyed our dinner and left around 9:30 PM.

It all began about 10:00. A pier from up river came down in the swift current and crashed into part of A dock. Damage was done to some boats on B dock and power was out to both A and B docks. We arrived to view the damage the next day. It was a surreal sight. Something you would read about in Seaworthy Magazine. Dick Lynn and his OHM crew were hard at work after getting only 3 hours of sleep the night before. With help from "Boat US" and Prince William Marina everyone was hard at work with the clean up effort. I stood there in a trance.

Everyone was helping, an all hands effort. The attitude was amazing and it was a real emergency effort from everyone on the scene. The reality sunk in when we started to clean the debris from around our boat. Logs, the size of telephone poles, were clogging our slip and everyone had the same problem. We worked into darkness with the enthusiasm of a disaster team. Fortunately, no physical injuries occurred that I know of.

The rest is history. Let me say for all the board and the entire OYC family that we wish the best to everyone who suffered any damage. We are here to help and support your efforts to get ready for the coming season.

Our special thanks to Dick Lynn and his entire OHM crew for their swift and continuous efforts to restore Occoquan Harbour Marina to what it is today; a marina where everyone counts and everyones' needs are special. Thank you Dick.

My wish is for each and every one of us to have a safe boating season. Please don't hesitate to call me or any board member with any needs or concern. Our club is here for everyone, any time!

Your treasurer,  
**ONE OF BAT TOO**

## Early Bird Cruise to Alexandria, April 26-27, 2008

by Trish Mattke

For those of us who knew the risks, it was a blessed success. Not a man nor woman lost to marauding polar bears or stampeded by skittish caribou...not even any serious shopping injuries to report. No, from memory and photographic records it seems that the '08 Cruise season got off to a great start. As you will note from the crowds in the picture pile, a great time was had by all. And we mean all.

It must be a modern record for fifteen OYC boats to congregate in one place in April. The weather held, Happy Hours were well and civilly attended—and the food, it was terrific. First at the historic **Gadsby's Tavern** on Royal Street the whole mob dined in the uncharacteristic heat of an 18<sup>th</sup> century inn in August; the next morning an enthusiastic crowd trudged up the hill to enjoy brunch at THE OVERWOOD, a delightful kitchen restaurant tucked away just two blocks from the water. All in all it was a great start for the season, from an accident free transit up

and down the Potomac to the women's warm embrace of our own Continental Charmer, Laslo on his birthday. Next, on to the South, where we can only hope the OYC



crowd will continue to enjoy calm winds and gentle following seas. Memorial Day is fast approaching. Before we know it, the cold weather will be just a bad memory and spring time work on our boats will commence. Memorial Day is usually our first cruise of the year as is the case for many others.

### Some Pictures from the Heavy Rains



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)

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## June 2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Effective Communications Month National Ice Tea Month National Accordion Awareness Month						
<b>1</b> Pen Pal Day	<b>2</b> National Bubba Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> National Tailors Day	<b>5</b> World Environment Day	<b>6</b> D-Day; Donut Day	<b>7</b> Dinghy Regatta/ Shrimpfest
<b>8</b> Upsy Daisy Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Ball Point Pen Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Nursing Assistants Day	<b>13</b> * Friday the 13th	<b>14</b> ** Flag Day; Army's Birthday
<b>15</b> Father's Day	<b>16</b> Fudge Day	<b>17</b> Stewarts Root Beer Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Garfield the Cat Day	<b>20</b> Take Your Dog to Work Day	<b>21</b> *** Vinegar Day
<b>22</b> America's Kids Day	<b>23</b> Public Service Day	<b>24</b> Fairy Day	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hand Shake Day	<b>27</b> Decide to be Married Day	<b>28</b> 9-Day Mid-Bay Cruise
<b>29</b> Log Cabin Day	<b>30</b>	* Blame Someone Else Day ** PRYCA Cobb Island Days 13-15 June *** OYC 16-Day Cape May Cruise				

## July 2008

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National "Doghouse Repairs" Month National Wheelchair Beautification Month Women's Motorcycle Month						
		<b>1</b> Zip Code Day	<b>2</b> I Forgot Day	<b>3</b> Stay Out of the Sun Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b> OYC Cruise — DC (4/5)
<b>6</b> Take Your Webmaster to Lunch Day	<b>7</b> Chocolate 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>	<b>15</b> Gummi Worm Day	<b>16</b> National Personal Chef's Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale
<b>20</b> PRYCA Float-In at Port Kinsale	<b>21</b> Get Out of the Doghouse Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Gorgeous Grandma Day	<b>24</b> Tell an Old Joke Day	<b>25</b> Day Out of Time	<b>26</b> National Cowboy Day
<b>27</b> Parent's Day	<b>28</b> Singing Telegram Day	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jul 20-27 – Tides Inn Cruise</b> <b>Jul 19-Aug 2 – Cruise to Nowhere (Yet)</b>	

# **Hurray! It's Time to go Boating!**

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Al Dorsey**

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John Heinze**

**June 21 - July 6  
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Larry Freedman**

**June 28 - July 6  
Mid-Bay Cruise  
Harry Croft**

**July 4/5**

**DC Fireworks  
Cruise - DC  
Channel  
Al Dorsey**



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