



# The Daymarker

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**Joe Livingston**

Eight crews plotted the route and navigated the Aquia Creek to attend the Columbus Day/End of Summer Cruise at Aquia Harbor Yacht Club. Seven crews sipped on Gail's wine coolers upon arrival...darned if I am not beginning to dislike that OYC "Ned Rhodes" rule...since the *Gail Lynn II* crew seems to arrive first quite often. "Bloody Boaters" were the dock drinks of choice for the weekend...good food and fun was the focal point of the western theme and live band...and we all have our cowboy/cowgirl hats to prove it...Y'all come out again next year.

The *Gail Lynn II* will be berthed on the South tee of the Old Dominion Boat Club from the 6th of November to the 11th of November. We plan to participate in the Hardy Souls Cruise at National Harbor hosted by Ned and Arleen Rhodes and will not be aboard on the 8th. Please call and visit us at another time while we are there. We can have dinner, etc. and make an OYC special event happen. Our phone, while underway, is 703-505-8313.

**Board elections:** Your 2009 board was elected at the Membership Meeting on October 18. The new board is as follows: Harry Croft-Commodore, Larry Freedman-Vice Commodore, John Heinze-Rear Commodore, Pat Croft-Secretary and Kathie

McCormally-Treasurer. Webmaster Ned Rhodes, Membership Chair Ilona Zsirai, Historian Nabil Dubraque, Daymarker Editor Carol Belcher, and Quartermaster Jim Dooley will continue to serve in their current positions. I will serve as IPC. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, 13 December and make reservations for our OYC Holiday Party and Change of Watch at the Laurel Hills Golf Club in Lorton, Virginia.** Come out to show your support for the OYC and your new Board.

**Legislative Note:** Phase in of the boating safety course has commenced. As of July 1 2009, teenagers and 20 year-olds will need to provide proof of successful course completion or they will be in violation of State law. My advice: Start studying now. Also, the CBYCA has been asked to take a position on the potential of regulating the entire Chesapeake Bay as a zero discharge zone...the position is that "CBYCA opposes new regulation that would be directed at the recreational and commercial boating public that contributes less than 2% of the pollution problem and leaves unchecked the runoff from construction and waste issues that are killing the bay." Let the OYC board know if you are at odds with that position.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 13 November 2008 and 2009 Board members should attend. All Club members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items for board consideration. Call me for location/time of the meeting.

Cheers, Joe.



## Vice Commodore

**Harry Croft**

### Fall Cruising

In October and November, many boaters start to winterize their vessels, changing the oil, draining the water, and perhaps even wrapping the boat for the winter pause in cruising. **DON'T DO IT!** Not yet anyway.

Some of the best times we have had on the boat occur in the fall months. The night-time temperatures drop low enough that we don't have to run the generator for air conditioning while at anchor. Most of the jet-boat crowd is gone, so we don't constantly roll and pitch from them driving 50 MPH or more past us! And the beauty of the changing foliage colors is breathtaking. This is not Maine, where the temperatures are cold enough to make your teeth chatter. This is Virginia, where we often have beautiful, warm days well into December. Granted, you may have to wear a sweater and bundle up at night, but the weather is usually clear, with mild day-time temperatures and low humidity, quite a contrast to the weather of August.

We recently spent a night on the hook in Mattawoman Bay (see photo below). It's a short trip from the Occoquan River that burns little fuel, but provides big dividends. The only down side was the insect suicide-hatch that left a bazillion dead critters all over the canvas. Luckily, they all washed off. Condensation was also another annoyance, but the sounds of geese flying overhead, the sight of bald eagles fishing, and a full moon provided memories to sustain us through the winter.

So instead of winterizing your boat next weekend, go out for a short trip, or maybe even stay overnight. The winterizing can wait, but the time you're not on the boat is lost forever.



## Secretary

**Pat Croft**

### October Membership Meeting Highlights: Chili and Dessert Contests

Crock pots dominated the scene at Fairfax Yacht Club on Oct18, when six OYC members put their culinary skills on the line, entering the results of their best efforts in the annual chili contest at the October General Membership meeting. All of the entries were fantastic, but the panel of impartial judges was assigned the daunting task of choosing the top three.

**Judges Nabil Dubraque, John Heinze, and Gail Wix**, seen hard at work below, sampled all six chili recipes, compared notes, tasted again, and finally came up with this consensus: **1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Teresa Sorrenti, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Trish Matke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Pat Croft.**



After the judges had determined the winners, the 32 OYC members in attendance lined up to chow down on the chili. The discerning gourmands agreed: all six entries were prize-worthy!

The dessert judges had the sublimely difficult task of ranking three dessert contest entries. **Lucy Dubraque, Barbara Freedman, and John Wix** diligently tasted each dessert as many times as was needed, (oh, the sacrifice!) to determine the order: **1st Prize: Sue Thompson**, Orange Brownies, **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Patricia Maxwell**, Hawaiian Bread Pudding, **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Gail Livingston**, Chocolate Chip Irish Cream Pound Cake.

If the number of delectable store-bought desserts at this year's event is any indication, we should establish a new category for the contest next year: Best Purchased Dessert! Winners received West Marine gift cards and a hearty round of applause.



## Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

### 2008 PARADE OF LIGHTS

As some of us come to the end of the 2008 boating season, one of the last events of the season is the Alexandria Parade of Lights. This will take place on December 6, 2008. **Additional details can be found on page 6**, which contains most information you will need for planning your attendance. Some changes this year include a more streamlined route, a limited number of participants, and an awards party. As always there will be a Captains' Coordination Reception, Closing Awards Party and a Sunday Boater's Brunch during this event. When final events are completed, we will send a broadcast message to the membership. *Plane to Sea* has made this an event that is not to be missed and we have enjoyed the trip many times.

*Plane to Sea*, back to plane

### *Holiday Change of Watch Party and Dinner/Dance*



Gentlemen, get your tuxes out of storage and dust off your dancing shoes! Ladies, choose your gowns and make your hair appointments! It's time to start planning to attend the

annual OYC Change of Watch and Holiday Dinner Dance. This year, the event will be held at a new location and will include live music!

**Saturday, December 13, 6:30 – 10:30** is the date and time to mark on your calendar. Every OYC member will be receiving a formal invitation by mail in November, and they, in turn, may invite friends and family to join them for an evening of dinner and dancing – the more the merrier!

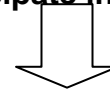
Laurel Hill Golf Club, a beautiful new facility in Lorton, will be the setting for the party, with catering provided by chef Edison Rosales and staff. The band *Small Town* will perform, offering dance music for every taste. And, of course, the main event of the evening will be the installation of the new officers for the 2009 OYC Board. The cost for the dinner and dance will be \$65 per person. A cash bar will be available.

This is the one event each year when OYCers exchange their boat shoes for dancing shoes, and find out if they

still recognize their fellow boaters in formal attire. See you there!

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### Still time to Participate in this Cruise!



### Santa Cruise to Occoquan 29 November 2008

Coordinator: Walt Cheatham

Saturday, 29 November, will launch OYC's holiday season as we gather on the OHM docks for food and drinks, followed by our traditional ferrying of ole St Nick himself to downtown Occoquan. So, decorate your boat, crank up some holiday tunes, bring some libations 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 promptly at 11:40 to ensure that Santa arrives at the Occoquan Town Dock at noon for the Occoquan Merchant Association's Christmas kickoff. This is a really fun event with horns blaring and kids cheering and waiving, as we circle the Occoquan Harbor.

This year's notification process will be a little different as Susan and I will be out of the country for seven weeks prior - returning just in time on 24 Nov. I always ask skippers to send me an e-mail or telephone message to indicate their participation, insuring we have at least one boat there, and this year I ask the same, but please wait until the 25<sup>th</sup>, after I have cleaned out my in-boxes. Yes, Ned/Rick/Allen/Harry, I am going to take the GSM and the new laptop to see what communications I can tie into on the trip, but I am not counting on much connectivity.

We've had very mild weather the past few years, so there are no excuses for not skipping your boat in this event. See you there Nov 29th at 10:30 am.

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### Name that Hurricane!

Now that the hurricane season is fully upon us, have you ever wondered how tropical cyclones and hurricanes are named? The information is available on the World Meteorological Organization's website ([www.wmo.int](http://www.wmo.int)).

Naming storms, rather than numbering them, was initiated because people more easily remember names than numbers and technical terms. Also, naming storms may assist the media in publicizing these potentially dangerous threats to communities and in heightening public awareness of approaching danger.

Initially storm names were arbitrarily assigned with only women's names but later men's names were

included as well. In attempting to place order to chaos, forecasters decided to identify storms using names from an alphabetically arranged list. Thus, the first storm in a year would have a name beginning with an "A" such as "Andrew" or "Anne". Today, most storm centers use a rotating list of names that can be reused, as long as the name has not been retired from the list. A storm name is retired if it has caused extensive damage to lives and property. For example, infamous storms such as Camille (USA 1969) and Tracy (Darwin, 1974) are examples of retired names. To avoid name duplication, the name lists are prepared several years in advance and are well distributed to the storm warning centers.

With the start of the new century, a new set of names will be used that adjusts the storm naming process to address the regional and cultural differences around the world. By doing so, storms will have more regional identity and this will potentially improve storm warning procedures.

**Our historian needs your help!**

Nabil is once again working feverishly to capture this year's OYC activities for posterity, both on the water and on the pier. If you have photos that show the fun you had this season and that he can use, please email them to him at [Dubraque@aol.com](mailto:Dubraque@aol.com)

**October Membership Meeting Business**

As part of the business agenda at the October General Membership meeting, OYC members voted to increase membership dues. The new fees will include:

**New Membership:**

- Family** - \$75, includes burgee
- Individual** - \$55, includes burgee
- Associate** - \$30, additional \$20 for burgee

**Renewals:**

- Family**- \$75
- Individual** - \$55
- Associate** - \$30

The 2008 budget information is included in the Treasurer's report on page 5.

The business agenda also included the election of the 2009 OYC Board: Commodore, Harry Croft; Vice Commodore, Larry Freedman; Rear Commodore, John Heinze; Secretary, Pat Croft; and Treasurer, Kathie McCormally.

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**The Datemarkers**

**Birthdays**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| John Heinze 11/3     | Katherine Corley 11/2 |
| Dick Lynn 11/7       | Wilma Spikes 11/2     |
| Stephen Wexler 11/16 | Trish Mattke 11/6     |
| Christian Rose 11/18 | Jeanne Axtell 11/15   |
| Henry Lovell 11/19   | Kim Lasch 11/16       |
| Randy Willetts 11/20 | Donna Lensis 11/23    |
| Joe Livingston 11/30 | Ilona Zsirai 11/27    |

**Anniversaries**

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Theodore and Ilona Zsirai | 11/7  |
| Mark and Mary Ann Schall  | 11/13 |
| Ralph and Anna Burner     | 11/21 |

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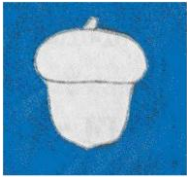
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- Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association: [www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org](http://www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org) \*
- Occoquan River Maritime Association: [www.ormaweb.org](http://www.ormaweb.org) \*
- Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association: [www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org)

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## Treasurer

**Trish Mattke**

### OYC BUDGET FOR 2008

Just a few facts and figures to keep all you members informed of the latest numbers on the OYC Budget. Let me first tell everyone what a privilege it has been to be your treasurer for three years. I have enjoyed the experience and the responsibility!!! The time has come to pass the checkbook to a capable new member. Good Luck Kathie and may you have calm and following seas.

I've included some numbers below for you to enjoy with your wine. See you all at the Christmas Party.

Till then, One of BAT TOO

Prepared on 1/10/08 by Trish Mattke, OYC Treasurer	2008 ANNUAL OYC BUDGET		
	Actual's 2007	Estimate 2008	Actual's 2008
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Dues	4115	4,800	4,490
Quartermaster Sales	876	1,500	1,295
COW - Dinners	3060	3,000	2,600
50/50	222	200	100
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,273</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>8,485</b>
<b>Carry Forward 09/30</b>	<b>3,754</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>2,011</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>12,027</b>	<b>13,280</b>	<b>10,496</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administrative Costs</b>			
Bank Fees	77	156	78
Brochures	52	51	51
Membership Directory	115	120	0
PO Box	46	46	68
Planfest	270	50	39
March Membership Meeting	253	250	180
May Flag Raising	314	300	321
ORMA BOF	150	150	150
June Dinghy Regatta	50	100	215
Shrimp Fest	320	300	156
October Membership Meeting	129	120	113
COW	4,464	3,500	3,247
PRYCA Dues	60	60	60
Daymarker	2,221	2,200	2,246
CBYCA Dues	115	115	115
Quartermaster	1,500	1,200	1,323
Miscellaneous	233	250	217
Band Deposit (XMAS)			375
Party Room Deposit (XMAS)			200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>10369</b>		<b>9154</b>
<b>Year End Balance</b>	<b>1,658</b>		<b>1,342</b>

**Participate in one or both parades!**

**Have Fun & Win**

\$2000 in Cash Prizes  
Weekend Getaways,  
Dinners, Brunches,  
Spa Packages  
Marina Stays and more!

**All boaters are eligible to win!**

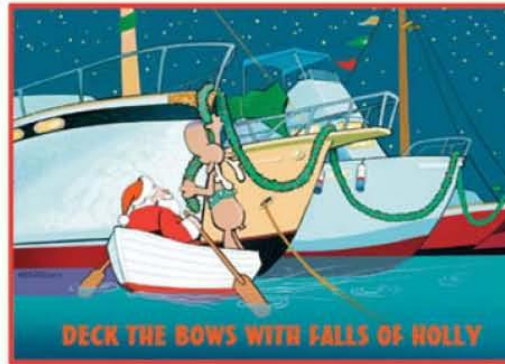
**A few of the categories include:**

Best in Show, Best Sailboat, Best Powerboat, Best Spirit of America, Thinking Outside the (Christmas) Box, Most Spirited Crew, Hardest Souls, Most Animated... and more!

Check the website for continual updates.

Discount Gas Available to Parade Participants

The parade is an active supporter of Toys for Tots! Please bring a toy to any of the events and encourage your crew to do so too. Drop boxes are available at all locations.



**Thursday, December 4, 2008**

Captains' & First Mates' Reception & Parade Coordination Meeting  
*Complimentary beer & wine, great food & fun*  
Old Dominion Boat Club  
7:00pm

**Saturday, December 6, 2008**

## **Holiday Boat Parade of Lights**

Washington Channel  
5:00 pm (line-up 4:15pm) -one loop  
*Flotilla to Alexandria*

Parade of Lights Alexandria Harbor  
Alexandria Waterfront  
6:00 pm

Awards Party at the Waterfront Gourmet  
Immediately following - Alexandria Waterfront  
*Awards, entertainment, food & fun!*

Complimentary Slips (limited) are available in Alexandria and D.C.

Friday – Sunday. Request a slip and register on-line at [www.OldDominionBoatClub.com](http://www.OldDominionBoatClub.com) or contact Lorraine Lloyd at 703.838.4200x 209  
[lloyd@funsided.com](mailto:lloyd@funsided.com).



## Planning Calendar November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Cookie Monster Day	<b>3</b> Cliché Day	<b>4</b> Election Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> National Men Make Dinner Day	<b>7</b>	<b>1/8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Gingerbread house Day Marine Corps Birthday	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> World Kindness Day <b>OYC Board Meeting</b>	<b>14</b> Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day	<b>15</b> America Recycles Day
<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> Great American Smoke out	<b>21</b> World Hello Day	<b>22</b> Int'l Aura Awareness Day
<b>23</b> You're Welcome- giving Day	<b>24</b> D.B. Cooper Day	<b>25</b> Shopping Reminder Day	<b>26</b> Tie One On Day	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>28</b> Buy Nothing Day	<b>29</b> Electronic Greetings Day
<b>30</b> Stay Home Because you're well Day						
Aviation History Month Celebrate Empty Nester Month I am so Thankful Month						

## December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Day without art Day	<b>2</b> Rockefeller Center Xmas Tree Lighting	<b>3</b> Special Kids Day	<b>4</b> National Dice Day	<b>5</b> Bathtub Party Day	<b>6</b> National Pawnbrokers Day
<b>7</b> National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Weary Willie Day	<b>10</b> Human Rights Day	<b>11</b> International Mountain Day	<b>12</b> Poinsettia Day	<b>13</b> Day of the Horse
<b>14</b> National Children's Memorial Day	<b>15</b> Cat Herder's Day	<b>16</b> National Chocolate- covered Anything Day	<b>17</b> Wright Brothers Day	<b>18</b> International Migrants Day	<b>19</b> Underdog Day	<b>20</b> Mudd Day
<b>21</b> Hanukkah Winter Solstice	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Festivus	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Boxing Day (Canada)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> National Chocolate Day	<b>29</b> Tick Tock Day	<b>30</b> Falling Needles Family Fest Day	<b>31</b> Leap Second Time Adjustment Day			
Bingo's Birthday Month National Tie Month Universal Human Rights Month						

November 8-11  
Hardy Souls Cruise to  
National Harbor  
Ned Rhodes

November 29  
Santa Cruise to Occoquan  
Town of Occoquan  
Walt Cheatham

December 6  
Alexandria Parade of Lights  
Alexandria Harbor  
Allen Jorsey

December 13  
OYC Holiday Dinner/Dance  
and  
Change of Watch Ceremony  
Laurel Hills Golf Club  
OYC Board

# Our Holiday Dinner Dance and Change of Watch is going to be great fun. Are you and your friends planning to attend?

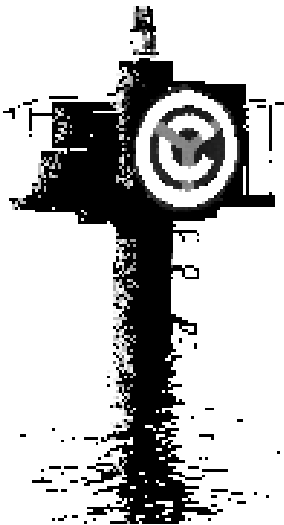
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Board. See Commodore's Comments  
for details**

**Action packed OYC adventures at  
Aquia Harbor Yacht Club described**

**OYC fiscal balance provided by your  
Treasurer**

**A few cruises yet to come before  
winter**



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