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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Joe Livingston

Thank you to the OYC members who represented the Club at the annual PRYCA Float-In. Eight boat crews, with "Vessel Safety Checks", and two additional land cruiser crews attended and displayed our colors well. No Cup again this year, but competitive we were. Congratulations to Mount Vernon Yacht Club...winners for two consecutive years.

TWPG crews, those are Time 2 Play, Wild Horses, Plane to Sea II and Gail Lynn II, followed the Float-In with a Medley Cruise on the Southern end of the Potomac. All totaled up, think relax, relax and relax for a six day on the water experiences. No names, but we fell into the water (LJ needs a new phone), lost credit card/phone (JL has senior moments/lives right), won "poker run" by playing close to the vest (FM gets only half with no "Ace" of spades), lost a purse (GL gets an extra cruise to Olverson's), met a high school alumni (EB verifies his HS graduation), made a great mimosa (CB likes champagne), discovered a cruising chef aboard (DM's *ziploc* omelets), and last but not least, repairs were made underway (AJ can communicate on VHF).

Interested? The Club has received a request to identify/recommend individuals to serve on the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association's (PRYCA) Board. Nominated individuals are elected for one year. Serving board members are expected to attend monthly meetings, promote safe boating and training on the Potomac and advance the interests of recreational boating by supporting the needs of Member Clubs. Our Club has a history of exceptional service with several Past Commodores and Officers having served; step up and serve and broaden your recreational boating experience. Please contact at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or 540-373-9203 for additional information or to VOLUNTEER.

VA Boating Education Law. After July 1, 2009, operators of Personal Water Craft who are 20 or younger on Virginia waterways and lakes must have wallet cards to prove they have completed a boating education class. This is the first phase of the 2007 law that will be phased in over eight years.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11 September. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to forward items for board consideration. Call me for location/time of the meeting.

Cheers, Joe.





Rear Commodore

Allen Jorsey

**Great OYC Cruise Review
JULY 4th Cruise to Washington**

On Friday the 4th of July, *Plane to Sea II* sailed up to Washington for the annual watching of the fireworks and party on the Mall. We dropped anchor and soon no less than six boats joined up to watch the display. It was somewhat crowded this year, so we moved en masse to a better location, only to be told that we were going to block some sailboat's view that had arrived a day earlier to get a good viewing spot. Being somewhat familiar with firework displays (they are in the sky above), we passed on to the sailboat crew that they only had to look up and not at us and they would see everything. The weather again did its thing this year and at the right time, the wine and beer part of the boat was pointed in the direction of the fireworks. We lost a few attendees after the display but most of us stayed on the hook for the night. On Saturday we all went by dinghy to Gangplank for a barge party put on by Washington Yacht Club: a most enjoyable event. On Sunday, all departed at different times for the nice sail back to home ports, with hopes and promises of doing it all again next year.

PLANE TO SEA, back to plane.

**Columbus Day/End of Summer Cruise
October 11-13 2008**

Coordinator: Joe Livingston

The Columbus Day/End of Summer Cruise, scheduled from Saturday to Monday, 11 to 13 October, will go to the Aquia Harbour Yacht Club. Their clubhouse will also be open to early arrivals on Friday, 10 October. The **registration fee** for the weekend is **\$40.00 per person** and includes Friday night activities, dinner and Kickin' band Saturday night, (burgers, etc.), Sunday night (bring a dish to share), and breakfast on Monday. Activities are planned for each day and transportation to the golf course is available.

Registration is required. This will be a fun filled weekend, with a short cruise by boat to the Aquia

Harbour Marina on the Aquia Creek or you can drive the short trip down I-95. I look forward to a good OYC turnout. The cruise up the Aquia Creek is very scenic and the creek has been recently dredged. New members and members who have not cruised this year are encouraged to attend. The weekend is hosted by AHYC and supported by the PRYCA...come out and make some new friends from other Clubs on the Potomac.

Slip fees (approximately 75 cents per foot plus shore power) will be charged, in addition to the registration fee. Please call 703-505-8313 or email Joe Livingston at joseph.livingston@verizon.net if you plan to attend or need additional information. Space may be limited for dockage so assist me in this memorable event by making your reservations now. Thank you, Joe.

**GREAT OYC Cruise Review
National Harbor Jazz Cruise
August 1 – 3, 2008**

Barbara and Larry Freedman, *Takin to The Sea*

The National Harbor Jazz Cruise was a success!! Good food, nice weather, plenty of sparkling conversation. Actually the Jazz Cruise turned out to be Latin music as the National Harbor goofed on their advertisement, but that's OK. No one seemed to mind.

We left PW Marina around 4:30 p.m. (those pesky jobs get in the way of leaving earlier) and were quickly left 'in the dust' by the Rhodes aboard *Impulse*, who whizzed right by us on their way to National Harbor. I thought I saw Abby laughing at us! *Impulse* was met by the Sharman and Kenny Harris on *Darn' Tootin*, who were already there when we arrived. Their daughter, Kathryn, joined them for Friday night and Saturday. Walter Kraus and Joan Hicks who keep their boat, *Sea Venture*, on "A" dock, greeted us as we were tying up. John and Rebecca Heinz drove to National Harbor for Happy Hour on Friday night. Beth Frances was attending a conference at the Gaylord and she was met by her husband, Bill, aboard their boat, *No Worries*.

Next, Jim and Judy Dooley arrived aboard *Just Chill-in*. Happy Hour began around 6:30 p.m. and the Freedman's were joined by their guests, Dave and Diana Dix, their granddaughter Tyler, and their niece, Janet, visiting from NJ. There was an abundance of food, enough to feed the entire dock! We sat on the dock until midnight, eating, drinking and just chillin.' (no pun intended.)



Friday night dock party

National Harbor Marina is a welcoming facility for boaters. There are four, private, spacious showers although it is a bit of a walk to get to them. The laundry room has four full sized upright stackable washer/dryer combos that are free and free is good! Also, the nightly light show on the main dock and along the promenade is a pleasure to watch, as the lights are timed to flicker and change color with the music.

No Worries and *Just Chill-in* departed on Saturday for their home ports. On Saturday evening, we held Happy Hour on the 2nd floor/lobby bar in the Gaylord Hotel. In attendance were the Harris', the Rhodes, and the Freedmans. We were soon joined by Steve and Sue Thompson, who arrived by car and brought along their four legged friend, Nic. During dinner, Arleen, Sue, Steve and I tried a concoction called "Blood Orange Bellini" which consisted of peach vodka and other assorted ingredients, served in a martini glass. They went down smoooothly. I highly recommend trying this drink.

There are many restaurants open at National Harbor, as well as a farmer's market near the Gaylord Hotel. We felt duty bound to review as many restaurants on behalf of our fellow OYC-ers. We checked out Foster's Clambake. They serve Maine lobster and New England clam chowder under a large tent near the water. The Harris' checked out dinner at Old Hickory Steakhouse in the Gaylord and the rest of the group went to Moon Bay Coastal Cuisine, which is mostly seafood. For the landlubber, dinner choices are limited to the usual suspects of pork, steak and chicken. If you are not a seafood fan, this may not be the place for you but the seafood was excellent. After dinner, we waddled back to the dock to discover a storm had come through, knocking out power to the docks. We fired up the generators and slept like babies, having had a good meal and a cocktail or two. Power was restored a few hours later.

Sunday was an absolutely beautiful day with clear skies, no humidity, and a slight breeze. *Impulse*, *Darn Tootin'*

and *Takin' To The Sea* took advantage of the perfect day to lounge awhile on the dock, share some wine and champagne and just "shoot the breeze." Abby took that opportunity to go for a swim off *Darn Tootin's* swim platform. Mr. Wilson, however, hates being wet – there is no way he was going in! He would rather roll in dirt than get wet.



Champagne/wine on the docks on Sunday

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and around 2 p.m., it was time to pack up and head back to the Occoquan. This is *Takin' To The Sea* – over and out.

The Viking word for the sides of their ships was 'board', and they placed the steering oar ('star'), on the right side of the ship, thus that side became known as the 'star board.' Because the oar was on the ship's right side, it tied up to the dock on its left side. This was known as the loading side or 'larboard.' However, during heavy sea conditions, 'larboard' and 'starboard' sounded too similar and were easily mistaken for each other, thus the name for the in-port loading side became shortened to 'port.'

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Rob Grant 9/5
 Carl Maxwell 9/6
 Ralph Burner 9/10
 Gregory Garrison 9/10
 Tom Lensis 9/16
 Brian Bryant 9/17
 Ralph Mason 9/17
 Jun Stewart 9/7
 Barbara Freedman 9/10
 Joan Hicks 9/11
 Mary Ann Schall 9/12
 Margaret Grant 9/18

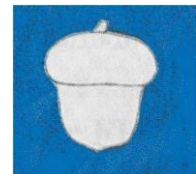
Anniversaries

Allen & Lynanne Jorsey 9/5
 Trish & Terry Matke 9/8

Bob & Betsey Nalevanko 9/11
 Dick & Caroline Lynn 9/12
 Gregory & Cheryl Garrison 9/15
 Steve Bell & Carolyn Dabney 9/16
 Buzz & Kim Lasch 9/16
 Carl & Patricia Maxwell 9/21

Welcome New Members!

Goodwyn and Janice Morgan of Reston, VA. They keep their 35' Chaparral *Golden Opportunities* at Hoffmasters.



Treasurer

Trish Matke

Sometimes pictures can say it better than words. Your treasurer, One of BAT TOO.

Life is different when viewed from the sea...

For one thing, cities look confined, crowded and static from the *Darn Tootin'*



On the other hand, at sea you meet all the right people in the smallest places..



But the reason real men go to sea is it's easy to pick up girls...even with a small boat



And although even the best of sailors may get dumped...

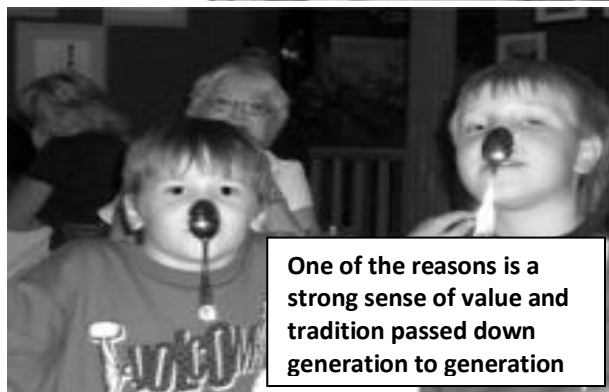


Sailor men and women always get up again, offering a push when needed.

How to HAVE a Major Boating Accident or how to AVOID one

John Heinze, *Great Escape*

Below is a true account culled from the archives of one of the numerous boating magazines that I have. The saga has been condensed to focus on the decisions made by the captain, who reported— incredibly—that he did not think he had done anything wrong. You can judge for yourself, *but I think this nicely illustrates how a series of poor decisions led to a situation in which a major accident could not be avoided.*



One of the reasons is a strong sense of value and tradition passed down generation to generation

Captain and first mate plan sailing trip from Annapolis to Harrington Harbor for Friday evening after work, departing at 7 pm with just enough daylight (sunset at 9 pm) to make the trip under the most favorable weather conditions.

Lesson 1: *Always consider possible fatigue and its effects on decision-making while underway.*

Captain checks weather report – winds are unfavorable for trip (10-15 knot headwinds). They decide to proceed anyway.

Lesson 2: *Pay attention to the weather report especially when it can have a major impact on the trip.*

Once underway and out on the Bay, the headwinds are even more unfavorable than predicted: 15-25 knots headwinds. They decide to continue anyway.

Lesson 3: *Duh – pay attention to the actual weather conditions!*

2 am (7 hours into trip) – Captain and first mate, now exhausted and only halfway to destination, decide to look for anchorage till morning. Decide closest safe anchorage is across the Bay (across the shipping channel).

Lesson 4: *Waiting until exhausted to look for safe anchorage leads to risky decision-making: crossing a shipping lane at night rather than returning to Annapolis, (which would have been quicker with the wind direction and strength).*

2:30 am, crossing Bay, observe large cargo ship heading their way, adjust course to outrun the ship.

Lesson 5: *Avoid unnecessary risk!*

2:40 am, realize they are unable to outrun the ship, must make major course adjustment, lose control of boom and thus are unable to control the boat. Attempt to start engine, in a panic, break key in lock and engine cannot be started.

Lesson 6: *Practice emergency procedures before you need them.*

While the wind is driving the sailboat directly into the path of the cargo ship, the sailboat captain and first mate don life jackets and abandon ship, apparently without attempting to contact either the cargo ship or the Coast Guard. Cargo ship captain belatedly sees sailboat and, despite evasive manoeuvres, hits sailboat, and he thinks he has killed the crew. He calls Coast Guard, which initiates search at dawn and rescues the sailboat captain and first mate after four hours in the water. Sailboat is recovered but is a total loss. Cargo ship captain is investigated but cleared of any responsibility for the accident. Sailboat captain and first mate, after paying a fine (\$25,000) and serving one year probation from boating, are now looking for new boat, this time a power boat perhaps...

Lesson 7: *Decisions while boating should always be based first on reducing or avoiding risks, especially*

before they lead to a major boating accident. Always assume the other guy is this sailboat captain in his new boat.



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The following article, from *Chesapeake Bay* magazine, August 2008 edition, may be of interest to club members.

Care for a Little Water Lettuce with Your Mitten Crib?

Any another thing we don't want in the Chesapeake is water lettuce. It may look like a hundred cute little heads of iceberg bobbing in the Bay, but it is actually the tribble of the salad bar because it multiplies as quickly as one of those cuddly Star Trekian creatures, and causes just as much trouble. Water lettuce can quickly clog rivers and streams, making navigation impossible and blocking light from underwater grasses and using up dissolved oxygen. So, first of all, don't dump your old aquarium or pond plants into any Bay watershed. And second, if you spot water lettuce, scoop it up by hand or net and spread it out on land to dry out and die. Harsh, sure, but water lettuce has already been found in Mattawoman Creek off the Potomac River, so it's only a matter of time before the Bay is one big chef's salad. Report water lettuce sightings to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 410-260-3634 or e-mail mlewandowski@dnr.state.md.us.

Occoquan Yacht Club 2008 Directory Errata and Update Sheet

Our club membership changes over time. The 2008 Directory was initially distributed at the Flag Raising in May and at subsequent Club events and cruises. New members should receive the directory with their welcome packets.

I recommend that you complete pen and ink changes to your directory or insert this page into your directory for future reference.

If you currently do not have a copy of the directory, please notify me at joseph.livingston@verizon.net and I will do my best to get your copy to you.

Cheers, Joe.

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Change boat name to *Indian Summer*

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Planning Calendar September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Chicken Boy's Day	2 V-J Day	3	4 Newspaper Carriers' Day	5 Be Late for Something Day	6
7 Google Commemoration Day	8 International Literacy Day	9 Wonderful Weirdoes Day	10 Swap Ideas Day	11 Remember Freedom Day	12 Video Games Day	13 Bald is Beautiful Day
14	15 National Women Road Warrior Day	16	17 Pledge across America Day	18 Air Force Birthday	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 Big Whopper Liar Day
21	22 Hobbitt Day	23 Innergize Day	24 Punctuation Day	25 National One-hit-Wonder Day	26 Love Note Day	27 National Hunting and Fishing Day
28 Fish tank Floorshow Night	29 Michaelmas	30				
National Coupon Month National Honey Month Sea Cadet Month						

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Fire Pup Day	2 Guardian Angels Day	3 Lee's National Denim Day	4 Ten-Four Day
5 World Teachers Day	6 Mad Hatter Day	7	8 International Top Spinning Day	9 Lief Erickson Day	10 Naval Academy Day	11 Reptile Awareness Day
12 Reptile Awareness Day	13 Int'l Moment of Frustration Scream Day	14 Be Bald and Be Free Day	15 National Grouch Day	16 Get Smart about Credit Day	17 Mulligan Day	18 Sweetest Day
19 Evaluate your life Day	20 World Osteoporosis Day	21	22 International Day of Radiant Peace	23 National Mole Day	24 Lung Health Day	25 Make a Difference Day
26 World Priest Day	27 Cranky Co-workers Day	28 National Chocolates Day	29 Internet Day	30 National Corn Candy Day	31 National Knock-Knock Jokes Day	
Adopt a Shelter Dog Month Go hog wild—eat country ham Month National Dental Hygiene Month Squirrel Awareness Month						

October 11-13
Columbus Day Cruise
Joe Livingston

October 18
General
Membership/Election
Meeting
OYC Board

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

November 29
Santa Cruise to Occoquan
Walt Cheatham

Fall is coming and that means cooler boating weather. Are you going out on the water to take advantage of that?

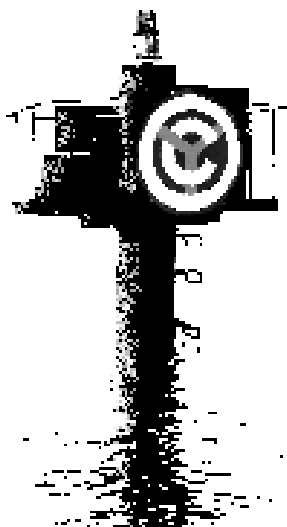
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equivalent of *Star Trek's* tribbles,
spells 'trouble.'**



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