

The Maydarker

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These positions identify a bunch of worker bees but let's face it, who cares what their names and phone numbers are anyway?

It's not like you are going to call them, is it?



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Harry Croft

OYC Gets A Clubhouse At Last!!

This isn't a new idea. I think I can remember similar efforts in previous years, but thanks to some political influence and new players, we had a once in a life time opportunity that I could not pass up. As Commodore of the Fairfax Yacht Club, I have been working with NOAA and an environmental group to evaluate the derelict barge that is just north of FYC. Originally the effort has been to remove it, but then I realized that there is an opportunity here that OYC should capitalize on! So, as of April 1st, OYC will become the official owner of the barge!! Cost? Just one dollar!! Naturally there are a few provisions that come with ownership, but I know OYC is more than capable of redeeming these. I had to list the entire membership as "Owners-In Part," sort of like a condominium ownership where all the members have an equal share in the responsibility and management of the asset. A really good deal!!

As with all good deals, the barge has a few things that need repair before we can start to use this as a clubhouse. To pay for the repairs and outfitting, I have started a special collection fund that consists of two parts. The first part is a minor assessment for all OYC members, a mere \$500. Basically that will allow us to refloat the barge so that we can start to clean it up. That will allow us to better evaluate the impacts of the hazardous materials on

board that might cause some allergic reactions and such to the membership. Then we have to start a special effort to solicit funds through fund-raisers and begging. I am also suggesting a loan, and have been assured that we can get one (it seems that most of OYC members have good credit!) for \$500,000 at a modest 7.75 %. Think of that as a long term asset for which you can deduct the interest as a second home, another plus! You should receive a billing for the initial investment within 30 days and I will call you after the first of the month to get your Social Security Numbers for the loan. Trust me; this is a small amount for such a liability.

I know there are naysayers out there, but let me assure you that once the barge is cleaned-up, a little paint here and there, it will be a jewel of the Occoquan! We will also need to rent a slip in the near future since the NOAA people want the barge moved from its current spot. Again, with a bit of influence and creativity I'm sure we can get one of the marinas to donate some space for us. Our Vice Commodore, Larry Freedman will head up this effort.

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Here's a "Before" picture followed by what the new clubhouse might look like. Lots of windows and a topside viewing area!!



And here's the "After" Picture!!



By the time you receive this issue of the *Daymarker* I will have met with the NOAA people and will have a better assessment of the barge. Until then, you can imagine all the work and all the fun we will have recycling this vessel into a wonderful clubhouse. As all vessels must have a name, please send in your suggestions to my Secretary, Pat Croft as soon as possible. Over and out!!

Harry, *Bay Dreamer*

OYC to offer cruises to nude beaches!

For full details, please turn to page 3



Vice Commodore

Larry Freedman

Feds unveil new Boater Operator License

This month's column is geared to providing information about the new national boater's operator license, which all recreational boaters will be required to have as of 1/1/2010. Since 9/11, the US

Coast Guard has been pushing for an identification program for boaters, and Congress has finally passed this requirement into law as one means of reducing the deficit (you didn't think it would be free, did you?). If you think you can write your congressman and complain, you're too late. This legislation was tucked away in the \$410 billion government spending bill that President Obama just signed.

According to information just passed along from the PRYCA who has been following the matter, here are the steps to get this new license:

1. First, you must be 14 years of age or older as of 1/1/2010.
2. You must request the application forms in writing from (no website yet – it's still under construction and you can't call for it either):
U.S. Coast Guard
Some Government Buildin
Somewhere in SW
Washington, DC 20593
3. You must undergo a complete physical examination and have the doctor complete the appropriate pages within the application.
4. You then complete the rest of the 12-page application and have your signature at the end notarized.
5. You write a check for \$750 payable to USCG, staple it to the application, and send it in to the address above.
6. Once they receive and process your application (allow at least 90 days for this), you will be scheduled for the written examination. This 200-question test, for which 3 hours are allowed, will be given once a month at locations still to be determined. No details are available yet on the format of the questions (multiple choice, fill in the blank, etc.).
7. When you arrive for the test, you must have 2 forms of picture ID and number 2 pencils with you and nothing else (you will be subject to search). After completion of the test, you will be given a confirmation number proving that you took the test. However, you won't know your score yet.

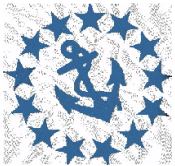
8. Scoring the test will take another 30 – 60 days. When that is completed, you will need to present yourself at the nearest Coast Guard location to get your picture taken for your license.
9. Another 30 days later, you should receive your license in the mail.

You can see from the timeframes described above that there is no time to waste, as it will take you about a year to get all this done due to the large numbers of people expected to apply. However, this license will be required for all boat operators next year and the penalties for not having one are severe. A first offense will result in a fine of \$1000, a second offense will result in a fine of \$10,000, and a third offense will result in jail time and confiscation of the boat. It sounds to me like any passengers aboard will have to swim for shore.

Larry, *Takin' to the Sea*

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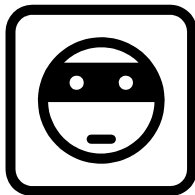
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Rear Commodore

John Heinze

MayDarker Special Investigative Report: Dog the Boat Repo Man



The MayDarker recently learned of an alarming new business operating in our area and sent Rear Commodore John Heinze to investigate. Here is his exclusive report. And now you can't say you haven't been warned!

After months of investigative reporting – OK, I found him in one of those free advertising booklets - I recently caught up with Dog the Boat Repo Man at a local bar [*name withheld to protect news sources – MayDarker editor*] and he told me that for only the price of some shots and beers he would give me the inside scoop on his new business. This is what I recall of the conversation:

John Heinze (JH): How did you get interested in the boat repo business?

Dog: After my boat, the *Never Again II*, was repossessed for the third time, I realized that there must be money to be made in the business.

JH: Aren't you concerned that the boat owner or other people at the marina might object to you reposing someone's boat.

Dog: My girlfriend – she's 5'2", 90 pounds – I suppose I can talk her into providing the muscle if anyone gets in our way.

JH: How do you get into boats?

Dog: Aren't they always unlocked – I know mine was.

JH: What if it is locked?

Dog: Isn't the spare key under the mat?

JH: What if it isn't?

Dog: Well, I once had a mechanic work on my boat and he got in through an open window so I suppose that's possible.

JH: How are you going to get the boat started?

Dog: Doesn't everyone leave the engine keys on a key rack in the galley?

JH: Have you had the Safe Boating Class so you won't have any problems if stopped by the Coast Guard?

Dog: Hadn't thought about that.

JH: I'm sure our readers would like to invest in your business. Do you have a business plan?

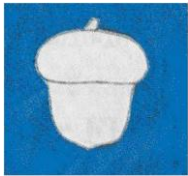
Dog: I plan to focus on boats over 100 feet in length – that's where the repo money is.

JH: Uh, tarbender...another round of beer and shots please...uh, zzzzz....

(Editor's comment: shortly after this last transmission from his hidden microphone, we lost contact with John until later the following day)

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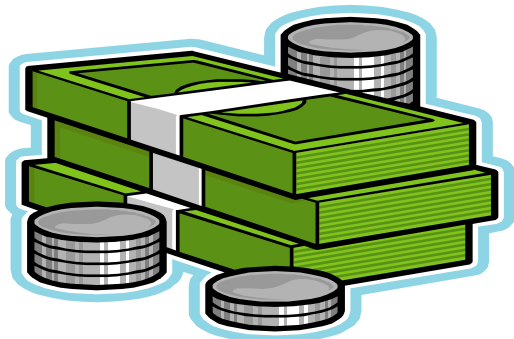
Treasurer

Kathie McCormally

NEW STIMULUS PLAN BENEFITS AREA BOATING CLUBS

Exciting news is on the horizon for members of the OYC. As a part of the new stimulus plan, our congressmen have managed to slip in an earmark for boating clubs around the state, including our own OYC. According to the new plan, OYC members will now be able to opt for covered slips at no extra fee, simply by presenting your OYC membership card to the owners of your permanent docking location. Owners of the marinas will be reimbursed any expenses for covering the slips and will be able to avoid the costly environmental studies and miles of paperwork that are generally associated with driving new pilings to support covered structures. Only boat club members will be eligible to apply for the covered slips.

Other recently disclosed benefits of the stimulus plan include free beer on Fridays, one free full tank of gas a month, and a free wash and wax of each club member's boat by any designated AIG executive of your choice who received a bonus and did not return it. With all of our new perks, boating season should be the best ever. I am heading over to Occoquan Harbor tomorrow to request my new covered slip and sign up for my wash and wax.



Secretary

Pat Croft

Let me get this straight . . .

Imagine my surprise last month when, upon reading the first draft of our Commodore's Comments for the March *Daymarker*, I saw our commodore's reference to a rule with which, he noted, all captains are familiar. "I'm sure all you Captains know that rule," he wrote. "For every dollar I spend on my toys, she gets to spend \$100. That way, I don't get that 'why on earth did you buy *that*?' look." As the 'she' in the quoted rule, I have to say, I had not fully cashed in on that maxim.

Indeed, while proofreading the article before sending it off to the *Daymarker* editor, I questioned the accuracy of the ratio.

"Really???" I said. "\$100 to \$1???" I'd think it's more like, for every dollar you spend on toys, I get to spend a dollar."

"Satire requires a bit of exaggeration," he replied.

"OK," I countered, "How about \$2 to \$1?"

"Nope," he insisted, "\$100 to \$1!"

Well alright! Far be it for me to question my Captain, more than once, anyway. So now that we have established the dollar value of '*that look*', and the assertion that all captains know how to avoid it, it's time to start putting it to good use. Ladies, keep your copy of the March *Daymarker* close at hand, along with a balance sheet titled, 'Captain's Toy Tally'. If your Captain balks when you invoke The Rule, just hand over the article, (it's right there on the front page,) and quote our Commodore.

See you at the Spa!

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Harry Croft

Safety, Safety, Safety

As I was reading the newspaper in early March, I spotted an article that had a lot lessons about boating safety that need mention and consideration by all our members. The article concerned four men; at least three of them were NFL football players, on a fishing trip off the Gulf Coast of Florida. They left early in the morning and were subsequently reported missing as of 1:30 a.m. The next day the Coast Guard found an overturned boat with one man, wearing a life vest, clinging to its edges. As of the writing of this article, the other three had not been found. Weather conditions included high winds and choppy seas.

I don't know all the specific conditions of this accident, but there are some general factors that I can surmise that should always be considered when boating. The first factor concerns float plans. These four guys were not reported missing until 1:30 in the morning. This may mean that either they planned to be out late, or they didn't file a float plan, or the person that was given the float plan failed to make a timely report of an overdue boat. How many of us make out a float plan? Not many, I bet. However, if I were going out into the ocean and planned for a late return at night, I would be sure to file one. What you do with a float plan? Whom do you give it to? The Coast Guard? Sheriff? Float plans should be given to a friend, presumably someone who will act if you don't show up on time. Even in

relatively warm water, the effects of hypothermia make time a critical element to survival in the water.

An overturned boat is the next factor that will be investigated. For any boating trip, especially where you will be on the water for many hours, a long range weather forecast is essential. All you have to do is turn your VHF to the weather channel. Is there a cold front nearby? Cold fronts bring high winds. Springtime weather patterns are notorious for changing very quickly. Remember the March 2nd snow storm? Choppy seas? When the weather seems to be changing, it's time to weigh anchor and get into a snug harbor. Don't wait for that next fish or the next whatever. Don't be a brave soul when conditions deteriorate, head for shore.

The importance of life vests. The lone survivor was wearing a life vest. I can't recall the exact statistics, but most boating deaths are from drowning and most of those are attributable to a lack of a life vest. These four guys were on a 21 ft. boat fishing in the Gulf of Mexico in the spring time with high winds and choppy seas. Did they put on their vests when they could or did they wait until the boat capsized? Did they have off-shore Type 1 vest or the ubiquitous Type 2 vest? What kind of vests do you have and for what conditions are they adequate? When do you decide to put your vest on? When should you?
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It is not my intent to second guess any of the conditions or actions these four men faced in this very unfortunate accident. Rather, it is incumbent that we all learn from this sort of tragedy and evaluate ourselves as we cruise around the rivers and bays. Conditions on the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay can be every bit as dangerous as in the open ocean. Plan ahead, take a Coast Guard Course, be prepared, and boat safely.

Harry, *Bay Dreamer*



Vice Commodore

Larry Freedman

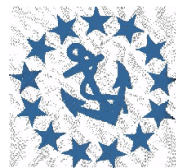
As of this writing (before the 3/21 meeting), we still need cruise coordinators for a number of cruises:

- PRYCA Summer Kickoff/Cobb Island Day in June
- PRYCA Dog Days of August at Colonial Beach
- Octoberfest at National Harbor in September (not a misprint)

Cobb Island Day is particularly easy to coordinate, as people sign up with Cobb Island Yacht Club and most activities are organized by them. This would be a good opportunity for someone who has never been a coordinator before to get involved in cruise coordinator activities.

Most marinas these days require individual cruisers to call the marinas directly and make their own reservations. This has basically eliminated the formerly most onerous tasks of cruise coordinators, which were collecting money in advance to reserve slips and then dealing with refunds to people whose plans changed at the last minute. Now, cruise coordinators are primarily responsible for two things – communicating to cruisers about when and where to go, providing contact information to make reservations, and establishing a social schedule once everyone gets there.

One other note about the cruise schedule - just because you did not indicate interest in a cruise at the PlanFest meeting does not mean you are locked out of attending anything else. Just contact the cruise coordinators to let them know you want to go and they will be glad to provide you with the necessary information.
Larry, *Takin' To The Sea*



Rear Commodore

John Heinze

Plan to Attend the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet

The ORMA *Blessing of the Fleet* has its origins in maritime history—from a time when those hardy souls who made their living on the sea ventured onto the open water, prayed for safety and requested God's blessing in their endeavors. As fleets headed out to sea, a clergyman invoked a blessing upon each vessel as it passed by. The ORMA revived this tradition locally in 1999 with the *ORMA Blessing of the Fleet*, a fun way to focus on boater safety. It continues to sponsor and coordinate the activities of this day.

Join us with your boat on Saturday, May 9 2009, 11:00 am—2:00 pm, on the Occoquan River, passing by the moored blessing boat at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina fuel dock. The detailed float plan and Notice to Mariners will be posted at local marinas. For vessel control, skippers are to approach the fuel dock for the blessing and then continue on downriver until a safe turn can be made. For additional information, contact ORMA Secretary, Joe Livingston at 703-505-8313.

John Heinze, *Great Escape*



Secretary

Pat Croft

March Membership Meeting and Photo Contest

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon at the riverfront as 30 OYC members gathered inside the clubhouse at FYC, munched on hot dogs and brownies, looked at photos of last year's boating season, and pined away for this year's season to get underway. Members picked up their 2009 membership cards, reviewed the 2009 calendar, signed up for more events, and voted for their favorites among the many photos entered by their fellow boaters. The results of the contest are as follows:

In the People / Pets category –

1st place – Lucy Dubraque, photo titled "Sail boaters' Dream"

2nd place – Barbara Freedman, photo titled "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Mr. Wilson!"

3rd place – Pat Croft, photo titled "Santa at OHM for the Santa Cruise"

In the Places / Landscapes category –

1st place – Joe Livingston, photo titled “Santa Arrives at Occoquan”

2nd place – Terry Mattke, photo titled “USS Constellation at Baltimore”

3rd place – Pat Croft, photo titled “OYC Flags at Colonial Beach”

In the Phantasy / Photo Art category –

1st place – Nabil Dubraque, photo titled “The Dance”

2nd place – Ned Rhodes, photo titled “Gas, 9 cents, in the Everglades”

3rd place – Dave Moore, photo titled “Big, Big Game Hunter”

Winners were awarded West Marine gift cards, with \$25 cards going to the 1st place winners, \$15 to 2nd place winners, and \$10 to 3rd place recipients.

Since each participant was limited to one entry in each category this year, the extra photos were given to Nabil Dubraque, the club’s historian, and Nabil chose a winner from this bonus category, the “Not the Nobel but the Nabil Prize”.

The winner was Ned Rhodes’ photo of the newest *Sea Duck, Too*. Ned was awarded kudos and bragging rights.

John and Rebecca Heinz did a fine job of facilitating the photo contest. As usual, members brought an appetizing array of refreshments to share, but special thanks go out to Kenny Harris for providing the hot dogs and the hot dog grilling machine.



Treasurer

Kathie McCormally

NAVIGATING THE RIVER: A Short Quiz on Your Navigation Skills

1. The colored geometrical shapes that line the river and guide boaters are called
 - a. buoys
 - b. nuns
 - c. daymarks
 - d. cans
2. Floating ATONs, or buoys
 - a. come in various sizes and shapes
 - b. may or may not have lights

- c. mark navigable channels
 - d. all of the above
3. When “returning from sea”, you should always keep the green buoys
 - a. on your port side
 - b. on your starboard side
 - c. in front of the boat
 - d. behind the boat
4. The red buoys used to mark the right side of the channel
 - a. have white lights
 - b. have green lights
 - c. have even numbers
 - d. are can shaped
5. You are “returning from sea” when going
 - a. counterclockwise around the United States
 - b. clockwise around the United States
 - c. downstream on a river
 - d. east in Lake Erie
6. Spherical buoys mark fairways and the middles of navigable channels and are
 - a. green above red
 - b. all black
 - c. red above green
 - d. red-and-white striped
7. The best way to avoid running aground is to
 - a. be familiar with your boating area
 - b. monitor the water depth
 - c. obey channel markers
 - d. all of the above
8. The best advice for someone considering going out in a boat in rough weather is
 - a. Wear your lifejacket at all times
 - b. File a float plan with a friend, relative or neighbor
 - c. Don’t go
 - d. Make sure you have a full tank of gas
9. A green light on a fixed bridge marks
 - a. piers and other parts of bridges
 - b. pilings on the side
 - c. centerline of the channel
 - d. amount of clearance for boats
10. Generally, triangular daymarks
 - a. are green
 - b. are red

- c. when numbered have odd numbers
- d. are rarely seen on the river

Information for the quiz was acquired from the publication *Boating Skills and Seamanship* by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. To find a course near you, go to www.cgauax.org
 Answer key: c,d,a,c,b,d,d,c,c,b

Kathie McCormally, *Jayhawker*

The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Bill Mansour	4/1
Sally Hoffmaster	4/10
Kenny Harris	4/12
Kathie McCormally	4/12
Peter McLeod	4/15
Sarah Robins	4/17
Susan Cheatham	4/19
Paula Wexler	4/19
Maria Bryant	4/20
Susan Willetts	4/21
Carol Daugherty	4/22
Patricia Maxwell	4/24
Jennifer Burrows	4/26
Laslo Bozoky	4/27
Arleen Rhodes	4/29

Anniversaries

Eric & Nancy Henry	4/12
Steve & Jill Stanley	4/23
John & Gayle Wix	4/24
Ray & Cindy Kelly	4/26

New Members

We welcome Eric and Nancy Henry of Great Falls, VA. They keep their 37' Sea Ray, *Summer Breeze II*, at Fairfax Yacht Club.

We welcome Mark and Patti Barita of Woodbridge, VA. They keep their 31' Chaparral, *Teacher's Lounge*, at Hoffmasters.

First Cruise of the Season! The Early Bird Cruise is on again

April 17-19, 2009
 Cruise Coordinators: Laslo and Linda Bozoky

Finally spring is here and the first cruise of the season is April 17th thru the 19th. We will be going to National

Harbor. So far we have five boats confirmed for the trip, and eight other boats that may be joining us.

For those coming on Friday, we will have Happy Hour on the dock around 5:30 PM. Please bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

Saturday is open for you to spend the day in National Harbor or Old Town Alexandria. There is a water shuttle which runs every half hour between the two Marinas for \$16 per person round trip.

We have been invited to join Old Dominion Yacht Club for their annual "Sock Burning Party" on Saturday evening. This is always a fun event and we appreciate them inviting us again this year. At this time we believe the Happy Hour begins at 6:30 PM with a cash bar. The Pig Roast dinner is at 7:30 PM, and will cost approximately \$15 per person. The live music will be provided by the band, The Fuzz, around 8:30 PM. They are famous at Old Dominion Yacht Club, and can always get the crowd up dancing to their 60's Rock in Roll music. The Sock Burning ceremony should be around 9:15PM. Join in this old tradition and please bring your old socks for burning. The last shuttle back to National Harbor is at 10:30 PM, but you can always take a regular taxi if you decide to stay later. The cost for a taxi will run approximately \$18 to \$23 for three people or a minivan for up to six people costs approximately \$25. The party will probably go on until midnight.

On Sunday we will have brunch on the dock around 9:30 AM. Please bring a dish to share. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. We will probably head home after noon.

We are looking forward to a good turnout. Please contact Laslo & Linda Bozoky at (703)590-8440 or HotSchatz2@aol.com We need to know who is planning on coming on the cruise, and Old Dominion needs to know in advance how many plan to attend the Sock Burning party. You need to make your slip reservations directly with National Harbor. The dock master is Eric, and his number is (301)749-1582. The regular slip fee is \$2.25 per foot, per night, but Eric has agreed to give us a 25% discount on the slip fees. Everyone is invited to the events even if you can't come by boat. Contact us if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Laslo and Linda, *Hot Schatz*

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ericncarol.belcher@cox.net

Join us for the OYC Flag Raising!

Take heart Boaters! Boating season is almost here and OYC will officially kick off the season with its annual Flag Raising Ceremony on 2 May 2009 at Occoquan Harbor Marina. The formal event begins at noon but please come early to mingle with your boater cohort, browse through the items for sale that Quartermaster Jim Dooley will have displayed, and munch on a few summer season foods. Once again, OYC will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. Please bring any other libations you want and we ask you to, once again, bring a small dish to share with others. This is a great time to introduce potential new members to the fun of OYC festivities. For the official event, we will run the flag up the flag pole and fire the cannon to kick off our boating season. The Board hopes to see all of you there!

Did we FOOL you?

Were you completely taken in by the hilarious articles in the first four pages of this edition? Did you check your calendar? Yes, that's right folks; those pages were a giant April Fool's Day joke. Once again this year, your Board put aside their serious, illuminating and educating articles, let their imaginations run wild and came up with more almost-plausible story lines. We hope you laughed and enjoyed their efforts. When you see your Board members, please thank them for their volunteerism, not only for this edition but for all they do throughout the year!

ATTENTION! FINAL NOTICE!

For those of you who haven't sent in your annual OYC dues yet, please use the enclosed form and join us again this year! Otherwise, next month you will be missing out on all the OYC fun, including the monthly *DayMarker*, updates on cruises and all your boating buddies at OYC! Come on and have some summer boating fun—join up today!

Photos and Fun at Casino Night

For those of you who couldn't join us, you missed a great party that dispelled the winter blues, if only for a short while!

The food was fabulous—thanks again to all those who brought all that great food. The company was in a fine frame of mind to stake their skills and bet fortunes of worthless 'money'. Finally, and most importantly, it was a great opportunity to relax and reconnect with like-minded boaters who were pining for the start of the boating season.



Members watch as dealer Shane "High Speed" Hatton dishes out chips from his horde



It's a duel between dealer Carl "Cool Hand" Maxwell and Eric "Eights and Aces" Belcher



Harry "The Birdman" Croft dazzles the audience with his handiwork

2009 OYC Events Calendar

Month	Days	Event /Location	Contact	Telephone
April	17-19	Early Bird Cruise National Harbor	Laslo & Linda Bozoky	703-590-8440
May	2	OYC Flag Raising at OHM	OYC Board	
	9	ORMA Blessing of the Fleet	OYC Board	
	16-17	Vacant		
	22-25(Fri-Mon)	Memorial Day Cruise to Solomons Island	Larry & Barbara Freedman	703-855-1826
	23-25(Sat-Mon)	Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach	Rick & Teresa Sorrenti	703-494-3302
June	6 (Noon-4 pm)	Regatta and Potluck at OHM	John Heinze	703-765-2380
	19-21 (Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Summer Kickoff-Cobb Island	OPEN	
	26-28(Fri-Sun)	Jazz Festival/Market at National Harbor	Bill & Peggy Johnson	703-799-1042
	27-28 (Sat-Sun)	Tim's Rivershore 1 Fireworks Raft Up	OPEN	
July	3-12-ish	South Bay Cruise	Steve Thompson	703-440-8114
	4-5 (Sat-Sun)	DC Fireworks /Raft Up in Channel	Al & Lynanne Jorsey	703-850-2888
	11-12	Tim's Rivershore 2 Fireworks Raft up	OPEN	
	17-19(Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Float-in at Port Kinsale Marina	Tom & Donna Lensis	703-794-9589
	20-26	Tides Cruise	Joe & Gail Livingston	540-373-9203
August	7-9(Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Colonial Beach Dog Days of August	OPEN	
	15-16 (Sat-Sun)	Lower Potomac River Soiree	Eric & Carol Belcher	571-312-6968
September	4-7 (Fri-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise to Crisfield/Crab Derby	Larry & Barbara Freedman	703-855-1826
	4-7 (Fri-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise to St Mary's Yachting Ctr	John & Rebecca Heinze	703-765-2380
	25-27(Fri-Sun)	Oktoberfest at National Harbor	OPEN	
	TBD	PRYCA End of Summer Cruise to Aquia Harbor	Joe & Gail Livingston	540-373-9203
October	3	Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters	OYC Board	
	9-12(Fri-Mon)	Columbus Day Cruise to St Mary's	Harry & Pat Croft	703-451-9147
	24 (2-5 pm)	Election meeting/Oktoberfest at FYC	OYC Board	
November	6-8 (Fri-Sun)	Hardy Souls Cruise to National harbour	Ned & Arleen Rhodes	703-741-0861
	27-29(Fri-Sun)	Tree Lighting/Fireworks at National Harbor	OPEN	
	28 (Sat)10 am	Santa Cruise from OHM to Occoquan	Walt Cheatham	703-243-2430
December	4-6 (Fri-Sun)	Alexandria Parade of Lights	Lorraine Lloyd	Lloyd@funside.com
	12 (6-11 pm)	OYC Holiday/Change of Watch Party	OYC Board	

Planning Calendar April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day	2 International Children's Book Day	3 Pony Express Day	4 Tangible Karma Day
5 Palm Sunday	6 Tartan Day	7 World Health Day	8 Buddha Day	9 National Cherish an Antique Day OYC Board Meeting	10 ASPCA Day Good Friday	11 International "Louie Louie" Day
12 Licorice Day	13 Thomas Jefferson Day	14 Be Kind to Lawyers Day	15 Take a Wild Guess Day	16 High Five Day	17 Blah! Blah! Blah! Day Early Bird Cruise	18 Pet Owners Independence Day
19 National Hanging Out Day	20 Boston Marathon Day	21 National Chocolate-Covered Cashews Day	22 National Jelly Bean Day	23 World Book and Copyright Day	24 Arbor Day	25 Bulldogs are Beautiful Day
26 Richter Scale Day	27 Morse Code Day	28 Workers Memorial Day	29 Sense of Smell Day	30 Beltane Walpurgis Night		
Fresh Florida Tomatoes Month Holy Humor Month National Garden Month National Kite Month						

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					1 Beltane May Day Amtrak Day	2 OYC Flag Raising at OHM
3 Garden Meditation Day	4 Respect for Chickens Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 No Diet Day	7	8 No Socks Day	9 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet
10 Mothers Day	11 Eat What you Want Day	12 Limerick Day	13 Root Canal Appreciation Day	14 OYC Board Meeting	15 National Bike to Work Day	16 Preakness Stakes
17 NASCAR Day	18 Visit your Relatives Day	19 Boys Club Day	20 Turn Beauty Inside Out Day	21 I Need a Patch for That Day	22 Memorial Day Cruises	23 World Turtle Day
24 Brother's Day	25 Geek Pride Day	26	27 National Senior Health and Fitness Day	28 Slugs Return from Capistrano Day	29	30 Hug Your Cat Day
31 WhitSunday						
National Military Appreciation Month Motorcycle Awareness Month National Physical Fitness and Sports Month						

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Early Bird Cruise
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OYC Board

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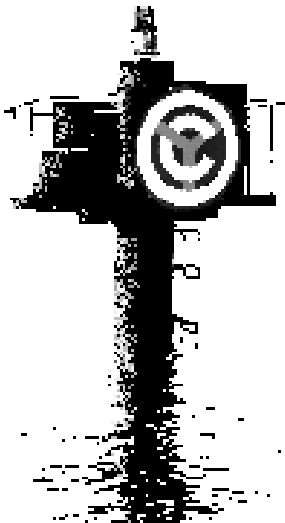
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