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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Patricia Croft

The Flag Raising is the official opening of our OYC boating season, but for many of our members, the Early Bird Cruise is the unofficial, not-to-be-missed kick-off cruise, signaling that boating season has arrived. So it was that on April 16-18, the captains and crews of 13 boats braved weather more appropriate for the Hardy Souls Cruise than the first trip of spring to spend the weekend together at National Harbor. Despite the chilly winds, everyone had a wonderful outing, supervised and shepherded by our gracious hosts and cruise coordinators, Linda and Laslo Bozoky (see story, page 7).

Two boats, *Hot Schatz* and *Insatiable*, arrived early Friday afternoon, which put them in good position to view the entertaining docking exercise performed by the next seven vessels to arrive, all in rapid succession, just in time for the wind to really kick up. *Impulse* got settled nicely in her berth, and then, immediately, came *Forever Dreamin'*.

Bay Dreamer had to wait momentarily for her turn to put on a show, but it took extra long lines, with four dockhands and the captain at the helm all following the sharply barked commands of the Dockmaster to put her in the slip where the Dockmaster wanted her, not the one where the wind wanted to slam her. By then, *Sunshine* was idling nearby, awaiting her call to begin the docking dance, and three more boats were queued up behind her. *Darn Tootin'*, *Copy Cat*, and *Evermoore* circled and dallied, awaiting the Dockmaster's orders, but each

eventually took their turn at the carefully executed ballet to the accompaniment of the howling wind. It was a testament to the skills and stamina of the Dockmaster, his assistant, and our OYC captains, who were also volunteer dockhands, that the performance ended with every boat safely tucked into its berth without so much as a scratch. Those captains earned their Jagermeister! (Well, that's another story for someone else to tell.)

Later, *Takin' to the Sea* and *Sea Duck, Too* arrived, but with less wind and drama, in time for Friday night Happy Hour, which ended abruptly when the wind gusted up again and blew an unoccupied folding chair into the water. *Down Time* and *Jus' Chillin'* joined the fun on Saturday. The group enjoyed dinner Saturday night at The Public House, and came together again on Sunday morning for the usual, deluxe potluck brunch that is the hallmark of OYC cruises. It was so good to be back on the docks with boating friends!

So now that we have conquered the wind and completed the rites of the Early Bird Cruise, it's time to officially **raise the flag on Boating Season!** Hopefully, you will receive this May issue just in time to remind you that Saturday, May 1, is the day you want to head down to Occoquan Harbour Marina to join your OYC friends for the 26th raising of the flags and the firing of the cannon to proclaim the 2010 Boating Season OPEN.

I hope you enjoyed the *Maydarker*, our traditional April spoof issue. I want to publicly thank Carol Belcher for that delightful issue and for all of her excellent work as the editor of the *Daymarker* for the last several years. We wish Carol and Eric all the best as they move on to other (cont. on page 2)

endeavors for a couple of years, but we will be anxiously waiting their return to OYC country. We will not only miss Carol's skills as *Daymarker* editor, but her talent for selling 50/50 tickets as well, not to mention her smiling face and sense of humor, and her penchant, along with Eric's, for offering good natured assistance, wherever and whenever needed. Good luck in Kansas, Carol and Eric, but come home to the Occoquan as soon as you can!

Carol did leave us in good hands, however. This is the first issue of the *Daymarker* from our new editor, Carolyn Wixson, and I also want to publicly thank her for taking on this time-consuming task. She brings a special expertise to the job, and we are fortunate to have her. Welcome, Carolyn!

Since public thanks seem to be the order of the day, let me add Nabil Dubraque, our Historian, to that list, as he has published the new 2010 Directory and has it ready for distribution at the May 1 Flag Raising Ceremony—another good reason to attend! The directory, which Nabil always puts together with style and flair, is a terrific reference for anything you need to know about OYC and your fellow members—phone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc., and, most importantly, boat names. In fact, the back cover is a handy listing titled, *Our Boats*, with boat names first, captain and first mate names secondary, in alphabetical order, so when you're cruising down the river and you see a boat with the name *Bay Dreamer* on the transom, you'll have a quick reference to look up the captain. Then you can call him and ask him if he knows what No Wake means.

See you at the Flag Raising Ceremony!
Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*



Vice Commodore

Tom Lensis

Homeward Bound from Myrtle Beach, SC

Our planned trip in March to Savannah, GA, was pre-empted by a family wedding in Knoxville, TN. So, since the weather was unusually warm at the end of March and early April, we decided to make our return trip from Grande Dunes Marina in Myrtle Beach, SC, to Occoquan Harbour Marina in time to kick off the OYC season with the Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor. We were pleased to have Eric and Carol Belcher join us in Myrtle Beach for the return trip. The Belchers had a finite return date so, in order to expedite our departure, we arrived late Easter Sunday. We provisioned the boat and returned our rental car on Monday morning prior to

our departure so we could pull out of Grande Dunes Marina at noon on Monday.



Eric & Carol Belcher with Captain Tom Lensis

Day 1—Monday. We wanted to get a jump start on the trip and make it to Southport, NC, on the first day. We pulled out of the marina before noon. The weather was 100 percent sunshine, not a cloud in the sky, high temperature of 78 degrees with a 10- to 15-knot wind from the southwest. The weather conditions made for a smooth ride with the waves. From Grande Dunes Marina, we had to travel about 25 miles to Little River Inlet, with only one bridge to open, to make our way out in the ocean up to the Cape Fear Inlet. This area in the ICW is mostly no-wake zones and has an area called the "Rock Pile." When navigating this part of the ICW, you must be very careful—this stretch of the ICW was cut out of rock and can be very treacherous if you wander off the channel. The trip to Little River Inlet took us about two hours. We could have continued up the ICW, but to save time we decided to run up the coast for the next 35 miles and avoid the no-wake zones and the Sunset Beach Pontoon Bridge. This took us less than two hours up to Cape Fear Inlet and on to Southport.

We arrived in Southport with ample time to dock the boat and go into town to explore. Southport is a very quaint little town, with lots of shopping opportunities. After a brief stop at the Christmas Store, we found ourselves at the Wine Rack (*see photo, page 4*) drinking wine in the courtyard and enjoying the afternoon. A few glasses of wine later, we walked down to a waterfront restaurant called Fishy Fishy and had dinner. Donna's sister and her husband live in nearby Ocean Isle Beach and they joined us for dinner. The seafood was excellent and fresh, especially the pan-seared local tuna that Carol and I ordered.

Day 2—Tuesday. The plan today was to make it all the way to Oriental, NC, which is almost 135 miles. We decided to take a new route from Southport up the Cape

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The Lensises and The Belchers in Southport, NC

Fear River into Snow's Cut and out Masonboro Inlet just south of Wrightsville Beach. This put us out in the Atlantic Ocean for a 90-mile run up the coast and also avoided the no-wake zones and bridge openings on the ICW route. It was another picture perfect, beautiful day—wind still from the southwest at 10 to 15 knots, and 80-degree high temperature. We had a wonderful ride with the 2½- to 3-foot trailing seas and maintained an average speed of about 23 knots. At one point we were over 16 miles off the coast just starting to lose sight of land. We arrived in the Beaufort Inlet around 1 p.m. and continued up the ICW en route to Oriental Marina. From the city of Beaufort, it's only about 20 miles to Oriental, so we slowed the boat down for awhile in order to enjoy lunch provided by our onboard chefs. As we came out of the ICW into the Neuse River, it was just a short run northeast to the channel markers into Oriental.

We stayed at the Oriental Marina, which only had a handful of transient slips and seemed to be occupied by mostly trawlers making their way north. Oriental Marina has a Caribbean motif, with a motel, swimming pool, restaurant, and outdoor Tiki bar set up just behind the marina. The marina has the capability for in-slip fueling, making it nice to only have to dock the boat once after a long day on the water. Since the restaurant is closed on Tuesdays, the marina office recommended a local restaurant called The Oriental Steamer, just a short walk downtown. Downtown was very quaint with ice cream shops, small mom-and-pop stores, and restaurants. "Steamers," as the locals call it, was very busy and seemed to be a local favorite. We all ordered seafood, Carol taking advantage of having fresh local tuna again.

Day 3—Wednesday. Fueled up and ready to go, we left Oriental early and this time decided to take the Neuse River to Pamlico Sound past Ocracoke, Cape Hatteras, Manteo, and across Albemarle Sound to Coinjock. Another 130-plus mile day, but at 23 knots it was a quick six-hour trip. Going the ICW route to the Pamlico River into the 25-mile Pongo/Alligator River Canal, through the

Alligator River and across Albemarle Sound, would have taken twice as long. Mother Nature was still on our side, and we still had the 10- to 15-knot southwest wind, beautiful skies, and trailing seas. There were times while cruising through the Pamlico Sound that we totally lost site of land. Eric and I couldn't believe how wide the Pamlico Sound was. Having Eric on board, another captain, to help with navigation, crab pot spotting, and relief from the bridge for me, gave me a lot of comfort.

Going through the Roanoke Sound Channel past Manteo and into the Albemarle Sound, we have never seen so many crab pots in one place, it looked like a sea full of crab pots as far as the eye could see. We had to stay vigilant on the bridge picking our way through them. It was still another great day on the water, and we arrived at Coinjock Marina around 2:30 p.m. It was another marina with in-slip fueling, plus a restaurant that is famous for its prime rib. All four of us ordered the small prime rib (16 oz.) for dinner. The large was 32 ounces. When these steaks came out, I couldn't believe how big they were. Needless to say, we had leftovers to take back to the boat for tomorrow.

Day 4—Thursday. We started out a few minutes after 7 a.m. for our trip up the Virginia Cut to Great Bridge and Great Bridge Lock through Norfolk across the Chesapeake Bay to Cape Charles. We planned to make the first bridge (North Landing Bridge) on time for the 8 a.m. opening, but we were three minutes late and had to wait until the 8:30 opening. This put us out of sequence for making it to the next two bridges and the Great Bridge Lock. It took us another hour to make it through the lock, which only opens on the hour. After the lock we thought we were home free with only two other bridges that needed to open and we thought we had timed it right. However, two railroad bridges that are normally open were down for repairs, and between the two, we sat idling for about a half hour each. This put us in Norfolk Harbor at about 1:30 in the afternoon.

The weather radio said there was a cold front coming through the area late afternoon with strong winds and thunderstorms, and the Chesapeake Bay was forecast for 4-5 foot seas. Norfolk Harbor was pretty choppy with about 2½- to 3-foot seas. We thought the Bay was going to be quite a ride, but as we made our way out of Norfolk Harbor, the waves calmed down to 1- to 1½-foot trailing seas. We had a great ride to Cape Charles and Bay Creek Marina and arrived about 2:30 p.m. The friendly staff met us on the fuel dock, and we were moored alongside the main dock for the evening. Bay Creek is one of our favorite marinas to visit, with its first-class facilities, restaurant, and golf courses. After checking in, we took the loaner golf cart into downtown Cape Charles and ended up at Kelley's Gingernut Pub, drinking beer and throwing darts. Eric took Donna to school on the dart board while Carol and I reviewed all the pictures of the renovation of the building with the purveyor that now housed the Irish Pub. The golf cart ride back to the marina was uneventful as Mario Andretti

(...cont. from page 3) AKA Eric Belcher safely piloted us back to the boat for our dinner reservations at the Aqua Restaurant. Once again, Carol enjoyed fresh local tuna for dinner, since she won't be getting any fresh tuna in Kansas. It just so happened that Thursday night was buy one entrée and get one free at the restaurant. Just as we went down for the night, the cold front came through and the wind blew at 25 to 35 knots all night and into the morning.

Day 5—Friday. The weather forecast was for small craft advisories with the wind from the northwest at 25, gusting to 35 on the Bay until 4 p.m. We monitored the weather all morning to determine whether or not to leave the comfortable setting of Bay Creek for 4- to 5-foot seas on the Chesapeake Bay or stay another day. At about 2 p.m. the wind started to lay down and we figured if we left by 3 p.m., we could make it up the Bay into the Potomac and spend the night at Port Kinsale Marina. We left at about 3 p.m. with a northwest wind and about 3-foot chop, and as we progressed up the Bay towards the Potomac River, the Bay smoothed out. Just as Eric and I got comfortable with the smooth water approaching the Potomac, the seas started to rise to about 3 feet at the mouth of the river. Once we were well into the Potomac, it calmed down to about 2 feet all the way and we arrived in Port Kinsale at about 6 p.m. and tied up for the night. We ventured up to the Mooring Restaurant and met some old friends who joined us for dinner. I was in the mood for New York-style pizza, and the Mooring has authentic NY pizza baked in a pizza oven from New York. Manager Charlie Santangelo is sometimes the chef as well, and he did a great job.

Day 6—Saturday. It's home to OHM at last. *Copy Cat* has been down south since early November '09. With the wind in our face from the northwest, we had a 2- to 3-foot chop all the way to the 301 Bridge. After the bridge, it was an uneventful ride back home to "C Dock" at Occoquan Harbour Marina. With all the boating we did since last November it is great to be home.

Tom Lensis, *Copy Cat*

Online with the Occoquan Yacht Club



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Your request will be confirmed with the membership roster. The private group is open to all active members.

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Rear Commodore

John Heinze

What is a Fajita, Who is Going to Tim's Rivershore 2 for Fireworks, and Where is John and Rebecca's Labor Day Cruise Going? The Answers Below!

What is a Fajita!?!?

- The Prep for the Float-in/Fajita Fest, June 5, 12-4 p.m. Occoquan Harbour Marina (picnic area)

You got to be kidding. I thought everyone knew this staple of Tex-Mex cuisine, but apparently not—at least from some of the puzzled expressions and even a question or two. I could say, well, just come to the Prep for the Float-in and see for yourself, but this is the Prep for the Float-in—we want to encourage everyone to come to help us get ready to win the Cup again. And this is a great way for everyone to refresh and hone their boating skills. The OYC Board will be planning fun and informative activities to help you do just that. And fajitas are so good.

So what is a fajita? Well, it's basically grilled meat such as skirt steak, or maybe chicken or pork, with onions and bell peppers served on a tortilla. Often there is other great tasting stuff to go on it, such as shredded lettuce, sour cream, pico de gallo, cheese, etc.

Anyway, we are still working on the details of how we are going to deliver all this goodness. So, stay tuned for an OYC broadcast with more details as these become available. This is an event you won't want to miss.

Who Is Going to Tim's Rivershore 2 for Fireworks?

- July 10-11

Tim's Rivershore 2 (Fairview Beach) is an easy 18 nautical miles from the Occoquan River for a raft-up. Tim's offers fireworks the Saturday after the 4th of July (Saturday, July 10) and we have offered to serve as cruise coordinators for this very informal event. So if you are interested, please let us know at 703-888-3837.

Where is John and Rebecca's Labor Day Cruise?

We have confirmation from the Corinthian Yacht Club—located on the lower Potomac River close to Point Lookout Marina—that not only does the marina have slips for all of the boats that have expressed an interest in the Labor Day cruise, but Corinthian is very enthusiastic about having us join them to enjoy the

(...cont. from page 4) Labor Day holiday. As some OYC members may be aware, a group of us led by Carol and Eric Belcher ventured to the Corinthian last August for the lower river soirée and had a great time. So we are really pleased to have the opportunity to go back to Corinthian this year.

The Corinthian Yacht Club features excellent marine facilities, a swimming pool, multiple grills, and a fully equipped club house, all in a lovely country setting. And, best of all is the outstanding hospitality of CYC members, who gave us full access to their facilities and even roasted chicken for us just because they like doing that. Based on last year's experience, this should be a very enjoyable, just kick-back-and-relax cruise. So the answer to the question is, we're going to the Corinthian for Labor Day!

John Heinze, *Great Escape*



Secretary

Myndi Harbin

Wii would like to boat!!

Except for a few days in mid-April, it is now Boating Season!! *Wii Fish* has been out a few times, the boys have swum in the River (they're kids, they don't care that the water is only 54 degrees), and *Wii Fish* is FINALLY back at FYC. As much as I enjoyed the hospitality of our winter harbor at OHM, crossing the river just makes my boat commute way TOO long!!

You have to understand this was an extremely hard winter for me. What with all the snow and very few warm days this winter, we were unable to get out on the river to wet the lines. It has been helpful to have the "Land Boating" activities with fellow OYCers, but for me it just isn't the same. But finally the temps have warmed, the sun has been shining, and I have been able to put away my fuzzy boat shoes!!

Some sure signs that the Season has sprung:

- Boaters are coming out of hibernation...lots of activity at the local marinas.
- Coast Guard Safety classes and boat inspections are being held.
- New OYC burgees are showing up on bows.
- West Marine has seen a spike in sales of new electronics, hoses, belts, dock lines, etc.
- First mates and Captains are attending weight programs, checking bathing suit sizes, hitting the tanning salon and gym!
- First beverage spilled on the back deck.

- First wine (whine?) party on the dock.
- The ospreys are back in their nests!!

THIS IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE WINTER!!!

I have lounged away a lazy Sunday on the back deck watching the boats return from the Early Bird Cruise while soaking up a few rays, chatted with neighbors on the dock, seen old friends, and made some new ones. But now the true whining has started, "MOM, when can we spend the night on the boat?" The summer schedule is filling up quite nicely with some excellent trips and parties planned. Now I just have to make it through spring baseball and I am in the clear!!

Myndi Harbin, *Wii Fish*



Treasurer

Arleen Rhodes

It's Great to Be Boating Again!

With an impromptu cocktail cruise the prior weekend and a run up to National Harbor for the Early Bird Cruise, it felt great to be on the water again! We had a sporty ride up river—was it ever windy! *Impulse* took the wind and waves well (without spilling our drinks), and we were greeted Friday afternoon by the marina staff who made sure all were docked and tied up safely despite the windy conditions (though Ned says he overheard a certain unnamed captain on the radio asking for "your durn tootin" insurance information before allowing another boat to attempt to dock in the adjacent slip).

We had a large turnout and, as usual, Linda and Laslo did a fantastic job coordinating the event (even though it seemed like it was warmer for the Hardy Souls Cruise last November)—thanks again, Linda and Laslo!

The next scheduled OYC activity is the Flag Raising May 1 at noon at OHM—be sure to be there as we raise the flag on another season of boating. (Remember to plug your ears as 'bombs away' Rick Sorrenti sets off the cannon—I forget and he scares me every time!) Bring a snack, side dish, or dessert to share and enjoy the expertly grilled hot dogs and burgers provided by the club. Be sure to visit Quartermaster Patricia's booth—she's certain to have something you simply must have!

Also coming up is the annual Occoquan Blessing of the Fleet the following weekend, on Saturday, May 8—remember, a little blessing couldn't hurt, could it?

Hope to see you soon!
Arleen Rhodes, *Impulse*

Upcoming Cruises & Raftups



May 8: Just as "red right return from the sea" is a maritime key to navigation, the **Blessing of the Fleet** is a time-honored tradition seeking safe voyage and return from the sea. Start the 2010 recreational boating season by participating in the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) event, The *Notice to Mariners* is available on OYC's new Facebook site under Events or by contacting oyceditor@gmail.com. The blessing vessel will be on station from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina's fuel dock. OYC's very own Ned and Arleen Rhodes will be embarked to make sure your boat name is correctly given for blessing. This can be a festive parade so bring out and display your flags if you have them and by all means, fly the OYC Burgee with pride and keep SAFETY and safe boating practices in mind. Look for you on the water!! Cheers, Joe Livingston, PRYCA Delegate



May 29-31: Plans for the **5th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Colonial Beach Yacht Center** are fast approaching completion. We are limited to 15 slips this year, but we normally have a few that have to cancel late. We're planning on the Ingleside Winery visit, where we have historically had a really good time and brought many treasures back to the marina. And let's not forget the Strawberry Farm where we get our "base" before the winery. If you are interested in joining us, e-mail sorrentis@comcast.net.



June 18-20: The **2nd Annual PRYCA Summer Kickoff Event** is run by the **Cobb Island Yacht Club**, and you sign up with CIYC to attend. If you are interested in going, e-mail larry.freedman@appliedis.com. Cobb Island is an easy and scenic cruise from the Occoquan (3 hours for us from OHM @ 16 knots) and the destination poses no trouble getting into (just don't cut inside the spider light at the entrance to the Wicomico River—ask Larry if you don't know what this means). You need to sign up as soon as possible as there are a limited number of slips available on the island. Planned activities are:

- **Kayak Adventure.** A local naturalist takes paddlers through interesting and historical areas (home of the "Oyster Wars"). A small number of kayaks will be available, but we recommend bringing your own kayak, water shoes, and PFD.
- **Scavenger Hunt.** Participants are given a series of challenges and/or clues for the all-day, island-wide private scavenger hunt. Hunters with the most items collected will receive special awards, presented during Captain's Hour.

- **Cobb Neck Crab Cook Off.** Held at the Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shop. Entries limited to 12 cooks, who compete for the coveted Cobb Neck Crab (King or Queen) Crown. Attendees/tasters welcomed for a small fee. All proceeds donated to the local Wayside Food Bank.
- **Best dressed boat.** Judging in the afternoon, awards presented during Captain's Hour.
- **Captain's Hour.** Commodore Don Thayer and his wife Barbara will greet all yacht club members and guests at "Someplace Special" (their house, which will have a big tent rigged in front). Attitudes can be adjusted while enjoying the view and collecting prizes for the Scavenger Hunt and the Best Dressed Boat. The crowd will also be honored by the presence of the newly appointed 2010 Cobb Neck King/Queen Crab.
- **Scuttlebutt's Sundown Pig Roast.** The Scuttlebutt Bar & Restaurant is just over the bridge onto the island, across from the Cobb Island Gallery and in front of Scuttlebutt Marina.
- **Coast Guard Inspections.** Check the box on the registration form to let the inspectors know to look for your boat.



June 18-July 5: It's not too late to sign up for the **June Bay Cruise**, which begins with the PRYCA Cobb Island event, June 18–20, and continues to the Bay on June 20. The first destination after leaving Cobb Island is Chesapeake Beach Resort. From there, the cruise heads to Havre de Grace for three days, and then moves on to Rock Hall, spending two days at Osprey Point Marina. We'll stay two days at St. Michaels Harbor Inn Marina before moving on to Oxford, where we will be at Mears Yacht Haven. We'll finally motor back across the Bay and up the Potomac, stopping at White Point Marina. The cruise will end at National Harbor, July 5.

Although reservations have already been made for the eight boats set to make the trip, we can still add boats to any of the destinations except the final two days at National Harbor, July 3 and 4. We reserved the last slips available at NH for that popular fireworks weekend when we called in February; the marina is completely booked. But all other destinations for the trip have slip availability, so if you have an interest in joining us for any part of this big adventure, contact Harry Croft, Cruise Coordinator, at 703-451-9147.



June 26-27: Raft up with the *Princess of Tides* at the **Tim's I "Not on the 4th of July" Fireworks**. Carolyn Wixson and Dave Tuttle have reserved a table for Tim's \$8.95 breakfast buffet the next morning, complete with \$5.50 Screwdrivers or Bloody Marys. Contact Carolyn at 703-490-6416 to sign up.



Sept. 3-6: For those of you planning to join the Freedmans in **Crisfield** for Labor Day weekend, or thinking about it, please call Somers Cove Marina at 401-968-0925 or reserve at <http://www.somerscovemarina.com/reservations.html>. Even if you are placed on the waiting list, there is a very good chance you will be able to get in. The key is to at least get your name on the list, and the time to do that is NOW. Be sure to indicate that you are with OYC to assure the marina office puts us all together. Somers Cove is a very large, state-run marina that you could get lost in, so if you fail to mention you are with our group, you may be placed way out, and I do mean WAY out. Also let Larry or Barbara know if you plan on attending so they can make reservations at the Waterman's Inn for dinner on Saturday night: 703-855-1826.

Cruise Chronicles (April 16-18): Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor

Was it the Early Bird Cruise or the Hardy Souls Cruise? That question was asked by many. Yes, it was the Early Bird Cruise with sun, very cold wind, and happy OYC boaters. We started the boating season off with ten boats arriving on Friday at National Harbor. We had another three boats join us on Saturday. Everyone seemed very happy to arrive even though there were some whitecaps to contend with on the trip. The heavy wind made it difficult for all to dock, but with the help of Corey at National Harbor, everyone made it safely.

We all enjoyed a welcoming drink on arrival at the marina. Everyone was catching up with each other until it was time to start the official Happy Hour. As usual, there was plenty to eat and drink provided by our members. We had to move into the boats after awhile as the wind was taking our napkins and chairs, but we didn't let that stop the fun. It was fun to spend so much time talking late into the night.

Saturday morning the dog walkers were out early. The rest of the day was spent walking around National Harbor and trying to stay out of the wind. Our usual shoppers in the club were out looking for interesting purchases. Others were trying out the different restaurants. We all met up again for happy hour on the dock prior to going to dinner. The Public House Restaurant gave us our own room for dinner which accommodated 27 OYCers and their guests. Everyone was very happy with the food and service.

Sunday morning started off with brunch on the dock. Everyone outdid themselves again with plenty of delicious food and beverages. The wind continued to make us retreat to the boats for cover, but we were able to fit many on *Hot Schatz*. Thanks to everyone who got their boats ready and made it out for the first cruise of 2010. This is just the beginning of a fun-filled season.

Laslo & Linda Bozoky, *Hot Schatz*

National Safe Boating Week Event

The Carefree Boat Club is sponsoring a series of presentations upstairs at Madigan's in Occoquan on Sunday, May 23. Bring your kids and First Mates to hear our *Daymarker* editor and her daughter, as well as other speakers, talk about safe boating for all on board.

- 11 a.m. *Women & Boating*, Carolyn Wixson
- 12 p.m. *Kids on the River—Having Fun Safely*, Emmalee Haga (Girl Scout cadette)
- 1 p.m. *Suddenly in Command*, Lisa Alexander
- 2 p.m. *Waterways Watch*, USCGA



The Datemarkers

Birthdays

Elizabeth Plewes	5/2
Teresa Sorrenti	5/4
Jim Dooley	5/6
Linda Bozoky	5/7
Dave Tuttle	5/9
Jim Hawley	5/11
Gail Livingston	5/14
Steve Worcester	5/15
Myndi Harbin	5/22
Beth Francis	5/23
Steve Stanley	5/24
Dave Moore	5/26
Gina Croci	5/29
Bill Johnson	5/29

Anniversaries

John & Kathy Corley 5/1

Welcome New Members!

Bill & Clara French—*Insatiable*, Fairfax Yacht Club
Shay Seabone
Bill Shannon—*KNOT So FAST*, Fairfax Yacht Club
Don Snyder—*Retrievers Paradise*, Pilot House

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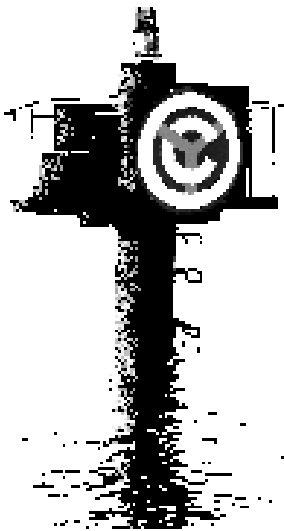
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