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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Tom Lensis

OYC is Looking for a Few Good Men & Women

As the Occoquan Yacht Club boating season gears up into full swing, the cruises, land events, and monthly *Daymarker* articles all reflect the hard work from volunteers on the club's board and cruise coordinators. If it wasn't for people willing to volunteer their time and effort, these great events wouldn't take place.

As with any organization, the board members and officers change from year to year for many reasons. Sometimes it is a natural progression through the ranks and some move from the area, while others step aside after serving for a number of years in order to give other members an opportunity to serve the club. We currently have one officer that may not be able to complete her term and several other board positions that will become vacant for 2012.

According to our bylaws, the officers of the organization are elected by the general membership and serve a one-year term. The officers of the club consist of the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Upcoming Vacancies

Treasurer: The Treasurer is a voting officer of the club and a member of the Executive

Board. The duties of the position as stated in our bylaws are as follows: The Treasurer shall be a Regular Member and shall maintain all financial records, keep all accounts of moneys received and paid, and perform all other duties that may be required of this office. Our current Treasurer (Arleen Rhodes) will be moving out of the area this fall and may not be able to complete her term as Treasurer. The Board is looking for a volunteer to complete the current term, if needed, and to volunteer to be put up for election by the general membership this fall for the 2012 term.

Quartermaster: The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the purchase and resale of clothing, jewelry, and other membership articles as directed by the Executive Board.

Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall maintain all membership records and shall respond to all requests for membership.

Historian: The Historian shall maintain all OYC photographic archives. The Historian shall periodically display recent pictorial history to members assembled for local OYC events. The complete pictorial history shall be made available to members after advance notice to the Historian. Although not in the bylaws of the club, the Historian has also produced the wonderful annual Membership Directory.

Webmaster: Although not in the bylaws, the Webmaster has hosted and maintained the OYC website with direction from the Board.

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Serving on the board is not all work and no play. The board members meet monthly, which is as much social as club business. The duties are not all-consuming and can be easily done in your spare time. As you can see, we have a number of opportunities available for you to use your skills, get involved with the club's Board of Directors, and help your fellow boaters. If you are interested in being nominated for any of the upcoming vacancies please shoot me an email at tom.lensis@gmail.com or give me a call.

Tom Lensis, *Copy Cat*



Vice Commodore

Tom Plewes

Seamanship Made Simple

Those of us who attended the fantastic Fajita Fest this year were treated with a short presentation by our own Joe Livingston on the fundamentals of seamanship – knot tying, rules of the sea, helpful tips, etc. Though the presentation had the purpose of preparing those who will participate in the annual challenge at the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Float-in at Coles Point on July 15-17, it soon became apparent that this

seamanship thing is not all that hard, at least not when you are able to absorb the information from someone as knowledgeable as Joe and in the company of others who take navigation, rules, and safety seriously.

We walked away from Joe's impromptu class thinking that this stuff isn't all that hard. Well, truth be told, some stuff like knot tying is a bit daunting, and so First Mate and I left the Fest with a renewed commitment to continually practice knot tying with the aim of perfecting the skills. Funny thing, my Father's Day gift this year was a book about knot tying and a piece of line.

Earlier this spring, on April 9-10, many OYC members were able to participate in a special safety course arranged by Pat Croft that covered general information about boats and maintenance, navigation rules and aids to navigation, safe operations, boating emergencies and state-specific laws and regulations. For those who weren't able to participate in this course, there is another opportunity in July that is being offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Hoffmaster's Marina in Woodbridge. **The safety course will be conducted in 4 sessions, on July 11, 13, 18 and 20 (Mondays and Wednesdays).** There is a small fee for materials for this course, which satisfies the requirement in Maryland and D.C. waters that all captains possess a certificate of having passed a boating safety course. More information is available on the Hoffmaster's Facebook page or at <http://www.hoffmasters.com>.

Watch Your Wake

The Commodore of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association, Ruth Lovelace, recently shared this letter concerning the dangers of "wake". It is an important subject, and is repeated here:

"I am sure that all of us have at one time or another encountered a wake that was created by someone outside of a "wake zone" or a duly recognized area that SHOULD be a "wake zone." I wanted to send out a general reminder to all that the age old rule still applies....You, the boat owner, are responsible for the wake generated by your vessel".....ANYTIME! It is sometimes misunderstood that wake is generally only enforceable in a No Wake Zone, this is of course true but it is enforceable during any situation that wake is found to be the cause of damage.

There has been a serious concern with local boaters not recognizing anchored vessels or rafted vessels, these are clearly vessels that are not under power or not able to mitigate the wake. Therefore it is the operator's (owner) responsibility to administer care and caution and avoid any damage that may be incurred. Now, with that said it is of course not advisable to anchor in a waterway that is frequently traveled such as a channel or fairway or even a tidal area close to either of these types of approaches.

Please be mindful during the operation of your vessel as well as the locations that are selected to anchor or raft and enjoy an afternoon. If you do experience damage from another vessel's wake, try to copy the registered numbers if possible or the name posted on the transom. This can be reported to the USCG and a report made of the damages. This is a very difficult violation to report/recover but yet possible.

While vessels under 1600 GT are not specifically required to manage their speed in regards to wake, they are still required to operate in a prudent matter which does not endanger life, limb, or property (46 USC 2302). Nor do the Navigation Rules exonerate any vessel from the consequences of neglect (Rule 2), which, among other things, could be unsafe speeds (Rule 6), improper lookout (Rule 5), or completely ignoring your responsibilities as prescribed by the Navigation Rules." <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=navRulesFAQ>

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While it is true that the death trends are down and that overall recreational boating has gotten safer (deaths went down in Virginia by nearly half - from 27 in 2009 to 14 in 2010), even 14 deaths in a season are too many and they keep happening. In just one weekend in early June, boating accidents claimed the lives of boaters in Ocean City, at the mouth of the Rappahannock, and near the Norfolk Marine base. OYC has a great safety record, and we look forward to a safe and enjoyable season this year. Some simple seamanship skills will go a long way toward making that happen.

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*



Rear Commodore

John Heinze

Fajita Fest Wrap-up

Well, once again it is time for me to write the article for the *Daymarker* as a Father's Day gift for John. He liked the idea so much last year he asked for a repeat this year. So here goes.... This year's Fajita Fest was a Fun Fest. As last year, it was a catered event, with all the fajitas, rice and beans, and dessert you could eat and "beverage" of your choice.



Thanks to **Joe Livingston (standing left)** for picking up the food from El Charo and quizzing us on our boating knowledge so we will be prepared for the competition at the PRYCA Float-in.

Harry Croft (right) was a great bartender. Where did he get all that knowledge and experience? Pat Croft did double duty. She acted as bar hostesses by providing festive glasses for our drinks and pastry chef by bringing the great desserts. Thanks and yum! And who was doing the Lunch Lady Impression serving the food? It was



Donna Lensis. Thanks Donna! And thanks to Jill Stanley for collecting the fees from the participants and for the 50:50 raffle. In this way we keep OYC dues low by having OYC members support those activities.

The weather was even what we wanted. Not too hot and the rain held off until the last person was ready to leave. All in all it was a typical OYC event. Great food, great drinks, and great friends! What more do we need?

Rebecca Heinze, *Great Escape*



Commodore Tom Lensis (in blue) welcomes new members Pam Sowell (left), and Scott & Teri Miller



Heidi & Bud Bishop, Anne & Don Bennett, and Lee Moyer & Jim Crabill from E Dock at OHM



Left to right: Kayley Mansour, Jill Stanley, John Heinze, Peggy Johnson, and Patricia Maxwell



Secretary

Jill Stanley

Organizing for a Long Cruise

Summer has begun and cruising season is in full swing. This year Steve and I signed up for the long cruise with Pat and Harry Croft. This will be a new experience for Steve and me for we have not stayed overnight on the boat for more than a long weekend, so two and half weeks is going to be pushing it.... We are both really excited about this trip as we are going to some fun destinations. We especially look forward to traveling through the Dismal Swamp by boat. This is something Steve and I did not want to miss. We have always wanted to see the Dismal Swamp and going by boat makes this trip even more exciting and special.

Pat and Harry have put together an incredible book, giving us all the information we could ever need to know of the places we will be stopping – from the history, to the restaurants, to a Google map overview of the marinas where we will be docking. Pat and Harry have also put together a cruise calendar that states when we have the opportunity to eat out, depending on the restaurant situation, or need to prepare our own food. Of course, every night there will be a Happy Hour (what's boating without THE HAPPY HOUR!!!). I know one thing, Steve and I will be happy to be at the right destination and at the right dock!



OYC Dismal Swamp cruisers follow Bay Dreamer as they head into the channel for Bay Creek Marina at Cape Charles: SEA DUCK TOO; Takin' It Easy; 'bout Time; Party Time; Deja Vu

Considering what supplies I need for this great adventure, I reorganized my storage space. I was given a great suggestion from the Willets - to make a list of where everything is stored. This is a great idea, especially since I changed everything around. Now neither Steve nor I have the slightest idea where I have

put anything!! This list could save the marriage and my sanity!!!

Then with the great tool of the Internet, I looked for helpful hints for the best way to organize the food for a long trip on a small boat with very little storage. One suggestion was to prepare some of the food ahead of time and put in to plastic bags and freeze. Another, of course, was to stock up on canned goods. This is one idea I had already figured out.

As far as fresh vegetables, the article did inform me of something I did not know, and that is that any vegetable that has not been refrigerated lasted way longer than vegetables that have been refrigerated. This means if I take any fresh vegetables on the trip, which I would like to do, they will have to come from the farmers' market. One other good suggestion was to organize the menus for the trip so that you could use leftovers from the night before in the next day's menu. Sounds like a good plan to me.

Having no oven on the boat, I also looked up some appetizers that didn't require any baking and a dessert should I ever need one that can be cooked on the stovetop. The following are a few recipes that I found interesting in case you might find yourself in my shoes.

Pineapple Hors d'oeuvre Spread

- 1 8oz cream cheese
- 2 tbsp (or more) of good chutney (1/2 of Major Grey Chutney with the big chunks cut up)
- 2 tsp (or more) of good curry
- 2 tbsp of currants (grapes can be substitutes)
- Handful of pecans, chopped
- Handful of shredded coconut

Mix all together and chill. May be served in a hollowed-out chilled pineapple. Serves well with Wheat Thins.

Cilantro, Black Bean, and Corn Salsa

- 1 15 oz can yellow corn, drained
- 1 15oz can white corn, drained
- 2 15 oz cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 14.5 oz. can Italian-style diced tomatoes, drained. or use fresh tomatoes.
- 1 bunch of finely chopped cilantro
- 5 green onions, finely sliced
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 tbs. minced garlic
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Stir first 10 ingredients in a large bowl, then gently mix in the lime juice and avocado. Drizzle with olive oil to serve.

The Dessert: Cobbler of your Choice (Stovetop)

1 29 oz can sliced peaches or whatever fruit you choose
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 cup sugar
1 9 oz package yellow cake mix
4 tsp margarine

Discard half the juice from the peaches and pour the rest of the peaches and juice into sauce pan. Sprinkle the top with cinnamon and sugar. Cover peaches with cake mix, place butter on top of cake mix in the center.

Cover pan with lid and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Once you see steam escaping from sauce pan reduce heat to medium-low and continue cooking 10 minutes. Do not lift lid during this time. Remove from heat and allow to stand with lid on for 15 minutes, then serve.... ENJOY :)

Jill Stanley, 'bout Time



Treasurer

Arleen Rhodes

Trash or Treasure?

Your junk may be someone else's treasure! With this issue of the *Daymarker* we're reinstating the OYC Nautical Bulletin Board, where we'll list for sale those under-used, no-longer-needed nautical 'treasures' you might want to find a new home for. As Ned and I prepare for our move to North Carolina, there's no telling what we might find!

Items should be submitted by OYC members only and must be nautical in nature (but no, we won't list your spouse here no matter how seaworthy he/she may be). Please provide a brief description (along with a small photo if you like) to oyceditor@gmail.com by the 20th of each month for the next issue.

Arleen Rhodes, *Impulse*



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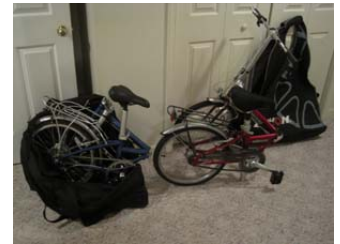
"Request to Join" (OYC members only). Web space for occoquanyachtclub.org, potomacriveryachtclubs.org, and ormaweb.org is donated by Software Systems Group, Ned Rhodes, President and CEO.



NEW! Nautical Bulletin Board

FOR SALE: Dahon Mariner folding bicycle w/carrying case, 7 speed, blue, \$300. Also Dahon Vitese folding bicycle w/carrying case, 3 Speed, red,

\$200. Like new, only used twice. Great for a take-along on your boat for cruising. Will sell both for \$400. Contact Bob Nalevanko at 703-517-0434 or 703-878-2842 or rnalevanko@comcast.net.



FREE: 5' round inflatable float, affectionately referred to as "Love Island." Stories not included. Contact Ned or Arleen Rhodes at 703-741-0861 or arleen@softwaresystemsgroup.com.

Have a nautical item looking for a new home?

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New Members

- Scott & Linda Del Monte, who keep their *Tiara*, *Scottlin Yard*, at Belmont Bay Marina.
- Susan & Michael Dugan, who keep their Chaparral, *Deo Gratias*, at Hoffmaster's.
- Rick & Frances Fellenz, who keep their Monterey, *Genesis*, at OHM.
- Scott & Teri Miller, who keep their Silverton, *Miller Time*, at Belmont Bay Marina.

July Birthdays

7/2	Jim Crabill	7/20	Bill White
7/2	Pat Croft	7/22	Sabrina Waters
7/4	Daniel Carr	7/26	Joseph Hoffmaster
7/10	Pat Schondel	7/28	Bob Nalevanko
7/13	Christie Raukar	7/30	Susan Dugan
7/17	Joseph Ward	7/31	Al Curtis

July Anniversaries

7/2	Harry & Patricia Croft
7/9	Matt & Elizabeth Legg
7/22	Brian & Maria Bryant
7/30	Jack & Sharon Striker

TRIP REPORT: Colonial Beach, Memorial Day Weekend 2011

With more than a dozen boats and some land cruisers, OYC celebrated Memorial Day weekend with our annual cruise to Colonial Beach. Saturday was a great day for the trip to the Rescue Squad breakfast, where the volunteers again had great food for a worthy cause. There was also time to wander the booths in the festival grounds and grab a smoothie at Espresso café to cool off. After a lazy day of dog walks (Bailey's first cruise!), dog swimming, reading, and relaxation, we tried to have a "light" happy hour, but that is not possible in OYC! A group of 30 or so had dinner at Dockside on the back deck, pleasantly surprised at how much service improved over previous years.



After tasting a dozen wines, we hit the gift shop and managed to help the Northern Neck economy considerably, although we were short of our \$3000+ record last year. And, in OYC tradition, we were able to set up another happy hour within 30 minutes of our return to the marina!



Sunday was the customary bus to the Westmoreland Berry Farm where the sundaes were as huge as always. We learned about a new vegetable called "scapes" – a spring bulb from the garlic family – and watched the goats climbing over their bridge in the breeze. (We would have killed for that breeze the next day!).



This year we had several smartphones ready to help the driver find the winery so there were no wrong turns and we arrived early enough to get a bonus visit to the vines in addition to the winery tour. We had our favorite guide/pourer Neil, and he included a champagne tasting in honor of Bill Johnson's birthday.



Memorial Day, as you know, was a killer in terms of heat. We kept all the brunch food warm just by having those tables in the sun. Our challenge was keeping the ice and champagne cold. During the chit chat we discovered that Nabil and Tom lived on the same street in Manassas many years ago, and Rick and Kelly (aboard *Sandra Louise*) went to the same high school and lived in the same neighborhood in Irmo, South Carolina!

Several of us returned downtown for the annual Colonial Beach wreath-laying ceremony and were treated to a moving speech from the Navy Commander from Dahlgren as well as patriotic music. Luckily the Rescue Squad circulated in the crowd with cold bottled water (a good use of our funds from their breakfast!). Most boats left in early afternoon as the lack of breeze and intense sun did not encourage lingering. However, it was another smooth ride home and we think a good time was had by all.

Rick and I certainly want to thank the group for our "hostess" gifts of napkins and a cutting board from the winery. That was a nice surprise. All in all it was a great weekend of good food, good weather, and good times.

Rick & Teresa Sorrenti, *SEA DUCK TOO*

TRIP REPORT: Cobb Island, June 17-19, 2011

Thirteen boats participated from the OYC joined this PRYCA event: *Takin' It Easy*, *Copy Cat*, *Jus Chill'N*, *Takin' to the Sea*, *Party Time*, *Makia III*, *Bay Dreamer*, *Hi-Jinx*, *Encore*, *Heart of the Sun*, *'bout Time*, *Emma Caroline II*, *The Sandra Louise*. This was the second year OYC has used the Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kickoff as the first stop of our long Bay cruise while other OYC boats were just there for the weekend. We were happy to see many of our newest OYC members joining us.

This year's theme was "The Tail of the Osprey." As boaters arrived on the island on Friday, Karen and Marshall Bartholow aboard *Southern Comfort* directed us to our assigned slips and provided orientation packages. We were also given a lovely tote bag filled with useful items needed for the scavenger hunt and also included several handmade beads to start our necklaces. Unfortunately, OYC boats were scattered over three marinas and it was quite a hike to walk from Pirates Den Marina over to Bob's Marina, and across the bridge to Shymansky's was an even longer walk. With the long distances between the OYC boats, it would have made it difficult to have our usual happy hours and brunch gatherings, as we normally do on our OYC cruises, but there were plenty of scheduled activities that took place instead.

At the Friday night Captains Hour at the Scuttlebutt lounge, CIYC Commodore Don Thayer welcomed all clubs and guests to Cobb Island. Everyone who attended received a bead, and those that wore their yacht club tee shirts also received a bead. The necklaces by now had quite a few beads on them and the scavenger hunt had yet to start! Dinner was on your own, so many of us walked across the bridge to Shymansky's and had a seafood dinner.

There was a contest for the Best Dressed Patriotic boat on Saturday; participants earned a bead, and everyone submitted a ballot for their favorite decorated boat. Since boats had to be decorated by 11 am, we had to have our boats decorated prior to departing for the Scavenger Hunt. Also that morning was a kayak adventure in which local naturalist Mike Callahan (aka Birdman) educated the participants on osprey lives, migration and feeding habits, and other fascinating facts.

At 8:30 there was a scavenger hunt briefing at the local coffee shop. Participants were provided a guide that described the beads and where to find them, a map, and information on designated times to be at a certain location in order to get some of the beads. The Beadmaker was there and she gave out some beads, and there were other opportunities to collect beads from a bucket of beads that were leftover from last year's event, as well as a flamingo bead for purchasing

something from the Coffee shop and a goat bead for listening to Ralph Mason tell his goat story.



Several of us decided to band together, including members Donna Carr, Susan Willetts, and Jill Stanley. We had a lot of fun wandering around and gathering beads and were fortunate to catch a ride with some guys driving an ATV with a few chairs loaded in the back (left). They

owned a house at the other end of the island that was one of designated bead stops, and we got a seahorse bead and they took us to the Osprey Banding at Birdman's house. We arrived way too early and the Birdman adamantly refused to give out the bead until after the presentation. So our chauffeurs gave us a ride back to Scuttlebutt's so we could buy a beverage (to get a bead) and a snack, and then we had to find another way back across the island to the Osprey Banding.

Jill Stanley stuck her thumb out as a car approached us, and to our very good fortune the vehicle stopped. The driver turned out to be Vince Ciccone, 77, who owns several homes on the island, one of which is a very old historical home that was featured at last year's event. Mr. Ciccone, aka The Pope, was very happy to give us a ride and told us we were fulfilling a dream of his. His car wasn't very large but we were able to cram all of us into it. He took us to the Birdman's house and told us to come back for a tour of his 1899 house later with Harry Croft and The Pope's wife Betty.

After more bead collecting from Birdman and at the Moonshine White Lightening Still Stop, the necklaces were getting pretty long and we decided we had gotten all that we needed and were ready to go back to the boat to relax for a bit before the Pig Roast. The Pig Roast was at the Scuttlebutt Lounge and, while dining on pulled pork and other tasty accompaniments, they announced the winner of the Best Dressed Boat and the Scavenger Hunt.

Sunday morning was rainy, and we opted to get an early start over to White Point Marina where we planned to leave *Copy Cat* for some maintenance. This was also where the South Bay-Dismal Swamp Cruisers were assembling, led by Harry and Pat Croft. Monday it rained very hard well into the morning, which delayed South Bay cruisers from their departure. You'll hear more about that in next month's *Daymarker*.

Donna Lensis, *Copy Cat*

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July 17-26
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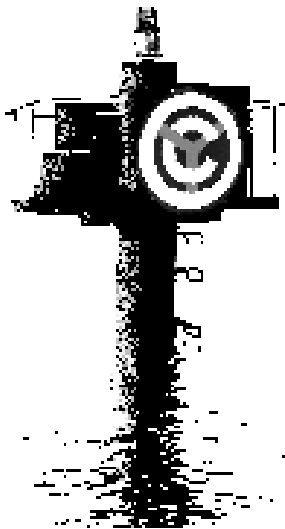
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August 5-7
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Inside this edition...

As you relax over the long Fourth of July weekend, revel in the trip reports from June cruises to Colonial Beach and Cobb Island.

This month's safety tip – watch your wake, whether or not you're in a no-wake zone.

Overloaded with boat stuff in all those cabinets and compartments? Clean it out and sell it (or give it away) in our Nautical Bulletin Board.



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