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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**Tom Lensis**

### Our Trip to the Bahamas: Part 1

#### Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup>

With our boat already in Stuart, Florida, Donna and I arrived via car in time to have lunch at the marina restaurant Wahoo's. Our guests for the trip, IPC Pat Croft and FYC Commodore Harry Croft flew down to join us on Sunday. Monday was spent shopping for provisions for the trip and launching and securing the dinghy on the swim platform. Finally we were ready for the adventure to begin.

#### Bon Voyage!

Tuesday morning brought great weather to make the crossing of the Gulf Stream. It was in the low 70s and the wind was forecast at 10 to 12 knots from the southwest. The waves in the Gulf Stream were predicted to be two to three feet. We needed to cross the Atlantic at about 220 degrees to the southeast so we would have quartering seas. We left Stuart at about 9 am for our short trip down to the St. Lucie inlet. We left at high tide so we could be sure there was plenty of water to go through the inlet. However, we found the inlet to be very shallow at high tide. There was only two feet of water under the boat as we progressed through the narrow channel, making us glad we went through during high tide.

At about 10:50 am, we hit the Gulf Stream. I watched the water temperature go from 77 to 85 degrees. The seas started out with two- to three-foot rolling waves, but when we

were about 10 miles off shore of Grand Bahama Island, they picked up to about four to five feet and we had the island in sight. We made it through the narrow inlet and were tied up at our slip in Old Bahama Bay Marina by 1:40 pm. The wind had really picked up so we were glad that we started early.

#### Welcome to the Bahamas

Next it was off to Customs to get checked in. I was greeted by pleasant, friendly staff who welcomed us to the Bahamas. The process was painless, except for the \$320 (cash only) for our cruising permit, but it also included a fishing license. Once I got checked in, Harry replaced our yellow quarantine flag with the Bahamian courtesy flag which signified we had cleared customs.



We spent the rest of the day checking out the resort. Temperatures were in the mid-70s. They have a very nice marina and resort with everything you need: free wireless internet, swimming pool, beautiful beach with a beachfront restaurant and snack bar, gift shop, and a marina restaurant called Bonefish Folley's where we had dinner. The weather was pleasant so we

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dined outside on the deck overlooking the marina. At dinner we struck up a conversation with two guys at the next table who told us they just got in from Florida; the last part of their trip, the waves in the ocean were five to six feet and they had a rough ride in their 34-foot sailboat. We had really great timing because we hit the crossing perfect, with the winds picking up after our arrival. We hit the only favorable day to cross the Gulf Stream for another week or so.

### Grand Bahama Island

Wednesday morning the winds were up to 17 knots so we decided to spend the day at the West End and set out for the 85-nautical mile trip for Spanish Cay on Thursday. Pat and Donna lounged on the beach while Harry and I went snorkeling in the crystal-clear turquoise water. The water temperature was a little chilly at about 76 degrees, but once we got over the initial shock, it was fine. While snorkeling Harry was hunting for anything he could find on the bottom. He reminded me of a little kid having to pick up everything. But he didn't get out of the water empty handed; he found a large live conch. Proud of his catch he brought it back to the boat and cooked it for an appetizer for cocktail hour. It was delicious, great job Harry! We grilled burgers on the back of the boat for dinner while Pat and Donna prepared a salad and fries.



### On to Spanish Cay

On Thursday morning at 8 am the weather was great, 75 degrees with a 12- to 15-knot south wind so we were off to Spanish

Cay. We refueled and topped off the water because our next few destinations charged from 15- to 50-cents/gallon for water. and fuel was \$4.20/gallon at the West End and \$4.61 at Marsh Harbour. I now know they charge you an extra five percent for fuel at most marinas for using a credit card.

We started out of the marina and headed north for about a mile to find the small pass in the shallow water north of the Grand Bahama coast. North of Grand Bahama Island, the entire length (65 miles) is very shallow, with some parts only three feet. There is a narrow passage east between Indian Cay Rock and Wood Cay. Our charts and GPS had the course marked through the very shallow first six miles or so. We went through at about eight knots and seemed to always have about three to four feet of water under the boat. After clearing the very shallow area we picked up the speed to about 21 knots and traveled east just north of Grand Bahama Island. The water was crystal clear in this average eight-foot-deep water, and we could see starfish on the ocean floor from the bridge as we cruised. The water was pretty flat and gave us a comfortable ride the entire way.

When we arrived at Spanish Cay at 1:30 pm, we were the only guests in the marina; by nightfall we were joined by just one other boat. The two-mile-long island has a beautiful, solitary setting with a 5,000-foot airstrip on the north end and a population of about 95 people. The managers of the marina were a friendly husband-and-wife team, and they opened the restaurant for dinner for us. The waitress was also the cook, and she prepared outstanding, fresh grouper with a special white sauce. She also makes fresh bread and a Key Lime cheesecake that is to die for.

### On to Marsh Harbour

On Friday morning the winds were blowing from the southeast at about 15 knots. Now that we were in the Sea of Abaco, we were pretty well protected. The only part of our trip where we were exposed to the Atlantic Ocean is what is referred to as Whale Cay Pass, which takes you outside the Sea of Abaco into the North Atlantic for about five miles around a very shallow reef. There are a string of reefs and islands - about five miles wide in the middle - north of the Sea of Abaco and Great Abaco Island to the south that keeps the water fairly well protected. For our journey from Spanish Cay to Marsh Harbour, about 45 miles to the southeast, we experienced one- to two-foot waves in the Sea of Abaco and three- to four-foot seas in the North Atlantic while making the Whale Cay Pass. We arrived at Marsh Harbour at about 2 pm with the sky darkening.

The marina, Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour, was beautiful, but again not very many transient boats at this time of year. A local young man offered to wash my boat and I agreed, not realizing that he was going to use the dock water and ran up my slip fees charging 15 cents per gallon. By the time he got the boat all soaped up it started to rain or actually downpour. The rain continued for the rest of the afternoon and continued through the evening. We did manage to brave the elements and make it to the marina restaurant for dinner. The restaurant had a piano player who also sang melodies, and we danced.

Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day. We decided to spend the day there and leave for Hope Town on Elbow Cay on Sunday.



Harry and I walked into town, found a dive shop, and made arrangements to have them take us out to a reef on Sunday morning for snorkeling and diving. Harry and I took the dinghy out for an afternoon of fishing, and the girls spent the day lounging at the pool. I could tell a fish story but the truth is we went out about five miles in the

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Sea of Abaco where the water is only 5 to 15 feet deep. I had a significant fish on the hook, but the line wasn't heavy enough and he snapped it. By late afternoon the winds picked up and we experienced three-foot waves on the way back to the marina. Needless to say, we got soaked on the ride back. We enjoyed another evening in the restaurant, with Chloe our waitress for the 2nd night and the piano man playing and singing tunes.

### **On to Hope Town and Elbow Cay**

On Sunday morning we met the dive shop owner at the marina entrance only for him to cancel our dive and snorkel trip because of high seas at the reef. He said the waves were over six feet and we wouldn't enjoy the day in those conditions. So sadly we returned to the boat and decided to leave for the short five-mile trip across the Sea of Abaco to Hope Town on Elbow Cay.



At Hope Town in Elbow Cay this would be our furthest point on our trip, about 180 miles east of Florida. We arrived in the beautiful, snug little harbor of Hope Town and caught a mooring ball for the evening. The little picturesque harbor had four marinas, a hundred or so mooring balls and the Elbow Reef Lighthouse. The Lighthouse was built in 1864 and towers 120 feet above sea level. It still uses a kerosene lamp that can be seen for 17 mile. There were over 30 occupied boats on mooring balls, more than we saw at any of the marinas we visited thus far.

We launched the dinghy and Harry, Donna, and I took it over to the waterfront grocery store only to find it closed on Sunday. It seemed the entire town is closed on Sunday. So Donna and I took the dinghy out to explore and docked at the Light House Marina and found the Lighthouse was open for visitors. We climbed the 101 steps to the top of the Lighthouse. The views from the top were magnificent. To the north we could see the next island, Man-O-War Cay; to the east we overlooked Hope Town Harbor, our boat Copy Cat on the mooring ball and the Atlantic Ocean beyond Elbow Cay; to the west we could see the Sea of Abaco and Great Abaco Island; and to the south we could see Tilloo Cay and the

Atlantic Ocean. We took a number of great photos from the top. We went back to the dinghy and took a leisurely ride exploring the entire harbor.

Once back on Copy Cat, Pat and Harry decided to take the dinghy out to explore as well. They also visited and climbed to the top of the Lighthouse. With the town closed up, we had no choice but to have happy hour and dinner on the boat. During happy hour we were visited by a large turtle swimming just a few yards behind the boat. Harry jumped in the water off the back of the boat for a quick swim, but the water temp was 73 degrees and he didn't stay in for long. For dinner we grilled steaks on the back of the boat and watched parts of the football game with the Packers beating the Bears.

On Monday morning Harry and Donna went to the grocery store to restock Copy Cat via the dinghy. The waterfront store was pretty well stocked, and they got everything we needed. Harry and I went back out on the dinghy to the liquor store to restock the essentials - beer, cigars, and some local rum called "Fire in the Hole."

### **On to Great Guana Cay**

Now it was time to start working our way back. Along the way, our next destination was Orchid Bay Marina on Great Guana Cay. The trip is about 16 miles through the Sea of Abaco. We arrived at about 12:20 pm and found another beautiful place. We ate lunch on the boat and Harry rented a golf cart for us to explore the island. We drove around the island and found a dive shop, but no one was home.



We also stumbled across Nippers, a restaurant and bar on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and beach. The place was very colorful; all the pickets surrounding the pool and bar were painted in various Caribbean colors. There was a pool, gift shop, bar, and restaurant. Again, not many people around. They were famous for their signature cocktail, aptly named "Nippers," which is a concoction made with four different rums, orange juice, pineapple juice, and grenadine. You can get them frozen or on the rocks. We had to try the Nippers cocktail in



both forms to make sure we didn't miss anything. We went back to the marina to clean up and check e-mails. The marina has Internet access, but

you have to go to the marina office or sit on the porch outside in order to reach the signal. We went back to Nippers for dinner and had a fantastic meal, Harry, Donna, and I had local lobster tails while Pat had fish and chips.

In the next issue, Green Turtle Cay and the trip home....

Tom Lensis, *Copy Cat*



**Vice Commodore**

**Tom Plewes**

## View from the Other Side of the Table

This year marks the first time that First Mate and I have sat on the other side of the table, as it were, when it came to planning an itinerary for the year's cruising season. In the first year of our membership, we heard from friends about the great fun and adventure on OYC cruises and signed up to become members when the season was well underway. Although we signed up at the last minute, we were lucky to be able to participate in the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Float-in at Port Kinsale.

Last year, we had our act together a bit more and attended the OYC Planfest in February, signed up for several cruises, and volunteered to organize the Float-in – an interesting activity since, as we found out, the registrations and the MONEY had to be paid by April to ensure a place in this popular July activity. Still, we almost didn't get a slip at National Harbor for the 4th of July because we had waited so long to sign up, and only were able to get one at the last minute because Pat Croft pulled every stop to get us on the approved list.

This year we are sitting behind the table when it comes to planning for the 2011 activities of OYC. When this article comes out, the 2011 Planfest will have been entered into the history books, and coordinating of the many activities in which members expressed an interest will be ongoing in earnest. The experience has given us

a new perspective on our membership and on what it takes to pull off a successful cruising schedule. With benefit of the same level of hindsight that a marathoner has when rounding the first corner in the race, I want to share some observations.

First, you have to be aggressive to nail down the best opportunities. One example is the ritual of booking docking space on weekends at National Harbor, which has become the new destination of choice on the Potomac. The marina has become so popular that the management sets aside only 8 slips at any one time for advanced-reservation transient accommodations. The reservation list is opened up on the first Monday in January for the coming year. A call to the dockmaster's office when the office opened at 9 a.m. resulted in the ability to nail down all 8 transient slips for 3 of our projected events, and just 4 for the big July 4 weekend (I never have been able to figure out how another club was able to take 4 slips before our call).

The same story is true for the Alexandria City Docks, which begin to take transient reservations in the second week of April. The lesson learned is that it helps to have a speed dial on your phone.

The second observation is that OYC is blessed with members who have been there and done that and know the "foibles and how-to" of every marina, gunkhole, and land-based activity that an adventuresome cruiser could contemplate. It is always good to read the guides and magazines, but if you want the real low-down, you have only to ask your fellow OYC members.

The third observation is that things don't just happen. Each cruise and land-based activity takes the attention of a coordinator to ensure that fellow members are signed up (and that payment is made when necessary for advance-pay activities). It is not a lot of work, but it is important work, and when done well, guarantees a great experience for all concerned. We still have, as some say, a couple of opportunities for willing members to excel, i.e. to take on the responsibility for organizing one of the activities. When you get the call, I hope you will step forward again this year.

**A sign-up sheet is included on page 7.** Sign up for anything you may have an interest in and send it to me. Completing the OYC sign up sheet does not commit you to participate in the cruise or land event, but it lets the cruise coordinator know that you have an interest in a specific event(s), and we can keep you informed when putting the plans for the events together.

Here's a toast to what looks like another spectacular year for OYC!

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*

**Annual Photo Contest at March Membership Meeting  
Fairfax Yacht Club  
Saturday, March 19, 2-5 pm**

Bring your pictures for the contest to the clubhouse to be registered and posted on the display boards. Pictures can be any size and should have a caption on the back denoting who, what, where, when, etc. Members will vote for their favorite photo in each category. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place photos in each category, and the winning photos will be published in the *Daymarker*. The overall theme should be nautical, and the photographer must be an OYC member. The photo must have been taken during the past year and never entered in previous OYC Photo Contests. All photos will be kept by the OYC Historian, Nabil Dubraque, to add to our archives, so be sure to have your own copy.

- **People:** On boats, on docks, in the water, on an OYC cruise, on an OYC outing, on an OYC land event, etc., etc., etc.
- **Places:** Landscapes, waterscapes, sunrises, sunsets, marinas, towns visited on a cruise, etc., etc., etc.
- **Pets:** Dogs, cats, animals of any variety, your pet on a boat, your friend's pet on a boat, waterfowl, etc. etc., etc.
- **Phantasy:** Pictures that you have electronically enhanced, modified, or created, using whatever digital means at your disposal – just be sure to keep in mind the nautical (not naughty!) theme.
- **Just Boats:** This category gives you a chance to show off that great boat of yours, or a boat that strikes your fancy.

**The Datemarkers**

**March Birthdays**

Catherine Harris	3/1
Janice Morgan	3/1
Lucy Dubraque	3/4
Ralph Mason	3/4
John Cunney	3/12
John Corley	3/13
Allen Jorsey	3/15
Bill Francis	3/20
Theodore Zsirai	3/20
Duane Jeirles	3/24
Greg Lee	3/26
Lynanne Jorsey	3/30
Betsey Nalevanko	3/30

**March Anniversaries**

Brian & Kathie McCormally	3/13
Kevin & Pamela Bell	3/16
Eric & Carol Belcher	3/22
Mike & Karen Crouch	3/23
Jim & Judy Dooley	3/24

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Occoquan Yacht Club

**When:**

Saturday, April 9 (8:30 am-1 pm)  
Sunday, April 10 (9 am-1 pm)

**Where:** Fairfax Yacht Club

**Fee:** \$35, includes textbook, materials, certificate and wallet card

**Register:**

Harry Croft, Commodore, FYC,  
703-451-9147  
Pat Croft, Event Coordinator,  
OYC, 703-451-9147

The Commonwealth of Virginia will **require certification of completion of a boating safety class** for all operators of Personal Water Craft by July 1, 2012, and all powerboat operators by July 1, 2016, with the following phase-in schedule based on age:

**PWC Operators**

- By July 1, 2011, 50 or younger
- By July 1, 2012, any age

**Powerboat Operators**

- By July 1, 2011, 20 or younger
- By July 1, 2012, 30 or younger
- By July 1, 2013, 40 or younger
- By July 1, 2014, 45 or younger
- By July 1, 2015, 50 or younger
- By July 1, 2016, any age

*However, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia can accelerate this schedule at any time, so don't*



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**Rear Commodore**

**John Heinze**



**Secretary**

**Jill Stanley**

## Highlights of Upcoming Events

For any of you that may have missed the Planfest on February 19, you'll have another opportunity to review the options and express your interest in the variety of cruises and land-based events offered by OYC at the **General Membership Meeting and Photo Contest (see p. 5)**, Saturday, March 19, 2-5 pm, at Fairfax Yacht Club, provides. Please note that in some cases there are very tight deadlines for some of these cruises and you may be asked to make a deposit to hold a space for the cruise. While Tom Plewes should be consulted for the full schedule of events, I wanted to highlight the events in which Rebecca and I will be involved.

The first is the **Boating Safety Course at Fairfax Yacht Club** on Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10, from 9 am to 1 pm (see p. 5). Rebecca and I first took this course when we acquired *Great Escape*, and since that was ten years ago, it seems like a good time to take a refresher course. And if a Boating Safety Course will keep me from a repeat of the Bent Prop Award, so much the better. Even if you are an experienced boater, wouldn't you benefit with a refresher course?

The **Fajita Fest** is our Mexican-themed social event on Saturday June 11, 2-5 pm, at Occoquan Harbour Marina, featuring fajitas and all the fixings. This event was held for the first time last year, and based on the high attendance and positive feedback, it was a great success. Olé to 2011's Fajita Fest!

The third event is one of our favorite cruises – and not just because we have the great pleasure of being the cruise coordinators – but also because of the destination. Yes, once again we are off to the beautiful Corinthian Yacht Club for a **Labor Day Cruise**, September 2-5. Last year's cruise featured cookouts and an all-you-can eat crab feast and potluck luncheon. This year's cruise should be just as fun-filled.

The final event I would like to highlight is the **Shrimp Fest**, scheduled for Saturday, October 1, from 2-5 pm at Hoffmaster's Marina. Last year was the revival of this OYC Fall traditional event, and we had great participation, great food, and great fun.

I hope you find lots of events that suit your interests and abilities (**sign-up sheet on p. 7**). You may even want to consider some cruises that seem a bit challenging.

Looking forward to more fun,  
John Heinze, *Great Escape*

## Fighting the Winter Blues

Having just come home from the OYC pre-Planfest meeting at Tom Plewes' house, I was excited to tell Capt. Steve all the ideas of the neat trips we're planning for the upcoming boating season. Just how to keep myself busy till the boating season starts, that is the question? Here we are in March with some winter weather still to come. I asked myself, what to do, what to do, 'til the boating season begins? To keep my mind off the boat and water, I have planned some outings for Steve and myself, one of which is a cruise by car to the wine country of Virginia, that should hopefully take our mind off of boating for awhile.

There are several wineries I am looking into, two of which I have already experienced and look forward to revisiting: Barrel Oaks and Chateau O'Brien's. I'd also like to check out Aspen Dale Winery at the Barn and Delaplaine Cellars. These two wineries are in Delaplaine, as is Barrel Oaks. None are far from each other, so travel time is not an issue. All have something going on every weekend in March. After tasting some good wines (I hope), maybe a nice dinner in nearby Middleburg would be in order. The Red Fox Inn is a nice place to stop on the way home.

There is always the National Capital Boat show to take an afternoon and entice oneself with the dream of a new boat!! The show runs March 11-13 at the Dulles Expo Center. That same weekend at the Washington Convention Center is the Adventure Travel Expo; this might be a good opportunity to plan for an adventure for next winter to take care of those winter blues. Also the museums in town may help occupy your mind from thinking of summer and the boat - or do the opposite and make you wish you were definitely on the boat!!!!

The Philips Museum is celebrating its 90th anniversary, and The Corcoran has opened an exhibit of Turner to Cezanne with 50 works never seen in the U.S.. I am an impressionist lover so this is one I don't want to miss.. Then again this always makes for a good excuse to have lunch or dinner in town. Hopefully these excursions will carry me through March.

With the arrival of April 1st we go on our first cruise of the season. Our boat is taken out of dry dock at Hope Springs Marina located in Aquia Creek. We will travel up the Potomac to our slip at FYC. It can be a cold and rough trip, but at that point, who cares! For Steve and I the boating season has officially begun...hallelujah!!!!!!

Jill Stanley, *'bout Time*

# 2011 OYC Sign-up Sheet

Month	Days	Event/Location	Contact	Telephone
<b>MARCH</b>	17 (Thu), 5:30 PM	St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour at Madigans	Joe Livingston	540-373-9203
	19 (Sat), 2 - 5 PM	General Membership Mtg/photo contest at FYC	OYC Board, Tom Lensis	703-794-9589
<b>APRIL</b>	9-10 (Sat-Sun) 9-1:00	FYC & OYC Boating Safety Course at FYC	Pat Croft	703-451-9147
	9 (Sat)	River Clean-up Day	Pat Croft	703-451-9147
	15-17 (Fri-Sun)	Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor	Laslo & Linda Bozoky	703-590-8440
<b>MAY</b>	7 (Sat)	OYC Flag Raising at OHM	OYC Board, Tom Lensis	703-794-9589
	14 (Sat)	ORMA Blessing of the Fleet in Occoquan River	OYC Board, Joe Livingston	540-373-9203
	27-30 (Fri-Mon)	Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach	Rick & Teresa Sorrenti	703-494-3302
<b>JUNE</b>	11 (Sat), 2 - 5 PM	Margarita/ Fajita Fest @ OHM	John Heinze	703-888-3837
	17-19 (Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Summer Kickoff/Cobb Island Day	Pat Croft	703-451-9147
	6/19-7/2	Lower Bay/Dismal Swamp	Harry Croft	703-451-9147
	6/25 (Sat)	Tim's I Fireworks/Raft-up	Bud & Heidi Bishop	703-455-9776
<b>JULY</b>	3-5 (Sun-Tue)	Fireworks at National Harbor/ only 4 slips	Steven Quentmeyer	703-447-0889
	4-5 (Mon-Tue)	Fireworks in DC/Wash. Channel/ Wash. Marina	Jim Dooley	703-850-2888
	9-14 (Sat-Thrus)	Lower Bay/Cape Charles	Joe & Gail Livingston	540-373-9203
	15-17 (Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Float-in/Coles Point	Tom & Liz Plewes	703-978-3546
	17-26	Atlantic City Cruise	Mike Crouch	703-906-8822
<b>AUGUST</b>	5-7(Fri-Sun)	PRYCA Aquia Harbor Dog Days of August	Carl & Patricia Maxwell	703-680-0090
	19-21 (Fri-Sun)	Old Town Alexandria Excursion	To Be Announced	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	2-5 (Fri-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise (Crisfield)	Larry & Barbara Freedman	703-839-1826
	2-5 (Fri-Mon)	Labor Day Cruise (Corinthian)	John & Rebecca Heinze	703-888-3837
	11 (Sun)	Wounded Warriors @ Prince William?	FYI	
	17-19 (Sat-Sun)	Washington Nationals Game James River Marina	Mike Crouch	703-906-8822
	23-25 (Fri-Sun)	Octoberfest at National Harbor	Don & Anne Bennett	540-752-4250
<b>OCTOBER</b>	1 (Sat)	Shrimp Fest at Hoffmasters	OYC Board, John Heinze	703-888-3837
	7-9 (Fri-Mon)	PRYCA End of Summer Cruise to Colonial Beach	Rick & Teresa Sorrenti	540-494-3302
	22 (Sat), 2-5pm	Election mtg/Octoberfest at FYC. Chili cookoff	OYC Board, Tom Lensis	703-794-9589
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	11-13	Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor	Ned & Arleen Rhodes	703-741-0861
	6-20	ICW South to Florida	Tom & Donna Lensis	703-794-9589
	26 (Sat), 10 AM	Santa Cruise from OHM to Occoquan	Walt Cheatham	703-243-2430
<b>DECEMBER</b>	2-4 (Fri-Sun)	Alexandria Parade of Lights	FYI	
	10 (Sat), 6 - 11 pm	OYC Holiday/Change of Watch Party	OYC Board, Tom Plewes	703-978-3546

Name	Vessel Name	Overall Length	Beam	Power Needs
E-mail Address	Phone number	Cruise Coordinator Y/N What Cruise?		
Suggested Cruise Destination	Date	Suggested Land Event	Date	

Indicate all trips of interest to you. Send completed form to Tom Plewes, Tplewes@aol.com, or 4510 Banff St., Annandale, VA 22003

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April 15-17

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May 7

ORMA Blessing of the Fleet  
Occoquan River  
May 14

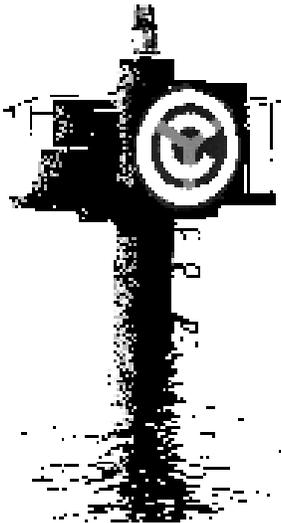
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**Copy Cat cruises the Bahamas,  
sampling Fire in the Hole and Nippers.**

**Don't miss the March Membership  
Meeting – and bring your best photos!**

**Have you taken a boating safety  
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