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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Tom Plewes

### OYC Salvages Concordia; Moves Ship to Occoquan to Serve as Yacht Club Facility

The Occoquan Yacht Club is a virtual yacht club no more! Owing to the tremendous initiative on the part of the current Board of Directors, the Yacht Club has salvaged the cruise ship, Concordia, steamed it across the Atlantic, berthed it at its new berth in the picturesque town of Occoquan, and turned it into a floating yacht club.



OYC Board Members Prepare to Raise and Fix the Concordia with Duct Tape for its Voyage to the Occoquan

The idea came to the Yacht Club Board at its January 2012 meeting. One board member who had just read the salvage laws discovered that anyone could lay claim to the ship that lay sunken in Italian waters. The idea came after the Club found out that

it was no longer welcome to hold its board meetings at another local yacht club.

Not having much money in the treasury, the Board as a group stowed away on a cruise liner which was travelling from Baltimore to Italy on a repositioning cruise. Pretending to be part of the show, the board members joined the high stepping chorus line and took turns selling drinks to the show patrons. Unaccustomed to real work, the board members were overjoyed to see the Coliseum when they finally arrived in Rome.

As soon as arriving in Italy, the Board found their way to the nearest Toys R Us where they purchased a bunch of helium balloons. Hooking the balloons to the Concordia, they were able to right the ship enough to patch up the hole in the side with duct tape (being expert on fixing anything on the water with duct tape and a few choice words).

The lack of a captain to steer the ship back to Occoquan was quickly solved when the Board engaged Captain Francesco Schettino who didn't have much to do while waiting for his trial to come up. It turned out that he knew the ship pretty well, but had to be dissuaded several times from making close approaches to Gibraltar, the Statue of Liberty, and the Naval Shipyards at Norfolk on the way to Occoquan.

The most difficult part of navigating the Concordia was the run from Belmont Bay to the docks at Occoquan. The Board decided to form a committee to serve as the pilot for this part of the voyage. All of the committee members had a lot of experience in finding the shoals in the Occoquan. The committee agreed that the best course was to stay in the middle of the river.

It was a grand day as the Concordia entered Belmont Bay and made its way up the Occoquan. School children lined the shores waving US and Italian flags as the OYC committee piloted the ship up the narrow channel and passed under the Route 1 and I95 bridges with inches to spare.



Concordia at its New Berth in Historic Occoquan

With great fanfare, Mayor LaPorta and the whole town of Occoquan welcomed the new addition to the town's historic riverfront. In a moment of great exuberance, several OYC members broke their wine bottles on the newly duct-taped hull, causing a rush to repair the gapping hole before the ship would go down again in the six-foot waters.

The OYC Board is now holding its monthly meetings at its new location and invites all to visit, only asking that in time-honored club tradition, visitors bring a covered dish to share.

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*



## VICE COMMODORE

Jim Dooley

## GREAT LOOP CRUISE!



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OYC is excited to announce the First Annual **GREAT LOOP CRUISE!** It had long been rumored that some of our long-time members were moving to Wilmington, NC; but **THAT IS NOT THE CASE!** These seasoned "Commodores" have been secretly planning the trip of a lifetime, and now are ready to

share it with you! Code name "Commodores Cruise", the group has spent years getting in shape...



Rick & Teresa Sorrenti are leading the trip with SEA DUCK TOO; Ned & Arleen Rhodes, IMPLUSE; Steve & Sue Thompson, FOREVER DREAMIN'; and Tom & Donna Lensis, COPYCAT, have also joined it. It is rumored that Joe & Gail Livingston, GAIL LYNN II, may also be joining the trip, since they have not been seen in this area for weeks! Each additional boater participating in the Commodores' Cruise will get a personalized T-Shirt monogrammed with their name and "**I Am A Looper**" printed on the back. As Ned Rhodes noted to Jim Dooley, "Don't let the size of your boat limit the size of your dream, and you won't need to rent my slip for a whole year!"

For those not familiar with the Great Loop, Rick Sorrenti explained it as a continuous waterway that encompasses the eastern portion of North America – including the Atlantic and Gulf Intracoastal Waterways, the Great Lakes, the Canadian Heritage Canals, and the inland rivers of America's heartland. It offers over 6,000 miles of safe, scenic sights, and a great place to shoot my cannon. It is close to land, hospitals, restaurants, and a different bar in every port where they have never seen me before! In addition, you will have cell-phone service over the entire voyage to insure you are going in the right direction.

Rick, who left on Thursday, March 22, said "We begin by heading down the Potomac like we are going to Carolina Beach, but once in the Chesapeake Bay, we make a left (counter clockwise) turn up the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to Delaware Bay to Cape May and Atlantic City. The following week, open Atlantic Ocean to New York Harbor. Once in NY and after finishing off some old bottles of wine from Ingleside, we 'Loopers' will continue up the coast, up the St Lawrence River to Lake Ontario. We have chosen to take the Hudson River to Waterford and then take the Erie Canal to Lake Ontario. From there we go counter clockwise to Canada's Rideau Canal, built in 1832 (the year I was born), from Ottawa to Kingston, then the Trent Canal from Trenton, Ontario, to Port Severn on Georgian Bay. Lake Michigan is next. From here it is all down hill, the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, down the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers, then down the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to Mobile. We will then join to the Intracoastal Waterway going east, to Carrabelle, Florida. Since ICW now extends to Fort Myers, we can cruise the Okeechobee Waterway to Stuart. While most of us will be heading counter clockwise to Charleston, for those who may never want to return, Tom Lensis will head south to the Bermuda Triangle."

When asked why he wanted to do this trip, Ned Rhodes commented, "Seeing America by boat is like no other travel experience, and my boat is the fastest. For any American who

has ever been on a real cruise, this has to be the single most life enriching "American experience" on the planet! Furthermore, you never have to make a single U-turn. And my boat is the fastest!"

For Tom Lensis, the trip is "like living the life as portrayed in Mark Twain's 'Life on the Mississippi'. You watch these grand ole paddle-wheelers making their leisurely way across the water as you head south into the land of magnificent mansions (like the one I own) that survived the Civil War (and infamous Lensis' OYC pool parties) to Catfish Camps and drinking establishment. America's Great Loop is not only a wonderful boating experience 'The Cup!', it is the boating Mecca of America. 'The Cup!' It is a voyage in the past lane. Whether you have money to burn (like me) or need more money to earn, this is a dream that is realistically attainable. 'The Cup!' While many 'Loopers' sell everything, retire and live in their boats to make the journey, I just sold some copiers and bought a boat. 'The Cup!' In the end . . . It is not the dream boat, but the dream voyage, that will give you your most cherished memories. 'The Cup!'"

As for Sue Thompson, the Loop is her childhood dream come true. Sue explains, "You will not only meet the most extraordinary, friendly, good-hearted and enjoyable people, like me; you can also see everything there is to see during daylight; spend every night in a different restaurant, and have cell-phone and Internet service in case Publishers Clearing House calls. No, not everyone is cut out to make a long ocean passage, so the Great Loop is right for us. Steve and I look at this as our second honeymoon. The Great Loop is not anything like staying at the Holliday Inn; but for an American like me, it is a much more meaningful and wonderfully enriching experience."

Gail Livingston was quoted as saying: "It takes a special kind of person to board a vessel and sail off into the sunset, chasing horizons far away from loved ones (thank goodness) and familiar places. The Loop itself offers almost 6,000 miles of watching the Shopping Channel on Direct TV. Maybe the greatest aspect of cruising the Great Loop is the fact that I can sit back and relax, as Joe does all the driving. In addition to the hundreds of flea markets, I am looking forward to buying a T-shirt in every port."

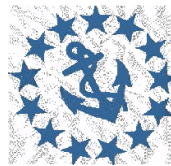
For Joe Livingston, "Certainly, this is a safer alternative to seeing America in an RV. On the Great Loop, you are away from big city traffic jams, noise and smog. Instead of cruising down the highway 75 miles an hour, you're relaxing on your boat with 75 drinks an hour. Yes, you can boat from Mattawoman to Memphis and to Mexico, and keep a tight rope on Gail's spending, while figuring out a way to win the Commodores' Cup in 2014.

A rough cost estimate is... Miles, 6,060.57; Engine hours, 910.8 (for the engine that runs the full time); Locks transited, 114 (unless Rick forgets 'counter clockwise'); Time to "Loop," 245 days (unless you follow Tom Lensis, who may never return) COST: Dockage=\$5100.35; Fuel=\$5800.22; Groceries=\$3300.43; Dining out=\$3347.66; Insurance=\$900.32; Booze=\$1200 per 6 months; and taking the dog, add \$960. Total Cost = \$20,608.98

So OYC Club Members, get your reservations in NOW! Time is running out!

Tom Dooley, OYC Vices Commodore

**Membership:** The Membership Chairman has signed up over 200 new members in Wichita, Kansas, during his vacation there last week. While many are over 70 years old and some suffer various ailments that will require handicap access, all are interested in finding boats to ride during the coming season. If you have the ability to purchase a wheelchair ramp for your boat and have extra food/seating for two or three members this year, please contact Bud Weiser at bud9515@yahoo.com.



## REAR COMMODORE

John Heinze

## New Product Offerings of Special Interest to Boaters

As a highly trained professional whose "day job" is to critically assess the scientific accuracy of health and environmental claims, I am pleased when I can bring that expertise to bear for the benefit of OYC. Recently I became aware of two new products of such special interest to boaters that I just had to give them a full scientific evaluation:

### New "Miracle" Boat Wax Guaranteed to Increase the Size of Your Boat

Product claim: "Green Product."

Findings: True – Product package is green.

Product claim: "Made with natural, organic ingredients."

Ingredients: "water, bees' wax and other natural waxes, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, and other select ingredients."

Findings: True – Water, bees' wax and other natural waxes are natural; all of the ingredients but water are organic; bees wax and other natural waxes are natural, organic ingredients.

Product claim: "nontoxic." Use directions: "Wear heavy Neoprene® gloves and full respirator mask when applying wax. Should you experience symptoms of dizziness or blurred vision, immediately call 911, contact next of kin and update living will and organ donor instructions."

Findings: True – nontoxic as long as you absolutely avoid contact with the product.

Product claim: "safe for the environment." Disposal directions: "Find the most isolated place you can, bury the unused product in the dead of night when no one is looking and never return to that place."

Findings: Could be iffy on this one.

Product Claim: "Guaranteed to increase the size of your boat."

Relevant information: "Application directions: Apply by hand only. Due to the dangerously explosive nature of the highly volatile fumes of this product, no mechanical buffers can be used. Works best after multiple applications."

Findings: The product label cites numerous testimonials by satisfied users of the product who swear that after hand waxing and buffing their boat with this product while wearing heavy gloves and a respirator mask their boat “never look larger,” “grew by two full feet” and similar irrefutable testimonials. These facts speak for themselves!

Miracle Boat Wax is available at the following toll free number: 1-800-555-8355.

### **New Boat Too Large for the Slip? – We Have the Perfect Solution for You – “Ol’ Swampy’s” Custom Shrink-Wrap Service**

Product Claim: “Have you ever had the experience that you bought that brand new boat of your dreams only to find that it is slightly too big for your slip. No problem! We have the perfect solution for you. Just bring your boat to Ol’ Swampy’s Custom Shrink-Wrap Service conveniently located in the middle of the Dismal Swamp (pay no attention to the ‘gators). We’ll shrink wrap your boat over the winter and guarantee that the winter swamp mists that we have around here will do their thing and that when you return in the spring you will find a smaller boat that looks exactly like yours, with your boat name and everything on it.”

Findings: I have testimonials from satisfied customers including long-time OYC member Dog the Boat Repro Man and others that this is exactly as advertised. Dog did mention that once his boat was mysteriously converted from a Sea Ray® to a Bayliner®, but when confronted, Ol’ Swampy was able to correct the problem with another shrink-wrap treatment the next winter.

Ol’ Swampy doesn’t have a phone number but his shop is rumored to have been seen by certain members of Harry Croft’s Dismal Swamp cruise last year. In any case, Ol’ Swampy can easily be reached through Dog, who is well known to all OYC members.

John Heinze, *Great Escape*

I then asked him if he had caught them. The old man answered with a nod and said “yes.” I looked around and noticed that I did not see a fishing pole or any fishing equipment, this sparked my curiosity. I then asked him how he was catching the fish, without any rods, nets or bait? The old fisherman looked me straight in the eye and told me that he uglyed them to death. I said, “What do you mean you uglyed them to death?” He explained that the snakehead belongs to the lung fish family and that every so often they come to the top of the water to breath air. The older gentleman then explained when the fish come to the top of the water he puts his thumbs in his mouth and his fingers in his eyes, while looking at the fish he then pulls his thumbs and fingers to make a face. When the fish see his face they just keel over dead. The fish on the dock had their eyes popping out and blood was running from their gills.

I told him that I was certainly impressed and amazed to hear of and witness such an ordeal. That’s when the old fisherman told me this was nothing compared to when he use to bring his wife, but she tore them up too bad.

Jill Stanley, *‘bout Time*

### **FROM OUR QUARTERMASTER...**

We have purchased a large number of edible shirts and coats this year in a variety of colors and flavors. The manufacturer can put logos and boat names on these articles of clothing but warns the users that rain or significant spray can reduce the lifespan of the clothing. They also recommend that colors of the clothing match the colors of your carpeting.



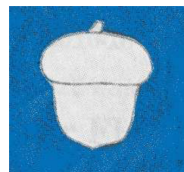
### **SECRETARY**

Jill Stanley

### **Snakehead Fishin’**

While preparing our boat for the upcoming season, we were refueling at Capt. Johns Marina on the Occoquan. As Captain Steve was refueling I noticed an older gentleman sitting on the dock with his feet dangling over the edge.

The old fisherman had about four or five rather large fish lying on the dock. As I walked over to view the unusual looking fish, I started a conversation with the gentleman and proceeded to asked him what type of fish they were. The old fisherman explained they were snakeheads.



### **TREASURER**

Joe Livingston

### **Where in the World is Joe Livingston?**

It is a little known fact that Gail Livingston is related to the famed 19<sup>th</sup> Century explorer, Henry Stanley. Some weeks ago she enticed Joe to set out on an expedition in search of their roots, and they have not been heard from since. Rumor has it their boat, the *Gail Lynn II*, was recently spotted in Africa where Gail and Joe were busy dodging the paparazzi who keep asking, “Dr. Livingston, I presume?”

**April Fools!!!**



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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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### Spring Vacation

As a student, Spring Vacation was one of the real highlights of my year. It fell at a time of the year in which there was a drought of real holidays -- the time from Presidents Day to Memorial Day would have been unbearable without it. Then when schooling was a time of the past, sadly, Spring Vacation was also... until this year, that is.

Due to an unforeseen series of medical issues -- a fast growing infection in a replaced knee, a speedy operation at the hands of some unbelievably competent and caring medical personnel at the Virginia Medical Center, and now, the tender hands of first mate, Liz -- I have a Spring Vacation once again.

I intend to use it well. Last year I had started an update of the Cruise Coordinator's Guide. This Spring Vacation, I intend to finish a draft for your board to adopt.

*Double Eagle* has some deferred maintenance, so I'll get to that also with some help from our maintenance folks.

Who knows, maybe it is really time to dust off the OYC By-Laws. The possibilities are endless when you have the unexpected gift of a Spring Vacation.

I hope to see you all on the water when Spring Vacation is over.

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*

## The Datemarkers

### Welcome New Members!

Paul & Sherry Mannino from Ashburn, VA, keep their 44 Regal, *Pure Enjoyment*, at Belmont Bay Marina

James (Jay) & Ellen Nix from Fredericksburg, VA, keep their 35' Meridian, *In Our Wildest Dreams*, at Quantico

### April Birthdays

Pam Sowell	4/1
Marcie Larkin	4/4
Miroslaw Rays	4/7
Matt Legg	4/10
Sally Hoffmaster	4/10
Ellen Nix	4/12
Sharman Harris	4/12
Peter McLeod	4/15
Bud Bishop	4/17
Pamela Bell	4/17
Judi Jennison	4/20
Maria Bryant	4/20
Susan Willetts	4/21
Carl Maxwell	4/24
Laslo Bozoky	4/27
Arleen Rhodes	4/29

### April Anniversaries

Bill & Clara French	4/5
Steve & Jean Massie	4/7
Eric & Nancy Henry	4/12
Steve & Jill Stanley	4/23
Jim & Marcie Larkin	4/25

## Photo Contest Winners

It was a sea of green as a fun group gathered for the annual March Membership Meeting and Annual Photo Contest at the beautifully updated Fairfax Yacht Club facility on St. Patty's Day. A number of great photos were entered in the contest, and everyone who attended had a chance to vote for their favorite in each category. The winners are listed below.



### PEOPLE

**1st Place – *Girls on Baydreamer*, by Harry Croft**

2nd Place – *Lost...*, by Susan Willetts

3rd Place – *Mini Shopping Trip*, by Anne Bennett



### PLACES

**1st Place – *Cherry Blossoms*, by Anne Bennett**

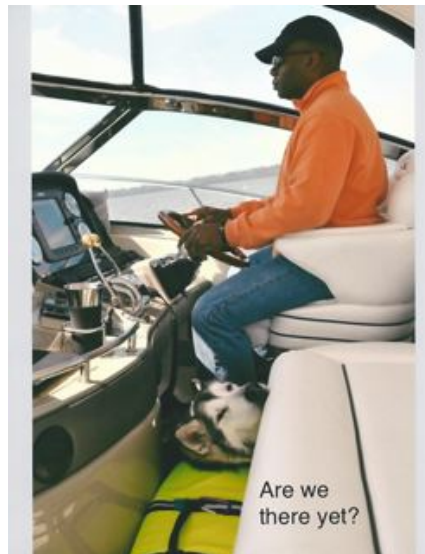
2nd Place – *Happy Hour*, by Susan Willetts

3rd Place – *Sunrise on the Potomac*, by Ilona Zsirai

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The winning photographers were awarded gift certificates to the OYC Quartermaster Store.

Tom Lensis was the big winner of the 50/50 raffle.



### PETS

**1st Place – *Are We There Yet?*, by Anne Bennett**

2nd Place – *Pelican Rest Stop*, by Nabil Dubraque

3rd Place – *Pondering Piper*, by Donna Lensis



### PHANTASY/PHOTO ART

**1st Place – *Michelin Man*, by Nabil Dubraque**

2nd Place – *Yo Ho Ho, and a Bottle*, by Nabil Dubraque

3rd Place – *Harry and the Mermaid*, by Pat Croft  
and – *When the Captain's Away...*, by Anne Bennett



### PLEASURE PALACES (a.k.a. JUST BOATS)

**1st Place – *Sunrise at Cobb Island* by Susan Willetts**

2nd Place – *Dismal Swamp Cruise*, by Pat Croft

3rd Place – *Underway on the Star Clipper*, by Lucy Dubraque



## VICE COMMODORE

**Jim Dooley**

### BOATING SEASON HAS BEGUN!

Finally, here it is... Spring 2012!

The Club has done its part in providing the OYC members with an exciting venue of fun cruises! We listened to you with our Pre-Planfest, we presented to you with our Planfest, and you selected the cruises that you were interested in attending. While the 2012 boating season offers the largest assortment of cruises I have ever seen in my six years with the club or any year I know of from the past, we still have room for those boaters who are just now waking up. Ok, so I know that your boat is probably still covered in plastic and pollen, but now is the time to **ACT!** Are you paid up for this year with your club membership? Oh, waiting for the price of gas to drop? Come on now... you can't make those memories by waiting. Have you asked a friend to join the club? Who's going bring that extra bottle of wine? Did you know that OYC is going "GO DADDY"? <http://www.occoguanayachtclub.org/> Just you wait and see what's in store for those that are paid up!

Are you excited? I know Judy and I am! By the time you read this article, the Club will have already been (or is now) on our first OYC cruise up the Potomac to see what's left of the Cherry Blossoms! Yeah... WHO KNEW, the blossoms would beat us out of winter boating hibernation! But, come April 13-15, we will have the Late/Early Bird Cruise to Old Town Alexandria. Are you coming???? Oh WAIT! You are worried about being the 2012 recipient of the Bent Prop Award or Golden Snorkel, well then do I have a deal for you... your best insurance is the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet on May 12. While this is not a guarantee, it sure can't hurt.

Did you know that for twenty some odd years, one fellow OYC member has banged us at the OYC flag raising? Did you know this year on May 5, will be his last year to fire us up with the cannon? Yup, sad but true. Rick... Teresa and you will truly be missed! Thank you both for all your years of support to the OYC! But Wait! Who will take over this dedication and service our club? Guess you will have to come and see who gets trained to take over the firing... I will say it ain't Donald Trump!

So... where are we now? Oh... May 25-28 Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach. If you are like me, my wine cabinet took a heavy hit over the winter and time to refill at Ingleside. Berry's?!? Did someone say

STRAWBERRIES and SHORT CAKE, with VANILLA ICE CREAM????



Don't be a goat! Get your BOAT and lets GO!

*Jim Dooley, Jus Chill~N*



## REAR COMMODORE

**John Heinze**

### Location, Location, Location – More on Looking for Venues for Futures OYC Events

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, our Spring General Membership Meeting and our first meeting at the newly remodeled Fairfax Yacht Club was a big day for OYC. Not only was the meeting a great success, but the FYC clubhouse is quite impressive as well. As a FYC member, as well as an OYC member, I am so pleased to report on the remodeled clubhouse that features a redesigned, open kitchen and bar/serving area that is much more functional than before. The kitchen features cherry wood cabinets with great storage space, beautiful granite countertops, stainless steel sinks, a large new refrigerator, stove, microwave and dishwasher, tile floors in the entryway, kitchen and restroom, and new carpeting in the main part of the clubhouse. The effect of this kitchen redesign is to make the whole clubhouse look larger and the space more usable.

I had a chance to visit for a few minutes with long-time OYC members Bob Wilcox, who owns Calvert Construction, the firm that remodeled the kitchen. He just couldn't help but point out some of his favorite, not-so-obvious features such as top of the line cabinets featuring self-closing drawers. These cabinets are securely anchored with 2½ inch "invisible" screws that

are only 1/16 of inch wide so the heads don't detract from the surface of the cabinets. Very impressive.

For FYC, the newly remodeled kitchen and new flooring are a terrific improvement to the FYC clubhouse and represent the culmination of a lot of hard work by a number of FYC member volunteers who have worked intensively for well over a year – make that several years - on this project. Job well done!

For OYC, we now have the option of an upgraded meeting site for future OYC meetings including the Election Meeting/Chili Cookoff (October 20), Planfest (mid February, 2013), and General Membership/Photo Contest meeting (mid March, 2013). Of course, if we use the FYC clubhouse, we will have to pay the \$50/hour use fee.

That has gotten us wondering if there are other options for those meetings. What we are looking for is a meeting venue with inside seating space for up to 60 people with kitchen facilities, located in the Occoquan/Woodbridge area, with lower costs.

In this search, we welcome input from all OYC members. If you have any ideas for a place to meet, we would love to hear them.

And I want to emphasize that in looking for options, we are simply trying to be fiscally prudent. We are very grateful to FYC for allowing us to use their lovely newly remodeled clubhouse. We especially appreciate that FYC kept us fully informed on the progress of the remodeling, which fortunately was completed in time for the OYC event. So...

**On behalf of OYC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank FYC for the use of their newly remodel clubhouse. Thank you!**

John Heinze, *Great Escape*



**SECRETARY**

**Jill Stanley**

## **Spring has Sprung!**

Life is good; spring has sprung... or maybe I should say it's more like summer has begun? Whatever, I am ready and excited about this up-coming boating season. With

all the cruises that the OYC has charted, it looks like a busy and fun season this year for the OYC members. I have started my "Don't forget to take to the boat" list and hung it on the fridge.

I am now gathering items such as sheets, pillows and towels to put with the boxes of materials that have been stored from last year's boating season. To add on to the already overflowing boxes packed for the boat, Steve and I will buy our usual favorite cleaning supplies from One Stop Boat shop down at Hope Spring Marina, where we keep our boat for the winter.

If you are looking for an easy way to clean your boat, especially your Eisenglass, this product is for you... the Bay Safe Environmental Cleaner. Captain Steve swears by this product.

Another product we find that works exceptionally well on bird droppings and pesky spider stains is The Spider & Bird Stain Remover. Since our boat is docked under the shed at Fairfax Yacht Club (FYC), spider stains are a constant problem; this cleaner seems to do the trick without much effort.

I will also get out the flashlight, put in new batteries and check the first aid kit to see how the band aid supply looks. I will include a bottle of aspirin, Advil, antihistamine, peroxide, plenty of sun block, and a good bottle of gin which no well-supplied boat should be without.

In the box holding kitchen supplies, I will make sure the *new* blender is packed and my electric skillet, a necessity, especially for long cruises since our boat has no oven.

For those who don't know, an electric skillet with a metal rack (or if you don't have that metal rack, you can use metal jar lids placed in the bottom of the skillet) transforms the skillet into an oven for baking. I have been told you can even bake a cake in this manor.

Finally, as I fill the boat up with all these overflowing boxes of supplies, I read the best way to keep your sanity as the first mate is to make a master list of where you store items, especially so the captain doesn't come down and tear the boat apart looking for that one flashlight. This list also helps the first mate (at least this one) whose memory at times tends to be on vacation.

I have also started look for new and easy recipes to use for this boating season. Liz Plewes made a crab dip that she brought to the OYC Planfest. It was an easy and delicious dip. She sent me the recipe, which I will now share with you. Enjoy!

### Liz Plewes' Hot Crab Dip:

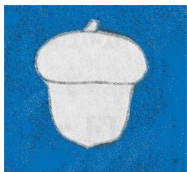
Mix:

- 1 8oz. cream cheese
- 1 tblsp. Milk
- 1 tsp. Worchester Sauce
- 1 can crab meat (or fresh crab)
- 2 tblsp. chopped green onions
- 2 tblsp. sliced almonds

Heat in Microwave or double boiler, serve warm.

I hope to see you all on one of the OYC cruises this summer. Maybe I will even make a cake!!!

Jill Stanley, 'bout Time



### **TREASURER**

**Joe Livingston**

### **Are You Ready?**

Gail and I have been on a wonderful, extended vacation, so this will be very brief. As we look forward to the fast-approaching boating season, I want to stress the importance of making sure your vessel is "ship-shape" before heading out on the water. Nothing can ruin a day more than a too-long deferred maintenance issue... or even worse, a safety issue. Plan to get your vessel inspected by the Coast Guard. If not before, a good time to do that is at the PRYCA Summer Kickoff at Cobb Island. It's easy to schedule, very professionally done and you get a bead!!! If you miss that opportunity, don't put it off. The inspection is an OYC requirement for the Float-In at Cole's Point.

A very informative Website is <http://www.safetyseal.net>.

Cheers!

Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II

### **QUARTERMASTER**

Heidi Bishop, Hi-Jinx

We have established a relationship with a supplier who can readily provide a large selection of clothing with OYC logos and boat names on them. You will now be able to order all the things you've been looking for!

Orders will be placed periodically when we have enough items in a combined bulk order so that we can obtain the best pricing. Of course, there will also be an inventory available for immediate purchase.

### Sample Garment Prices (including the embroidery of the logos, and tax):

- Anvil Ladies Sleeveless T - \$20
- Ladies Sleeveless V-Neck T - \$22
- Devon & Jones Polos - \$31-\$38
- Ultra Club Windbreaker - \$50
- Hats (unstructured and structured) - \$24
- Visor - \$15
- T-Shirts - \$15
- Long-Sleeve Denim Shirt - \$31
- Sweaters, Bags, Blankets, Towels and more...

Boat names can be added to the garment for an additional \$5/garment. For this though, you need to order at least three items with your boat name. Just to be clear... please understand it's \$5 per garment for the boat name, NOT \$5 to have the boat's name embroidered on everything you order.

A note, on the hats (not the visors), we can reduce the price by \$5 if we remove the " \*OYC\* " on the back OR for the price above we can have the " \*OYC\* " replaced with the boat name.

The garments come in a ton of colors, and we can do any of them with no change in price.

If you missed seeing the samples at the General Meeting or are interested and want an order form, please contact me at [heidib703@verizon.net](mailto:heidib703@verizon.net).

### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

#### **EARLY BIRD CRUISE to Old Town Alexandria, April 13-15**

National Harbor has instituted new policies, and the marina cannot guarantee us slips this year. However, the City Dock at Old Town Alexandria is happy to host our club for the Early Bird Cruise. As such we are working with the dock master there to prepare for the cruise. As we get closer, we will provide more information via email as to deposits, slip information, timing, etc. to those who have signed up. There are currently nine boats listed as having an interest in the cruise and the early feedback was positive for having a slip for all. If you wish to be on the list, please contact Don & Anne at [bennettdon@comcast.net](mailto:bennettdon@comcast.net).

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

### **RIVER CLEAN-UP DAY, April 14**

Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

### **SAFE BOATING COURSE, April 21 at Mt Vernon**

**Yacht Club** [eaglesailor75@cox.net](mailto:eaglesailor75@cox.net) or 703-780-3765  
Rich Miller, CG Aux (Flotilla 25-8)

### **OYC FLAY RAISING at OHM, May 5**

OYC Board

### **ORMA BLESSING OF THE FLEET in the Occoquan River, May 12**

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

### **COLONIAL BEACH MEMORIAL DAY, May 25-28**

This is traditionally one of the major cruises of the season, and we will have much more information soon regarding activities such as the bus trip to Westmoreland Berry Farm and Ingleside Winery. If you even think you might want to go, be sure and call Colonial Beach Yacht Center NOW at 804-224-7230, ask for Robin and say you are with OYC to reserve your slip. After securing your reservation, please contact Pat Croft at [hpcroft@verizon.net](mailto:hpcroft@verizon.net) to be sure you are on our cruise list.

*Bay Dreamers, Pat & Capt. Harry Croft*

### **MARGARITA/ FAJITA FEST at OHM, June 9**

OYC Board

### **PRYCA KICKOFF at COBB ISLAND, June 15-17**

The 2012 theme will be Mardi Gras. This year's necklace is loaded with Mardi Gras colors and themes. There will be lots of activities, good food and fun. Attendees will learn about local waterfowl, boating safety, and Cobb Island in the 1940's. Participants in this year's Scavenger Hunt will have an opportunity to find more handmade limited-edition beads than ever before. Again, more information is forthcoming; meanwhile, POC for forms, etc. is Bud Bishop at [bbishop@spa.com](mailto:bbishop@spa.com).

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

### **SUPER DUPER CRUISE, June 15 – July 15**

Once again the *Bay Dreamer* will be heading down the Potomac and cruising all over the Bay from June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>!! It all starts at the Cobb Island Cruise and ends with the PRYCA float-in at Coles Point. The cruise is divided into one-week segments so that you can enter and leave the cruise at key ports.

Briefly: June 15<sup>th</sup> FYC – Cobb Island – Pt. Look Out – Onancock – Pocomoke River – Patuxent River – Tilghman Island – Herrington Harbor – Rock Hall – Baltimore – Annapolis – Lower Potomac – Coles Pt.- July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. All subject to change!

PLEASE NOTE regarding JULY 4<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore! For those intrepid cruisers who may want to join *Bay Dreamer* for the 4<sup>th</sup>, you must make reservations NOW!! We have a block of slips on hold, waiting for your credit card info. Please call us at 703-451-8147 or e-mail, [hpcroft@verizon.net](mailto:hpcroft@verizon.net) for more information.  
*Bay Dreamers, Pat & Capt. Harry Croft*

### **TIM'S I FIREWORKS RAFT-UP, June 30**

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

### **FIREWORKS IN DC - WASHINGTON CHANNEL/ WASHINGTON MARINA, July 4**

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

### **PRYCA FLOAT-IN at COLES POINT, July 13-15**

"Neptune Festival" Although this event is in July, we must register NOW! If you are on the list, you have received an email (3/24). If you need info, please contact me ASAP, [jdooley@gilbaneco.com](mailto:jdooley@gilbaneco.com). The Cup!!!  
Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill-N*

## **WEBSITE**

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

The OYC Website is undergoing some changes. As mentioned, it will now be hosted by Go Daddy; and it will soon undergo a redesign. During this period, there may be some interruptions in availability. Thanks for your patience during this time of transition.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

2012 membership forms and payments continue to trickle in. We are approaching 60% of last year's membership total; and, thanks to the great set of cruises we've set up this year, we fully expect to double that number within the next few weeks. If you have any friends or neighbors who would like to enjoy the comradery of the wonderful folks you meet out on the water, please encourage them to join. They can email me, Bud Bishop, at [hbishop31@verizon.net](mailto:hbishop31@verizon.net) for applications and cruise schedules.

And by the way, if you haven't renewed, this is your last *Daymarker*.



## Occoquan Yacht Club 2012 New Membership Application and Membership Renewal

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

First Mate \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren)'s Name \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT DATA**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length & Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Captain's Birthday (mo/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Power ☐ Sail First Mate's Birthday (mo/day) \_\_\_\_\_

Where Berthed? \_\_\_\_\_ Slip# \_\_\_\_\_ Wedding Anniversary (mo/day) \_\_\_\_\_

### New Membership:

- ☐ Family--\$75 (includes Burgee)
- ☐ Individual--\$55 (includes Burgee)
- ☐ Associate--\$30 (add \$20 for Burgee)



### Membership Renewal:

- ☐ Family--\$75
- ☐ Individual--\$55
- ☐ Associate--\$30
- ☐ For OYC Burgee add \$20

(2012 fees cover both initiation and remaining calendar year dues and will not be pro-rated)

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check all that apply):

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute articles to the OYC newsletter, <i>The Daymarker</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist event coordinators                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute pictures from club events for <i>The Daymarker</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a PRYCA/CBYCA delegate            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute pictures and short articles to the OYC Web Site      | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a fleet captain                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Web Site programming                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a safety officer or board officer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate an event   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                               |

Please make check payable to **Occoquan Yacht Club**. Mail your check and the form above to: **Occoquan Yacht Club, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125** Please allow 3-4 weeks for processing your application and return of membership packet.

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**Visit our Website:**  
[www.OccoquanYachtClub.org](http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org)

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Pat Croft

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Don & Anne Bennett

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at Mt Vernon Yacht Club  
[eaglesailor75@cox.net](mailto:eaglesailor75@cox.net)  
703-780-3765  
Rich Miller, CG Aux (Flotilla 25-8)

MAY 5  
Flag Raising at  
Occoquan Harbor Marina  
OYC Board

MAY 12  
ORMA Blessing of the Fleet  
Occoquan River  
Joe Livingston

MAY 25-28  
Memorial Day Cruise  
to Colonial Beach  
Pat & Harry Croft

## *Inside this edition...*

Learn about the new OYC floating clubhouse!

See the winning photos from our annual photo contest.

No foolin'! If you haven't renewed your membership for 2012, this is your last newsletter. We hope this special edition will remind you of all the fun you'll be missing if you don't renew!

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