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2012 PRYCA FLOAT-IN



DID WE REPEAT AS PRYCA CUP CHAMPS?

Hi, OYC Members and 2011 CUP Champs... but are we the CUP Champs of 2012? We had Skill, Determination, Savvy and Peroxide... Was that going to be good enough?

The 26th annual PRYCA Float-In was held for a second year at Coles Point Marina with 68 PRYCA boats and over 150 PRYCA boaters. OYC had the largest club turnout with 17 boats (16 competing) and 41 crew members. Super OYC turnout!!! Our competition was tough with six other PRYCA club teams. The OYC Team included Ralph Mason & Kris Butera on PARTY TIME, Bill Akers and his boys on MORGAN JANE II; Don & Anne Bennett and new members Ralph & Cathie Dudley on HEART OF THE SUN; Bud & Heidi Bishop on HI-JINX; Pat & Harry Croft on BAY DREAMER; Mike & Karen Crouch along with Joe and Gail Livingston on MAKIA III; Scott & Linda Del Monte on SCOTTLIN YARD; Shane & Kathy Hatton on OUR DREAM; New Members Paul & Sherry Mannino on PURE

ENJOYMENT; Scott & Terri Miller with Tom & Donna Lensis on MILLER TIME; Goodwyn & Janice Morgan on GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES; Dan Parsons & Catherine Cook on MISS KADIE; Steve & Ginny Preda on ANAMCHARA; Christian & Alison Rose on LA-DEE-DA; Pat Schondel & Christie Raukar on IT'S NOON SOMEWHERE; Joey & Pam Sowell on EMMA CAROLINE II; and Judy and me on JUS CHILL~N.

The weekend began on Friday the 13th (superstitious?) with almost all OYC boats reporting in. OYC held a strategic planning meeting at 5 pm, followed by the Crab Feast on the beach and an "Under the Sea" Neptune theme. OYC took awards in the contest, being well represented in inappropriate theme-ware, by Ralph Mason & Kris Butera, Don & Anne Bennett, Bud Bishop and Jim & Judy Dooley.



Coles Point showed off their hospitality with exceptional accommodations and the PRYCA supplying more sweet crabs than could be consumed. Following dinner there was a bonfire and moonlight dancing, with thoughts of bring home THE CUP!

Saturday began with a continental breakfast and seminars. Our own Donna Lensis and Teri Miller showed their boating appetite with "Dips, Sips & Trips." Their seminar covered preparing meals for long voyages and how to entertain with tasty beverages. Taste testing proved to be a winner!



Donna and Teri

Other seminars included Bare Boat Chartering, by OYC's Harry Croft; Sailing the BVI by OYC's Joey Sowell; and Shell Designs by Peggy Myruski. Our first competition event was the Navigation/Safety Test with knot tying, administered by Joe Livingston. OYC sent our seasoned and newest Captain, Harry Croft, and Cathie Dudley for the challenge. Both preformed nautically and took first place with a total score of 93 points... and made it look easy by being the first and third to complete the test. The next event was to be the Scavenger Hunt, but Mother Nature interrupted with a challenge of her own. Heavy rains and lightning delayed the event for two hours. Finally with clearing skies the OYC CLUB took charge by finishing FIRST with all 20 items in 15 minutes, bettering last years time by 45 seconds. It was amazing to see our club come together and pull it off with lightning speed. Among this year's most difficult scavenger items was one of the books from the *50 Shades of Gray* trilogy, an item that proved to be on almost every boat!

At 3:00 pm the pool competition began. First up - the Life Ring skills challenge. Our OYC teams were Team 1, Anne Bennett and Dan Parsons; and Team 2, Don Bennett and Heidi Bishop. The challenge was to toss a life buoy to a member of your team, pull them to safety and then repeat by the other team. The two throwers had to be a male and a female; catchers, the opposite. We knew we were up to the challenge, and we went in with the CUP in mind. While our second team nailed it with one toss, our first team earned an "A" for effort by not giving up. OYC did not earn points for this event, but we maintained a sense of winning the CUP from our performance in the Nautical Test, Scavenger Hunt and 100% participation in Vessel Safety Inspection.



Next up - the Life Vest Challenge. This event is designed to simulate donning a life vest while treading water. Our team was Bud Bishop and Alison Rose. With these two speedsters, we knew we had a super chance to leave everyone in the dust... Well, the dust turned to mud and despite a quick swap and awesome effort, we placed 5th out of 7 teams. Our CUP confidence was heading downstream.



But wait... one more event... Dinghy Skills, and we had our best ready to compete, Don Bennett and Karen Crouch. While they faced stiff competition and mounting pressure, they gave it their best and finished 3rd! ...but was that good enough? Who knew how we'd done? The nervousness had set in.



Dinner at 1800! Wow... what a spread of Seafood. Shrimp, oysters, fish, fried chicken, roast beef, and so

much more. Dinner was outstanding after the long day of competition, heat, humidity, humility and storms (not to mention a few refreshing beverages), the meal hit the spot! But WHO? WHO? would take the Cup???? Were we to repeat or did we sink??? The CUP Ceremony was next...

PRYCA Commodore Basham opened the awards ceremony with the introduction of guest dignitaries, followed by club commodores and thanks to all who made this Float-In happen. Okay, come on... get on with the awards... Who won the CUP??? As the club names were read off: 5th Place - Prince William with 13 points; 4th Place - Pink Flamingos (Landmark, Swanspoint, and Cobb Island) with 13 points (won tie breaker); 3rd Place - National Potomac with 14 points; 2nd Place - Mount Vernon with 16 points; and Finally.... **1st PLACE - OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB, 19 POINTS!!!**

OYC had done it again! 1992, 1993, 1997, 2009, 2011 and now **2012!** OYC had pulled together and the OYC Group Effort paid off... We ARE the **2012 REPEATING CUP CHAMPS!**



I want to thank everyone who participated to make the 2012 a CUP to remember. Thank You ALL!!!

Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Tom Plewes

Legacy: A Comment

The triumph of the members of OYC who once again prevailed to win the Cup at the PRYCA Float-in at Coles Point (which is reported by our Vice Commodore in the above featured article in this issue of the *Daymarker*) was absolutely remarkable. So was the steady stream of instant messages and emails from distant members of OYC.

Through the good graces of Past Commodore Tom Lensis, many of us who were unable to participate in the contest were kept up on progress of the games. The enthusiasm of those who participated vicariously in the contest, in my distant judgment, must have come pretty close to matching the enthusiasm of those who were present at Coles Point.

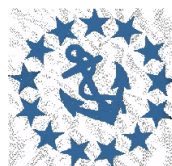
Many of those who electronically cheered on the OYC participants were participants in prior years. Most of these stalwart members have moved on to North Carolina and other places, and many of them make a special point of returning annually to enjoy the Change of Watch/Holiday Party. These are very special members.

It seems to me that OYC should do something special to keep these distant members in association with our Club as long as we can. I don't dare list them because I fear that I will miss someone important to our past, but they all bring something important to our yacht club – the sense of history and continuity.

At the annual meeting in October, we will have a chance to discuss Associate Member status in OYC and whether or not it should be broadened to be more inclusive. At present, Associate Membership is offered at a reduced dues payment but is restricted to those who want to continue their association with OYC but who no longer have a boat. It has been suggested that Associate Memberships (and reduced dues payments) be offered to those who have a boat but no longer keep it in waters near the Chesapeake and its tributaries and who therefore could not easily participate in our OYC activities.

The experience of seeing the powerful association that our distant members have with OYC during the PRYCA contest reminded me of the importance of the legacy that these long-time members, many of whom were former Commodores, bring to today's OYC. It would be shame if we did not do all we can to foster and build on that relationship, no matter if these avid boaters no longer berth their craft on the Occoquan or nearby.

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*



Rear Commodore

John Heinze

Labor Day Cruise to Corinthian Yacht Club, August 30-September 3

This will be our fourth cruise to the Corinthian Yacht Club and our third Labor Day Cruise. As you can tell, we really like this place. One reason is that it is such a beautiful and relaxing marina to visit for a long weekend.

The club is located on a wooded and grass-covered knoll overlooking scenic Smith and Jutland Creeks (6.5 miles from the mouth of the Potomac River near Ridge, Maryland). The club has just about everything that you could want - a swimming pool and gazebo overlooking the water, shaded picnic area, multiple gas grills and smokers, clean showers and rest rooms, and a large club house with fully equipped kitchen, air conditioning, and – if you really must have these - TV and a computer.

And did I mention the gorgeous sunsets visible from the pool deck?

However, the most important reason we keep going back is the hospitality. They genuinely want to help us enjoy our visit in any way that they can.

A highlight of past's trips has been the crabfest and potluck dinner on Sunday in which we had all-you-could-eat Chesapeake Bay crabs as well as a delicious potluck dinner supplied by the members of the CYC, who really do love to cook – and eat. Needless to say, both we and the CYC members want to do this again this year! More details on the crabfest to follow.

For those of you arriving on Friday, August 30, we'll be hosting a Happy Hour with some adult libations from the Fajita Fest. We will also be grilling some chicken wings. That should get the evening Happy Hour and cookout started right.

Our other plans call for a group Happy Hour and cook out on Saturday night and a farewell brunch Monday, and lots of time for swimming and relaxing by the pool.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact me (my home phone is 703-888-3837) so that I can make sure we have slip space for you.

For those of you needing further information about CYC, there is a very informative website at:
<http://www.cycchesapeake.com/>.

John Heinze, *Great Escape*



Secretary

Jill Stanley

ATTENTION!!!

To all of those who love to eat!!!

Please send in your easiest and most favorite recipes for drinks, appetizers, entrées and desserts that you love to make and serve on your boat. In order to make the OYC cookbook a success we need all our members' participation. So far we have not had many responses to my request.

So here I go again - ***please*** take a minute and send an email to Anne Bennett at oyceditor@gmail.com. With all the recipes that I know are out there - this cookbook could make the ideal gift for the holidays.

Below I have included two new recipes that some of you might like to try on one of your cruises this summer. Enjoy and bon appetite....

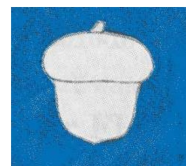
A nacho dip that was toooo easy to pass up...

- 2 (8 oz.) packages of cream cheese
- 2 (15 oz.) cans of Hormel chili (with or without beans)
- 1 (8oz.) bag of shredded cheese (nacho cheese works best)
- 1. Layer the 2 packages of cream cheese on the bottom of an 8x8 glass square baking dish.
- 2. Cover evenly with the 2 cans of chili.
- 3. Cover with the shredded cheese, some use half the bag and some use the whole bag depending on your taste.
- 4. Put in microwave or oven leave in until cheese in center is bubbly.
- Goes well with Fritos, Scoops or any tortilla chips

KILLER DIP, titled due to its popularity. I will leave it up to you all to decide. :)

- 1 (1oz.) package ranch dressing mix
- 1 (8oz.) package cream cheese, at room temp.
- 1 (8oz.) container of sour cream
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, split into 2 half-cup portions
- 1 (8oz.) package of frozen spinach
- 1. Defrost the spinach
- 2. Place spinach in colander and press it until as much moisture as possible is removed.
- 3. Mix all ingredients (1/2 of the cheddar) and blend well.
- 4. Put it in a shallow baking dish in the oven for 20 min. at 350.
- 5. Remove from oven
- 6. While still hot top it with remaining cheese, heat in oven again for 5 min.
- 7. Remove and cool below lava stage and serve.
- Goes well with tortilla chips.

Jill Stanley, *'bout Time*



Treasurer

Joe Livingston

Boat U.S.

The OYC's Cooperating Group Program number is Boat U.S. Accord #GA80979Y and can be found in the header of *The Daymarker*, for reference.

As a Cooperating Group, the Group agrees to: Be an advocate for Boat U.S. - The Association, Have a Boat U.S. Member to be Group Liaison (Joe Livingston), Have at least five Boat U.S. Members in the Group, Promote Boat U.S. Membership in newsletter articles and other Group promotional materials at least twice a year, and Renew this Agreement annually. Our Group has renewed for 2012 and this article is to promote Boat U.S. membership within the OYC.

Per the agreement, "Boat Owners Association of the United States (Boat U.S.) has been looking after the interests of recreational boat owners for over 40 years. One way that Boat U.S. does this is by forming special relationships with boating groups like yours. More than 3,500 Groups have signed on, adding benefits for their current members and effectively attracting new ones. We appreciate your participation in the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group program, and look forward to working together with you to support better boating as we continue to help each other grow".

Co-Op benefits to OYC members include: A full membership in Boat U.S. for only \$15...that's 50% off the regular \$30 annual dues.

- Membership Rewards at West Marine stores
- Discounts on fuels, repairs, and overnight slips
- On-the-water Towing Services
- Marine Insurance
- Subscription to Boat U.S. Magazine, *Seaworthy*

Go to www.boatus.com for additional benefits and information. And, as I highly recommend each year, take a strong look at the unlimited on-the-water towing coverage offered with the annual membership...well worth the money and peace of mind...even with no event or just one break down. If you are not already a Boat U.S. member, JOIN TODAY.

Cheers! Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II

CRUISE NEWS...

Week One of our 2012 Four- Week Bay Adventure

"It was a dark and stormy night . . . " Oh wait, that's another story. But *this* story does indeed begin on a dark night in the dead of winter, when five OYC couples got together to reminisce about their amazing three-week cruise last summer, through the Dismal Swamp to Manteo, North Carolina. Having cruised together for several years, this group had already experienced many of the popular destinations around Chesapeake Bay, so when they pulled out the charts and *Guide to Cruising Chesapeake Bay* to plan a cruise for 2012, all agreed they wanted a new adventure, with ports of call they had never entered before.

Captain Harry had the perfect destination in mind – Shad Landing on the Pocomoke River. Never heard of it? You may have to get out your charts to find it. Look on the Eastern Shore, near the boundary between Maryland and Virginia. Find Pocomoke Sound, just east of Tangier Sound, with its well-marked but challenging channel leading to the Pocomoke River. Trace the river some 27 miles to the Maryland State Park/Marina at Shad Landing and you have found the adventure that Captain Harry wanted to share with his cruising buddies. The assembled cruise-planning group agreed that Shad Landing would be new and different, and were game to give it a try... but also listed a handful of other new places they would like to go, as well as at least three, maybe four repeat destinations. With that list in mind, the cruise would last at least three weeks.

Three weeks?! Most OYC cruisers don't have the luxury of three weeks to cruise! But this stalwart group had done three weeks the summer before, and had lamented that they weren't out longer. Two of the couples are retired, so time is not an issue; one couple is semi-retired and happy to cruise for three weeks; the others could spare two weeks if they planned carefully. In the end, the final cruise itinerary included 610 miles, 14 ports of call, and *four* weeks to complete. The trip was planned in weekly segments so that cruisers who could not spare the full four weeks could join the cruise when possible, so each week ended with us either at Point Lookout, where some could meet us for a Saturday departure to cross the Bay, or in the Solomons Island area, where some could join us to cruise north.

The cruise began with the Summer Kick-Off event at Cobb Island, which has become the obvious starting point for Bay cruises: no sense going back up the Potomac, just keep going on toward the Bay. After all the fun-filled activity and excitement at Cobb Island with some 45 boats from various Potomac River yacht clubs, (a dozen or more from OYC), Jill and Steve Stanley on *'Bout Time*; Susan and Randy Willetts on *Takin' It Easy*; and Capt. Harry and I on *Bay Dreamer* headed to White Point Marina for a little solitude. We were the only transients there and had the sparkling clean swimming pool all to ourselves. Relaxing, reading, fishing, playing cards, sitting on the docks - it was so idyllic, we stayed for three days. As always, marina owner Rob made a vehicle available to us, which allowed us to hit The Mooring Restaurant at Port Kinsale for their Monday Night Pizza Special and to shop for provisions in Callao. The next two nights we grilled out using the marina barbecue, and watched beautiful sunsets across the water.

It was at White Point that we all discovered the allure of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey. While at Cobb Island, someone (perhaps Don Bennett or Jim Dooley?) had given Randy a bottle of the enticing liquid gold, for medicinal purposes only, as Randy had developed a nagging cold. In the interest of preventing the rest of us from acquiring his ailment, Randy was willing to share

the brew... for medicinal purposes only. The cure was so effective, we had to replenish Randy's supply; hence the trip to Callao for "provisions." We also obtained a bottle of Wild Turkey American Honey, for comparison of medicinal benefits only, of course. Suffice to say, Randy's cold was cured, and no one else succumbed to the disease.



Jill & Susan on Carthage Creek, Dennis Point

We still had two days to go before meeting *Déjà vu* at Point Lookout, so we moved across the river to Dennis Point Marina on Carthage Creek, off the St Mary's River. This was another idyllic setting, perfect for relaxing, reading, fishing, kayaking, (Jill and Steve had brought two kayaks on board), bird watching, (another Capt. Harry-forced-march-bird-count outing), but the pool was not as inviting as the one at White Point... and where was the daily paper we had come to expect to be delivered to the boat each morning? (Rob at White Point does spoil us!) We did enjoy a great meal at the on-site restaurant, The Torpedo Bar and Grill, and of course, mellowed out each evening on the docks with further medicinal testing of Tennessee vs. American Honey.



Harry, Randy, Susan, and Steve in the pool at Dennis Point

Moving on to Point Lookout, we all were docked in a row alongside A dock, ready to greet *Déjà vu*, expecting Kevin and Pam Bell to join us for the Saturday crossing to Onancock on the Eastern Shore. Unfortunately, the call from Kevin did not bring the good news we had hoped for; *Déjà vu*, still without functioning electronics, had not left her berth at Fairfax Yacht Club. Kevin

advised he would continue to work on the problem and hoped to meet us at Onancock.

So the First Mates arranged a ride from the marina via shuttle van to nearby Ridge for groceries, while the Captains went about their routine maintenance chores. The store turned out to be a bit of a disappointment, as it has a new owner and has down-graded considerably, but we were able to purchase the basics we needed, and the dockhand/van driver carried our cases of water, etc. to the boats. Storm clouds soon whipped up just enough wind and rain that we found it necessary to settle down inside the boats for the rest of the afternoon, playing cards, reading, napping. Cruising is such hard work!

A word about Spinnakers Restaurant at Point Lookout Marina; rumor had it that the new manager and staff had recently shifted from the restaurant at Scheible's Fishing Center, just a short distance away, to Spinnakers when the marina changed hands. The dinner fare that evening bore out our assumption that the food would be just like that offered at Scheibles - OK, but nothing even remotely close to the gourmet presentations of the very first Spinnakers, housed in the old marina office building, pre-hurricane Isabel. The crab soup was too thick, the soft-shell crabs too breaded. The desserts, however, were excellent - especially the apple dumpling, which was a whole, cored apple, wrapped in pie dough, then baked and served in a warm cinnamon sauce. Spinnakers also now serves breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, though the three members of our crew who checked that out prior to our departure were not complimentary.

We left Point Lookout Saturday morning to start Week Two, without the Bells... but with every hope that they would eventually make it to our next port: Onancock, Virginia's second-oldest registered seaport, now an historic, quaint village on the Eastern Shore.

To be continued . . .

Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

Not-on-the-4th-of-July

Not to be outdone by last-year's event, the Bishop's were able to provide a great variance to the planned activities on this OYC scheduled non-not-on-the-4th-of-July event. Most are aware by now that the storm that affected the area also had a negative effect on Tim's Rivershore restaurant on the afternoon/evening of the scheduled fireworks display. They lost power and, unfortunately, had to move the event to the following weekend.

The OYC attendees, not to be outdone by a simple schedule change, rafted as scheduled with six boats (all with air-conditioning and refrigeration, unlike our houses) and partied on despite the lack of fireworks (over the water). With Rose's stern anchor attached to *La-Dee-*

Dah, and Aker's *Morgan Jane* bow anchor holding the group fast, the boats were kept pointed at the oncoming wakes and wind waves and rode nicely throughout the weekend. Bishop's *Hi-Jinx* provided Cubi Special drinks to all attendees on arrival (recipe on-line of course). Preda's *Anamchara* was the staging place for Margheritas, and Jorsey's *Plane to Sea* was a favorite destination for four groups sampling wine and different boating layouts. Bennett's dog, Shadow, from *Heart of the Sun*, demonstrated his ability to safely negotiate soft-bottomed dinghies, and all attendees threw together enough food to ensure that all were well-fed and sent home satisfied!

This event, or non-event, had the unintended consequences of setting the stage for a second opportunity to come back and catch the fireworks; and that is just what some of the OYC folks did the next weekend. Bishop's *Hi-Jinx*, Aker's *Morgan Jane*, and Roses' *La-Dee-Dah* returned the following weekend to do fireworks properly. And what a display it was. Bands were playing on the stage, turnout was low and traffic/wakes few and far-between, and the fireworks were by far his best so far. And, we managed to finally polish off the remaining Cubi Specials and attend the postponed Sunday Brunch in style (with special thanks to Rob, guest aboard *Morgan Jane*) for funding that event.

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

UPCOMING CRUISES

Old Town Alexandria, August 3-5

Time is growing short, and slips are few and far between. However, if you're interested, please contact Don Bennett at bennettdon@comcast.net

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

PRYCA Dog Days at Colonial Beach

August 17-19

Cruise Coordinator for this cruise is Gail Livingston. The Cruise is scheduled for 17 to 19 August in Colonial Beach, Virginia. Dog Days is being hosted by the Colonial Yacht Club and is an annual event supported by the PRYCA. Colonial Beach is a fun destination and a relatively short distance cruise to explore and adventure out on the Potomac.

Are you interested in joining the Cruise? Please contact me soonest at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or by phone at [540-373-9203](tel:540-373-9203).

This will be a three-day event with a *meet & greet* on Friday (6-8 PM) at the Dockside Restaurant, BBQ &

Yacht Club Olympics on Saturday (1-6 PM) and a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday 10-12. The event cost is \$49.95 per person. You are asked to send your reservation/check (payable to Colonial Yacht Club) to Kevin Whicker, 1071 Shore Drive, Colonial Beach, VA 22443, no later than August 1. Slip reservations to be made separately by contacting Colonial Beach marinas directly...Colonial Beach Yacht Center as 1st choice...call me for names and numbers of marinas, as needed. All should be completed in the near future.

As attendance and plans are firmed up, detailed information will follow. Let's make this another successful and fun trip for the Occoquan Yacht Club.

Gail Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

Tall Timbers, Labor Day Weekend

Aug. 31 - Sept. 3

"The best damn Bloody Mary's you've ever had!" (according to owner, host and bartender, Rick Meatyard) will be but one of the highlights of this cruise. The restaurant will have a full-service menu Friday evening, Saturday the dinner menu selection is one sheet and will include steaks and seafood. Sunday there is a buffet brunch. Live bluesy music in the evenings and acoustic strings for Sunday.

After all that food and drink and when the sun sets Sunday evening, head down to the beach and enjoy the old wood boat burning, cash bar and fireworks. Visiting Tall Timbers is like taking a step back in time. The atmosphere is very relaxed and easy going. Bring the dinghy and explore the creek, walk the neighborhood or whatever strikes your fancy.

Those of you who want to sign up for the cruise, will need to call Carol at Tall Timbers in early August and leave a credit card number. Most of us will tie up at the slips on the fuel dock. There are a few slips available in other parts of the marina too for anyone who would like to join in on the fun. The cost is \$2.00/ft and \$8/day for 2 30-amp. There are a few 50-amp outlets. Bring your adapters and extension cords. When approaching the marina, keep red marker six to starboard, or you will surely go aground!

Please contact OYC coordinators, Don & Anne Bennett at bennettdon@comcast.net or 540-752-4250 to be sure you are on their list as well as Tall Timbers contact Carol, at 301-994-1508

Jim Hawley, Lori Ann
Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

Corinthians, Labor Day Weekend

(See John Heinze's article, p. 3.)

Mark these 2012 dates...

**Old Town Alexandria
August 3-5**

**PRYCA Dog Days
Colonial Beach
August 17-19**

**Labor Day Weekend
Aug. 31 - Sept. 3
Corinthian Yacht Club
or
Tall Timbers**

More info inside...

***Do you have any
OYC pictures???***

Along with being our
Webmaster, Don Bennett has
taken over the job of Historian.

Please send any OYC
event/member related pictures
to Don at

bennettdon@comcast.net

THE CUP?!?

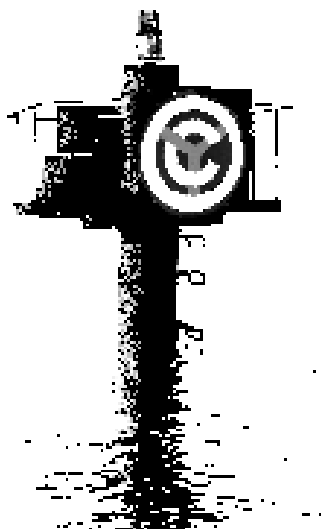
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WE WERE ALL ON THE EDGE OF OUR CHAIRS!



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Anatomy of an Unplanned/Unexpected Dip in the Water

Some might call it an unintended slip or perhaps simply just bad luck. Still others might call it an unconscious effort to obtain the not-so-coveted Golden Snorkel Award. I would tend to agree with them all; but in every single case you end up totally soaked and wondering what's next.

Picture in your mind a strange marina visited for the first time. You've been at the helm for more than eleven hours and are pulling into your assigned slip not too long after the sun has set. It's getting dark, fast. There are so many things to do; secure dock lines and fenders, connect power, refuel, get a quick bite to eat, and of course wash the salt off the boat. A glass of vanilla rum on the rocks to help ease the tension of the day will always help you feel better ... well, maybe not today.

There is one more item needing to be mentioned here; a florescent light that illuminates the dock would periodically shut off and then turn back on.

Most everyone has already turned in for the night. You want to finish giving the boat a quick rinse so you pick up the hose and start walking down the dock concentrating on what's being sprayed. It suddenly gets dark. You step around a piling to finish that last bit of fiberglass prior to calling it quits so you can go get some much needed sleep ...

The first thing that enters your mind is, "why am I not stepping on the dock"? It's amazing, the feeling of walking on air, or at least that's what you think you're doing. Then it hits you; no not the water, at least not yet. You realize that you're about to take an unexpected trip into the dark underwater world of a strange marina. And a split second later you're hoping nobody at the nearby bar is watching to record the bizarre habits of a strange boater.

So, how many seconds does it take to fall three to four feet? Ask any college physics student and you'll probably get a fairly accurate answer, no more that a second or two I'm sure. Or you can ask the person that fell and discover it took practically a lifetime to feel the impact of water against flesh. Here's the conversation that took place in that infinitely long one to two seconds.

"Where's the dock? I don't know. It's supposed to be there. But it isn't. Wow! I'm floating! No, wait a minute; my foot keeps on going down. Oh S---, I don't want the Golden Snorkel Award. I'm going to get soaked. I hope no one is watching. Do I have anything in my pockets that'll get ruined? Nope, I don't think so. It's too late to think about that now. Where's the water? I wonder if it's going to be cold. It sure is dark out. Man, this is taking forever. "

Somewhere during all this you instinctively take a breath, hold it, and turn so your back is facing the water. Then, SPLASH! The conversation continues.

"Okay, the water isn't cold. That's nice; I hate cold water. As if you really have any say in the matter. In fact it's actually almost warm. So, hold on a minute; I need to figure out what's happening. You idiot! You fell off the dock! Dumb. Now you're under water. What should I do now? Don't stand up; you don't know what's crawling around on the bottom. I wonder what it looks like. Why don't you open your eyes and find out? Wow, it's dark out but I can still see. I can't see the bottom but there's my arms and legs. So, what's next? I guess I should swim over to those pilings and try to get out. Ugh, look at all the stuff sticking to the piling. Oh well, let's climb up and get out of the water. I hope nobody saw me fall. I'm never going to live this down."

Upon surfacing you eventually get out of the water with the help of a friend who later said he wondered if you were ever going to surface. About the only thing left to do is go find that glass of vanilla rum, sit down, and finish it off. You follow that with a warm shower and some first aid (that piling did have some nasty stuff on it) and turn in, eventually drifting off to sleep to boat another day.

Anonymous, but sure to be discovered,
as there were witnesses.

(Can you guess?!?)

Dog Days of August

August 17-19, 2012

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Please join us for a weekend of fun and sun in beautiful Colonial Beach, VA.

Friday, August 17, 6-8pm

Meet and Greet

Dockside Restaurant

Appetizers

Note: We will hand out tickets and Visitor Guides to all boaters at this event.

Saturday, August 18, 1-6pm

BBQ & Yacht Club Olympics

Dockside Restaurant/CBYC

BBQ, cole slaw, corn on the cob, potato salad

Top three yacht clubs will be awarded trophies!

Sunday, August 19, 10am-12pm

Breakfast Buffet or Bloody Mary

Dockside Restaurant

Enjoy delicious breakfast buffet or a tasty Bloody Mary

Trophies will be presented to the winners!

Cost: \$49.95 (including tax) per person.

Reservations: Please send your reservation and check made out to "Colonial Yacht Club" to Kevin Whicker, 1071 Shore Drive, Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

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