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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**Tom Plewes**

### EVERYTHING IS EARLIER THIS YEAR!

Thanks to Vice Commodore Jim Dooley and a dedicated and excited group of cruise coordinators, the 2012 OYC cruising season got underway exceptionally early this year. The cruise season kick-off began with a new Cherry Blossom Cruise to the Washington Channel taking place March 30 to April 1, making the most of an exceptionally warm spring. The traditional Early Bird followed shortly after with the Early Bird Cruise to Old Town Alexandria on April 13-15. By the time this article appears, the popular Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach will be in the history books.

Other things are also early this year. As I write this article, the first named tropical storm of 2012 has already been designated. On May 19, Tropical Storm Alberto, which was fortunately a mild storm heading out to sea off the coast of South Carolina, was named. This was more than a month before the first tropical storm of the 2011 season when Arlene developed on June 28. The news reports tell us this was the earliest for this type of storm since 2003. We all remember what happened later in 2003 – Isabel.

Does this early tropical storm portend a challenging weather year for boating? Not necessarily, according to the Tropical Meteorological Project at Colorado State University, an outfit that forecasts these

sorts of things. The Project reads the meteorological tea leaves and believes that the 2012 season will have less activity than usual, estimating 4 hurricanes (against an average of 6.5) and 10 named storms (average 12.0). Still, as the Project is quick to point out, it only takes one hurricane to make landfall to make an active hurricane season, so it is important to prepare for every season no matter how much activity is predicted.

OYC boaters are always wise to be ready. A good template for getting ready is to reflect back on the August 2011 visit of Hurricane Irene, the second earliest North Atlantic tropical cyclone on record. The experience of getting ready for Irene gives a clue to what OYC boaters should be thinking about early in the season. Those who are docked on the Occoquan and other Potomac tributaries will recall the preparation that was necessary for this storm last year. Many of us started that preparation with a quick trip to West Marine for additional lines with which to secure our boats (preparation #1). Fenders were another issue. The one on each side to fend off our dock mates would not cut it in a real storm surge. The day before the storm was not a very good time to be out shopping for fenders (preparation #2). And finally, many quickly visited the BoatUS.com/hurricanes website before the storm to double check the recommended list of preparations. This year, the site is on my list of favorites; and I have signed up for the BoatUS storm advisories emails that are featured on the BoatUS.com website.

Why prepare for storms in June? Why not? Everything is earlier this year!

Tom Plewes, *Double Eagle*



**Vice Commodore**

**Jim Dooley**

## **FLAG RAISING 2012!**

Wow! The weather was perfect, food was delicious, and the politicians kept it short. For those of you who were unable to attend, the official 2012 boating season has begun with the 28<sup>th</sup> annual OYC Flag Raising Ceremony at OHM on May 5. The ceremony began with music from Lively Livingston playing "Proud to be an American", followed by Jim Dooley welcoming our club members and guest and introducing our 2012 OYC Board Members.



**Rick & Teresa Sorrenti were recognized for their 20 years of service to the Club** with a gift of two commemorative, monogrammed, spiffy looking, all-weather jackets. Rick thanked the club and gave a special thanks to all of our dedicated men and women in our military service and to those who keep our boating waters safe.



**Rick then reluctantly handed over the fuse to our OYC cannon to our new explosives expert, Don Bennett.** Jim, then followed by thanking Dick and

Caroline Lynn for the use of their marina, Lively Livingstone began a medley of military anthems paying tribute to each of our armed services. Our guest singer, Christine Liddell, tuned up with the National Anthem, accompanied by Joe Quarterman on the trumpet. Just as Christine was hitting her last note, KABOOOMMMM! Don fired the cannon for the first time and up went the flags by experienced (ah-um) **Harry Croft, first-timer Beth Francis and new club member Bud Jennison.**



We then welcomed the Honorable Gerald Connolly, member of the United States House of Representatives from Virginia's 11th congressional district. Mr. Connolly thanked the OYC for their support and pledged to help keep our waters clean and safe. Other dignitaries included Prince William County Supervisor Michael May; Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart; Fairfax County Assistant Commander of Special Operations, Lieutenant Dave Goldberg; Fairfax Fire Department Captain Paul Parker; Occoquan Vice Mayor Ken Brunsvold; Town Council Member, Pat Sivigny, and Town Manager, Claudia Cruise; Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Captain Leroy Butler; and South County Chamber of Commerce President Tim Rizer. Representing the US Coast Guard Auxiliary were Glen Boyles, Sam Tilley, Bonnie Breneman, Susan Duke and Jerry Little. Representing the PRYCA was our own Mike Crouch, PRYCA Vice Commodore!

The Occoquan Yacht Club recognized and thanked Dick and Caroline Lynn (OHM), Joe and Sally Hoffmaster (Hoffmaster Marina), and Bill Garber (Holly Acres) for their continued support.

With closing words, Jim declared the 2012 boating season officially open, and turned to our grillmasters, John Heinze, Bud Bishop, and Don Bennett to start serving up the grilled burgers and dawgs, as our 2012 club directories, by Jim Hawley, were handed out, and our Quartermaster, Heidi Bishop, began taking orders. It was a wonderful occasion and we all look forward to a long and safe 2012 boating season! Thanks to everyone for making this a special OYC event!

*Jim Dooley, Jus Chill-N*



## JUNE DATEMARKERS

### BIRTHDAYS

Karen Crouch 6/2  
Judy Dooley 6/10  
Goodwyn Morgan 6/11  
Timothy Gibbons 6/12  
Steven Quentmeyer 6/15  
Mary Jo Worcester 6/15  
Steven Thompson 6/16  
Donna Carr 6/19  
Kim Akers 6/19  
Harold Jennison 6/23  
William Myers 6/27

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Donna Lensis 6/1  
William & Sandra Myers 6/2  
Christian & Alison Rose 6/4  
Joey & Pam Sowell 6/5  
Bill & Beth Francis 6/6  
Bob & Jan Wilcox 6/15  
Nabil & Lucy Dubraque 6/19  
Joe & Gail Livingston 6/20  
Steve & Mary Jo Worcester 6/21  
Bill & Peggy Johnson 6/22  
William & Kim Akers 6/23  
Kris & Ralph Mason 6/25  
Scott & Linda Del Monte 6/28



**Rear Commodore**

**John Heinze**

**THE FAJITA-FEST – Olé!**  
**Saturday, June 9, 2-5 pm**  
**Occoquan Harbor Marina (picnic area)**

Come out for a great time!

We have had three terrific OYC events so far this year - the Planfest in February, the General Membership meeting in March and the Flag Raising in April. And so we have asked ourselves, what could we do to top those events? The answer is something that we have been doing just for the past couple of years – the Fajita-Fest.

For one price, we provided it all – food and beverages - and not just the usual sodas and bottled water but also your favorite adult drinks that go with Mexican food. Yes, you read that right – this is the one OYC event where we serve big boy/big girl drinks.

So once again OYC is providing the Fajita-Fest! You do not need to bring anything to this OYC event.

And the food will be fantastic – chicken and beef fajitas with all the fixings, prepared as always by El Charro restaurant, known for its authentic and delicious Mexican food. And as if all this great food wasn't enough, we will have dessert as well. Yum!

**The cost for all of this is a very reasonable \$15 per person.** Just bring cash, please. We don't accept credit cards.

And we don't even need advanced reservations. After doing this for two years – and based on attendance at our earlier OYC events – we have a pretty good idea of the attendance at this event.

So come and enjoy the Fajita-Fest!

John Heinze, *Great Escape*

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**Secretary**

**Jill Stanley**

## OYC BOATER COOKBOOK -- Needs YOU!

To all the members of OYC—we *need* you!!!

At every OYC event and cruise, I have tasted some amazing drinks and recipes. We now need everyone to share these dishes and other recipes you would like to contribute to the cause. Let's make this cookbook for boaters a collection of recipes better than any Junior League Cookbook. Please send your recipes of your favorites to - [oyceditor@gmail.com](mailto:oyceditor@gmail.com). Please include "cookbook" in the subject.

Below is a quick and easy recipe for boating that I would like to share and contribute to the OYC boater's cookbook. This dip is also good served cold.

### Colby-Pepper Jack Cheese Dip

1 (8-oz.) package cream cheese  
 2/3 c. sour cream  
 1/3 c. mayo  
 1 tblsp. finely chopped canned chipotle pepper in adobe sauce  
 2 tsp. chili powdered  
 2 cups chopped cooked chicken.  
 2 cups (8oz.) shredded colby-jack cheese blend  
 1 (4oz.) can chopped green chillies  
 4 green onions, finely chopped  
 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and minced  
 ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro  
 Preheat oven to 350. Stir together first 5 ingredients in a large bowl until smooth. Stir in chicken and next 5 ingredients until blended. Spoon cheese mixture into a lightly greased 8-inch square baking dish.  
 Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until bubbly. Spoon into serving bowl. Serve with tortilla or sweet potato chips.  
 To make the dip easier, I bought the already cooked chicken pieces that are sold in the sandwich meat section of the grocery store.

Jill Stanley, *'bout Time*

## CRUISE NEWS...

### THE BVI EXPERIENCE!

What could possibly be more fun than cruising the Chesapeake Bay with OYC friends? How about cruising the British Virgin Islands with OYC friends? Fourteen OYC members recently put that question to the test.

After ten days of bare-boat chartering aboard two power catamarans, the answer is..... It's hard to top the BVI experience for fun in the sun and relaxation!

Tom Lensis captained one boat, with Donna Lensis, Linda and Laslo Bozoky, Rick and Teresa Sorrenti, and Ned and Arleen Rhodes as crew. (No lack of certified captains on that boat!) Harry Croft captained the other boat, with Pat Croft, Sharman Harris, Catherine Harris, Amy Fletcher, and Rudy Karisch as crew. (OK, Rudy doesn't qualify as an OYC member, but he was definitely crew.)

The boats were 47' power catamarans from The Moorings in Road Town, Tortola. With a 25' beam, these cats offered four generous staterooms with private head and shower, as well as a salon and galley, ample cockpit entertaining space, and plenty of seating for all on the flybridge. There were places to go for solitude, or space to hang out with the whole gang.



Looking out from Soggy Dollar Bar at one of our Boats

The crews flew to St. Thomas on April 15, and spent the first night at Emerald Beach Resort, right next to the airport, to get instant gratification at the beach, bar and Oceana restaurant, before heading off the next morning for the one-hour ferry ride to Road Town. Harry had made arrangements ahead of time for all of the transfers from airport to motel to ferry, which made the process more convenient; but it was still hectic each time all fourteen of us piled into two vans with all of our luggage. The van driver who delivered us to The Moorings wore a shirt that bore the island philosophy - "Live Slow", and he offered this warning - "If you can't relax here, there is no hope for you."

But relaxation was not possible for the first few hours after taking possession of the boats, with captains' briefings to be attended, luggage to be stowed, pre-ordered provisions to be inventoried and put away, and most importantly, the crucial beer/wine/liquor/ice run to be made by a contingent from each boat. The shopping crew from one of the boats got a little carried away as

they considered just how many cases of wine and beer would be necessary for 10 days on the water: they returned from the market with 6 cases of wine, 2 cases of beer, 3 cases of diet coke (and how much rum?). The only reason they had wine left at the end of the trip was their discovery of a preference for the classic island drink – the Pain Killer. ‘No Pain’ became their motto. (We’re not saying which boat that was, but as you read on, remember this clue: an important ingredient of the Pain Killer is freshly grated nutmeg.)



Happy Hour on the Cat

Norman Island was our first destination, and the captains and crews were put to the test of procuring a mooring ball for the night. This is a somewhat tricky operation, but the Fletcher/Karisch team, with Croft at the helm, proved equal to the task, as did the Bozoky/Rhodes/Sorrenti team, with Lensis at the helm, on the other boat.

Ahh – relaxation was now the order of the day... and every day thereafter. The toughest decision to be made each day: swim now and read later, or read now and snorkel later? Eat dinner on the boat, or take a dinghy ride to Willie T's, (a floating restaurant/bar famous for the antics of inebriated patrons)? Have a glass of wine, or indulge in a Pain Killer? Decisions, decisions!



Aftica Crew Dinghy - The crew of Tom's boat, with Ned (the Dingy Captain) and Arleen, Linda and Laslo, Rick and Teresa, and Tom and Donna

Cruising from one island to the next was a short ride at a leisurely pace, moving from one secluded cove to another. Some islands are sparsely populated; some are uninhabited. Many have ramshackle beach bars that look as if the next tropical storm will wash them away, and some have elaborate resorts with gift shops and beach-front restaurants. Sometimes we moored in a cove just for a few hours for lunch or snorkeling; other times we stayed at a destination for two nights. Cooper Island Beach Club Resort was a great lunch stop, with a boutique and a spice shop, where Donna, mixologist extraordinaire, purchased a nutmeg and mini grater, with which to enhance the aforementioned Pain Killers. (Which boat was Donna on?)

Our schedule was flexible, with no rigid deadlines to meet, but we managed to include many of the fabled BVI destinations. In addition to Norman and Cooper Islands, our itinerary included, in no particular order: The Indians, where Harry and Amy went scuba diving and the rest of us snorkeled; Leverick Bay and Bitter End on Virgin Gorda; Marina Cay; Monkey Point on Guana Island (fantastic snorkeling!); Manchioneel Bay on the east end of Jost Van Dyke; Great Harbor on Jost Van Dyke, with a stop at Foxy's, where the real Foxy is still singing his raunchy tunes at 73 (Some have the T-shirts to prove they were at Foxy's Taboo and hiked to the Bubbly Pools); White Bay on Jost Van Dyke, home of the Soggy Dollar Bar where the original Pain Killer is said to have been created; and Soper's Hole, a busy West End harbor with great shops and yet another Pusser's Rum open-air bar. Tom's boat also stopped to explore The Baths on Virgin Gorda, while Harry's boat went on to Great Dog, where he and Amy dove on The Chimney.



Happy Hour and Buffet at Leverick Bay  
(Hmmm.... do I detect a happy hour theme?)

The highlight of the trip was adding Anegada to our list of islands visited. Anegada lies fifteen miles northeast across open seas and can be tough to get to on windy days. Called the Drowned Island, it is low-lying and



surrounded by an extensive reef, with only one narrow opening in the reef giving entrance to a shallow harbor on the west side of the island. Thanks to split-second decision-making on the part of our captains and that flexible schedule, we were able to take advantage of perfect conditions to get there. This was a two-night stay; we spent most of one day at Loblolly Bay on the far side of the island, the quintessential Caribbean beach, complete with turquoise water, white sand, and thatched-roof shade huts.



Loblolly Bar - Sharman Harris, Pat and Harry Croft at the beach bar at Loblolly Bay, Anegada



Catherine Harris wading in the Salt Ponds on Anegada in search of Pink Flamingos.

(She was either on a birding adventure with Capt. Harry or a forced march, depending on who is telling the story.)

Our last day in paradise came all too soon, but happily, we spent it at Great Harbour on Peter Island, where we managed to get side-by-side mooring balls, so we could swim back and forth between the boats. Warm water here – even Sharman jumped in for a swim! Later we were visited by Barry the Baracuda, whom Sharman, Catherine, and the Crofts claim has visited them at this location in the past – they say he has grown since they

saw him last! Rudy was determined to catch Barry with his bare hands, and though his attempts were futile, he kept everyone amused.



Tom and Donna at Loblolly Bay, Anegada

We returned the boats to The Moorings on April 26. While other captains returning their boats that day requested assistance and took a Moorings Captain on board to dock the monster vessel, each of our OYC captains brought their boat back to the busy harbor and into its berth without assistance – not an easy feat. Once we were docked, the toughest part of the return was getting the luggage off the boat and – for one boat, at least – packing off a lot of leftover wine. Rick assured the Customs Agent that the group would be consuming the libations at the hotel in St Thomas, not taking them home.

Our travel plan called for a ferry ride back to St Thomas and an overnight stay at the Emerald Beach Resort again, a plan that freed us from the worry of getting back to St Thomas in time for the afternoon flight. It also gave us a chance to hang out at the pool and reminisce about the fantastic adventure we had just completed, and for some, a chance to consume the over-stocked wine. Note to future cruisers: Pain Killers are the beverage of choice in the BVI – purchase wine conservatively.

Cruising anywhere with OYC friends is always fun; cruising the British Virgin Islands with OYC friends is a blast! “Live Slow, No Pain” – a motto we followed successfully. There is hope for us after all.

Donna Lensis, *Copy Cat*, & Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

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WILL YOU BE AT COLES POINT  
JULY 13-15 TO HELP DEFEND  
**THE CUP?**



## UPCOMING CRUISES...

### **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 and even a bead for our own Mr. Wilson! 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. Space is limited, so please contact Bud Bishop ASPA! information is forthcoming by email; meanwhile, POC for forms, etc. is Bud Bishop at [hbishop31@verizon.net](mailto:hbishop31@verizon.net).

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

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

#### **LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR THE BAY CRUISE!!**

Those of you who find it difficult to plan too far into the future may have put off making plans to join all or part of the Bay Cruise scheduled for mid June to mid July. The future is now just a few weeks away, so it's time to get serious and sign up to cruise!

Briefly, here is the itinerary and points where you can join us:

**Cobb Island – June 15-17** – We will be there for the Summer Kick-Off, a weekend event. (Check with Bud Bishop to get registered for that.) We will leave Cobb Island Sunday, June 17, late morning.

**Pt. Lookout – June 17-June 22** – Bay fishing! I have all the gear and no fear! Come for all or part of this week, or arrive at Pt. Lookout early Saturday, June 23, ready to depart for the next leg of the cruise -

**Onancock – June 23 & 24**

**Shad Landing – June 25-27**, up the Pocomoke River. Bicycle over to Assateague Bay from Snow Hill.

**Crisfield – June 28**, to rest and refuel. Then we head back across the Bay to –

**Patuxent River – June 29**, Vera's. This would be a good point to join the cruise as we move north to –

**Herrington South – June 30, July 1**

**Baltimore – July 2, 3, & 4 – Fireworks!** We'll have a great view from Inner Harbor East.

**Annapolis – July 5 & 6** – on mooring balls

**Lower Potomac – July 7 - 12**, you may just take a leisurely trip back to home port, or hang out with us as

we explore the quiet tributaries of the lower Potomac, killing time until -

### **Coles Point Plantation – July 13-15 – PRYCA Float-In**

– if you can't make it to anything else, make it to the Float-In! Help OYC defend The Cup!

Interested? Need more details? [hpcroft@verizon.net](mailto:hpcroft@verizon.net), or call me at 703-451-9147

*Bay Dreamers, Pat & Capt. Harry Croft*

### **NOT-THE-4<sup>TH</sup> TIM'S RIVERSHORE FIREWORKS RAFT-UP, June 30**

Always a fun, exciting event! (We're hoping it's a bit less exciting that last year.) Even though we are not securing slips for this event, it is important to register with the cruise coordinators and include your boat information. Float-In details will be emailed to participants. Please contact Bud and Heidi at 703-801-3075 or [hbishop31@verizon.net](mailto:hbishop31@verizon.net).

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

### **4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY**

It seems boating has become more popular in the DC area, and permanent slip-holders are valued more than transients. Neither National Harbor nor Washington Marina hold promise of having slips for us. At the least, we still plan a raft-up in Washington Channel on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please email [bennettton@comcast.net](mailto:bennettton@comcast.net) if you're interested, and stay tuned...

*Don & Anne Bennett, Heart of the Sun*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

2012 cards and the new directory are available. If you didn't pick up your membership cards at the Flag Raising, they will be available at Fajita-Fest. You may also pick them up at Slip E-18, Occoquan Harbor Marina, on board *Hi-Jinx* (\*Please call ahead! 703-801-3075). If you are out of town and need your membership cards mailed to you, please email me at [hbishop31@verizon.net](mailto:hbishop31@verizon.net). In order to minimize the postage costs for the Club, I can also send them electronically for you to print yourselves. Again, email me and I will happily do so. AND...the directory will soon be available as a pdf. thanks to Jim Hawley.

~ Bud

**Mark these 2012 dates...**

**Margarita / Fajita Fest**  
Occoquan Harbor Marina  
June 9  
2-5 pm

**PRYCA Summer Kickoff**  
Cobb Island Day  
June 15-17

**Harry & Pat's**  
Super Duper Cruise  
June 15- July 15

**Not-the-4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks**  
Raft-Up  
June 30

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***BOAT SAFELY!***

If your boat has not been inspected this season, contact USCG Auxiliary Vessel Examiner, Glen Boys, [glen.boys@verizon.net](mailto:glen.boys@verizon.net)

**Numbers to keep handy...**

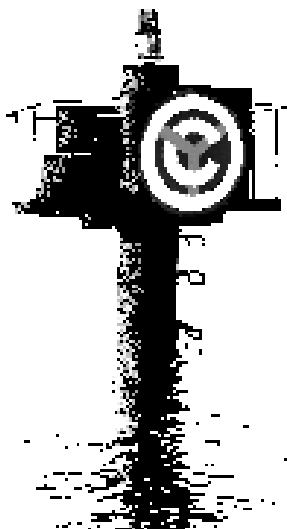
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