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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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OYC CLUBHOUSE CONSTRUCTION STARTED

Finally after years of design and club member ideas, OYC has broken ground on our new floating clubhouse or as the Board has named it “OYC Utopia”. Thanks to donations from Joey and Pam Sowell and Steve and Ginny Preda, our OYC Utopia has moved from the conceptual design phase into the construction phase. As many of you remember, we were not able to ascertain property in Fairfax County that would accommodate our club’s venture; so to be true to form for OYC, we looked to Yacht Island Design, Ltd. With their design and a 100-year lease acquired for Conrad Island (shown below), the future OYC home is well underway!



Rear Commodore Bud Bishop explained our new clubhouse inspiration this way, “Before trying to understand the design, one has to

examine why the greater majority of yachts have evolved to the traditional form that has derived from millennia of engineering and naval architecture. Once the mind is free from these constraints, the possible forms into OYC Utopia Clubhouse.”



Harry Croft, long time OYC member and past commodore stated, “It is not an object to travel in, it is a place to be, an island established uniquely for OYC. Measuring 100m in length and breadth, and spanning over 11 decks with the equivalent volume of a present-day cruise liner there is enough space to create an entire OYC Micronation.”



Visionary, Nabil Dubraque and OYC member explained it this way “In today’s context, Project OYC Utopia might be viewed as a folly, an extravagant expression of architecture and form based on a perception of the future. The visionary will, however, be able to grasp the paradigm shift and see the future as being totally unconstrained”.

Joe Livingston, Treasurer, noted that “one of the biggest assets from this design is that OYC we will be able to actually generate revenue with things such as a retail district, theatre, culinary zone containing an eclectic mix of restaurants, and an entertainment zone featuring bars, nightclubs and a casino.”

With an observatory deck with breathtaking 360-degree views at a height of 65m above sea level, Vice Commodore Don Bennett commented this, “A true architectural and engineering masterpiece designed to present the smallest possible profile to the water’s surface. A permanent dock with our own security!”

All in all, OYC will have a STATE OF THE ART CLUB HOUSE! No longer will OYC be known for being homeless and asking for pity in order to use other PRYCA club’s facilities. Jim and Judy Dooley know this feeling well since they have the smallest boat in the Club. But rumors have been heard that they have a new boat coming... *Jus Chill~N Too!* Judy actually leaked out the design after a few drinks at the Madigan’s St. Patrick Day Party...



“JUS CHILL~N TOO”

Completion of OYC Utopia is expected in late 2013, just in time for our 2013 Holiday Party and Change of Watch.

Tom Dooley, *Hang UR Head Low*



COMMODORE of VICES

Don Bennett

As a new boating season dawns, an issue from five years ago still festers. As you will see in the (following) quote, the Fleet Captains demanded change. As Vice Commodore, I am sworn to protect and support those under my charge; so I recently renewed their concerns with the Board. The issues as laid out five years ago are as follows, and I quote:

“The OYC Fleet Captains, Harry Croft and Chris Rose, met for the first time in many years and expressed a lot of pent up dissatisfaction with the leadership and membership. First among their grievances was the very title, Fleet ‘Captain’. Who ever heard of a Captain in charge of a fleet? Admirals are in charge of fleets! So first and foremost they want their title changed to ‘Fleet Admiral’. This minor change would bring new interest to the position!

“Next among the angst items is the notion that OYC members are serious consumers of alcoholic beverages. The Fleet Admirals take exception to this impression and as soon as I finish rehab I will develop a series of ways we can better mask our drinking habits. Right now I’m thinking of brown paper bags with OYC decals on them, fake cola cans sleeves for beer, and clear plastic water bottles for wine. We’ll have to forgo the cork but no one will think we are sipping wine! I have a lot of other good ideas for this but right now I’m a bit woozy from imbibbing. ibibbing (Is that a new Apple device for drinking?!?), er, drinking.”

After discussing these pressing matters at great length, the Board decided to enact the requested changes following the next passing of Halley’s comet or as soon as we stop drinking, whichever comes first. However, our quartermaster will be ordering the OYC brown paper bags and fake cola can sleeves; and we are asking all members to save their plastic water bottles for recycling as wine containers. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.



Another issue left hanging since the historic Fleet Captain Rebellion of 2008 was “...that our Commodore doesn’t look commodorish!!” A nautical arm tattoo was suggested at that time; but obviously, our current commodore has his own sense of style ----->

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



REAR COMMODORE

Bud Bishop



SECRETARY

Carol Belcher

From the Captain's Chair of *Hi-Jinx*²:

Ah yes, de-winterizing time! But, not so fast. We have received word that, due to global warming in the southern hemisphere, winter in the northern hemisphere will be lasting a bit longer. In fact, seasoned mariners are warning that winter temperatures will extend into August and suggest keeping space heaters on through July at a minimum. West Marine has even ordered fur-lined floatees for those brave enough to swim during Tim's Rivershore raft-up. They are stocking up on ice picks for those who want to fish this summer; packages of ice picks include safety warnings about how to chop holes in the ice through which you drop bait... on a hook... attached to a line. Like, Duh! There is one good warning about not chopping the ice in a circle around you as... well, you then become the bait that drops through the hole. Now that warning I can understand. I mean, I'll bet lots of folks don't know not to chop in a circle all the way around yourself. Sheesh.

So, we've covered space heaters through July, fishing with bait on a frozen river, and proper methods of chopping ice through which to drop the bait. Now we can focus on some fun things to try on the paddle boarders who may be fitting ice picks to the ends of their paddles and scooting along the ice. One of my favorites is to chop a single line in the ice from your boat to the middle of the iced-over river where the paddle boarders seem to like to navigate. Cut a large shark fin out of plywood, paint it gray, and fix your fishing line to the 'fin'. String the fishing line through a hole at the end of the line and walk back to your boat, being careful not to step in the groove you've chopped in the ice. Fix the fishing line to the plywood fin, and then, when you see the first paddle boarder coming, start reeling that fin towards him. Can you imagine his surprise? A shark being able to break through the ice? I laugh just imagining the trout look on their faces. Now, as he paddles faster, reel that line in faster and faster, pulling that fin toward him; and watch him sweat! Then, when he's dropped his paddle and is trying to scramble off the ice, jump up and yell "Surprise!"

Have a scotch in hand to offer as a peacemaker—he'll need it. Stay tuned for next month's guide on how to set up a fake duck blind at a float-in and the proper way to act like you don't know what you are doing while shooting blanks at the ducks you've pushed towards their waterlines. Guffaws all around!

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*²

The Tow Path to Sustainable Energy

"We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations...The path towards sustainable energy sources will be long and sometimes difficult. But American cannot resist this transition. We must lead it." With these words during his inaugural speech on Jan 21 2013, President Obama challenged Americans to develop further initiatives to save the global climate.

In a bold move that looks to further tax those wealthy few who have so much discretionary income that they can afford boats, the federal government has teamed up with the Virginia state lawmakers in a campaign that will encourage boat owners to 'go green'. In a joint press release read by White House staff, lawmakers called for greater responsibility in the boating community, "Several scientific studies have shown that significant carbon emissions occur when pleasure boats are travelling at low speeds, especially in no-wake zones. Our plan is to lower those carbon emissions using both modern innovation and time-tested methods."

Boating clubs and associations immediately responded with calls for additional information to reduce the confusion and anxiety among their members. Details of the new campaign were revealed to the presidents of these organizations in a closed-door meeting on Friday but one person agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, as the organizations' members have not yet had a chance to learn of the details.

The plan is both simple and elegant in its ability to raise funds for federal and state coffers and for its actual green appeal. It will be initiated on a trial basis on the Potomac River, starting in time for the 4th of July, 2013. In a plan that melds the past with modern technology, the use of tow-horses takes on a modern role. Tow-horses were used extensively in Europe and on U.S canals to pull barges over a century ago but fell into disuse as waterways were widened—but now they are back in vogue. All marinas on tributaries of the Potomac must build tow-paths alongside the river banks to accommodate tow-horses that will pull boats in from the mouth of the Potomac to their marina. Once in tow, boats must stop their engines, resulting in a significant reduction in exhaust emissions. All boats registered in Virginia marinas, including those with Coast Guard Documented status, will be taxed 5% of their appraised

value per year to pay for the costs of building tow-paths and to buy, feed, train and stable the tow horses.

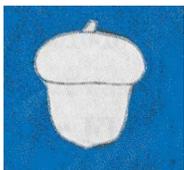
Boating association presidents immediately expressed their concern over the anticipated build-up of naturally occurring waste left behind by the tow horses. Government officials pointed out that the 'naturally occurring organic material' was environmentally friendly and could be composted and sold in gardening centers, a true win-win solution for all.

Carol Belcher, *Time2Play*

As a result, at a special Spring meeting held on 20 March 2013, the Board voted to accept an offer from the Town. The Club will have total use of the facility. In turn, OYC member are only required to maintain the facility and pay all utility costs.

Secretary Belcher has scheduled a special reception on the 1st of April, for the OYC membership to tour the new Clubhouse. Please "RSVP" to Rear Commodore Bishop at sloof.lirpa@verison.fishnet if you will attend. Questions. Please call Treasurer Livingston at [703-505-8313](tel:703-505-8313).

Cheers! Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



TREASURER

Joe Livingston

Hello all members. My monthly Report. We, as a Club, this year have been very responsive to Commodore Dooley's stated goal of "growing our membership." As of the first of April, our membership is anticipated to have grown to three hundred paid Family memberships. As stated at our General Board Meeting in March... this membership level is fantastic; however, it has created a very difficult problem. There are a very limited number of places where the Club can now meet and hold annual meetings in accordance with our by-laws.

As you have read by now, our rogue Commodore has undertaken the vast OYC Utopian Clubhouse venture. While we have every confidence in his construction expertise (He is a professional, you know!), we are a little concerned about the timeline. As a result, following extensive discussion, the Board by unanimous vote directed the Treasurer to locate a suitable place to rent or to buy in the Occoquan River vicinity for development as the backup OYC Clubhouse. Vice Commodore Bennett immediately volunteered to assist in the search.



Our search resulted in identifying the Occoquan Museum building located at the west end of the Town of Occoquan. The Museum, closed due to budget cuts, is immediately available!

POTOMAC RIVER ALERT!

Flushing of Pet Alligators Threatens Regional Boaters

In a development reminiscent of Florida's python problem, the population of Potomac alligators, flushed by owners who could no longer care for them, is approaching pestilential proportions. Unlike the Chinese snakehead fish, which by hiring public relations firms is moving from environmental disaster to gustatory delicacy, alligators have been mainly content to be themselves, surviving mainly on kayakers and small boaters. Though their flushing experience seems to have instilled in their primitive psyche a predilection for the taste of some politicians and lobbyists, this hunger has been mostly thwarted by river pollution control efforts. They therefore turn instead to fish (battered), boaters (lotion basted but un-battered), and excellent crab cakes (fried or broiled), which also explains why most recent encounters have been in the vicinity of popular waterfront restaurants such as Tim's Rivershore (see photo).



Nabil Dubraque, *High Cotton*

(APRIL FOOLS! Tee-hee-hee!)



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Where is Spring 2013? Boating season 2013 is getting off to a slow, chilly start.



"High Cotton" was seen out on the Occoquan, but was having a tough time making it to port.

Among the chills of winter and the dreary, rainy days of late, Saturday, March 16, the weather cooperated. Our General Membership Meeting had a super turnout of seasoned and new members. Highlights included welcoming new members Dave and Karen Hart, the status of 2013 cruises, an update on the early-season Cherry Blossom Cruise, and Fleet Captains. One key issue presented to the Club was OYC's offering to host the PRYCA End of Summer Cruise to be held at Belmont Bay Marina in October. The Club unanimously accepted to host the event. Linda Del Monte was the big winner of the 50/50 raffle. As Mike Crouch did at the Planfest, Linda followed his lead and donated her winnings back to the Club. Thank you! The highlight of the day was the photo contest with photos taken during 2012. The winning photographers were awarded gift certificates to the OYC Quartermaster Store. Congratulations to all the winners! (p. 2) ...and everyone who showed their support to the Occoquan Yacht Club by submitting a photo.

Boat fever may have been quelled by March's snows and chilly temperatures, but soon we will be out on the waters with the pre-season Cherry

Blossom Cruise to Gangplank Marina with 13 boats signed up. It looks like this year we'll hit the mark of Peak Bloom!

The Flag Raising ceremony at OHM follows on May 4, as our 29th annual season opener. With this year's firing of our authentic brass cannon by our new cannoneer, Don Bennett, our 2013 season will be off to a nautical start. The flags will be raised by seasoned and new members; local dignitaries will stop by to join the festivities and offer a few encouraging words; the Fairfax Marine Patrol will answer questions; and the USCG will conduct 2013 safety inspections. OYC chefs will grill the finest burgers and dogs (... not just any burgers and dogs, but all-beef Bubba Burgers® and premium hotdogs) grilled over charcoal flame to be served picnic style with each member providing a side dish and drink, as in years past.



Two weeks later, Saturday, May 18, we have the Blessing of the Fleet, detailed in the Treasurer's report.

The 2013 season looks to be another awesome year, so if you have not renewed or signed up, now is the time to do it. OYC, start your de-winterization, Clorox your potable water system, clean out your blowers, and add that smelly blue stuff to the holding tank... here comes the 2013 BOATING SEASON and 2013 PRYCA CUP!

Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*



Photo contest winners are listed below along with the first place photos. Due to space constraints, not all pictures can be shown here. Please check out the photo gallery at the end of the electronic version.

PEOPLE



1st Place – OYC Cruisers at Their Best, Jill Stanley & Harry Croft
 2nd Place – *If I smile maybe no one will notice the shirt's too small*, Jill Stanley
 3rd Place – *Faces at The Rivuh*, John Deditius

PLACES



1st Place – The Calm..., Anne Bennett
 2nd Place – *Jacob Creek Sunset*, Ginny Preda
 3rd Place – *Solomons Sunset*, Scott Del Monte

PETS



1st Place – Hard Day on the River, Anne Bennett
 2nd Place – *A Man and His Second Mate*, Ginny Preda
 3rd Place – *The Dog Whisperer*, Anne Bennett

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



1st Place – Eastport, Scott Del Monte
 2nd Place – *Bay Dreamer - Thomas Pt Lighthouse*, Harry Croft
 3rd Place – *Boats*, Scott Del Monte

PHANTASY/PHOTO ART



1st Place – Spring is Here, Nabil Dubraque
 2nd Place – *Just Ducky*, Scott Del Monte



VICE COMMODORE

Don Bennett

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Now that Spring is here (seriously???) and we're getting ready for the 2013 boating season, we need to appoint and recognize our Fleet Captains. As some of you are not aware of this position, I thought it best to explain in a question/answer format.

Q: What is a Fleet Captain?

A: Approved by the Executive Board, Fleet Captains are the liaisons between their respective marinas and the Board. They represent the OYC at their marinas; and their primary goal is to serve as our marketing arm, soliciting and educating new members.

Q: Who do the Fleet Captains report to?

A: Fleet Captains report to the Vice Commodore. The VC is responsible for the leadership, training and management of the Fleet Captains, ensuring they are adequately supported and motivated in carrying out duties at their respective marinas.

Q: What are the duties of the Fleet Captain?

A: Fleet Captains are responsible for increasing membership by encouraging boaters in their own marinas to become OYC members. This is accomplished through the distribution of OYC flyers within the marina, promoting the OYC at marina functions and providing membership forms and cruise information to prospective members.

Q: Which marinas are in need of a Fleet Captain?

A: Below is a list of the many marinas found in our club roster and the identified Fleet Captains. As you can see, most of our marinas are not currently represented.

MARINA	FLEET CAPTAIN
Alexandria City Marina	
Belmont Bay Marina	Mike and Karen Crouch
Chesapeake Yacht Club	
Columbia Island Marina (CIM)	
Coles Point Marina	
Colonial Beach Yacht Center	
Community Dock	
Elephant Bute, NM	
EZ Cruz Marina	
Fairfax Yacht Club (FYC)	Carl and Patricia Maxwell
Federal Point Yacht Club, Carolina Beach, NC (FPYC)	
Hampton's Landing Marina	
Hoffmaster's Marina	
Hope Springs Marina	
Occoquan Harbor Marina (OHM)	
Patten Point Yacht Club, Long Beach, NJ	
Pilot House Marina	
Prince William Marina	
Quantico Marina	
Tyme N' Tyde Marina	
White Point Marina	

Q: Does this position warrant a fancy burgee?

A: Absolutely!



So, if you have any questions or are interested in becoming a Fleet Captain, please contact me at vicecommandore@occoquanyachtclub.org.

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



REAR COMMODORE

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From the Captain's Chair of *Hi-Jinx*²:

Ah yes, de-winterizing time! There are checklists all over the place, but don't let that stand in your way of choosing one. Then use it. Having already de-winterized and having made my way from my old marina to my new one, I uncovered an interesting fault—the generator wouldn't start. After numerous attempts, the wiser of the mariners suggested reading the book. Presto, the book provided insight into 1) how to pull the fault codes out of the machine (very smart machines, by the way) and 2) what the codes MEAN. Having the codes and the meanings, I discovered that I had either cracked my fuel filter when installing it last fall (or ice had formed on the water side of the fuel/water separator and cracked the filter—made sense, right?)...or I had an overvoltage condition (even though all loads had been secured on the electrical panel). After changing the oil filter, no fixee. So, it's not the filter—no water in the separator cracking—no cross-threading of the filter when installing—it must be overvoltage. We then secured the power to all items in the boat, to include switching the engine keys to the off position. It was the keys that did it. For some reason, a relay had remained engaged and had produced a load condition when the generator was started, causing the generator to automatically shut down. Hmmm! That's a new one.

So, anyway, back to Rear Commodore stuff! We just finished the Planfest where I met new members Dave and Karen Hart. Welcome! We discussed the Early Bird cruise 5-7 Apr, the River Clean-up on 6 Apr, and the Flag Raising on 4 May at Occoquan Harbor Marina. If you haven't thought about attending events with the

OYC, the Flag Raising is one you should consider. The Coast Guard will be there so you can arrange to have your 2013 boat safety done before Cobb Island. Not only will you get to watch your Rear and Vice Commodores cook burgers and dogs (You ARE helping again this year, right Don? ☺); but you will probably get to sample one of OYC's signature drinks, fresh from Jim or Harry's marvelous margarita machine! Don Bennett will get to show us his awesome artillery skills with the cannon mounted on his foredeck. (Well, it IS a signal cannon; but it really isn't mounted on his foredeck—yet.) Best of all, you will be able to purchase or order some outstanding OYC clothing items from your favorite Quartermaster, Heidi. We sold over \$350 worth of merchandise at the Planfest and will do the same at other events throughout the year. Many members have the names of their boats added for an additional \$5. Order early so you can display your purchases to the envy of the other cruise attendees you meet on one of our many trips this summer!

That's all for now... See you on the water!

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*²



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Spring has Sprung! The Ponies of Chincoteague and Assateague

And now for the rest of the story! Tow-horses indeed! Rather, I recommend that you look no further than Assateague Island (divided between Virginia and Maryland) to see the toughest little ponies around. Having survived in their harsh environment for centuries, the ponies are believed to be descendants of ponies that survived the shipwreck of a Spanish vessel off the coast of Assateague in the mid-1700's. While they look domesticated, they are, in fact, wild like the mustangs of the western states. The ponies of Assateague and Chincoteague gained international fame in a 1947 book "Misty of Chincoteague" by author Marguerite Henry. The story of the wild pony mare named Phantom, her filly Misty and the children who bought her has become a classic children's book.

The ponies have been arbitrarily divided into two herds because their habitat lies in both Maryland and Virginia with the border defined by a small fence. The Maryland herd is managed by the National Park Service. The Virginia herd is owned and managed by the

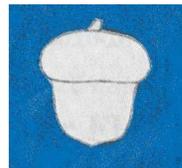
Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company. The Chincoteague pony herd was moved to Assateague in the early 20th century because the government allowed publicly owned herds to graze on the newly established Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

By purchasing an annual grazing permit from National Fish and Wildlife Service, the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company ensures their herd of about 150 animals has freedom to live their lives on Assateague Island. However, the herd's population needs to be managed; herd management includes a Pony Roundup and Penning followed by a Pony Auction, conducted annually during the last Thursday in July. The Pony Penning is held in conjunction with the Chincoteague Volunteer Firemen's Carnival and provides an opportunity to purchase a pony, usually a yearling.

A select group of herders, calling themselves the "Salt Water Cowboys," move the horses at low tide across the narrowest part of Assateague Channel onto Chincoteague and through town into an enclosed corral at the Carnival Grounds. After a period of recovery from the stress of their move, the ponies are examined by veterinarians and some ponies are selected to be auctioned off the following day. The Pony Auction serves two purposes: it is a source of revenue for the fire company, and it keeps the herd's numbers to 150 animals because, to retain the permit to graze on the refuge and to ensure there is sufficient grazing available, the herd must not exceed 150 ponies.

If you are interested in attending the Chincoteague Volunteer Firemen's Carnival and Pony Penning, I recommend that you make it a land trip and keep your boating activity for another day, as the water around the islands remains challenging with shallow water, rocky shores and strong currents, even with modern navigation equipment. I don't want this outing to be someone's Bent Prop Award.

Carol Belcher, *Time2Play*



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Boat de-winterized and Vessel Safety Check completed with 2013 sticker displayed. Get done now so were not at a loss come July when your heading for the PRYCA Float-In...**"Here's to the Cup!"** See if you're prepared (not a substitute for an valid Vessel Examination)...
<http://vdept.cgaux.org/vve/launch.htm>

The month of May is quickly approaching as we have hit the first day of official Spring. First will come the OYC's Flag Raising on May 4th and then, two weeks later the Blessing of the Fleet should be on your Calendar.

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is currently planning this year's event. The ORMA Blessing of the Fleet for the Potomac is scheduled for **Saturday, the 18th of May, from 1000 to 1400**. An inclement weather day of Sunday, 19 May, is designated.

The Event: A VIP Vessel will embark passengers at 0930 and First Responders and Fireboats will assemble at Prince William Marina departing at 1000. Participating vessels should join the parade, at safe intervals, and proceed down river. Passing Fairfax YC to Port, proceed to Red # 12 and slowly pass the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina Fuel Dock. A US Coast Guard Auxiliary "Spotter Boat" will identify your vessel; then approach the "Blessing Boat" (Makia III, Captained by Commodore Crouch) and receive your vessel's blessing from clergy aboard. If then returning to up river berthing, continue a safe distance to avoid congestion at the blessing site.

You may want to continue to Tim's Rivershore to gather with other OYCers. Event Flyers will be posted at Marinas and a NOTAM will be issued. Questions? Contact Joe Livingston at [703-505-8313](tel:703-505-8313).

Cheers, Joe Livingston! *Gail Lynn II*

UPCOMING EVENTS...

EARLY BIRD CRUISE to Gangplank, April 5-7

It's the 101st anniversary of Japan's gift of over 3,000 Cherry Trees to the US and the second annual "Cherry Blossom" Early Bird Cruise. We're on track for peak bloom! This year's cruise is planned for the weekend following Easter – April 5-7. Our host will once again be Gangplank Marina in the Washington Channel. Space is limited, and we have a large group going. However, if you are interested please contact your cruise coordinators immediately @ sdpreda@comcast.net

Steve & Ginny Preda, *Anamchara*

RIVER CLEAN-UP DAY, April 6

While not an official OYC event, we support the effort. There will be a group working at Hoffmaster's Marina. More information on the event can be found at, <http://fergusonfoundation.org/trash-free-potomac-watershed-initiative/potomac-river-watershed-cleanup/>

OYC FLAG RAISING at OHM, May 5

OYC Board

ORMA BLESSING OF THE FLEET in the Occoquan River, May 18th

(Please see Joe's article for details.)

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, May 24-27... (3 options!)

COLONIAL BEACH Memorial Day Weekend

This is traditionally one of the major cruises of the season. Activities will include:

- Happy hours on the dock each evening
- Dinner at the Dockside restaurant on Friday night
- Dinner at the Lighthouse restaurant Saturday night
- Tour of the Westmoreland Berry Farm and Ingleside Winery on Sunday
- Brunch on the docks Monday morning.

Golf carts are available for rental so you can drive around town. Bring your bikes too because that is another great way to get around town. There will be in-town activities for Memorial Day too! A nice beach is a short walk from the marina and there are churches in town for those interested in Sunday services. If you even think you might want to go, be sure and call Colonial Beach Yacht Center ASAP at 804-224-7230, ask for Robin and say you are with OYC to reserve your slip. After securing your reservation, please contact Bob Hill at bhill53@gmail.com to be sure you are on our cruise list.

Bob Hill & Min Lee, *Rx to Relax*

NOMINI BAY Memorial Day Weekend

Approximately 50 miles south of Belmont Bay and 5 miles north of Ragged Point lies Hollis Island, aka "Shark Tooth Island" (STI). Traveling down the Potomac, passing the southern extent of Nomini Cliffs you may not even notice the existence of SKI? This cruise offers an alternative to a "typical" holiday cruise in that you won't have all the amenities of a marina - but that's all good. Most of us head "down riva" Friday afternoon and, after circling around the southern extend of SKI, raft up in the tranquil waters between the island and the "mainland." We set the raft approximately 100 yards from shore in about 4'-5' of water.

The island, though not large, has beautiful beaches and "the locals" typically come out in numbers and set up their tents. The days are pretty lazy, though we'll likely take a run to the mainland to look for shark teeth (yes, there are many) and also take a run to either Coles or Tall Timbers for Sunday brunch.

You need to pack in what you'll use and a dingy is helpful but not necessary. So, again this is a cruise where you might be stepping out of your "comfort zone," but it's one you will definitely want to take again!

Mike & Karen Crouch, *Makia III*

SOLOMONS Memorial Day Weekend

Here is the answer to your Memorial Day weekend brought to you by your cruise hosts and hostesses, Scott and Linda Del Monte and Johnny and Michelle DeDitius. Our trip down the lazy Potomac River will start on Friday, May 24, to Solomons Island, MD, and will conclude on Monday, May 27. Departure times are at your discretion.

Our destination will be Spring Cove Marina. It is considered one of the finest marinas on the Bay, with a friendly and professional staff and a convenient location in Historic Solomons Island. <http://www.springcovemarina.com>

We have been in contact with the marina management and have tentatively secured 10 slips, but the list is filling up! **This is a first come, first served registration. You are responsible for making your reservation and financially securing it, so please do not wait.** Please let them know you are with the Occoquan Yacht Club / Del Monte party.

For your host/hostesses planning, please e-mail Scott Del Monte @ sdm1@comcast.net and let him know you will be attending and how many will be in your party. Feel free to attend all or some of the weekend, whatever works for you.

You DO NOT have to be an OYC member to make this cruise; we encourage you to invite other boating friends to join in the festivities.

"The Double "D's"
Del Montes & DeDitius, *ScottLin Yard & Liquid Leisure*

MARGARITA/ FAJITA FEST at OHM, June 8
OYC Board

PRYCA KICKOFF at COBB ISLAND, June 14-16
The 2013 theme is **Cobstock: The Summer of Love!** This year's necklace will be loaded with beads, but the best one will be our own OYC "Peace, Love & OYC... Be there or Bead Square!" bead. There will be lots of activities, great food and fun. Attendees will learn about local waterfowl, boating safety, and Cobb Island. More information is forthcoming. The list is filling up. So if you're interested and haven't signed up yet, please contact Don Bennett at bennettdon@comcast.net ASAP!
Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

SOUTH BAY CRUISE, June 16 – July 6
Once again I am pleased to offer an adventurous cruise for 21 days, starting on June 16th, leaving from Cobb Island. We will start with the Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off, leaving Fairfax Yacht Club on June 14th, and then proceed on down the river from there on the 16th. Our itinerary is designed so that cruisers can join us on the weekend, leave on the next weekend and make it back to Occoquan before the start of the workweek. We also plan on staying at most places at least two nights, keeping the travel times to less than three hours between destinations. Golf is high on the list of things to do, so make sure you bring your sticks!

The itinerary is as follows: Cobb Island, Coles Pt., Deltaville and Urbanna on the Rappahanock, Onancock on the Eastern Shore, York River, Bay Creek near Cape Charles, Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club near Virginia Beach, Kings Mill on the James River, past the "Ghost Fleet", then up the Pagan River to Smithfield, and finishing at Norfolk for the 4th of July. We plan on returning to the Occoquan on the Saturday July 6th, perhaps stopping at White Point to shorten the journey, ending the trip on Sunday.

If you are interested, send me an email to hpcroft@verizon.net; and I will send you a detailed trip plan. The only commitment I need from you at this time is for the 4th of July. **IF** you plan to be there for the 4th, let me know **NOW** so that I can make reservations. Spaces will be limited, so the earlier the better.

Anchors aweigh!
Capt. Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

TIM'S I FIREWORKS RAFT-UP, June 29
Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*

FIREWORKS in DC - WASHINGTON CHANNEL, 4th of July
We have three cruises scheduled for this holiday. Watch for details and contacts as we learn more about the construction in Washington Channel.

PRYCA FLOAT-IN at COLES POINT, July 19-21
Although this event is in July, we must register NOW!
You have recently received emails from our PRYCA delegate, Joe Livingston. If you need more info, please respond to Joe or contact Don Bennett ASAP at bennettdon@comcast.net.

The Cup!!!
Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



April Datemarkers

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Mansour 4/1	Pamela Bell 4/17
Pam Sowell 4/1	Catherine Dudley 4/18
Ralph Dudley 4/6	Jim Gower 4/19
Sally Hoffmaster 4/10	Judi Jennison 4/20
Sharman Harris 4/12	Susan Willetts 4/21
Ellen Nix 4/12	Carl Maxwell 4/24
Bob Hill 4/15	Laslo Bozoky 4/27
Bud Bishop 4/17	Arleen Rhodes 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Clara French 4/5
Ralph & Catherine Dudley 4/16
Paul & Sherry Mannino 4/21
Steve & Jill Stanley 4/23
Paul & Monica Fineberg 4/29



Occoquan Yacht Club 2013 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:

Membership Renewal:

<input type="checkbox"/> Family--\$75 (includes Burgee, softcopy newsletter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family--\$75 (softcopy newsletter)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family- --\$95 (includes Burgee, mailed newsletter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Family--\$95 (hardcopy newsletter)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual--\$55 (includes Burgee, softcopy newsletter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual--\$55 (softcopy newsletter)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual--\$75 (includes Burgee, mailed newsletter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual--\$75 (hardcopy newsletter)
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate--\$30 (add \$25 for Burgee, \$20 for mailed newsletter)	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate--\$30 (add \$20 for mailed newsletter)

(2012 fees paid after 1 OCT will cover both initiation and 2013 calendar year) Total Enclosed: _____
 * newsletters are distributed monthly via the website and email unless members elect to receive it by mail (additional cost noted above); members can purchase additional burgees--add \$25 to above prices for additional burgee

(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"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate an event

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 at: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org

NOTE:

Hopefully you have already renewed your OYC membership and have signed up for some cruises.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED, THIS IS YOUR LAST DAYMARKER!

You will need to renew and indicate your delivery preference before receiving any more issues.

Don't miss out!
You'll be blue.



The Daymarker

editor@occoquanyachtclub.org

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Enjoy!

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Keep reading!
More pics follow...

The Daymarker



2013 Photo Contest Winners

PEOPLE

PLACES



1st Place – *OYC Cruisers at Their Best*, Jill Stanley & Harry Croft



1st Place – *The Calm...*, Anne Bennett



2nd Place – *If I smile maybe no one will notice the shirt's too small?*, Jill Stanley



2nd Place – *Jacob Creek Sunset*, Ginny Preda



3rd Place – *Faces at The Rivuh*, John Deditius



3rd Place – *Solomons Sunset*, Scott Del Monte

PETS



1st Place – *Hard Day on the River*, Anne Bennett



2nd Place – *A Man and His Second Mate*, Ginny Preda



3rd Place – *The Dog Whisperer*, Anne Bennett

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



1st Place – *Eastport*, Scott Del Monte



2nd Place – *Bay Dreamer at Thomas Pt.*, Harry Croft



3rd Place – *Boats*, Scott Del Monte

PHANTASY/PHOTO ART



1st Place – *Spring is Here*, Nabil Dubraque



2nd Place – *Just Ducky*, Scott Del Monte



**OYC General Meeting
March 16, 2013**

