



The Daymarker



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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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From DOWN UNDER to HARDY SOULS! OYC Continues to CRUISE!

OYC is coming off a huge success from our first PRYCA hosted cruise at Belmont Bay. We opened up our Occoquan River to the PRYCA and they came! With Pat Schondel and Christie Raukar at the helm, Belmont Bay "Sent Summer Down Under" in true Aussie style. Despite the rain, it was our weekend to shine and shine OYC did! Thanks to everyone for an outstanding effort and a super time! On October 26, at our General Membership meeting we elected the 2014 Board. Don Bennett, Commodore; Bud Bishop, Vice Commodore; Pat Schondel, Rear Commodore; Joe Livingston, Treasure; and Kathy Bergmann as Secretary. Another great team to plan out our 2014 boating season. I would also like to add congratulations to the winners of our Chili Cook-off. First place Monica Fineberg, Second to Steve Preda, and Third place to the Bells. Thanks to all who submitted an entry, as we are all winners in tasting their culinary masterpieces!

But our 2013 cruising is NOT OVER! Our Hardy Soul Cruise to National Harbor is just around the corner, November 8-11. Over the years, two cruises always stick with Judy and me, the Early Bird and the Hardy Souls. It seems that the weather brings us who cruise closer together, and we just appreciate the time on the water a little more. If you have not signed up or winterized the boat, then call Scott Del Monte and tell him you want to drive up and join us for dinner. Always a fun time to

share warm spirits and memories from the 2013 boating season.

Now that I have you in a reminiscing mind set, I need you to think back about this year and forward me OYC nominees for two rather dubious honors based on some degree of misfortune... The **Golden Snorkel Award** - This award will be given to the lucky, or rather the unlucky member who took an unintended swim from a boat or dock. The Golden Snorkel Award is not intended to recognize the enjoyment we get from someone else's misfortune, i.e., falling off a dock! Luckily for the most part, little damage has resulted from such falls. But I would like to remind **EVERYONE**, that the potential for serious injury is ever present. Hitting one's head on the edge of a boat or dock, either in the water or coming back up, can be disastrous. While we are usually cognizant of boating safety, we often forget dockside safety. Getting off and on boats can be a daunting task. Few docks are built that accommodate all the variations of boat transoms and gunnels. Toss in docking lines, power cords, and a six pack of beer and the formula for injury is complete. Dock lighting or the lack of lighting is also another factor, especially when we come back from a fun night of heathen spirits. So the Golden Snorkel is only for those events that in retrospect we can laugh at and perhaps learn from. The **Bent Prop Award** - This award is given to the Captain most skilled at grounding their boat and/or removing as many blades from their vessel's prop (or props) as possible in a single event. So if you seem to recall an OYC member deserving of either award, drop me a write-up and we will honor these boaters at our December Change of Watch Holiday Party on December 7.



Let's now get geared up for having a safe Holiday Season, filled with fun and family, and lots of OYC Spirit!

Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*



Vice Commodore

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Stars at Sea

The 2013 Change of Watch Holiday Party, Dec 7

Some of you newer members may hear the more seasoned OYC members talking about “the cow” and wonder what the heck does a cow have to do with our yacht club?! Please allow me to explain... Once again we are having our annual **Change of Watch (COW)** Holiday Party at Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton on December 7 from 6:30-11:00 pm. The theme this year is “Stars at Sea,” and it is one OYC event you don’t want to miss! With the direction of Vice Commodore Don Bennett (aka, me), the committee - consisting of Anne Bennett, Pat Croft, Judy Dooley, Linda Del Monte, Heidi Bishop, Jill Stanley, and Gail Livingston - has been busy making preparations to make this year’s party another memorable event.

The Chef at Laurel Hill Golf Club, Edison Rosales, will prepare a fabulous dinner starting with hors d’oeuvres, a plated dinner salad, and a buffet including two entrée selections and a prime rib carving station, plus side dishes of roasted bliss potatoes and steamed vegetables. Dessert and coffee will follow.

This is our annual event where we induct your new Board of Directors for the upcoming year, thank and recognize the present Board for a job well done, and have a fun celebration of the past boating season with our fellow yacht club members.



We will also keep with OYC tradition and present the following prestigious awards:

- “The Golden Snorkel Award,” given to the member who took an unintended swim from a boat or dock (without serious injury to anything but their pride) in 2013
- “The Bent Prop Award,” given to the club member who successfully “ventured off course” and damaged or removed blades from their vessel’s prop or props in 2013

- “The Commodore’s Cup,” given by the Commodore to the club member (not a Board member) who continuously supports the club above and beyond what is expected

We are looking for nominations for Golden Snorkel and Bent Prop. Most members who qualify may be too humble to come forward on their own; so as Jim said, we look to you to nominate any of your fellow members who have demonstrated the skills, or lack thereof, to qualify for one of these awards. Please email your nominations along with a short justification to support how the captain or crew may be qualified to receive one or more of these honors to Jim Dooley

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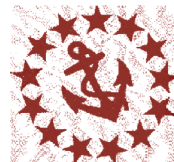
To add to the fun there will be door prizes, a 50-50 drawing (of course!), and dancing to the music of the band, *The Pedestrians*. Beverages will be available via cash bar. The dress code for the evening is black tie optional. This is an opportunity for everyone to take it up a notch or two from their usual boating attire.



OYC members can enjoy all this for the reasonable cost of \$85 per person. Watch your mail for the invitation and RSVP card, which will be sent out along with a postage-paid return envelope for your convenience. Included on that RSVP card, you will be asked your intent to renew your OYC membership for 2014. Even if you can’t attend The COW, please send your reply by November 29th.

As you can see, we have another wonderful OYC event planned; and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



Rear Commodore

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As we near the end of a very active and exciting OYC year, I’d like to start my portion of the *Daymarker* with a huge thank you for all your help supporting the land events. To remind, we had a Flag Raising, a Fajita-Fest, a Shrimp Boil, a couple of extra general membership meetings, and finally the Chili Cook-Off to

celebrate the fall season. While these were all regularly planned events, what was different this year was the increased participation and, for me, it really made for a great year.

Our membership/group is truly a great group of friends, and it made for enjoyable land events and some wonderful raft-ups. We were almost able to make a raft every weekend this summer but fell short by one or two weekends. Next year we'll seek to improve that score! Rules for raft-ups: there are no rules. Just hail the raft on Ch. 16 and tell whoever answers when you'd like to leave. We'll make sure you are set up properly. We can even detach folks from inside a raft with little effort as long as we know ahead of time. We usually start up the BBQ's around 1500/3PM so bring some meat to throw on the grill and enjoy the feast!

Speaking of feasts, this year's Chilli Cook-Off is not the last land event. The Change of Watch Holiday Party is the final event. We hope to see you all there; it is nice to get dressed up once a year and dance, drink and feast with those we've spent all year in swimsuits, which changes it up a little!

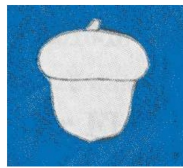
For the Chili Cook-Off, the entries were all incredibly delicious and all tasted better than my Hormel's chili—Hey, at least I renamed it! Congratulations to the winning chili chef, Monica Fineberg—simply incredible.



Once again, Steve Preda placed in the top three by taking second and Pam and Kevin Bell wowed us with their recipe, winning third. Karen Joyner won the 50/50 raffle. Well done all!

We are now making preparations for the Hardy Souls' cruise to National Harbor. The harbormaster is looking forward to our visit and will ensure we have all the support we need!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx₂*



Treasurer

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It's that time again.

Time to remind all OYC members that our Club participates with the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group Agreement. The Club's Accord Number is # GA80979Y. You may have seen this printed in the header of the *Daymarker* each month and had no idea what it was.

"Boat Owners Association of the United States (Boat U.S.) has been looking after the interests of recreational boat owners for over 45 years. One way that Boat U.S. does this is by forming special relationships with boating and fishing groups like yours. We appreciate your participation in the Boat U.S. and Boat U.S. ANGLER Cooperating Group program, and look forward to working together with you to support better boating and fishing as we continue to help each other grow."

A couple quick thoughts...

First, it does not cost the Club any money, as the group membership is contingent upon registering and keeping our members informed as to what Boat U.S. does.

Second, if you join and become a member of Boat U.S., you are entitled to a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the basic annual membership dues...that's about a \$12 saving. Plus there are other benefits. Here is the rest of the story:

As a Group we agree to: Be an advocate for Boat U.S.; Have a Club member be a Group liaison (Joe Livingston); Have at least five (5) members in the group; promote Boat U.S. membership to Club members and renew the agreement annually.

As a Group, in addition to the reduced fee, we get six issues of the Boat U.S. Magazine; shopping rewards at West Marine; discounts on fuel, transient slips, repairs at more than 1000 boating businesses; access to on-water towing; Consumer Protection Advocates, and boating safety courses.

In addition, I would recommend that you take advantage of the "unlimited" on-water towing coverage offered with Boat U.S. membership.

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

HISTORIAN

It was a great turnout at the End of Summer Cruise, and I enjoyed meeting many members for the first time. Please take a moment to log in to the web site and view the pictures from the event. Contact Don Bennett if you don't know your log-in. If you have any pictures to share from this season please send them to me at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org. I will be creating a visual scrapbook to commemorate the club's events at the end of the year so please send any pictures you took during club events to be included and enjoyed by all.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

CRUISE NEWS



HARDY SOULS CRUISE – Nov 8–11

Wow, can you believe it's almost time for the Hardy Souls cruise to National Harbor? If you want to be considered, you **MUST** contact me **immediately**. Since National Harbour has very limited slip availability, we have to do this as a "first come, first served" basis. Because we have a list of boats that have already signed up, all future sign ups will be added to the list in the order received.

Please e-mail me at sdm1@comcast.net and include your boat name, LOA, beam, electrical requirements and how many will be in your party.

For those of you who know National Harbour, there is a lot to choose from, morning till late into the night.

Please check last month's *Daymarker* for the full itinerary. *FYI, National Harbor does not have fuel.

Looking forward to a great weekend! Your hosts,

Scott & Linda Del Monte, *ScottLin Yard*

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ICW CRUISE TO FLORIDA – Early November

As it stands right now, we are planning on leaving Federal Point Yacht Club in Carolina Beach, NC, during the week of November 4th. This will allow anyone from Northern VA some time to get down to North Carolina for those who cannot move their boat south until November first. From Northern VA it should take about 4 to 5 days to get to Carolina Beach depending on the weather and the speed of your vessel.

The trip shouldn't take more than 7 days from Carolina Beach, weather permitting. As we head south we will go on the outside "Atlantic Ocean" on days that weather permits and on the ICW when the winds are up. We try to make at least 125 miles per day on the ICW and sometimes we can make as much as 200 miles when traveling in the ocean. Some of the ports of call are Georgetown SC, Charleston SC, Beaufort SC, St. Simons Island GA, St. Augustine FL, New Smyrna Beach FL, and Vero Beach. We may stay overnight at some or all of the ports of call. It just depends on how well we do each day. Our final destination in Florida will be Loggerhead Marina in Stuart FL before heading to the Bahamas. Stuart is a great place to keep your boat for the winter, as it is very close to many boating opportunities in Florida.

Anyone wanting to join us on our journey south let me know ASAP and we'll coordinate with you to meet at our marina in Carolina Beach NC. I can make arrangements to get you a slip. If you're interested in joining us please let me know immediately. I can be reached at [703-929-4408](tel:703-929-4408) cell or tom.lensis@gmail.com.

Tom & Donna Lensis, *Copy Cat*

Santa Parade – Dec 7

Traditionally, OYC boats, decorated in their holiday finest, lead a short parade from Occoquan Harbor Marina to the city dock at Occoquan to help Miss Rivershore deliver Santa to an awaiting throng of delighted children and holiday shoppers.

This year, the Occoquan Merchants have set Dec. 7 as the date for this event, which presents OYC with a bit of a dilemma for two reasons. One, it's rather late in the season for captains who fully winterize their boats; and two, it falls on the same day as our Change of Watch Holiday Party dinner dance.

The activity takes place from 10:30am to about 12:30pm. If we have even 4-5 boats able to participate, we will commit to renewing this tradition; if not, we will have to take a pass on the opportunity this year. If you are able to take part in the Santa Parade, please contact Pat Croft, 703-451-9147, as soon as possible.

Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

OYC CHANGE OF WATCH HOLIDAY PARTY – Dec 7

(See Don's article on page 2 of this newsletter.)

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

PRYCA CHANGE OF WATCH JAN 18

(See info at the end of e-newsletter.)

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



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CREWS' NEWS

LOWER BAY CRUISE (continued...)

Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club Marina at Virginia Beach

The trip to The Cavalier, a 1.75 hour run, took us under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Bridge and into waters we had not cruised before. We encountered huge cargo ships, many at anchor, awaiting a bay pilot to bring them into Chesapeake Bay; the radio traffic was especially interesting. After we entered Lynnhaven Inlet, we made an immediate turn to port, proceeded slowly through a narrow channel and cruised into Broad Bay, then through The Narrows, where the channel skims past Seashore State Park, and into Linkhorn Bay. Finally, we spotted our destination on the peninsula where Little Neck Creek joins Linkhorn Bay. The trip to the Cavalier Yacht and Golf Club is long and slow, but it is well worth the time. And the scenery along the way, with natural estuarial views and grand luxury residences, is magnificent.

Our good friends and former OYC members Trish and Terry Mattke were kind enough to host us at their homeport club. Their own boat, *Bat Too*, has just been sold, but they are still members of the club. It is a premier facility offering 100 slips, golf, tennis, fitness center and swimming, as well as a first-class clubhouse with five dining venues. As guests of the Mattkes, we had access to all of the facilities.

We began the first evening with Happy Hour aboard *Bay Dreamer*, followed by dinner at a restaurant known more to locals than tourists, named simply: Eat. A stroll on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk capped the night's activities. The Cavalier Yacht Club is several miles from the Boardwalk, so Trish and Terry provided transportation, as well as a short guided tour of the area, including the historic Cavalier Hotel.

Randy and Susan's son, Chris, and his family live in the area. On our second day, Chris joined Randy, Terry, Harry, Kevin and Pam for golf, while his wife, Brooke, and daughter, Harper, joined Susan for a day at the pool and the club. Trish and Pat went out for lunch and shopping. That evening, Terry chauffeured the group to the Mattkes' condo, a few minutes from the marina, for Happy Hour, and then returned with them to the club for dinner. We dined in The Keep, one of the private dining rooms reserved for members and their guests, complete with lounge area in front of a glowing fireplace and a granite-topped high table for 10, surrounded by glass-front wine lockers. The food and wine were as opulent as the surroundings.

Our stay at the Cavalier was spectacular, especially because we were able to spend time with our gracious hosts and dearly missed friends, Trish and Terry Mattke. On Saturday morning, Trish arrived early to wish us Bon Voyage as we cast off for the next destination, King's Mill on the James River.

Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

(Editor's note: Unfortunately, due to some computer issues and the fact that Harry's phone is swimming with the fishes, we will not be treated to the last instalment of the Lower Bay Cruise.)

OYC SENDS SUMMER DOWN UNDER

G'day Mates! Congratulations, Club, on hosting the rip snorter of a party we fondly refer to as 'Send Summer Down Under!' Why call it that? Because we refuse to surrender – we sent our Aussie mates only a short summer loaner. So thanks for bringing your blokes and sheilas and grabbing your tinnys and coldies. BrewRoo and the Great White Shark eating a Fosters can thank you too. The location in the great Occoquan outback under our bush pavilion, otherwise known as 'Occupy Belmont', was a sight to behold. Despite our anti-Murphy hopes the weather didn't hold, but it didn't muddy our attitude either, 'Often rained on, never rained out!'

All of Friday through Sunday we faced a deluge. So it's good that boats are made to get wet. And it's great that so many captains and crews did a rainy cruise. As inspiring was the OYC bridge and volunteers who stayed convinced we needed to Send Summer Down Under with a bonzer party. There are so many folks who deserve recognition. So to avoid missing anyone I thank all of our OYC members

who were able to be with us and volunteered so much time and energy to make the event a success. Also, thanks to our OYC bridge led by Commodore Jim Dooley, support of the PRYCA represented by Commodore Mike Crouch, and the help of Belmont Bay Harbour Marina and the Harbor Master Jim Brooks.

To start the event off right we claimed the area for OYC and Australia with the respective flags of each flying on the marina yard arms. We then started right on the dot at 1500 with the first boats arriving and an open keg of beer next to the registration table. Our Friday night welcome reception included pizza and wine and beer, and wrapped up with a fine display of talent at Karaoke with singing by everyone in the crowd. Saturday morning started with a nice continental breakfast for everyone before the events of the day. Mimosas and Bloody Mary's were a sure sign that we all intended to enjoy ourselves.

The first event was a painting lesson from the owner of Brambles in the town of Occoquan. We had 11 participants that were taught while they enjoyed libations of their choice. I don't know if it was the drinks they were having, the drinks the rest of us were having, or the talent of the teachers – but everyone who painted made beautiful portraits of a flower in its pot. Obviously the painters themselves provided the talent that made this event a success. It sounded like they were all having fun and recommendations were that we need to invite Brambles again in the future.



OYC Artists

Soon after the painting activity, attendees had a choice of either a wine glass etching class taught by Karen Crouch or a golf tournament. We had a trio of foursomes head out to the golf course where they played over a little more water than usual and a lot more mud than grass. The golf group played a two-man captain format for their tournament with a closest-to-the-pin award and a longest-drive award. The winner of the longest drive was Bud Bishop. John Lenahan won closest-to-the-pin. And the team of Pat Schondel and Brent Bettino won the two-man captain tournament. Special thanks go to Mr. Jim Gower for driving around the course with the players and providing sustenance – 'there is a sandwich in every beer!' Our players and the golf club look forward to growing the size of the tournament in the future.

While the painters and golfers were doing their thing there was a big group of folks that found rideshares and went into

the town of Occoquan for shopping, dining, and pub crawling. Saturday night's Awesome Aussie Barbie capped off a tremendous day. Everybody arrived at the outback pavilion in time for barbecue provided by Dixie Bones and shrimp on the barbie grilled up by OYC volunteers. Special thanks to all those OYC volunteers who prepped the shrimp to complete the Aussie-ness of the Awesome Barbie!



Dinner under the tent

Sunday's festivities began with a hearty breakfast of omelettes and pancakes, bacon and sausage, breakfast potatoes, mimosas and bloody marys, and raucous laughter from the OYC volunteers who cooked the meal. Who knew we had so many chefs and sous-chefs in the group? And who knew cooking could be so fun?! We can't thank you all enough for the flavorful food and filling breakfast! The word around the outback pavilion is the hearty breakfast made by our very own OYC volunteers is definitely a keeper in future years.

After breakfast, the grand event began – the Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympics. We played corn hole and washers in the pavilion and we played bocce out on the green (or brown mud, if you prefer). As much fun as the cooking seemed to be for everybody, the games provided more, and brought out the competitors in all of us. We played on through the afternoon until 1600 when everyone buddied up for rideshares to Madigan's for dinner. At dinner Marty Joyner presented the awards to our champions for each of the games and crowned the overall winner. Based on the competitive play it appears these games are here to stay!

Corn Hole – Gold, Karen Crouch; Silver, Marty Joyner; and Bronze, Goodwyn Morgan
Washers – Gold, Pat Schondel; Silver, Harry Croft; and Bronze, Karen Joyner
Bocce – Gold, John Adams; Silver, Harry Croft; and Bronze, Don Bennett
Overall Champion -- Harry Croft

Monday morning we awoke to clearing skies and a shining sun – what a way to end a fantastic weekend of fun and camaraderie. And what a weekend to show heart, commitment, and service to our sister yacht clubs. It's like Alanis Morissette sang in 'Ironie', "it's like rain on your weddin' day . . ." But to do it all over again? I believe we would jump right back in rain and all. If nothing else, the clubs that joined us and the leadership at PRYCA will be able to cite our hospitality and ability to have a good time. If

we make this the First Annual Send Summer Down Under and pick up the mantle for more, we have a huge opportunity to unite our club, the other clubs on the river, the Belmont Bay area, and the Occoquan River community. Maybe next year the government will even be open and He who controls the weather might even smile on us!

Christie Raukar & Pat Schodel, *Rhumbline*

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EDITORIAL

OYC is the Greatest!

At the risk of being maudlin, I want to acknowledge the wonderful people who make up the Occoquan Yacht Club. OYC is different from most other yacht clubs; with no clubhouse and little formality, the members are its greatest asset. The bridge officers and support staff keep the club on a straight course, but it takes everyone to keep the club afloat and moving forward. The success of the event our club hosted on Columbus Day Weekend is a testament to the strength of our membership, the dedication of our leadership, and the vibrancy of our future.

Once a commodore, always a commodore; and as such, I occasionally worry about the future of the organization that has provided Pat and me with so much fun, camaraderie, and boating adventure since 2002. We were warmly accepted on our very first OYC cruise to the lower bay with the Caldwells, Sorrentis, Rhodes, Bozokys, and Thompsons. On that cruise, I was shanghaied into the treasurer position during a 5:30 Happy Hour that had started at 1:30. Next day, I vaguely remembered caving to their demands and hoped no one else would remember. Wrong! But that turned out to be the very right first step on my way to becoming commodore and now past commodore, and the beginning of our wonderful journey with OYC.

So many years later, as most of the old timers have drifted off, we have a new crew at the helm and in the ranks, and the future of the club continues to look brighter than ever. "Send Summer Down Under," supported by PRYCA as the End of Season event, held at Belmont Bay Marina, was proof positive.

This was the first time in the long history of OYC that the club has undertaken the hosting duties of a multi-day weekend event designed to be a cruise destination for other clubs in PRYCA. The logistics of such an event are staggering; the unpredictability of the weather in October with no clubhouse for back-up makes the planning for outdoor activities a nightmare. Our fearless crew were undaunted!

Esteemed event coordinators Pat Schodel and Christie Raukar led the charge, with months of planning and preparation, as well as constant hard work throughout the event. Assisted by their team of loyal followers, they managed to put on an amazing weekend. Commodore Jim Dooley demonstrated strong leadership, even offering to personally foot the bill for tent rental when it became clear that RAIN would be the major factor of the weekend.

Treasurer Joe Livingston handled the ominous task of registration and finances with ease, assisted at registration by Karen Joyner. Vice Commodore Don Bennett and Rear Commodore Bud Bishop toiled tirelessly to manage docking and operations. Mike Crouch literally worked his fingers to the bone installing the tarps that encased Belmont Bay's pavilion to protect participants from the wind and rain. At every turn, the OYC volunteers met and conquered each and every challenge the weekend had in store.

New leaders emerged, with Johnny DeDitiis organizing the Fall Brawl Golf Scramble, which was allowed to proceed when, mercifully, the rain paused just long enough at just the right time. Jim Gower, who doesn't even play golf, provided support, driving all around the course dispensing beer to the hackers. He even recovered my lost cell phone! Marty Joyner organized the Olympic Games, which were a blast in spite of the rain and mud.

Meals for the weekend were great, thanks to the wonderful group who managed that aspect. A crew of folks spent Saturday afternoon at Scott and Linda Del Monte's home, skewering hundreds of shrimp for "Shrimp on the Barbie" Saturday night; Bud Bishop performed grill duty.

The Sunday breakfast was a herculean effort that demonstrated the basic nature of our OYC members: that "can-do" attitude. It was a sight to behold: an army of cooks and helpers spread out over three tables with electric fry pans and griddles at the ready – so many that the electrical circuits of the pavilion blew! But never fear – Pat Schodel and crew to the rescue! Pat had planned ahead and had three generators on standby, so he and his helpers set about restoring cooking power to the breakfast staff. And what a breakfast this staff prepared! Sherry Mannino, Karen Crouch, Christie Raukar, John Adams, Scott Del Monte and Marty Joyner – each with their designated specialty, served up bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, omelets cooked to order, pancakes, and hash browns. Michelle DeDitiis, Kathy Bergmann, Heidi Bishop and Anne Bennett provided support throughout the meals, and the Morgans were always there to lend a hand.

As a footnote, ten pounds of bacon will take care of this crowd, whether you like it cooked flat and crispy, the way I make it, or if you prefer it curly and soft, ala Sherry Mannino. (OYC 'ers can find competition in any endeavor!)

There were, of course, the requisite Mimosas and Bloody Marys, which of course I sampled liberally, accounting for the fact that my memory for the names of everyone who deserves recognition for helping to make this event a success is a little blurry. Apologies! But our new Historian, Les Bergmann, got it all with his camera.

I could go on and on about how proud I am of our club, right down to those members who attended as participants and came ready to assist in any way, such as providing ground transportation for others who came by boat. Bottom line, I know that Occoquan Yacht Club is in good hands for the future!

Past, Way-Past Commodore Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

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....from Nabil & Lucy

SENDING SUMMER DOWN UNDER...



The Karens



Andrew & Harry



Scott & Marty. "They want me to do what with this?"



Our youngest Aussie guest

Pat dancing with Bailey



Harry, Bob, Joe, Pat & Don



Linda, Johnny & Jody



Michelle & Christie



Mike & John



The Great Bocce Ball Debate



Biscuit playing bocce ball



Sherry & Karen admire their work



Bud cooking shrimp on the barbie



Karen & Anne test the keg



Goodwyn & Jan



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DRESSED IN YOUR FINEST.....

GET READY TO PARTY!!!!!!

ENJOY MEETING YACHTING FRIENDS AT THE HOSPITALITY SUITE

HAVE A GREAT DINNER WITH FELLOW BOATERS FROM ALL CLUBS

WELCOME YOUR NEW 2014 PRYCA BOARD OF OFFICERS

SAY THANK YOU TO THE 2013 BOARD!!!!!!

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH GREAT MUSIC FROM THE BAND!!!!!!

AFTER ALL THIS.....MEET BACK AT THE HOSPITALITY SUITE FOR NITE CAPS

**WAKE UP SUNDAY AND ENJOY BRUNCH AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANT!!!!!!
(NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE)**

THEN.....

GET READY TO GO BOATING FOR THE 2014 SEASON!!!!!!

WOW..... DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!!!! SEE YOU IN OLD TOWN AT CROWNE PLAZA!!!!!!