



# The Daymarker

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## COMMODORE

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### Foiled Again!

For those of you who may not have participated in a PRYCA Float-In or missed previous articles, this is an annual event put on by the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association, where member yacht clubs compete in contests designed to promote boater safety and knowledge. The winner gets to keep The Cup until the following year's competition, along with bragging rights for the whole year. This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Float-In, which was held July 18-20 at Point Lookout Marina. With the theme of *Pirates of the Potomac*, a total 58 boats and over 100 attendees were beyond primed to enjoy the weekend.



We were well represented with 15 vessels / 36 people – Don & Anne Bennett with Catherine Dudley on *Heart of The Sun*, Harry & Pat Croft on *Bay Dreamer*, Mike & Karen Crouch on *Makia III*, Bob Hill & Min Lee on *Rx to Relax*, Joe & Gail Livingston on *Gail Lynn II*, Steve &

Ginny Preda on *Anamchara*, Pat Schondel & Christie Raukar with John & Michele Adams on *Rhumb Line*, Jim and Judy Dooley on *Jus Chill~N*, Dan & Debbie Kent on *FSBO Oasis*, Mike & Kari Langerman on *MazFest*, Bill & Lobanah Mansour on their beautiful new boat with Kathy and Shane Hatton, Goodwyn & Janice Morgan on *Golden Opportunities*, Dan Parsons & Katherine Cook on *Miss Kadie*, Rich & Carole Ellison on *Jolly Mon*, Jamie Jo Perry on *Resilient*, and Steve & Jill Stanley in their Prius – supporting OYC against four other teams vying for The Cup.

Friday began with most boats coming in early on smooth seas with relatively cool temperatures. Despite our efforts, OYC failed to earn a bonus point for 100% of our boats arriving with their VSE decal in place. Friday night found us feasting on a wonderful buffet preceded by the pirate parade and the arrival of OYC's *Occoquan Pearl!!!*



Saturday morning started with a continental breakfast followed by morning classes that featured *Shell Design* by Peggy Myruski and *Riding the Winter Vortex to South Georgia* by George Cajigal and Polly Parks. The second session included another session of *Shell Design* and *Pirates of the Chesapeake* by Dr. Susan Langley.

At 1130 our two top-notch Navigation and Safety testers, Harry Croft and Jamie Jo Perry, took 3rd place overall. This year's exam included tying four knots, which proved no problem for our seasoned team. At 1345 we began phase two of our quest for The Cup with the Scavenger Hunt. Our OYC team pulled together and found all but two items ten minutes ahead of another team with the same number of items, allowing us to take 1<sup>st</sup> place. It took tremendous OYC teamwork to do so well. Thanks!



With sunny skies and no threat of rain, the Blind Dinghy Race for the Treasure began at 1500. Our team of Dan Kent and Karen Crouch were last to compete, providing an awesome example of giving and following orders, resulting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



The Walk-the-Plank – Rescue by Life Ring followed, with our tenacious team of Rich Ellison and Min Lee being the first to compete and taking 4<sup>th</sup> place.



The final event was the Walk-the-Plank – Rescue by Dinghy event with Mike and Kari Langerman providing an awesome display of athleticism resulting in a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish.



At 1800 we began our evening with the great buffet at Spinnakers Restaurant. Following dinner, PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice and Pat Croft scored the days events; and the winners were... Mount Vernon/D<sup>2</sup> (Debbie and Dan Ruttenberg) won The Cup with 25 total points; OYC took 2<sup>nd</sup> with 23, and Westmoreland came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 20. After awards, we danced the night away to the 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band; and then, Sunday's breakfast and liquid refreshments fortified us for the trip home.

OYC Team, I want to thank each and every one for an outstanding effort. It was a wonderful weekend. We owe special thanks to our ship designers, Anne Bennett, Cathie Dudley and Jill Stanley for a fantastic job stealthily constructing the *Occoquan Pearl*. We indisputably took first in team spirit and representation! Also, many thanks go to Point Lookout Marina and Spinnakers' owners and staff for an outstanding welcome and support and to the PRYCA for another fun, safe and memorable Float-In weekend!

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

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**Vice Commodore**

**Bud Bishop**

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Greetings, oh salty ones! I hope this finds everyone shipshape after the first three months of the boating season! What with wood in the water, rain, hurricane remnants, maintenance malfunctions and all the activity, I feel like it is autumn already...and we still have three more months of fine boating season ahead of us. New strategy: pace yourself! And don't worry about fuel money...you can't take it with you, so you might as well spend it (yeah, right!).



Since the last article, we've navigated our way through the Fajita Fest, the Tim's Not-on-the-Fourth-of-July raft-up, the float-in (The Cup!), many weekend raft-ups on the Occoquan, cruises to Georgetown and Three-Sisters (local spin-off of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge raft-up), as well as the Tides Inn excursion. Looking out ahead of us, we have Gilligan's raft-up and possible beach party, Aquia Creek cruise, and Corinthians Labor Day Cruise...as well as spin-offs to other destinations. Keep an eye out for impromptu trips mentioned in other articles, at meetings or in member events and join in if you are interested.

I encourage everyone to share their thoughts and experiences (both good and bad) with the OYC Board so we can make next season even better. (As per our by-laws, all voting members have an equal voice.) I also encourage you to share your ideas for new events or improvements with other members with excitement and a positive approach. After all, we are boating and not sitting in a mini-van in a parking lot on I-95...so there is so much we've got going for us!

I have truly enjoyed the first half of our boating season and look forward to making the second half even better! We have a great bunch of members, and your friendliness really makes this job fun!

Yours in boating,  
Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*<sub>2</sub>  
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Rear Commodore

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**Rear Commodore's Log, August Daymarker – Aaarrghhh Matey's . . .** Pirates of the Potomac was so much fun, with such a great turnout from so many members of OYC! Thanks to everyone who was able to join us and to our volunteers for all you did on the scavenger hunt, the navigation test, and the boating safety competitions. I bet you checked Commodore Don's Log to find the results of our efforts.

We look forward to catching up with all of our members at our next land event, the Shrimp Fest on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Hoffmaster's Marina on the Occoquan. We'll get started at 3pm (1500 for the nautical oriented); so anyone who would like to come early for set up and even help start the water boiling is welcome to arrive as early as 2:30pm. Otherwise bring yourselves and \$15 per person ready to eat your fill of shrimp boiled in a mix of fresh corn on the cob, Idaho potatoes, onions, bay seasoning, a little bit of sausage, and just enough heat to warm your upper lip. I'm told Rear Commodore Bud still has the recipe held over from John Heinz' turn at

preparing this feast – so let's have high expectations! Soda and beer will also be available. And of course we'll all self-moderate, especially those of us returning by water . . .

Before closing I have another update on our planning for the End of Summer party we are hosting for PRYCA we fondly call 'Send Summer Down Under!' We got a nice mention at the PRYCA Summer Float-In as those from that bridge who participated last year recalled how much fun they had, despite the weather we endured. We'll hold the event at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on Columbus Day weekend, October 10-13. Since I wrote about the weather, please keep up on your anti-rain dancing so we don't have flooding rains again. We provided an informational flyer for everyone at the Float-In, and we have posted it on our OYC website. So go check it out! We look forward to events similar to those we had last year with a few updates. You will be able to:

- Play in the tournament at The Osprey's Golf Club at Belmont Bay
- Walk through Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge
- See and shop and dine The Historic Town of Occoquan
- Participate in nautical activities and events
- Learn to paint while enjoying your favorite wine
- Compete in the 'Send Summer Down Under' Mini-Olympics
- Dance to the music of summer and the beach
- Eat awesome dishes off the barbie

We'll also have a welcome reception Friday evening, meals Saturday and Sunday morning, and a dinner with music and dancing Saturday night. If you choose to stay through Monday morning plan to make arrangements for dinner (no-host) in Old Town Occoquan Sunday night with other attendees of the event. The website has a registration form you can fill out to reserve a slip or indicate your interest if you plan to drive on land instead. We'll be seeking volunteers again this year to help park arriving boats, support the registration table, organize food on tables for the various meals, provide ground transportation to and from Occoquan, lead the golf tournament, orchestrate the games and awards for the mini-olympics, purchase food provided by our club, select menus and caterers for the main dinner, and setup/takedown tables and chairs. This year we won't have need for the 'Occupy Belmont' tarp crew as we have a professional tent service setting up our venue in the parking lot. But thanks to all those volunteers from last year and their expert line handling and knot tying.

I look forward to seeing everyone out on the water in raft-ups and other events on the river and out on the bay this year. Have a great summer!

Pat Schondel, *Rhumb Line*  
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### Continuing our new member introductions...



Hi, I am Jamie and I was raised on the water – I swam before I walked. This year, I purchased my very own boat. It is a 25.5-foot Well Craft. She is named *Resilient* since we recover quickly from difficult conditions. She was almost named *Swim Back*. I learned most of my motor boating from my step-father, Captain Ed. Captain Ed was most likely a descent of Captain Ahab. Among the

volumes of advice he gave me was when I showed him a little 25-footer that I wanted. He didn't say it was bad idea, he just said, "Don't go any farther than you can swim back." Well, I know I am good for five miles. So I finally got my little 25-foot cabin cruiser.

For fun last summer, I qualified as an advanced sailor. I sailed boats out of Leesylvania State Park and Norfolk Navy Base. I learned basic sail from Woodbridge Sailing at Leesylvania and highly recommend them for instruction and boat share rentals. Sailing is not for me, but I did get better at knots.

Now I am passing on my love of water to my two kids, Garreth (15) and Gillian (11). Both are experienced sailors and boaters; and I appreciate the backup! Garreth has experienced the joy of hitting the water while attempting to tie a line and can also exchange out the prop while in the water. My other boater, Gillian, was at the helm when a sea plane came around a bend in the St. Johns River. The sea plane was heading straight for us in our rented pontoon boat. She quickly learned to move starboard. We live and moor in Belmont Bay, so we spend as much time onboard as possible.

Glad to be a part of this group and look forward to many happy adventures!

V/R, Jamie  
Garreth, aka *The Centerline*, and Gillian, aka *Ballast*

Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*

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The crew of the *Gail Lynn II* is serving as OYC coordinators for Aquia Harbour's "Dog Days of August" cruise scheduled for the weekend of August 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Aquia Harbour Marina. Located toward the upper end of the Aquia Creek, this marina has floating docks, great facilities and is a nearby destination for a cruise.

Like to attend? The cruise is just around the corner, so it's time to get registered. Please review the attached, two-page flyer (at the end of this newsletter) and complete the Registration Form. Mail your check for fees payable to "AHC". Address is AHC, P.O. Box 905, Stafford, VA 22555. Suggest you also email a copy of your registration, as time is short.

Having registered, please notify Gail and me by email (address above) indicating arrival time and who will be attending on your boat. We will then follow up with additional information to support the cruise.

Question? Please call or email, and we will assist. Additional note...if you cannot come in by boat, you might consider driving in for Saturday's events, especially if you like crabs and shrimp!

Cheers!

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

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## QUARTERMASTER

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Hi everyone! How you are enjoying your summer boating on the river?

Just a few words to let everyone know that the Quartermaster is still open during the season. I have some items here with me for sale, and you can always order from the catalog. I will be happy to place any order that you need. Will be placing the items I have on hand on sale in the next issue of the *Daymarker*, so keep an eye out for it...

Have a great summer and remember to be safe....

Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*

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## AUGUST DATEMARKERS

### BIRTHDAYS

Alison Rose 8/1  
Christina Wenderoth 8/4  
Gary Policastro 8/4  
Mike Moore 8/12  
Robert Hill 8/28

### ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Patricia Schanely 8/2  
Larry & Barbara Freedman 8/7  
Rich & Carole Ellison 8/14  
Don & Anne Bennett 8/15  
Goodwyn & Janice Morgan 8/18  
Randy & Susan Willetts 8/18

## MEMBERSHIP

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Can you believe we are just about half way through the season already? While Mother Nature wasn't very kind this past winter, the spring and summer have been fairly pleasant to this point. What does this mean? This means there is plenty of boating left with opportunities to extend membership to those around your docks who are not members.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July raft-up, we met a couple who keeps their boat over at Tyme and Tide. They expressed interest, but thought their 23-foot boat wouldn't allow them to be a part of our club. We explained the Club doesn't put a restriction on boat size. This was just another occasion where we were able to show prospective members what the OYC is all about.

Keeping the Club strong is important for a variety of reasons. The Club is only as strong as its membership, and we have to continue to interject new blood or we may find ourselves withering on the vine. I encourage all to get out on your docks and talk the Club up when

you have the opportunity. It is one of the most effective ways to promote what we as a club are all about.

The membership form is on our website at  
[http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/OYC\\_Application\\_2014.pdf](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/OYC_Application_2014.pdf).

Remember, have fun and keep it safe.  
Johnny DeDitus, *Liquid Leisure*

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If you have pictures that you would like to share, please send them the me at [historian@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:historian@occoquanyachtclub.org)  
Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

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## CRUISE NEWS

Have you logged in & updated your cruise preferences?  
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### August 2 to 3 – Gilligan's Raft-Up

Ahoy, Mateys! Planning is on-going for the Chris Rose / Bud Bishop Gilligan's raft-up. We intend to set the raft by noon on Saturday, 2 AUG, and start disbanding at noon on 3 AUG. We have lots of boats; so if you all show up, we will plan on having two rafts... one with big boats and another, under the lee of the big boats, made up of smaller boats (if possible). Our intention is to try to shield the smaller boats from the wakes made by channel traffic. If there is no wind, no rain, no storms, and no traffic, then we can make one raft. We'll see how it plays out. We will try to arrange to rent the beach. While the OYC funding fell through this time, we can see if the beach is available, see how many folks want to buy into its rental and either rent it or return the funds if we can't come up with the required money. But either way, we will have fun. Alternatives to Gilligan's include another two restaurants across/up the road that we can try. And we can plan to have BBQ fixins on the rafts as well. Please go onto our website and adjust your signup choices if you have had a change of plans or want to join us. Also, email either of us with special arrival / departure requirements so we can better serve you. Thank you!

If you wish to check out Gilligan's, their web address is:  
<http://www.gilliganspier.com/>

We hope to see you there!  
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### **August 8 to 10 – Dog Days of August / Aquia Harbor**

Come by land or by sea. Please see Joe's article on page 3 and the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Joe & Gail Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

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### **August 29 to September 1 – Corinthian Yacht Club Labor Day**

If you're looking for a relaxing way to spend the Labor Day weekend, the Cruise to Corinthian Yacht Club is just right for you. Everyone will depart on their own schedule; but we will try to coordinate groups for safety, particularly for those not so experienced with traveling down river. Of course, there will be a traditional OYC happy hour Friday where we can gather and plan how best to relax. The folks at Corinthian really go out of their way to welcome us and make it a special weekend. We will probably share an evening of fellowship, good food and entertainment with them on Saturday. Of course, the beautiful, water-side pool is there for relaxing. Another part of the plan is to arrange a fun wine-tasting of Slak wines and tour of the former Governor's mansion, now Woodlawn Historic B&B. Monday we'll share a farewell brunch on the dock and depart for home. Please check your cruise preferences in your profile on our website to be sure you signed up, and you may contact us at [bennettdon@comcast.net](mailto:bennettdon@comcast.net) or [bennettanne@comcast.net](mailto:bennettanne@comcast.net).

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

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### **Labor Day James River Cruise changed.**

### **August 28 to September 2 – VA Beach Labor Day**

We'll be going to Virginia Beach vice James River. Over Labor Day Virginia Beach holds the Great American Music Festival - three days of wall-to-wall big-name bands, plus too many activities to count. We'll leave Thursday morning and make the run to Rudee Inlet Marina (about 150 miles/8 hrs). It's a hoot being in the "real" ocean, and we'll likely spend a day out at the Tower artificial reef. On Tuesday morning we'll head back – boo! While not an "official OYC cruise" you're welcome to join us. [michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil](mailto:michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil)

Karen & Mike Crouch, *Makia III*

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### **September 13 – Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's**

Mark your calendars.

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## **CREW'S NEWS**

### **Our St. Michaels Cruise Adventure**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, Nancy and I embarked on a 11-day, 315-NM cruise to St. Michaels, Maryland, on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. As many of you know, St. Michaels (named after the archangel) is a quaint, small town of about 1,500 residents with touristy shops, fabulous restaurants, old houses dating back more than 200 years, and the Chesapeake Maritime Museum. You can visit a winery and a brewery, then seek redemption at Christ Church (1878) as bells ring each quarter hour.

Our itinerary included outbound stops at Colonial Beach, Port Kinsale and Herrington Harbour South; the return went through Solomons Island, Coles Point and Colonial Beach. As you might expect, a trip of this length and duration came with a number of highs and some lows. The following shares what we now refer to as our St. Michaels adventure.

If you recall, the weather around the Father's Day weekend was very hot and humid. So as to avoid afternoon thunderstorms, our approach for departures was to leave early. Sailboats typically average five to six nautical miles per hour. As such, legs of our trip were purposely scheduled to accommodate mid-afternoon arrivals. However, no matter how well you and your boat are prepared, bad things can happen on the water.

During our first day out, we ran into a thunderstorm in the early afternoon as we approached the 301 bridge. Winds and rain from the south were so strong that



visibility was reduced to about three or four boat lengths. With an open cockpit as shown in the attached photo, I felt like I was in a car wash. Although the rain finally stopped after about 25 minutes, the wave energy in the river continued almost until our arrival at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. Finally secure, a couple of drinks and a great dinner made everything better.

Port Kinsale was next. To our surprise, the dockmaster leaves for the day at 2:00 PM, two thirds of the slips were vacant and the marina restaurant was permanently



closed. Now I know why the PRYCA Float-In was moved to Point Lookout. We learned of a restaurant in town, but with no cab service, needed a ride. Fortunately, the restaurant ownership (a man from Arlington) provided transportation. The food was good, we appreciated the hospitality, but something bad is happening at that marina.

With plans to reach Herrington Harbour South and nothing going on at Port Kinsale, it was early to bed. Under the best of conditions, this longest leg of the cruise would have us on the water for about ten hours. While checking the next day's weather, I saw predictions for a Small Craft Advisory (SCA). Winds were forecast out of the north at 16 to 20 knots predicted to end by 2:00 PM. Why is it that we are always going into the wind? Having safely endured SCAs before and really wanting to depart Port Kinsale, I made an ill-advised decision to leave the safety of the marina. I now know that a Small Craft Advisory on the Bay is much more severe than what we experience on the upper Potomac.

Once under way and reaching Point Lookout, it was clear that conditions were getting worse. Sustained winds were in the high teens gusting from 22 to 25 knots with swells, which appeared to be in the range of six to eight feet. White water was coming over the bow and, although motoring with no sails, we were making little if any headway. With the boat being bounced around, we donned life jackets. Nancy later admitted to me that, in all of our years of sailing, this was the first time I said, "We need to put on life jackets".

As we approached the noon hour, the weather was not improving. Knowing that we would not reach Herrington Harbour, I radioed Zahnizer's Yachting Center at Solomons and was grateful that they could accommodate our emergency transient request. This action along with wearing life jackets was obviously the smartest thing I did all day. As it turned out, the SCA was extended to 9:00 PM and continued to blow, even making docking an adventure.

Herrington Harbour South is a bit of a resort along with being a rather large marina. Our trip was uneventful in comparison to the previous day with the exception of now being in the shipping lanes for commercial vessels headed to Baltimore and beyond. Giving them a wide birth and negotiating their wake, all was good. The approach to the marina is basically a shallow, two-lane fairway with a lot of traffic going in both directions. The grounds are manicured with rental accommodations, but the restaurant is very slow and seems to cater to a bar and party crowd. I like fun, but not sure I would return.

Finally it was off to St. Michaels. A moderate wind continued out of the north, which was perfect for our north-easterly heading. The fastest point of sail for sailboats is when the wind comes directly across the beam of the boat. As such, we had a short, delightful

sail to St. Michaels. Because of our OYC membership, I made reservations at the Miles River Yacht Club.



The club shown in the photo, located about one mile north of the city, is first class with several dining rooms, a pool and shower facilities. General Manager, Bob Dean, made us feel very welcome.

We had several great meals at the Club along with a fabulous lunch at The Inn at Perry Cabin, the hotel featured in the movie, Wedding Crashers. With a couple of drinks, the entrée, dessert and tip, the cost was a neat \$100.00. Harry Croft also warned me about a jewelry store in town called the Deep Blue Sea. We did see a beautiful opal necklace in the shape of a sailboat that we initially didn't buy, but is now on order. All in all, a great two-day stay.

It now was time to start the journey home. With winds this time out of the west and an outgoing tide, we had a wonderful sail back to Solomons. Zahnizer's is a first-class marina with a pool, an excellent on-site restaurant (see photo), mechanics, a laundry and individual shower facilities. During our two night stay, Nancy shopped and visited the Calvert Marine Museum and Drum Point Lighthouse. I used the opportunity to have my standing rigging checked; all was good! We enjoyed the pool and highly recommend their Dry Dock restaurant.



Leaving Solomons we again had an outgoing tide with winds now out of the north. All of this had us surfing down the Chesapeake, but again created a helpful beam reach as we started up the Potomac. As we

approached Coles Point at low tide, we found ourselves in a one-lane fairway in six feet of water. Since we draw 4 feet - 4 inches, I was concerned that we might run aground and block the entrance to the marina. I'm still not sure how two opposing boats negotiate this fairway at the same time. Electing to abort this approach, I called Colonial Beach. The good news was that they had a slip; the bad news was that our current seven-hour trip was extended by another three hours.

Since we made the Memorial Day Cruise with the club last year, we were familiar with Colonial Beach, rented a golf cart and made it a point to have one dinner at the Lighthouse Restaurant... excellent as usual. After two nights, it was time to come home.

Now it's Sunday morning, we have an incoming tide which is good, but absolutely no wind and begin motoring. As we approached the 301 bridge, I noticed the temperature rising with our diesel engine. What is it about me and that bridge? Water appeared to be coming out of the exhaust, but so was some steam. I immediately shut down the engine, checked the antifreeze reservoir and then the raw water pump. What I found was one vane of the impeller broken off and, thank goodness, lodged conveniently in the exhaust of the pump. Having a spare part onboard, I replaced the impeller; and we made the rest of the trip without incident.

#### What we did wrong:

- Made a very poor decision to leave the safety of a marina during a Small Craft Advisory

#### What we did right:

- Filed a Float Plan with neighbors and our marina; reported status each moving day
- Donned life jackets and had a Plan B for seeking shelter during a storm
- Avoided a potential grounding condition at Coles Point
- Diagnosed and repaired the engine overheating with spare parts onboard
- Enjoyed our wonderful and well-built sailing vessel

For sailors, like life, it's about patience and the journey and not just the destination!

Bob and Nancy Stegon, *Fantasy*  
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## Tim's Not-the-4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks and Raft-Up



Another fun-filled activity from your Occoquan Yacht Club! Joining the raft this year was *After Hours* (Eric Reuter and Lisa Graybill), *Beach House* (Jim and Pam Poulos), *Hi-Jinx* (Bud and Heidi Bishop), *Makia III* (Mike and Karen Crouch), *Bergie* (Les and Kathy Bergmann), a guest boat (non-member), *Last Syrah* (Mike Schneider and Alithea McKinney, new members), *Persephone* (John and Suzy Cornicelli), *Next Activity* (Jeff and Nadia Lippman, new members), and *Resilient* (Jamie-Jo Perry, new member). Not shown in the picture above is the photographer's boat, *La De Dah* (Chris and Alison Rose), whose boat didn't fit into the raft due to the post-raft setting of markers by the USCG... Yes, we had a front row seat with inches to the foul line.

We even had our own Marine Safety activity/course; the crew of *After Hours* discovered flooding conditions and, in a sea of lights, were trying to get the attention of the nearby fireboat. Unable to distinguish the waving flashlights from all of the other lights in the area, the fireboat responded to red flares sent aloft by other OYCers in the raft. With a bit more assistance from our participants, fireboat members were able to join the raft, pump out the water, stop the leak, and Tow Boat US provided *After Hours* with a late-night tow back to port. Notes from the event: Broadcast the Mayday / position of your vessel and the number of persons aboard and don life preservers. In a flooding condition, the generator will stop and the batteries will short out once the water covers them — It will be very difficult to find things in the dark and you may not get much notice of the loss of electricity. Therefore, having a handheld radio and an emergency overboard kit with a flashlight and other signalling devices will be important and essential when your boat goes dark (especially if you are anchored or traveling alone).

In this case, members of the OYC raft took over... members directed the fireboat to the boat suffering the casualty, the boat tied alongside posted a watch on the forward and aft lines with knives to cut those lines should the boat go down (avoid damage/capsizing the attached boat — also good to do if you are towing someone and they take on water and sink abruptly-- have a knife ready to cut the lines so your boat doesn't follow suit) and other members of the raft (John



Cornicelli and others) helped the fireboat crew de-water the raft, find the leak, and restore the vessel to seaworthy conditions.

We hope Eric and Lisa have their boat underway again soon and come out and join us for a re-do event! Boating IS fun, although not when you are going through an emergency. And while we appreciate the training event, the PRYCA Float-In competition is much less stressful!!!

Following the 0230 departure of *After Hours* for homeport, the rest of the raft members spent a calm and restful night. On Sunday, all OYCers jumped on Tim's shuttle and went ashore for brunch and bloody marys; then departed and went their separate ways. Some continued the weekend raft at Mattawoman, where they were joined by *Rx to Relax* (Bob Hill and Min Lee), and *Little Ender* (Paul and Monica Fineberg). Overall, it was a busy and event-filled weekend, complete with AWESOME fireworks.

See you next year at Tim's Not-on-the-Fourth-of-July Fireworks 2015! We may try anchoring in Mattawoman next year and use one of the boats to shuttle guests home after the firework display...but more to follow.

Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>*  
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#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at Capital Yacht Club



The Ellisons (*Jolly Mon*), Predas (*Anamchara*) and the Bennetts (*Heart of the Sun*) – children, grandchildren, puppies and friends – celebrated our nation's birthday on C-Dock of Capital Yacht Club, whose members and staff could not have been more accommodating and welcoming. On the 4<sup>th</sup> we were invited to join a large and eclectic group of people on CYC Commodore Tim Ricker's boat, *Chardonnay*, for a party. (Can you guess what they served to drink?) We were fortunate to have *Anamchara* and *Heart of the Sun* docked on the inside and outside of the northern section of the T on C-Dock and *Jolly Mon* just down the dock, affording us all an outstanding view of the fireworks. It was a laidback few days with good friends and good food and drink. Capital is an easy walk to restaurants, shops, Nationals baseball, the monuments and festivals on the mall, and

we took advantage of it all! The fences and construction sites made for difficult dog walking, but it was interesting to see the beginnings of the reshaping of the Washington Channel. If you're interested in the big picture, you can go to

<http://www.swdcwaterfront.com/index.htm>.

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*  
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#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 Raft at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge

This was the coolest (temperature-wise) the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has been in many years, but it was not without its challenges. *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>* (Bud and Heidi Bishop) departed Belmont Bay at 1000 followed by *Liquid Leisure* (Johnny and Michelle DeDitius) at 1100. *Liquid Leisure* met up with *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>* at the turn on the river by Fort Belvoir, and we proceeded up river. We had opposing winds of 18-20 knots that were gusting to 30 at times. *Liquid Leisure* stopped closer to the Memorial Bridge side of the channel while *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>* went to Georgetown to pick up their friends Craig and Sybil. Initially, *Liquid Leisure* had difficulty in setting an anchor, as did other boats arriving in the early afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The wind and current made it extremely difficult. After realizing we were drifting after setting 120-feet of anchor chain and rode, we were joined by *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>*. *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>* had better luck in setting the initial anchor, and *Liquid Leisure* went forward, dropped the hook and got it set before nestling in next to *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>*.

*Pure Enjoyment* (Paul and Sherry Mannino) came by our small raft around 1400 and proceeded up to Three Sisters with their friends Herve and Cindy for the afternoon. They eventually joined us around 1700 for cocktails and dinner. *Beach House* (Jim and Pam Poulos) made a wise decision to hold off on joining us because the winds were so strong.

The fireworks show was amazing, lighting up the DC skyline with the Washington Monument in the background.

Saturday morning the boats left to enjoy a lazy afternoon up at Three Sisters, hanging out in the eight-man raft and enjoying the fairly clean water of the northern Potomac. *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>* went to Georgetown to drop off their friends and set the initial anchor again at Three Sisters. *Liquid Leisure* then dropped a hook, and the raft was set. Again we were joined by *Pure Enjoyment*, and *Beach House* arrived around 1500 that afternoon. An excellent time was had with good friends sharing Bud Bishop's Cubi Specials and Michelle's special Jello Shooters. This was followed by cocktails and a smorgasbord dinner of marinated chicken, tacos, sausage, salad etc. The meal was outstanding, and everyone had to let out their shorts and swimsuits just a tad.

Sunday morning saw an early departure from Three Sisters so that the group could get a spot on the wall in Georgetown. *Beach House* who had some engine fault issues on the way up decided to head back to Mattawoman Creek. Luckily, whatever the fault issue was reset, and *Beach House* was able to get back down the river on plane. The rest of the group made its way up to M Street in Georgetown where we enjoyed a nice brunch at Clyde's.



Following brunch and a short shopping excursion by Michelle and Heidi, the group decided to break up and head toward home. All in all, this was an exceptional weekend; and the weather couldn't have cooperated more. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end as we returned home to the usual Sunday evening chores.

Johnny & Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leasure*  
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## FOR SALE!

As a benefit to members, we will be publishing a listing of boating-related items for sale by OYC members only. Please send a BRIEF description of the item(s), your asking price, etc., and contact information to me at [editor@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:editor@occoquanyachtclub.org). Thanks! Anne  
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### REGAL 4260 FOR SALE!

"Pure Enjoyment"

(Coincidentally, the first boat on the Georgetown wall above)

2004 Regal 4260 Commodore

2 Staterooms

2 Heads

New canvas in 2012

New cockpit carpeting in 2013

New house battery in 2013

Bottom paint spring 2014

Props refurbished & tuned spring 2014

All TV's upgraded to digital in 2012

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Contact: [pamannino@comcast.net](mailto:pamannino@comcast.net) or 703-282-5276

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## PRYCA Float-In 2014

Thanks, PRYCA!



PRYCA Fleet Captain Pat Croft making the announcements with PRYCA Board and MALS



PRYCA  
Vice Commodore Bob Blunt  
Commodore Chevy Rice  
Rear Commodore Phil Rogers





Captain Jack Sparrow slashes the PRYCA welcome cake.  
(Pat Schondel & Christie Raukar)



Wench Catherine Dudley with Jan & Goodwyn Morgan



Does Dan have competition?!?  
But wait!!! It seems Dan has a new friend too!  
(Debbie & Dan Kent with *Lurch & Bones*)



Captain Hook!  
(Carole Ellison, Ginny & Steve Preda)



Joe Livingston (promoting his flag pole) with Bob Hill & Min Lee



Captain Don and the crew of the *Occoquan Pearl*  
*Arrrrghhhh!!!*





*Dog Days of August*  
August 8 -10, 2014  
Aquia Harbour Marina

**REGISTRATION FORM or [COMPLETE ONLINE HERE](#)**

(One Form per Boat)

CAPTAIN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ YACHT CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF OTHERS IN PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE/TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSPORTATION TO GOLF COURSE NEEDED? IF SO, WHAT TIME? \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Call 540-659-4478 to Arrange Tee Times. \$15 per person for 18 holes plus cart\*\***

NUMBER OF KAYAKS NEEDED FOR SATURDAY MORNING (LIMITED AVAILABILITY): \_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE MY OWN \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU PLAN TO TAKE A TOUR OF GOVERNMENT ISLAND SATURDAY MORNING? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU PLAN TO GO ON THE EVENING CRUISE AROUND THE ISLAND SATURDAY EVENING? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF KAYAKS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING (LIMITED AVAILABILITY): \_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE MY OWN \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT INFORMATION / SLIP FEES:** (no need to call the marina and reserve a slip, this form takes care of that)

BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

SLIP FEES: \$1.50 x LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ x NIGHTS: \_\_\_\_\_ = SUBTOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**POWER FEES:**

one- 30 AMP \$ 5.00 TIMES(x) \_\_\_\_\_ #DAYS EQUALS(=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

two- 30 AMP \$10.00 TIMES(x) \_\_\_\_\_ #DAYS EQUALS(=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

one- 50AMP \$10.00 TIMES(x) \_\_\_\_\_ #DAYS EQUALS(=) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(we have approx. twelve 50 AMP 120/240 V slips that are first-come, first-serve)

**TOTAL BOAT FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

Number of People Ages 10+: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Under 10: \_\_\_\_\_ x FREE = \*\* FREE \*\* **SUBTOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**SPECIAL EVENT – CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST:**

Number of People Ages 10+: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children Under 10: \_\_\_\_\_ x FREE = \*\* FREE \*\* **SUBTOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**50/50 TICKETS:** 6 tickets for \$5 and 13 tickets for \$10

**SUBTOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(drawing will take place Saturday Night at the Pool Party and the winning ticket must be present to win)*

**TOTAL COST:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Email registration form or go [online here](#)  
Please, mail check, made payable to AHYC, to:***

P. O. Box 905, Stafford, VA 22555

Email: [rear.commodore@ahyc.org](mailto:rear.commodore@ahyc.org)

Cancelation: if you cancel your reservation by July 31, a full refund will be issued. After August 1, we can only issue a 25% refund of the registration and event fees. Slip fees will fully refundable if canceled by August 6.

Pool Party: This event is rain or shine and unfortunately we are unable to refund any registration fees due to inclement weather.

## **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 28, 2014**

### ***Schedule at a Glance:***

#### **Friday:**

12:00pm – 6:00pm Registration packets available for pickup at Marina store (*@ Clubhouse after 6PM*)  
6:00pm AHYC Clubhouse (and Bar) Open for Appetizers & Happy Hour

#### **Saturday:**

8:30am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast and Bloody Mary Bar @ AHYC Clubhouse  
9:00am – 5:00pm Transportation Provided from Marina to Golf Course with advance reservation  
9:30am – 11:00am Kayak Tour Around Island (*Meet @ Kayak Launch/Fishing Pier*)  
9:30am – 11:00am Guided Walking Tour of Government Island  
12:30pm – 2:00pm Splish Splash Poker Run @ Marina Docks

#### **\*\* SPECIAL EVENT – CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST \*\***

➤ 4:00pm – 6:00pm @ Harbour Inn Parking Lot

7:00pm – 8:00pm Evening Cruise Around Island (*Meet @ Boat Ramp*)  
8:00pm - 10:00pm Appetizers, Bar and Pool Party with (*Awards Ceremony and 50/50 Drawing at 9:30*)  
8:00pm – 11:30pm Live Music and Dancing Featuring \*\* The Anthony James Band \*\*

#### **Sunday:**

9:00am – 11:00am Bon Voyage Brunch (Silent Auction Item Awarded at 10am)  
10:00am – 12:00pm Kayak Tour (*Meet @ Kayak Launch/Fishing Pier*)



## 2014 OYC Events

Month	Days	Time	Event / Location	Contact	Email
January	18 (Sat)	2:00 PM	PRYCA Change of Watch	Don & Anne Bennett	<a href="mailto:bennettddon@comcast.net">bennettddon@comcast.net</a>
	25 (Sat)	1:30 PM	Pre-Planfest	OYC Board, Bud Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
February	22 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Planfest	OYC Board, Bud Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
March	15 (Sat)	2:00 PM	General Membership Meeting/Photo Contest	OYC Board, Pat Schondel	<a href="mailto:pat.schondel@boeing.com">pat.schondel@boeing.com</a>
April	4-6 (Fri-Sun)		Cherry Blossom Cruise / Early-Bird Cruise	Steve & Ginny Preda	<a href="mailto:sdpreda@comcast.net">sdpreda@comcast.net</a>
May	3 (Sat)	12:00 PM	OYC Flag Raising at OHM	OYC Board, Don Bennett	<a href="mailto:bennettddon@comcast.net">bennettddon@comcast.net</a>
	17 (Sat)		ORMA Blessing of the Fleet in Occoquan River	OYC Board, Joe Livingston	<a href="mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net">joseph.livingston@verizon.net</a>
	23-26 (Fri-Mon)		Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach	Bob Hill & Min Lee	<a href="mailto:bhill53@gmail.com">bhill53@gmail.com</a>
	23-26 (Fri-Mon)		Memorial Day Cruise to Solomon's Island	Scott DelMonte for info only	<a href="mailto:sdm1@comcast.net">sdm1@comcast.net</a>
June	7 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Margarita/Fajita Fest at OHM	OYC Board, Pat Schondel	<a href="mailto:pat.schondel@boeing.com">pat.schondel@boeing.com</a>
	20-22 (Fri-Mon)		PRYCA Summer Kick-off/ Cobb Island Day	Don & Anne Bennett	<a href="mailto:bennettddon@comcast.net">bennettddon@comcast.net</a>
	28-29 (Sat-Sun)		Tim's I Fireworks/Raft-up	Bud & Heidi Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
July	3-6 (Thu-Sun)		Fireworks in DC/ Capital Yacht Club	Don & Anne Bennett	<a href="mailto:bennettddon@comcast.net">bennettddon@comcast.net</a>
	3-5 (Thu-Sat)		Fireworks in DC/ Wash. Channel Raft-Up	Al & Lynanne Jorsey?	<a href="mailto:aj727sr@yahoo.com">aj727sr@yahoo.com</a>
	3-5 (Thu-Sat)		Fireworks in DC/ 14 St. Bridge Raft-up	John & Michelle DeDitius?	<a href="mailto:john_deditius@hotmail.com">john_deditius@hotmail.com</a>
	13-17 (Sun-Thu)		Bay Cruise #2 - Bob Hill	Bob Hill & Min Lee	<a href="mailto:bhill53@gmail.com">bhill53@gmail.com</a>
	18-20 (Fri-Sun)		PRYCA Float-in	Bud & Heidi Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
	21-1 (Mon-Fri)		Lower River Cruise - Harry Croft	Harry & Pat Croft	<a href="mailto:hpcroft@verizon.net">hpcroft@verizon.net</a>
August	2-3 (Sat-Sun)		Gilligan's Cruise	Chris & Alison Rose	<a href="mailto:christianmrose@verizon.net">christianmrose@verizon.net</a>
	8-10 (Fri-Sun)		PRYCA Dog Days of August	Joe & Gail Livingston	<a href="mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net">joseph.livingston@verizon.net</a>
	29-1 (Fri-Mon)		Labor Day Cruise (Corinthian)	Don & Anne Bennett	<a href="mailto:bennettddon@comcast.net">bennettddon@comcast.net</a>
	29-1 (Fri-Mon)		Tall Timbers - Boat Burning ?	?	
	29-1 (Fri-Mon)		Labor Day Cruise James River - Mike Crouch	Mike & Karen Crouch	<a href="mailto:michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil">michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil</a>
September	13 (Sat)		Shrimp Fest at Hoffmaster's	OYC Board, Joe Livingston	<a href="mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net">joseph.livingston@verizon.net</a>
	26-28 (Fri-Sun)		Nats vs Marlins	Mike & Karen Crouch?	<a href="mailto:michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil">michael.l.crouch@usmc.mil</a>
October	10-13 (Fri-Mon)		PRYCA End of Summer	OYC Board, Pat Schondel	<a href="mailto:pat.schondel@boeing.com">pat.schondel@boeing.com</a>
	25 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Election Mtg/Oktoberfest Chili Cook-Off @FYC	OYC Board, Pat Schondel	<a href="mailto:pat.schondel@boeing.com">pat.schondel@boeing.com</a>
November	7-10 (Fri-Mon)		Hardy Souls Cruise	Bud & Heidi Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
	15 (Sat)		OYC Holiday/ COW Party	Bud & Heidi Bishop	<a href="mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com">bud9515@yahoo.com</a>
December	6 (Sat)		Santa Cruise from OHM to Occoquan?	Pat Croft?	<a href="mailto:hpcroft@verizon.net">hpcroft@verizon.net</a>
	6 (Sat)		Parade of Lights	Steve & Ginny Preda?	<a href="mailto:sdpreda@comcast.net">sdpreda@comcast.net</a>