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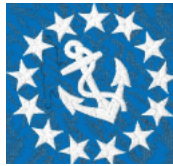
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What happened in Vegas...

With the completion of the Summer Kick-off at Cobb Vegas, the PRYCA summer boating season is officially underway. I want to thank the captains and crews for making the trip and weekend so enjoyable. The weather over the weekend was wonderful and the cruising to and from the island was uneventful. Though the twelve boats from the club arrived at different times we were all moored together at Captain John's Marina, which we pretty much had to ourselves save one additional vessel, that of PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice and her husband, Jerry. We all enjoyed a busy weekend of relaxing at the dock, biking around the island, participating in the parade, attending crab-fests and other more normal meals, scotch tasting, dog walking, shopping and Casino Night.



...and of course we proudly displayed our banner!

Arrgh, Matey...ye be pirates aboard! The next big event is the PRYCA Float-In at Point Lookout Marina 18 – 20 July. You guessed it! This year's theme is Pirates of the Potomac. Did I say, "big event"? ...HUGE! This is THE event of the season, as OYC is primed to regain The Cup; and we need the support of all our members.

"Cup? What cup?" you may be asking. So, for those of you who may not have participated in a PRYCA Float-In before, this is an annual event put on by the Potomac River Yacht Club Association where member yacht clubs compete in events designed to promote boater safety and knowledge. The winning club gets to keep "The Cup" until the following year's competition, along with bragging rights for the whole year. But wait! It's not just a competition. It's a weekend-long party with great friends, great food, great music and dancing, bonfires on the beach...I could go on and on.

The competition last year consisted of Vessel Safety Inspection Participation, Navigation and Safety Test, Scavenger Hunt, and various water challenges. Each event awards points, and the club that receives the most points overall is the winner. Part of the points will come from our vessel safety inspection status. It is imperative that all attending vessels have a current safety inspection prior to arrival!

Please join in and help us recapture The Cup! For those who have not signed up but are interested, please contact me. Here is a link to the registration form:

http://www.potomacriveryachtclubs.org/PRYCA_2014_COW_Registration.pdf

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



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"Weekend Raftups on the Occoquan"...is my personal Facebook page where all of these impromptu events are announced. We are also working other options to 'get the word out' so you aren't left out of the fun. If you have a boat, and want to join in a come-as-you-are raftup, this is for you. If you don't see your boat in this raft and you want to be there, don't expect emails or texts...many of us don't have the capability to send to such a large distribution list. There is also the danger of leaving someone off the list and generating 'cliques', which are harmful to an organization like ours.



Everyone is equal in this virtual yacht club, so join in the weekend relaxation when you can...keep an eye out for any OYC raft and come on over. You can also join the Facebook page until we can figure out more options to get the word out, but please be careful about posting your localizing info (prevent bad characters from visiting your house while you are away).

Two of the boats that are in the (above) raftup June 14-15 were anchored near us, were flying an OYC flag, and after realizing the OYC boats were rafted, joined us. Another, a big sailboat, was anchored above us and took this picture (nine, yes nine boats). It was a first-time raftup for a couple of those who joined, and it was the first time one of the couples spent the night. It was truly an enjoyable Father's Day holiday for all. If you wish to announce a raftup event, send me an email; and I can post it for you or send the Commodore/Webmaster an email and he might be able to send out a blast email/text message to all if he can.

Many of the next events on the calendar in OYC are raftups, with Tim's fireworks and the National Fourth of July fireworks oriented around our Independence Day. I will be coordinating the Tim's raftup 28 June and will announce the location and ask for personal inputs for arrival / departure individually to respondents.

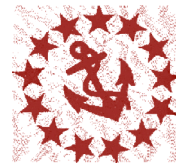
Both Johnny Deditius and I will host the 4th of July raftup at the 14th St. Bridge. Keep an eye out for a blast email announcing the event and be prepared to send me your arrival / departure schedule if you have hard requirements to be somewhere else (It is very difficult to extract from the middle of a raft without causing damage). For planning purposes, the raft will be established by noon, 4 July, and disband by noon, 5 July. The option will exist to remain in place at the original raftup spot after 5 July, move to Three Sisters for those that can fit under the bridge, or proceed on personal schedules to other raftup locations or marinas (like Alexandria...great shopping and dining). High tide occurs in the early afternoon from 3-6 July for those who wish to catch the current to the raft in the late morning or to catch the ebbing current in the late afternoon for the trip home.

A few of our boats will be in slips at Capital Yacht Club <http://www.capitalyachtclub.com/default.aspx> over the 4th of July holiday. While there may not be any more slips available, arrangements can be made (for a fee) to come in by dinghy.

Bob Hill is hosting a cruise to the Tides Inn on the Rappahannock River. There is more information in Cruise News toward the end of this newsletter. If you are interested in this week-long event, complete with golf and other activities, be sure to contact him (contact info is in the directory or on the website).

The next big event for all is the PRYCA Cup event at Point Lookout Marina from 18-20 July. This is one of the most fun events for adult yachting participants... competition events are often hilarious and memorable for years afterward. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there to support us in regaining The Cup!

Safe boating,
Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx₂*



Rear Commodore

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Rear Commodore's Log, July Daymarker – Summer!

I'm sitting and writing this entry just a few days past summer solstice hoping to make the best of every minute of the long days of this summer. I hope you all enjoy the summer of 2014 and get out on your boats every day you can. We have had an amazing five or six weekends in a row of the most beautiful weather imaginable for outdoor activities. Keep your eyes on the Rear Commodore's articles. He'll keep you informed of all the club events we plan to put on this year and other events that will occur up and down the river. Bud and the Commodore, Don Bennett, are also working with all of us members on alerting the club of impromptu raftups on weekends in case you want to participate. If you plan

to get a group of club members together for an activity or event, remember to let us know; and we'll get you one of our three OYC banners that you can proudly hang to show your affiliation.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our annual Fajita Fest event in June. We had a great turnout and a lot of fun with knot lessons from Joe Livingston, Don outlining the activities of the upcoming PRYCA Summer



Float-In, and margaritas – they always make a day easier – from Past Commodore Harry Croft. As always we want to thank our volunteers who help set up tables and arrange food,

sell 50-50 tickets, and take down tables and load them and boxes of stuff in my Sequoia. We even had volunteers follow me to the club shed to unload all those items for storage until our next land event – Shrimp Fest in September. Our medal winners this time included Jim and Sharon Gower (gold) for work at both the Flag Raising and Fajita Fest, Chris Rose (silver), and Michelle DeDitius (bronze). After the award ceremony we realized we neglected to recognize Heidi Bishop for organizing the fajita cooking and Harry Croft for those wonderful margaritas. Great job! Look for an update in the next *Daymarker* on the medal count of the volunteer 'awards' to date. We just hope the winners allow enough time in between drinking their medals and skipping their boats! As a reminder, our 'volunteer medal count' is a new approach we started this year as a fun way to recognize club members throughout the year for their efforts. So this is also a good time to remind everyone of a totally separate distinction of service to the club that is reserved for non-board members. That is the Commodore's Cup. At the Change of Watch at the end of the year the Commodore's Cup will be awarded to the individual or couple (boat) that Don Bennett deems contributed to the club above and beyond all others.

While we've been enjoying this wonderful weather and having fun on our boats the board has been spinning up on our planning for the annual end of summer event we are hosting called 'Send Summer Down Under!' We will hold the event at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on Columbus Day weekend, October 10-13, 2014. We look forward to another fantastic end of summer celebration – this time without flooding rains. So everyone, please start your anti-rain dancing now! We are already working with PRYCA, who is supporting this event, to get the word out and attract as many clubs up and down the river as we can. Please save the date and plan to be a part of 'Send Summer Down Under'; and as the host club, join us to volunteer our service and make a memorable event for all. We are already working with Belmont Bay Harbor Marina and Jim Brooks, the

Dockmaster, to begin establishing our logistics. This year we will be moving the event out of the pavilion, closer to the marina office. We will have a section of the parking lot reserved exclusively for the event covered by a large tent for all our guests. As with last year we'll have a welcome reception Friday evening, meals Saturday and Sunday morning, event and activity choices throughout the day on Saturday, and a closing round of 'mini-olympics' games on Sunday. Look for the flyer on our OYC website, updates from me in our monthly newsletter, and email blasts from Joe Livingston as we move along on our planning for the event.

Have a great summer!
Pat Schondel, *Rhumb Line*



Secretary

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Our First OYC Cruise - Cobb Island - Summer Kick Off

Last summer was our first full season as new boat owners so we slowly tried to learn our way around our boat and gain needed knowledge from our new community. Our longest trip was downtown for the fireworks with family and friends. We also went to the Tim's I raft-up, Mattawoman many, many times, and Tim's II. This year we decided it was time to branch out and see some new sites. Our first trip was scheduled for Memorial Day weekend to Colonial Beach with OYC. Bob Hill and Min Lee had planned a fabulous trip, and we were so excited to be joining them. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our plans due to Les' mother falling. She is now doing very well and will celebrate her 93rd birthday in August.

It was time to experience our first cruise and see how quickly the gas gauge would fall during our trip. We had been told that getting to Captain John's Marina could be a little tricky, so it was arranged for us to follow Steve and Ginny Preda down the river. It was great to travel with them just in case there were any problems. One thing we have quickly learned about OYC is that there is always someone willing to help a fellow boater and answer any and all questions. Thanks to Steve and Ginny for helping us out!!!!



The cruise to Captain John's was delightful. We had not been that far south with our boat since bringing her up from Deltaville. Don and Anne Bennett (our cruise coordinators) were there to help us tie up and offered a very good welcoming beverage and goodie bags. The staff at the marina also gave us a glass and coupons for future visits. We had only experienced floating docks at Belmont Bay so we had to learn how to deal with stationary docks. We spent the afternoon helping others as they arrived, learning the lay of the land, and socializing on other boats on the dock. It was a gorgeous afternoon.

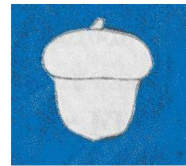
Let the festivities begin!!! Commodore Hocker and the CIYC Bridge welcomed us to The Rivah for Captain's Hour and a steak and Louisiana seafood boil dinner. We were asked to wear our club colors and all OYC ladies were given club jewelry to wear. Ginny and Steve Preda and Anne Bennett made necklaces and Heidi and Bud Bishop and Karen Crouch made earrings that followed the Cobb Vegas theme. We all looked fabulous!!! After dinner we returned to the marina and socialized on the dock.

Saturday morning some members participated in the Hoover Dam Kayaking Adventure while the rest of us slept in. Afterward we joined in the 125th anniversary of Cobb Island Day with an old fashioned community parade, shopping, and memosas at Commodore Hocker's house. It was very nice for them to welcome everyone from PRYCA into their lovely home. Apparently bead scavenger hunts had been a tradition at Cobb Island, and they were retiring beads used in previous years. We were given the opportunity to choose some beads for a final necklace or to start our collection. Afterwards it was time to return to the docks for more socializing and to prepare for the evening events. We enjoyed dinner at Captain John's Seafood Buffet, scotch tasting with a live band at the Scuttlebutt, and then arrived back at The Rivah for Cobb Vegas Casino Night with the Stars. Steve Preda, Johnny DeDitiis, and Bud Bishop joined the Texas Hold'em tournament while the rest of us enjoyed performances from impersonators of Michael Jackson, Cher, Marilyn Monroe and others. Unfortunately the guys came away without winning, so we all had to buy our own drinks.

Sunday morning we enjoyed the Bon Voyage Hangover Breakfast back at The Rivah, a bike ride around all 3.5 miles of the island, and more shopping for the ladies. We were told that it was a good idea to bring bikes on these types of cruises and they were indeed helpful. Now we just need to find comfortable seats for them before our next cruise. Once we returned to the docks it was time to head back home during a beautiful afternoon. We felt comfortable heading out on our own, but always knew that there was OYC help if needed.

Our first cruise experience was a success. We were given the opportunity to meet additional OYC members and members from other clubs, we got to know much better those members who we already knew, we experienced a new location, we gained knowledge, and we had a blast. Can't wait for the next one!!!! If you have not signed up for any of the future events please consider going on the website and making a few choices. You will be so glad you did, and we can't wait to meet you.

Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*
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Treasurer

Joe Livingston

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Old and new members, want to let you know that I have the Swiveler Flag Poles in stock. If these poles are new to you, you should know they consist of a 316 stainless steel pole and a machined aluminum mount that fits our 12" Club Burgee. reported to be the best poles available by many of our members. Therefore, email me at joseph.livingston@verizon.net and tell me how many you want and give the exact diameter of your rail. Club members often fly the club burgee, officer insignia and service flags. The cost remains \$65 each.

Now for a little story and maybe a lesson learned. Not too long ago a pleasure boat operator told me of a "bad day" or experience he had had, just in passing. The story went something like this: We were tied up at a fuel dock and had just finished fueling when the wind started blowing from astern, and then it started to rain "buckets". To add to this situation, there was a large amount of debris (logs and such) a short distance forward of the boat, and just past that, a large fixed structure. This operator made the decision to leave the dock due to a concern that the boat would be damaged by hitting the dock. Once untied, the wind made turning into the wind extremely difficult and the threat of damaging the boat's props "machinery" was a real concern. As the story continued, it was noted that the debris and fixed structure were avoided, but the swim platform was damaged while maneuvering from the dock.

Lessons learned: Considering that I possibly did not hear all the facts, the story certainly points out that when operating a recreational boat, a well thought out decision must be made which would favor operational safety for people and the boat. As a personal comment, I believe

the proper decision would have been to stay at the dock until the storm had passed...maybe an extra fender was needed. And, if that actually was not feasible, backing away from the dock into the wind would have provided greater control and, in fact, would have aided in safely turning the bow into the wind and in the desired direction of travel. Just an observation.

Cheers!
Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

QUARTERMASTER

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Hey everyone, it is officially summer and boating season is in full swing. By now everyone has been out on the water either going to other marinas or rafting up.

Just wanted to let everyone know that the quartermaster store is still open. If you need anything please let me know either by email or give me a call. Anything that you want, I am sure I can find at a good price.

I still have some rescue tape, bocca clips, windsocks (American Flags) and all kinds of clothing in the store ready for purchase.

Have a safe summer boating..
Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*

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I encourage everyone to take every opportunity to invite people you know (boat owner or not) and those you may see around your docks to join us. I am looking forward to another fantastic season and to seeing you all on the water this summer. The membership form with complete information is on our website at http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/OYC_Application_2014.pdf.

Thank you and safe boating!
Johnny DeDitiis, *Liquid Leisure*

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The Cobb Island weekend event was quite memorable for those of us that had an opportunity to attend. If you have pictures of this or any others that you would like to share please send them the me at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



DATEMARKERS

BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Croft 7/2
Jim Crabill 7/2
Pat Schondel 7/10
Christie Raukar 7/13
Michelle DeDitiis 7/15
Vicki Moon 7/22
Joseph Hoffmaster 7/26
Robert Nalevanko 7/28
Mike Langerman 7/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Harry & Patricia Croft 7/2
Marty & Karen Joyner 7/4
Daniel & Debbie Kent 7/11
John & Suzy Cornicelli 7/18
Les & Kathy Bergmann 7/23

CRUISE NEWS

Have you logged in & updated your cruise preferences?
www.occoquanyachtclub.org

June 28 to 29 – Tim's Rivershore Not The 4th Raft-Up

Please see Bud's Vice Commodore article for details.

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*₂
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July 3 to 6 – 4th of July (fireworks options!)

* Capital Yacht Club / Washington Channel

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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* 14th Street Bridge Raft-Up

Please see Bud's Vice Commodore article for details

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July 13 to 18 – Chesapeake Cruise to Tides Inn

The purpose of this cruise is to take a break, relax and enjoy the summer. It is a new cruise so we will probably learn a little as we go. The Tides Inn is a wonderful top-rated resort in Virginia, offering a spa, golf, pools, use of bicycles, s'mores, Frisbee golf (hmm, I'm thinking a little team competition here), great food and much more. The fee includes use of the executive course, which should be fun and enjoyable. Looking for a more competitive environment, the full course is very nice and challenging. Ladies, I am sure a day (or two) at the spa will help summer ease away! You too, Guys!

The plan as we have it so far:

12 July – depart on Saturday 12 July and spend two nights at Olverson's Marina in Lottsburg, Va. This is not far from Point Lookout, which is where we will end up on the 18th for the PRYCA Cup Competition. We will have a dinner planned, and Olverson's will provide transport into town for us. There isn't a lot around the marina, but they do have a pool.

14 July - Depart on Monday 14 July we will arrive and spend four nights at The Tides Inn, relaxing and enjoying the resort and summer. We will formulate several group activities, dinners, etc., as well as allowing time to yourselves.

18 July – Depart on Friday 18 July, arriving at Point Lookout in time for The Cup festivities.

Please contact us at RxtoRelax@gmail.com
Bob Hill & Min Lee, *Rx to Relax*
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July 18 to 20

PRYCA Float-In – THE CUP!!!

See the article on page 1. If you have interest in going or need information, please contact Commodore Don Bennett or Treasurer Joe Livingston ASAP!

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July 20 to Aug 3 – Cruising the Magnificent Potomac

This year we plan to cruise the many tributaries along the Lower Potomac River. After the PRYCA Float-In, we will depart Monday morning, July 21st, for Reedville, the only portion of this cruise outside the Potomac. After that we will cruise Smith and Jutland Creeks, the Coan River, Nomini Bay, Breton Bay, and the St. Clements River. While we plan to stay at some marinas along the way, we also expect to stay on the hook for at least half the time, subject to air conditioning operation! This cruise is segmented so as to allow anyone to join us anywhere along the way and requires no reservations. I do ask your intentions so we know when to look out for your arrival.

Some trip highlights: at least one day of fishing on the *Bay Dreamer*; anchoring off Leonardtown and dinking in; visiting St. Clements Island and St. Clements museum; touring Reedville, and enjoying beautiful sunsets while at anchor in bays. We suggest that you read the "[Guide to Cruising the Chesapeake](#)" Lower Potomac Section, beforehand as to familiarize yourself with the history of the rivers and sights to be seen. If interested, email me at hpcroft@verizon.net and I will send you a general itinerary of where we might be found during the two-week period.

This cruise is planned to be leisurely, staying for at least two nights when in a marina, anchoring out whenever conditions permit, fishing (*Bay Dreamer* is licensed for everyone on board), fossil hunting, and just enjoying the beauty of the Potomac. We will finish up at the OYC Gilligan's Raft-Up before heading for home on Aug 3rd.

Pat & Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*
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August 2 to 3 – Gilligan's Raftup

"Families by day; Parties by night!"

Ahoy, Mateys! Gilligan's is our destination on 2 Aug to 3 Aug for an OYC raftup. We expect over 20 boats for this event, and will plan to have 2 rafts of 10 boats each, with the bigger ones upwind and toward the channel to help create a lee anchorage for our smaller boats. Ashore (starting at 4:00 PM), we plan to reserve an area of the beach near the band to serve as a ground-based home away from the raft. The restaurant will provide baskets of crabs, pulled pork, and other alternatives for our dining pleasure at a rough cost of \$15-\$25 per person. And the band will be playing that night!

If you haven't been there before, the restaurant provides a water shuttle just like Tim's does. There are picnic tables in the water to enjoy the sunset, and there are two bars (one outside and one inside). There are indoor areas / tables to eat at as well, so you don't have to partake of the beach if you don't want to.

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

We will plan to establish the rafts starting at noon on Saturday and depart by 1330 on Sunday. Low tide on Saturday is roughly 2:30 PM, and high tide is around 9 PM, so getting there around noon to 1 PM will ensure you are running with the current.

We hope to see you there!
Chris Rose, *La-Dee-Da*, & Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx2*
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August 8 to 10 – Dog Days of August / Aquia Harbor

Joe & Gail Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*
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CREW'S NEWS

Memorial Day at Colonial Beach

This year's cruise to Colonial Beach was highlighted by beautiful weather (unlike last year!), great food, and fun activities.

The cruise started with a social at the Macaroni Grill in Woodbridge the weekend prior to our departure, and we had quite the evening planning our trip. We reviewed our cruise events, planned departures, and socialized a bunch!!! Cruise-goers included Bud and Heidi Bishop, Paul and Monica Fineberg, Joe and Gail Livingston, Les and Kathy Bergman, Jim and Sharon Gower, and Jim and Pam Poulos joining Min and me. Fun was definitely had by all!

Departures commenced on Thursday with Paul and Monica arriving midday at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. Get Paul to tell you the disappearing golf cart story. It's hilarious...now! ☺ The remainder of us arrived on Friday, and happily it was totally uneventful (that's a good thing by the way!) Joining us on the cruise were the Finebergs (*The Weekender*), Bishops (*Hi-Jinx₂*), Livingstons (*Gail Lynn II*), Gowers (*Holy Smoke*), Pouloses (Beach House), Jim and Judy Dooley (*Jus Chill~N*), Steve and Ginny Preda (*Anamchara*), Chris and Alison Rose (*La-Dee-Da*), and Jim Crabill and Lee Moyer (*Encore*). And coming by RV were Dan and Debbie Kent. Unfortunately the Bergmanns had to cancel due to family issues. Folks were greeted with Bermuda Rum Swizzles, and the festivities continued long into the night. Everyone brought great food (and drink of course!!) for the nightly happy hours.

Our main dinner was again on Saturday night at The Lighthouse. Food was amazingly good and service was far better (though not perfect) than last year. With a group of 23, we certainly pushed the limits of the staff when we arrived all at once. But the food was ohhhh so good! And Ngo did his best to accommodate us with food, drink and humor! Following dinner, we went back to the dock for more fun. We even had a little scotch sharing going on that some of us may not want to remember. Oh by the way, some of us got a tour of the *Miss Anne*, a 1920's 127-footer that was, amongst other things, a presidential yacht tender.

Sunday was highlighted by our annual wine tour and tasting. As always, Ingleside Winery treated us well and gave us a little extra. They added meats to the cheese and vegetable trays we purchased, which was to enhance the red wines we tasted. They normally do either the Standard or the Premium wine tasting but we got to taste both with no additional charges. And to top it off, they gave us an additional 15% off discount for the wine purchased!!!! Oh boy, did we buy wine...let's just say they almost had to get another taxi to help transport the wine back! ☺ Happy Hour back at the dock was again a 'ton' of great food and beverage as always.

Monday morning brunch was absolutely awesome. We began with a huge feast and Blood Marys for those who chose to partake. All of us had a safe return and concluded another wonderful and safe Memorial Day Cruise! Thank you, Lord! Min and I are glad that everyone came and enjoyed the weekend with us!

Thanks to all for a great weekend!

Bob Hill & Min Lee, *Rx to Relax*

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Cobb Vegas, Baby!!!

Twelve OYC boats ventured to Cobb Island to join in the festivities of Cobb Island Yacht Club's Summer Kick-Off, Cobb Vegas, and join the locals in celebrating the island's 125th anniversary. Cruising with us were Les and Kathy on *Bergie*, Bud and Heidi on *Hi-Jinx₂*, Mike and Karen on *Makia III*, Johnny and Michelle on *Liquid Leisure*, Jim and Judy on *Jus Chill~N*, Carole and Rich on *Jolly Mon*, Paul and Monica on *The Weekender*, Barbara and Larry on *Barbara Ann*, Bob and Min on *Rx to Relax*, Dan and Debbie on *FSBO Oasis*, and Steve and Ginny on *Anamchara*.

Cruisers were greeted in OYC tradition (a welcome drink) as they docked and were given a small casino bag containing a few treats and a very stylish poker chip, dice and bead necklace (created by Ginny and Steve Preda). Every one of us was docked at Captain John's, whose staff was there to help us tie up, cast off and make sure we had everything we needed in between. At the Captain's Hour Heidi Bishop added to our flare with Poker for Dummies OYC earrings Karen Crouch, she and Bud had fashioned. No doubt about it...we were the best-dressed club there! We never lack for spirit and enthusiasm, which was noted by the other clubs and appreciated by Bill and Chris Hocker who are the driving force behind this event every year. They and their club did a fantastic job of creating a new venue and providing fun things to do and great food all weekend long, and the local folks of Cobb Island (especially Linda at the coffee/gift shop) could not have been more welcoming and accommodating.

As mentioned, we started out Friday with a Captain's Hour at the Rivah, which was followed by a pretty much all-you-can-eat steak and Louisiana seafood boil dinner. The only thing to do after that was go back to Captain John's, get our dock chairs and a beverage, and enjoy each other's company while rubbing our tummies and saying how we ate too much. Of course there's no rest for the wicked. Saturday morning after our kayakers got back, Karen Crouch and PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice decided we needed to join the 125th Anniversary Parade; so we donned life jackets and ropes (It's not a line if it's attached to a person...right?), carried individual burgees and the PRYCA flag line, and marched down Main Street to a cheering crowd. Afterward we enjoyed the vendors at the island's festival and a number of us enjoyed midday mimosas and hospitality at Commodore Hocker's house. Retired

beads where there for the taking, and guests could enjoy viewing past years' necklaces in shadow boxes and, of course, the view. Down the street was more Cobb Island history plus moonshine to be sampled. Most of us savored a late-afternoon meal at the Captain John's Famous Seafood Buffet (some opting for burgers off the menu), followed by the Scotch Tasting and rockin' out to the music of the Dr. Robert Band joined by Commodore Bill Hocker at the Scuttlebutt. Then things got serious as a few of our members (Bub Bishop, Johnny DeDitiis and Steve Preda) joined in the Texas Hold'em tournament at Cobb Vegas Casino Night. Sunday after the Bon Voyage "Hangover Breakfast" and a leisurely bike ride around the island, we set out for our home ports...none of us a casino cash prize winner, but big winners nonetheless for having made the cruise.

Thanks to all who joined us!
Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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NEW FEATURE!

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. Thanks! Anne

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Fajita Fest 2014

Joe wants to know...
Do you know what this knot is?
Can you tie it?
Do you know its proper use?



Christina draws the winning 50/50 ticket



And the winner is, Jamie!!!



Bud and Heidi setting up the Fajita Fest



Mike
&
Biscuit

Colonial Beach 2014



Min and Bob, hard at work (Well, at least one of them is.)



Jim, Pam, Bud, Bob, Min... at the winery



OYC Floor Show at dinner



OYC Ladies of the Dock

Cobb Island 2014



After the parade



Heidi showing off her "fine" jewelry



Rope'em, Cowboy Paul!



The "Hangover Breakfast" Club



2014 OYC Events

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