



# The Daymarker

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**“Hello? Hello? Hello?  
Is there anybody in there?  
Just nod if you can hear me.  
Is there anyone...”**

In the continuing series of being safe on the water, this month's article will focus on the use of the ship's radio. The main purpose of the ship's radio is safety, so we should all know how to use it correctly. When using the radio, try to speak slowly, clearly and calmly in your normal voice with the microphone two to four inches from your mouth. Do not use profanity or send false distress or emergency messages. Making a false distress call in the United States is a federal crime carrying grave penalties.

First and foremost, the ship's radio is not a CB radio or a cell phone and should only be used for appropriate ship-to-ship and ship-to-shore communications with the proper terminology (no CB slang). The various channels are designated for safety, calling, working. When first turned on, the ship's radio should be on channel 16, which is the main channel for recreational boaters and Coast Guard reports. Channel 16 is the Distress, Urgency, Safety and Calling Channel and where your conversations may begin. Proper protocol is to call your friends or marina on 16 and then shift to one of the non-commercial channels to continue the conversation. The non-commercial working channels are 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A. Other important channels for recreational boaters are the weather channels and the Coast Guard

Liaison channels (21A and 22A). The list of Marine VHF Channels may be found under the Boating Resources link on the OYC web site.

Now that the radio is on, how do you use it? Proper protocol is to call the other station (boat, marina, etc.) first and then identify yourself. Before you do that, listen for other traffic on the channel, it could be the Coast Guard or another boater; and remember, the Coast Guard has priority on channel 16. Once the channel is clear, call the other station and await their response. Once they respond, pass the appropriate, brief message, like requesting permission to overtake them. For longer exchanges, switch to a working channel and continue the conversation. For example, the Black Pearl calls, "Island Girl, this is the Black Pearl. Over." Island Girl responds, "This is Island Girl, switching to 6-8. Over." The Black Pearl responds, "Roger, 6-8. Out" ...and the conversation is continued on 68.

Note the use of the words "over" and "out". "Over" means I expect a response while "out" means the opposite. Unlike television, over and out are not to be used together. "Roger" means "I received your last transmission". If the station you are calling fails to respond, use the phrase "Nothing heard. Out". This lets the other party know you did not hear them in the event they have been responding.

As mentioned earlier, the main purpose of the radio is safety. As such you should pay attention to the Coast Guard transmissions. There are three main calls, the Mayday, the Pan-Pan, and the Sécurité. These messages are of the highest priority and will be said three times to avoid misunderstanding. Do not transmit during these messages and be prepared to assist.

The Sécurité (pronounced “say-cur-ee-tay”) is the safety message about safety of navigation or a weather warning. These messages have a higher priority than any other message except the Pan-Pan and Mayday.

The Pan-Pan (pronounced pahn-pahn) is an urgent message used when the safety of a vessel or person is in jeopardy. Situations include a person overboard (when help is needed), repeating an urgent storm warning and loss of steering or power in a shipping lane. Only a distress signal has higher priority.

The Mayday signal is the highest priority message. It is a message about a grave and imminent danger and a request for immediate help. The vessel in distress can impose silence on any station that interferes by sending “Seelonce Mayday”. Given the stress and anxiety involved should you need to send a Mayday signal, it would help to have a form to follow when making the call. A copy of a distress communication form can be found under the Boating Resources link on the web site. [http://occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/Distress\\_Comm\\_Form.pdf](http://occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/Distress_Comm_Form.pdf)

When making either a distress or urgent call it is important you are aware of the condition of your guests, crew, and vessel, and your vessel location. Ensure all persons aboard are wearing life jackets and are as safe as possible. Use your charts, plotters, and/or cell phones to determine the latitude and longitude of your location or bearing from a well-known landmark (yes, there is a compass app for smart phones). You will provide this information to the Coast Guard. If you hear a distress or urgency message and are in the vicinity you should be ready to render assistance.

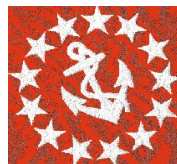
A good chance to practice your radio procedures would be on the cruise to Cobb Island for the 2014 PRYCA Summer Kick-Off at Cobb Vegas from 20-22 June 2014. Currently we have 10 boats making the trip and there is room for more, but you must act now. Follow this link for registration and event information and please be sure to advise me of your plans so we can try to keep OYC together in one marina. [http://occoquanyachtclub.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=96&catid=14](http://occoquanyachtclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=96&catid=14)

Other PRYCA cruises on the horizon are the Float-In (Cup Competition) at Port Kinsale on 18-20 July, Dog Days of August at Aquia Harbor Marina on 8-10 August and the **End of Summer Party, hosted by OYC, at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on 10-13 October. Save this date!!!**

Safe boating; and please don't forget to have your boat inspected, especially if you're going to the Float-In. Paul Fineberg provided a link for to the vessel safety check request. I have added the link to the Boating Resources page of the site <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-usc>. Enter your information and you will be contacted within a few hours.

Don Bennett, (*Comfortably Numb* on) *Heart of the Sun*

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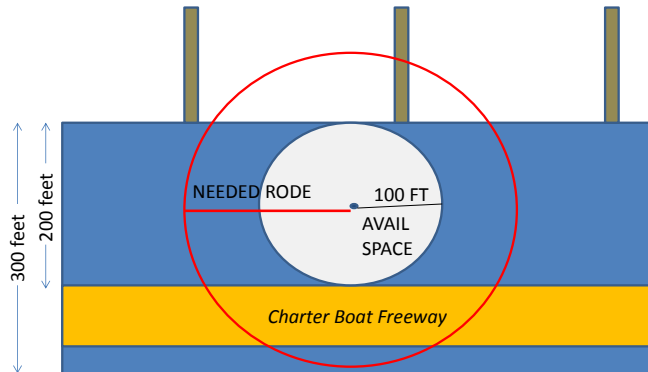
Our boating season has started in earnest! We already have a few raft-ups under our belt and cruises are happening on a regular basis now! We are looking forward to seeing you out on the water!

Our commodore has been banging the drum on anchoring lately and here's why: in the last three years, OYC members have suffered through many mishaps and mayhem where anchoring has been concerned. We have skated through with very little damage so far, but many could have turned out much worse. Cases in point: I myself anchored at Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and went in to have a bite to eat. A thunderstorm developed and the wind came up and the anchor (attached to my prior boat by rope and not chain) did not hold in the mud despite my having seven times the depth of the water length of rode out. I watched helplessly as my boat slid through the anchorage, barely missing three boats. I caught a ride to my drifting boat with a boater heading home. Lesson: There isn't much you can do in the mud in that area when the wind comes up. From now on, I don't leave my boat at Tim's if the weather is the least bit bad.

Fast forward to a Tim's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Raftup...we had five boats rafted with two anchors out, again in the mud. The wind came up and we didn't notice that our anchors were not holding. The first indication was yelling from behind us as we drifted into the crowd below us. The first boat we were about to hit had swimmers in the water; but regardless, he started up his motors and hauled up his anchor to get out of our way. As soon as he did, he started drifting into the boat behind him. With swimmers still climbing up his boarding ladder, he threw his engines into gear and powered forward and to port to avoid hitting us. The swimmer behind his boat was caught in the jet of water coming from his props and thrown back 30 feet. As soon as the captain felt that his boat was safe, he put his engines in neutral and motioned for the swimmer to swim over to him. Rightly so, the swimmer flipped him off and swam the other direction.

Two years ago, in Washington channel just east of Gangplank Marina, Bill Akers and I decided to join the OYC raftup for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks in his nice 48-foot SeaRay. We tied up port-side-to alongside our members' boats. They had four boats in the raft with two anchors out. Weather was forecasting isolated thunderstorms, so Bill dropped his anchor (the third anchor for five boats) to the bottom (water is 25 feet deep in that channel) just in case we needed it. The channel there is 300 feet wide if you don't count the fact

that one third of it must be kept open for the big charter boats that depart regularly from Gangplank. (See the diagram). Useable width is therefore about 200 feet. Figuring the anchor is at the center of the 200-foot so the boat can swing 360-degrees, you are able to put only 100 feet of rode out. But, a 25-foot depth requires 175-feet of rode (7' x 25' minimum)...you can only put out half of the anchor chain/line that you need in that channel.



As a thunderstorm developed and the wind came up, Bill and I decided that it was time to get underway. We released ourselves from the OYC raft and hauled up our anchor just as the wind hit. You can guess the rest. As the wind came up in the channel, the remaining four boats dragged anchor quickly back into the boats docked at the marina. One of our OYC members managed to start his engines and, as the boats dragged into the marina dock, he put his motors in gear and gunned his engines in an attempt to drive the raft away. Unfortunately, he was at the far right end of the raft and only succeeded in pivoting the boats into the docks front first. There was nothing Bill and I could do for them at this point, and as we exited the area to give them sea room, we were passed by three police boats speeding into the no-wake area.

Those that were there are still telling the story of that night. A word to the wise...you have options to protect your assets: if you anchor in Washington channel alongside the marinas, then have a plan to get underway if the wind picks up more than 10 knots, put lots of anchors out (won't help in a stiff breeze), buy some extra big fenders and deploy them BEFORE you start happy hour so you don't do too much damage to the boats in the marina, and buy extra insurance. If you are coming just to watch the show (not the fireworks, the show put on by dragging rafts), recommend you anchor alone, you bring a camera, you stay sober, and you have your boat ready to get underway at the first sign of anchors dragging.

The nice thing about being in a yacht club is that you get to live stories like these without actually experiencing the damage/injuries that might result. As I build experience, I find myself:

- keeping an eye on the weather ALL the time; and if it looks like it might get shaky, I put the beers down and shift to water as my beverage of choice.
- defaulting to the most conservative opinion among a group of captains discussing an upcoming challenge and then modifying my decision from there.

Upcoming events: Colonial Beach (narrow entrance, fast current at entrance and perpendicular to the gas dock), Cobb Island (shallow northwest entrance), Tim's Fireworks (will put lots of anchors out...you know why...very soft muddy, soggy bottom), National Fireworks (narrow, deep channel—unsafe anchorage in weather due to insufficient rode; and if outside near the 14<sup>th</sup> street bridge, LOTS OF TRAFFIC—plan to stay the night to be safe), and Bob Hill's cruise out into the Chesapeake mid-July.

It is a pleasure boating with such a great group of professional boaters; and while some of these stories are hair-raising, there are so many more events that have ended safely due to sound decision-making and fellow-boater assistance. One more reason to be a member of a yacht club!

See you on the water!!!

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx<sub>2</sub>*

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## Occoquan Yacht Club

### Fajita Margarita Fest!

**Saturday, June 7**

**2:00 in the pavilion at**

**Occoquan Harbour Marina**

**13180 Marina Way**

**Woodbridge VA**

Cost for food:

\$15 / per person

Some beverages provided

See more in the

Rear Commodore's article...







**Rear Commodore**

**Pat Schondel**

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#### **Rear Commodore's Log, June Daymarker –**

Finally Boating Season 2014! Thanks everyone for attending the OYC Flag Raising on May 3rd, our official kickoff for the boating season - you all made it a fantastic event. We are especially thankful to all of you volunteers who helped setup, cook burgers and dogs and prepare side dishes, and cleanup and teardown. Commodore Don Bennett handed out our first round of volunteer medals, and we hope our winners enjoyed their rewards! (See pictures at the end of this newsletter.)

Gold (Tequila mini bottle) - Chris Rose (& son Anthony)  
Silver (Vodka mini bottle) - John Cornicelli  
Bronze (Jack D mini bottle) - Eric Reuter & Lisa Graybill

Our OYC board members noted everyone's contributions, and we look forward to rewarding our volunteers again at our next event coming up in June – the Fajita Fest!

Ole! Ariba! Cinco de Mayo! Come on everybody, let's Fiesta! We'll be throwing our annual OYC Fajita Fest Saturday, June 7th at Occoquan Harbor Marina courtesy of your friendly Yacht Club staff. That means just bring you and your boating skills and knowledge! We will bring the Fajitas and fixin's and Margaritas. We hope - like last year - to try out some of our nautical skills in preparation for the PRYCA Cup competition coming up in July. So study up on your knot-tying and brush up on your cruising rules and safety practices. Fajitas and more will be served at 1400 (2pm) with cold beer and Harry's Margaritas. For all you volunteers who want to come out and help early, we'll start setting up around 1300 (1pm). Cost is \$15 per person to cover the Fajitas and fixins. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Thinkin' ahead to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual OYC / PRYCA End of Summer Weekend at Belmont Bay Columbus Day weekend, 10-13 OCT.** Last October we hosted 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. We're already planning this year's; so if you would like to take part in this weekend, please get online and register. Of course you can come and just spread a smile! But we'll need folks to help dock, register, run the games, guide folks to Occoquan and back, serve food, and orchestrate other events. If you have an idea for the weekend, we'd like to hear that too!

Pat Schondel, *Rhumblines*

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#### **JUNE DAYMARKER'S NEW MEMBERS**



**Carole & Rich Ellison**

Carole and Richard (Rich) married 43 years ago this August. Not exactly high school sweethearts, but they were in high school when they met working in a restaurant that was a Portland, OR, landmark at the time. They have two daughters who are both married, three grandchildren ages 8, 5, and 3 as well as two Labs (Kelsey and Kody) who will be onboard from time to time. The cat will not be coming.

They first started boating in the mid 70's on a yellow 14-foot runabout with a 65 HP Mercury outboard. There was much water skiing and beach time on Millerton Lake outside Fresno, CA. They later moved up to a 16-foot Tri-hull and found that to be a great lake boat. In the early 80's they came to VA and bought another Tri-hull so they could ski on the Potomac. Both Richard and Carole feel that purchase was a big mistake. Soon after, they bought an 18-foot Chaparral, which proved to be a much better boat on the river. Their new boat, the *Jolly Mon*, is twice the size of their last boat; and they anticipate a much more comfortable ride.

There have been some interesting experiences on the water over the years, but their most exciting boating experiences have all come by way of the trailer. They were so proud of their first boat that they took it home to OR on a visit. Everything was great until they got about five miles from home on the return trip. While crossing the railroad tracks, Richard was watching the boat in the mirror and saw it drop almost out of sight. The next thing he saw was a bird's eye view of the inside of the boat with the bow pointing straight at the ground. All things considered it turned out well with only one broken axle and scrapes on the side of the boat.

After not boating for about 20 years they decided to give it another try; but this time with a little larger boat and the idea of cruising instead of skiing. As they were discussing the name for the boat they started with "Nana's Beach House" since they feel this is as close as they are likely to get to a beach house. But that seemed too long for the radio. During the discussion they talked about naming it after their granddaughter, but that seemed unfair to the boys. They decided on the title of one of Carole's favorite Jimmy Buffett songs which happens to be about a Jolly Mon who is on the water, cruising, singing songs, and making people happy. It also just happens to be a coffee table book that they own. \* \* \*



### Christina Wenderoth

Christina graduated and was commissioned from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1994. She served 11 years Active Duty and is currently in the Reserves. Her Coast Guard time includes four years of sea

time on CG cutters and seven years of office time working in fisheries, Differential GPS and safety. Her civilian occupation is with the Navy as the Inactive Ships Donation Manager. As such, she coordinates the donation of inactive Navy ships to non-profit organizations to be used as museums.

Christina currently sail/races on a boat homeported in Shelter Island, NY; and they are doing spring work-ups for the Newport, RI to Bermuda race in June. Born and raised on Long Island, NY, her favorite hobbies are ballroom dancing and celestial navigation. \* \* \*

Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*  
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### Treasurer

**Joe Livingston**

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Spring may have arrived! Nonetheless, the Mariner's tradition of blessing the fleet as they sailed on voyages for their livelihood was repeated again, in modern times, on the Occoquan as some **seventy-plus vessels** received nautical blessings from the Reverend Ronald Vande Bunte of Fredericksburg, VA.

The Blessing of the Fleet on the Occoquan is an Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) activity planned by a volunteer committee from the various yacht clubs and marinas on the Occoquan and supported by county first responders and TowBoat US. This year the Merchants Association of Occoquan expressed interest in participating. OYC's Pat Croft is the Presiding Coordinator of the committee.

This 15th Annual event was initiated on a 58' Sedan Bridge Sea Ray vessel designated the "VIP Yacht" departing the Prince William Marina with Captain Carlton Phillips at the helm and his wife, Debbie, hosting embarked guests who included Mayor Earnest Porta of the Town of Occoquan; Commodore Tim Baker and his wife, Jeanette, of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association; the PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice; and the Commodores and first mates of the Occoquan and Prince William Yacht Clubs, Commodore Don Bennett and wife, Anne, and Commodore John Vidovich and wife, Laurie, respectively. Collectively, these folks represent and support recreational boating interests along the East Coast from Delaware to Virginia.



V.I.P. Yacht hosted by Carlton and Debbie Phillips



The VIP Yacht was led down river by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Boat (water spray on display), five TowBoatUS boats, including owner Terry Hill and the Boat U.S. VP onboard with a troop of Boy Scouts from Vienna. The Fairfax and Prince William Marine Patrols also supported. The parade arrived at the OYC's vessel



*Holy Smoke* with Jim and Sharon Gower's crew serving as a "spotter boat" to identify vessels seeking a blessing.



Spotter Boat, *Holy Smoke's* crew



Blessing Boat, *Bergie's* crew  
(The Reverend and Mrs. Ronald Vande Bunte on the left)

The Blessing Boat this year was OYC's vessel *Bergie*. The crew was owner's Les and Kathy Bergmann, Pat Croft and the Reverend accompanied by his wife, Norma. The first vessel blessed following the VIP Yacht was OYC's vessel *Hi-Jinx* followed by *The Weekender*. The Reverend's wife, Norma, possibly summed up the event best when she said, "This is a really fun day, and everyone seems to have so much fun." Don't know where she would get that idea with the Spotter Boat's Captain declaring one no-name boat a "bath tub", another a "duck blind" and yet another, a yellow Chaparral, was declared a "submarine". It was also reported our clergy blessed a sight seeing boat, River Loop, with passengers, a no-name kayak by request, and two passing ducks.

For those who missed out on this year's event...plan for next year. Also, let it be known, that all **vessels of the**

**Occoquan Yacht Club were blessed in absentia** by request of Past Commodores Croft and Livingston and Commodore Bennett .

Cheers!  
Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*  
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## QUARTERMASTER

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Hi Everyone,  
We had a really good turnout for the Flag Raising. It sure was nice seeing everyone again. Everyone who bought at the Quartermaster Store was greatly appreciated. I have all orders placed, and they are now being embroidered. I will have them for the Fajita Fest on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

I have purchased some additional items for sale. I'll have some sleeveless tees with collars for the women. They are made by Port Authority and will be ready for purchase. I also have a new item called Rescue Tape.

Rescue Tape is a self-fusing silicone tape that has infinite uses and is a must on all boats. Here are some of the reasons to buy it...

- Keep it on board vehicles and equipment for emergency hose repair!
- Seal leaky hoses, pipes, tubing, lines, and fittings (used this one a couple of time)
- Neaten up lines and extension cords in stowage
- Wrap tools and handles for a GREAT non-slip grip!
- Wrap wiring harnesses and custom split-loomng
- Waterproof electrical connections and terminals
- Use it as an emergency fan belt!
- Make emergency O-Rings
- Wrap hydraulic fittings and other exposed metal connections to help prevent corrosion

I have about 10 rolls for \$8.00 each in black, red and blue. So stop by and get some while they are in stock.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the Fajita Fest! Since this will be the last time the Quartermaster Table will be open until September. I will be taking orders via email at the above address any time during the boating season. Just go online, to the Catalog, [http://occoquanyachtclub.org/archive/2014/Quartermaster\\_Catalog.pdf](http://occoquanyachtclub.org/archive/2014/Quartermaster_Catalog.pdf), and email me what you will need for the season. I will be happy to place your order.

Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*  
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## MEMBERSHIP

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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. There are a good six or more months of boating left in the season (Just ask Harry!), and those who join will experience the full benefit of the Club. 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](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2014/OYC_Application_2014.pdf).

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

#### BIRTHDAYS

Judy Dooley 6/10  
Goodwyn Morgan 6/11  
Tom Deputy 6/12  
Mary Jo Worchester 6/15  
Steven Thompson 6/16  
Karen Crouch 6/2  
Paul Fineberg 6/22  
Patricia Schanely 6/26  
Kathy Bergmann 6/28

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Donna Lensis 6/1  
Chris & Alison Rose 6/4  
Bill & Beth Francis 6/6  
Kevin & Kelly Jackson 6/10  
Nabil & Lucy Dubraque 6/19  
Joe & Gail Livingston 6/20  
Jim & Sharon Gower 6/21  
Steve & Mary Jo Worchester 6/21  
Ralph Mason & Kris Butera 6/25  
Scott & Linda Del Monte 6/28

## HISOTRIAN

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The directory will be on-line soon, and hard copies will be passed out at the Fajita Fest. Again, special thanks to Harry Croft for graciously volunteering to take pictures at Fairfax Yacht Club.

I am always collecting photos of your boating fun for the OYC Archives and to forward to Anne for the *Daymarker*, so please remember to send them to 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?  
[www.occoquanyachtclub.org](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org)

### June 7 – Margarita/Fajita Fest at OHM 2:00

Please see full information on pages 3 & 4.

Pat Schondel, *Rhumblin*  
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### June 20 to 22 - COBB VEGAS!

#### Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick-Off

As those who have been to this event can attest, the PRYCA-sponsored event at Cobb Island in June is a blast! Last year we returned to the 60's. This season we're headed to Vegas. The Cobb Island Yacht Club organizers are shaking things up a bit this year (no beads, but even more fun!). If you have not received the registration packet and wish to attend, please see the complete information on our website at [http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=96&catid=14](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=96&catid=14) and contact Don so we know you're attending. We're doing everything we can to keep OYC together in one marina. Note, your registration must be sent directly to Cobb Island Yacht Club at the address provided. This is always one of the season's best events. You won't want to miss it!

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*  
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### June 28 to 29 – Tim's Rivershore Not The 4<sup>th</sup> Raft-Up

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*  
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### July 3 to 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July (three fireworks options!)

\* Capital Yacht Club / Washington Channel

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\* Washington Channel Raft-Up (stay tuned for details)

\* 14<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Raft-Up (stay tuned 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 near Kinsale, which is where we will end up on the 18<sup>th</sup> for the PRYCA Cup Competition. We will have a dinner planned, and Olverson's will provide transportation 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 Kinsale in time for the Cup festivities.

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### **July 18 to 20 – PRYCA Float-In – THE CUP!!!**

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx2*

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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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Pat & Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

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Cameron Diaz?



Scott Del Monte?

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## OYC 2014 Flag Raising



Commodore Don awards Grillmaster Chris Rose his Gold!



John & Suzy Cornicelli win the Silver!



PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice & Commodore Don Bennett



Vice Commodore  
Pat Schondel  
displays the coveted  
volunteer medals!

Check out the winners  
at the Flag Raising...



Eric Reuter & Lisa Graybill take the Bronze!



## 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:bennettdon@comcast.net">bennettdon@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:bennettdon@comcast.net">bennettdon@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:bennettdon@comcast.net">bennettdon@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:bennettdon@comcast.net">bennettdon@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 DeDitiis?	<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:bennettdon@comcast.net">bennettdon@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/Oktobefest 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>