



The Daymarker

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CHRISTIE RAUKAR

The passing of Christie Raukar, beloved wife of our Vice Commodore Pat Schondel, has left us all deeply saddened.

On March 29 at 2:01 pm, surrounded by family, friends, pups and kitties, our dear friend lost her year-long, courageous battle against cancer. We will miss her, but are comforted to know she is at peace.

For those of us who knew Christie, there are no words to describe this loss. Each one of us is profoundly blessed to have known this amazing woman. While we mourn her loss, we will also celebrate her life with gusto, because that's what she would want.

In lieu of flowers, Christie's wish was to help others fighting this dreaded disease and also to help animals find loving homes. Donations can be sent in her name to the two following organizations:

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM
FOUNDATION

110 SOUTH PACA STREET, 9TH FLOOR
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201
410-328-4438

WWW.UUMSFUNDATION.ORG/DONATE

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4101 EISENHOWER AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304
703-838-4774

WWW.ALEXANDRIAANIMALS.ORG

A church memorial will be planned for the week after Easter with details being posted as they are solidified. A Celebration of Life will be held in the summer with details to follow as well.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Pat and to their families.



As we celebrate spring and Easter and Passover, each in our own way we will also celebrate Christie's life and the legacy she left. Out of respect, The *Maydarker* has been postponed; but we will continue on with the April *Daymarker* as it was written before her passing.



COMMODORE

Bud Bishop

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It was wonderful seeing everyone at the General Membership Meeting on 11 March. What a great time! A special thanks to Pat and Harry Croft for hosting us, Bob Hill for the great photo contest, Min Lee and Heidi for helping with the votes, and the Board for your continued diligence!

As I ready my boat for my first and last year of being a Commodore (sad face), I wish to point out to all of you potential commodores out there that it has been a wonderful four years of volunteering...and as I point out to any who ask, it gave me an excuse to play at boating when house, yard, and office demands seemed poised to intercede. Fortunately, I fended all that off and played at Membership, Quartermaster assistant, Rear Commodore, and Vice Commodore. Each job had different aspects, and all were fun... and did I say it kept me in boating?

For those who couldn't break away from house, yard, family, office and had to miss the meeting, the Membership Meeting covered a quick update on cruises, land events, and important activities. The FYC room was full, which tells me we may have to find another venue for this next year! Also, there are only so many laps you can sit on before it gets old...

- ✓ Float-In: Harry has volunteered to train the new cadre of nav test takers: Bud, Don, John D., Michelle D., Jerry and Suz Tarasek. Any others? (email me)
- ✓ Pat Schondel will get Send Summer Down Under set up in September to correspond with our Shrimpfest!
- ✓ We are getting our Flag-Raising invites out and arranging for singer/songs
- ✓ We set up the Cherry Blossom cruise (contact Steve Preda for more info. sdpreda@comcast.net)
- ✓ We are looking for cruise coordinators. All of our past commodores have volunteered to mentor new coordinators; so if you would like to lead a cruise but would like to team with a past commodore, please send me a note. I'll arrange it.

- ✓ Harry Croft discussed his month-long sojourn into the Chesapeake Bay... and many of us have already let him know which day/week we'll be meeting up with him to see the wonderful sights he is planning to show us. His trip goes from the Float-In at Point Lookout to the Dog Days party at Aquia Yacht Club.
- ✓ Float-In: If you intend to go in July to help us win THE CUP, we need your money and registration (form at the end of this newsletter) by 6 APR, mailed to Box 469, Occoquan VA 22125. Yes, that is the OYC post office box...on the website...the one you send your membership checks to. Yes, that one.

There was a host of other items...like the need for membership checks! (Send them in soon please.) I did note at the General Membership Meeting that, if you attend all of the land events, your membership dues are returned three-fold in value of food, margaritas and other alcohol, and dancing (COW), even after you pay a token fee for some of those events. If you don't attend ANY land events, then you only get your membership fee back and \$5 more worth of value ... email me if you'd like to see a complete analysis worksheet (I intended to distribute it at the meeting but forgot them, so have to do it by email now).

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*², Commodore 2015



Occoquan Yacht Club

Flag Raising!

Saturday, April 25
noon – ?

Occoquan Harbour Marina
13180 Marina Way
Woodbridge VA

Please
bring a dish to share &
your beverage of choice
Burgers & dogs provided

See more in the
Rear Commodore's article...



Vice Commodore

Pat Schondel

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OYC 2015 EVENTS

April

TBD Happy Hour

10-12 Cherry Blossom Cruise

25 OYC Flag Raising at OHM

May

01 Happy Hour

01 National Harbor Wine and Food Festival (5/1-3)

16 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet

22 Colonial Beach Memorial Day (5/22-25)

22 Solomons Island Memorial Day (5/22-25)

June

05 Happy Hour

06 OYC Fajitafest

19 Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off (6/19-21)

27 Tim's Rivershore Fireworks

July

03 Happy Hour

03 National Fireworks (2 Options) (7/3-5)

14 OYC South visits the Chesapeake (7/14-26)

17 PRYCA Float-In & Cup Competition (7/17-19)

19 Croft Chesapeake Cruise (7/19-8/14)

August

01 Gilligan's Cruise (8/1-2)

07 Happy Hour

14 Dog Days of Summer at Aquia (8/14-16)

September

04 Happy Hour

04 Corinthian Cruise (9/4-7)

04 Tall Timbers burning of the boat (9/4-7)

18 End of Summer (18-20)

19 Shrimpfest

TBD Nationals Baseball Game (late September)

October

02 Happy Hour

24 General Membership Meeting & Chili Cook-Off

November

06 Happy Hour

06 Hardy Souls Cruise (10/6-8, Veteran's Day)

14 OYC Change of Watch

December

04 Happy Hour

05 Parade of Lights or Santa Cruise to Occoquan

Please go to the end of this newsletter to see more information, including brief cruise descriptions, cruise coordinators and their contact information.

Remember to log onto the website and update your cruises so we can get you the latest information. Feel free to update the information often if your plans change so we don't fill your in-box unnecessarily.

Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



Rear Commodore

Bob Hill

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March was a busy month for land events. We had a 1st Friday Happy Hour at The Landing on March 6th, Photo Contest and General Membership Meeting on March 14th and a St. Patrick's Day social on March 17th.

The 1st Friday Happy Hour was a fun event with a good turnout. We had 24 members turn out and by all accounts, everyone had a good time. We would like to thank the The Landing at Occoquan Harbour Marina for hosting us and making it an enjoyable evening.

The Photo Contest and General Membership meeting on the 14th at Fairfax Yacht Club was a great success with 36 photos being submitted in 5 categories, Places, Boats, People, Pets, and Phantasy. The winning pictures will be published in the OYC Directory. With over 30 in attendance, we had great food and a memorable time. Many thanks to all who brought food and drink to share! Top three winners in each category...



Places

1st Tom Schanely
2nd Debbie Kent
3rd Ginny Preda

Boats

1st Les Bergmann
2nd Steve Preda
3rd Anne Bennett





People

- 1st Dan Kent
- 2nd Anne Bennett
- 3rd Les Bergmann

Pets

- 1st Steve Preda
- 2nd Jerry Terasek
- 3rd Pat Schondel



Phantasy

- 1st Debbie Kent
- 2nd Les Bergmann
- 3rd Anne Bennett



Congratulations to our Winners!!! Besides a certificate (suitable for framing ☺), the winners received vouchers good for merchandise from the Quartermaster's Store... \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for 2nd place, and \$5 for 3rd place.

Our final event for the month was our St Patrick's Day celebration at Madigan's in the town of Occoquan. Though a small turn out of about 10 people, we nonetheless had a grand time of it! Green beer, corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, and more!

Spring officially arrived March 20; but millions in the Northeast were slipping, shoveling or facing other problems due to snow. However, that didn't dampen our spirits. As you are reading this article, we are hopefully in the final stages of prepping boats for the Early Bird Cruise, 10-12 April, (led by Steve and Ginny Preda) to see the Cherry Blossoms up in Washington DC. More info in *Cruise News* toward the end of this newsletter. If you aren't one of the attendees, be looking for pictures and stories from those who are—keep your fingers crossed that we won't need an icebreaker.

As we look at April, we had scheduled two land events. **However, 1st Friday Happy Hour April 3rd at the Osprey's has been postponed.** The Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina is on April 25th starting at 1200. The Flag Raising is an important club activity and we strongly encourage all members to attend. We will be providing hamburgers, hotdogs, beer and soda. We ask members to bring the appetizers and sides. We will have a singer for the national anthem, invited local guests and dignitaries, a cannon salute and more.

Skipping ahead to July and the PRYCA Float-In... July seems like a long time away, but we're asking you to register and send your checks now ...actually by the 6th of April. Yes, you will have the opportunity to register after that; but Bud and Anne will be delivering a packet of registrations to PRYCA at the PRYCA Commodores'/Delegates' Meeting in April. Information and funds are needed for them to get the ball rolling. You can find three pages of info and forms at the end of this newsletter.

As a reminder, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25-8 will be conducting the course "About Boating Safety" on Apr 25, May 30 and Jun 27. The course is a one-day course and meets the boater education requirements for Virginia, Maryland and DC. The cost is \$40 (\$60 for two sharing the same text) and will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA. Contact Jean Ponton at: herpomp79@yahoo.com or 703-362-7079 to sign up and get more details. Let them know OYC sent you! We strongly encourage all to take the course, or one like it, periodically. Things happen out on the water, and this is a good way to keep up with the latest procedures and requirements.

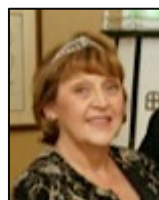
Bob Hill, *Rx to Relax*



Secretary

Kathy Bergmann

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A little about Jeff and Nadya Lippman
in Jeff's words...

My wife, Nadya, and I are newcomers to not only OYC, but as boat owners. I did, however, have the benefit of growing up with a boating lifestyle thanks to my parents out on the Jersey Shore. My wife on the other hand is completely new to dock patrols, multiple vessel raft-ups, or debris dodging, particularly on the Occoquan. However, after several Sundays relaxing at Mattawoman Bay and socializing among fellow boaters, it's fair to say, we are both thrilled to be on the water.

Our 26.5 Edgewater Express is named "Next Activity" after my father. Not only was boating a big part of his life, he was well-known for using that phrase as a means to keep life interesting and exciting. Just as one activity would come to an end, "Next Activity" was spoken aloud, and a new adventure would begin...

We are excited to be a part of OYC and we look forward to meeting the group. Thanks!! Please find below a picture of Nadya and one of me... and next to me, looking nervous, our dog, Zoe.



Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*

QUARTERMASTER Monica Fineberg

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Hi everyone!

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the great turnout at the General Membership Meeting and Photo Contest we held at the Fairfax Yacht Club.



The sale of Koozies (zippered insulated bottle containers with "OYC LOGO") were a great hit. We need to replenish the stock of this item, and to do so I need an accurate input from all so that I can place the replenishment order.

Please email me at:

quartermaster@occoquanyachtclub.com by April 2nd to allow time for the order to be placed and have the stocked items for the Flag Raising on the 25th of April.



Colors Available are: Light Blue & Navy Blue

!!!!!! There will also be a HUGE SALE on items from last season. Please stop by and see what is for sale !!!!!!!

Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*



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There isn't much in boating that is inexpensive much less free; but the Boating Safety Course and the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) are two that fit the category. Taking the time to do both might save your investment and protect your fellow boaters. Boating knowledge doesn't stop at just the safety course. The Coast Guard Auxiliary offers a number of classes that may be of interest to you. Upcoming *Daymarkers* will have information on VSCs held at your marinas. For more information on either topic visit <http://cgaux.org/>

Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*

HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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It's that time of year again to start creating an updated Club Directory. We would like to continue including pictures of members on the back of their boats. I will be sending out emails announcing my intentions to visit our marinas with proposed dates and times. Please respond to them if you will be available to have your pictures taken. If you have a time in mind that would be better for you, please drop me a line at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org, and I'll do my best to come to you. If you have a picture that you would like to have included, please forward that to me.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

**IMMEDIATE
PAST COMMODORE
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It's officially spring! Now if Mother Nature would just take the hint...

For any new members or in case you need a refresher... Please log onto www.occoquanyachtclub.org and enter your username and password in the

lower left. (Please contact me if you've forgotten it.) Once logged in, the "Members Only" section will appear at the bottom of the left column and you will see the "Your Profile" and "Cruise Sign-Up" options. Use the Profile option to update your personal and boat information, and use the "Cruise Sign-Up" option to select your cruises. Don't forget to select "Submit" at the bottom of the page. If you have any suggestions, questions or issues accessing the site, please send me an email at the above address.

Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

**MEMBERSHIP
John Cornicelli**

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Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. However, if you have not, time is running out if you wish to be in the Club's Directory, receive *The Daymarker*, have access to the Members' Only section of the website... Need I go on? Surely, you don't want to

miss out! The deadline is the Flag Raising, 25 April. You can find the form, which includes all the information at the end of this newsletter.

John Cornicelli, *Persephone*

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Is there anything you'd like to see in your newsletter? Input from our members is always appreciated...to include articles.

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



DATEMARKERS

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Mansour 4/1
Ralph Dudley 4/6
Sally Hoffmaster 4/10
Min Lee 4/15
Pamela Bell 4/17
Bud Bishop 4/17
Catherine Dudley 4/18
Jim Gower 4/19
Susan Willetts 4/21
Patricia Maxwell 4/24
Laslo Bozoky 4/27
Arleen Rhodes 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas & Peggy Deputy 4/15
Ralph & Catherine Dudley 4/16
Paul & Sherry Mannino 4/21
Steve & Jill Stanley 4/23
Jim & Pam Poulos 4/25
Paul & Monica Fineberg 4/29

REGAL 350 SPORT COUPE FOR SALE!

"Jolly Mon" - 2012 Regal 350 Sport Coupe

Purchased new from dealer in 2014

Dual Volvo Penta 300s

Radar & Upgraded Garmin Navigation

1 Forward Berth & 1 Mid Berth

1 Head w/ Shower

Convertible Hardtop

Wintered in Boatel

Contact: richwellison2@gmail.com or 540-842-2131

REGAL 4260 FOR SALE!

"Pure Enjoyment" - 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

\$197,000 OBO

Contact: pamannino@comcast.net or 703-282-5276

CRUISE NEWS 2016

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

Early Bird / Cherry Blossom Cruise

April 10-12. Our Early Bird Cruise takes us up to the Washington Channel to enjoy the beauty and festivities of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Steve and Ginny Preda will be coordinating the cruise, and they will develop a schedule of events over the next week and distribute to those planning to attend. First, please let Steve and Ginny know if you are planning to participate. Contact them at sdpreda@comcast.net (and update your cruise preferences on the website). Second, you must reserve a slip by contacting the Assistant Dockmaster, Dianne, at gangplankmarina@comcast.net.

Steve & Ginny Preda, *Anamchara*
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National Harbor Wine & Food Festival

May 1-3. Although not an official OYC event, there are some boats going. You will need to buy wine-tasting tickets on the website www.wineandfoodnh.com and work with National Harbor folks to get either a slip or a mooring ball for your stay. Tell them you're with OYC. <http://www.nationalharbor.com/marina/>

ORMA Blessing of the Fleet

May 16. ORMA Blessing of the Fleet - A nautical tradition sponsored by the Occoquan River Maritime Association. This is not a cruise you need to sign up for - just cruise downriver past the Blessing Boat docked alongside the fuel dock at Belmont Bay Marina. The crew of the Spotter Boat will radio the name of your boat to the clergy onboard the Blessing Boat; and as you pass close by, the clergyman will pronounce a blessing upon your vessel for calm seas, fair winds, and safe journeys all season. **May 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., (rain date May 17.)** The official start of the parade past the Blessing Boat is from Prince William Marina, but captains may simply fall in line as the flotilla, led by the Fairfax County Fire Boat with fountains of water spraying as they go, passes by. If you miss the parade altogether, not to worry - the Blessing Boat will be on station until 2 p.m.

Colonial Beach Memorial Day Weekend

May 22 - 25. A long weekend in riverside Colonial Beach is just what you need for Memorial Day. Lounging on the dock and local bike rides through town, fishing, a wine-tasting trip and a berry-picking trip to a local farm are some of the activities participants will enjoy! Cruise coordinators (looking for volunteers) will set up the events; but you'll need to select it in your "Cruise Sign-Up" to get further info plus call Colonial Beach Yacht Center at 804-224-7230, ask for Robin and say you are with OYC to reserve your slip.

Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off

June 19-21. As those who have been to this event can attest, the PRYCA-sponsored event at Cobb Island is a blast! This season the theme is again Cobb Vegas, but with some new twists; and it once again coincides with Cobb Island Day. That means there will be a parade and festival to boot. Bring your bikes and enjoy this lovely little island and the great party they always provide. You won't want to miss it!

Tim's Rivershore Not-the-Fourth Fireworks

June 27-28. This year we plan to raft-up at Mattawoman and enjoy the fireworks Saturday evening. This will be a change of location from previous years. Everyone should bring their water toys, food and drink, and plan to relax and enjoy the show. Please remember to have an up-to-date safety inspection completed before joining the raft-up.

National Fireworks

July 3-5. OYC boats will visit our nation's capital to enjoy the fireworks again this year. Depending on your desires, you can choose to join the raft at the 14th Street Bridge or the Washington Channel, or perhaps get a slip at a local marina.

PRYCA Float-In AND Cup Competition

July 17-19. Point Lookout Marina. The biggest boating event of the season! Boaters from the 21 member clubs of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association converge at one marina for fun, food, and merry-making. Activities like a Friday night barbecue and DJ, Saturday seminars on boating topics, and the Competition for The Cup culminate in a Saturday night dinner/dance and award ceremony. The event ends with a Sunday Brunch before boats head back for home port or set off on a Bay cruise. **REGISTER NOW! (...form at end of newsletter)**

Cruisin' the Chesapeake with Pat and Harry

July 19 - August 14. Plan your vacation now! As we near the boating season (yes, it is getting closer!) and in spite of the cold weather, it is time to make your cruising plans! There are many destinations that require some serious cruising, but those do not include Mattawoman Bay or National Harbor. I am talking the BAY!! This season will probably be the last time Pat and I coordinate a Bay trip as we plan to move West to be near two of most beautiful and smartest grandsons in the western hemisphere. Once again we have an ambitious itinerary, 700 miles and about 34 days on the water.

Our cruise will start from the PRYCA Float-in on Sunday, July 19th. If you haven't been to a Float-In yet, you are really missing a premier event. It's a long weekend of great fun, and of course, competition for The Cup! When the fun has wound down and The Cup is safely back in OYC's possession, we will set off across the Bay. After a month of cruising the Bay, we will head back up the Potomac and end our trip with the Dog Days of August at Aquia Harbor, Aug. 14-16.

Now, I know it is hard for many of you to take off 34 days unless you are retired or have a lot of annual leave to burn up, but you can join us at any point in the cruise for a long week. Most of the places we will visit are reachable within six hours from the Occoquan (that's with a slow boat!). So you can either start off with us from the Float-In, cruising with us as long as you are able, or if you are adventurous enough to cross the Bay on your own, you can join up with us at a later time. The beauty, the splendor, and the history of Chesapeake Bay will provide you with many experiences that only boating can provide.

The plan is flexible and, as always, depends on weather. I have never lost anyone yet!! If the bay is rough, we stay in port another day or two. This cruise will also provide you with an opportunity to really practice your navigation and seamanship skills.

Here are a few of the places we will visit: Onancock, Pocomoke River (this is the most beautiful of all cruising places), Crisfield, Solomons Island, Oxford, St. Michaels, Whitehaven, Salisbury, Chestertown, Rock Hall, Georgetown, Hart Miller Island, Annapolis, and Herrington Harbor. We may also hit Baltimore's Inner Harbor. I try to limit our travel times to 2-3 hours for each segment and stay at least 2 nights at each place. We also plan to be on the hook several nights.

If you can't make any part of this adventure, please have a good reason: "My boat is broken" is the best one. Unacceptable reasons (with retort) include: 1. "My boat is too small" (we cruised the entire Bay in a 21' cuddy cabin with a porta-potty, no electronics) 2. "We may get lost" (head either east or west and eventually you will hit land!); 3. "My wife is scared" (come-on now, it's *you* that is scared!); 4. Foul weather (as I alluded to before, I do not take risks, safety is a nautical imperative); 5. "I have no experience" (this is how you GET IT!). Here is a chance to use all those fancy electronics!!

For those who haven't been on a long cruise with us, there are many details that I will go over in advance to be sure you have a safe and fun time. Remember, you don't have to do the whole 34 days – we can customize a shorter itinerary for whenever you can join us. So, submit those leave requests now!!! If you want a detailed cruise plan, email me and I will forward one to you, hpcroft@verizon.net. You can also sign up or express interest on the OYC website for cruises.

Gilligan's Cruise

August 1-2. OYC will meet at Gilligan's (near the 301 bridge) for another raft-up. There are three restaurants in the area to try and a small beach setting to enjoy. If you would like to check out Gilligan's, their web address is www.gilliganspier.com.

Dog Days of Summer at Aquia

August 14-16. This year's Dog Days cruise is even more special because Aquia Harbour Yacht Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary with all of PRYCA. Always a wonderful weekend with great food and fun events! And yes, you can get up the river.

Corinthian Yacht Club Labor Day

September 4-7. We are grateful to once again be hosted by the wonderful folks at Corinthian Yacht Club, who open their lovely marina, club house, grounds and pool to us. Bring your bikes and kayaks, enjoy neighboring restaurants and the countryside, which includes Slack Winery where we'll do a little wine tasting...an adventure in itself!

End of Summer hosted by OYC at Belmont Bay Marina!

September 18-20. We will be throwing one heck of a weekend-long party, inviting all the clubs in PRYCA. Mark the dates on your calendar. You'll be hearing lots more about this event. We'll be asking for you to volunteer some of your time and talents, but getting involved is half the fun and a great way to make new friends on the water! Shrimpfest, September 19th, will be incorporated into the End of Summer event.

Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor

November 6-8. This is a perfect end of season cruise before winterizing your boat. There will be dockside happy hours, relaxation, numerous restaurants to explore, shopping opportunities, a bridge walk, and many other activities to choose from. You might even want to take a few days off work and hang around for Veteran's Day that Wednesday.

OYC Change of Watch – November 14

Great food, great music, happy dancing, and the best of friends...all dressed up in fancy duds.

Parade of Lights

December 5. Brrr! If a December cruise is within you, then plan early on how you would like to decorate your boat with lights. Few strings on many outlets will save you from blowing fuses when passing the reviewing stand at Old Town, Alexandria. Prizes are awarded for participating and include cash awards, free slips, and a grab bag of goodies. There is plenty of eggnog for all, but warm coats are a must (and mandatory PFDs (see Maryland river regulations for the period DEC- MAR).

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Please submit your copy by email to
editor@occoquanyachtclub.org

*1992, 1993, 1997, 2009, 2011 & 2012 PRYCA Cup Champions



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



2015 Float-In

Point Lookout Marina

July 17th - 19th

Theme: "The LOVE BOAT"



Sunset over Smith Creek, from the dock at Point Lookout Marina, Float-In 2014

Welcome Aboard! We're expecting you!

Registration Includes: A weekend of nautical fun for members of PRYCA clubs and their guests, Friday, July 17th through Sunday, 19th, at Point Lookout Marina on Smith Creek in Ridge, Maryland.

Meals:

- Friday night - Buffet Dinner
- Saturday morning - Continental Breakfast
- Saturday midday – Lunch
- Saturday night - Banquet Dinner at Sunset Cove Restaurant, (formerly Spinnakers,)
- Sunday morning - Brunch at Sunset Cove Restaurant

Events:

- Friday night - Costume Contest and Dance (*Dress as a character on the TV show The Love Boat*)
- Saturday morning - Seminars and Demonstrations
- Saturday afternoon - Competition for The Cup
- Saturday night - Awards Ceremony and Dance
- Vessel Safety Inspections, available Friday and Saturday

Costs:

- **Slip fees: \$1.75 per foot; includes electric.**
- **Registration fee: Includes the 5 meals listed above and all events: \$105 per adult (13 or older) \$52 per child (5-12) children 4 or less, free.**
- **Fuel:** Pt. Lookout Marina will offer a **\$.25 per gallon discount** off the posted fuel prices for July 17-19.

Registration Process: Each Club must designate a Club Point of Contact for the Float-In.

- **Individual Members:** Fill out the *Individual Member Registration Form*. Please complete all spaces for boat and contact information. Make your personal check payable to PRYCA. Submit check and completed form to your club Point of Contact.
- **Club Point of Contact:** Collect completed individual forms and personal checks from your individual members; fill out the *Club Registration form*; submit your Club Registration Package, with all individual forms and personal checks, to PRYCA Treasurer Steve Preda.*

Steve Preda will accept Club Registration Packages at the Commodores' Night/Delegates Meeting.

April 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, 4817 Tarpon Ln., Alexandria, VA 22309

Thereafter, Club Registration Packages should be mailed to:

Steve Preda, PRYCA Treasurer, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554

*Club POC's note – Please make sure all individual registration forms are complete, with all spaces for boat information and contact information filled in, and with personal checks to PRYCA included. For ease of refund if necessary, **ONLY PERSONAL CHECKS FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT CLUB CHECKS.**

Cancellation Policy:

Notice of all cancellations must be made to Steve Preda, PRYCA Treasurer, at Treasurer@pryca.us. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after July 5, 2015.

Slip Assignments:

Slip assignments will be based on vessel size, power needs, and registration date. Every effort will be made to keep club boats together as much as possible, but size and power needs may make that impossible.

Schedule of Events:

A schedule of events and description of games for the Competition for The Cup will be sent to each Club Point of Contact in June. Club POCs should distribute these to individuals in their group. The schedule and games will also be posted at www.pryca.us.

Operations:

When approaching the marina, hail Pt. Lookout Marina on channel 16 to receive your slip assignment. Dockhands will meet you at your assigned slip to assist with docking. **Check in** and pick up your **Welcome Packet** at the **PRYCA Welcome Tent upon arrival**. If you have opted for a Thursday arrival, please be aware that the Welcome Tent does not officially open until noon on Friday. Welcome Packets will be available from noon until 1900 on Friday, and 0800 until 1300 on Saturday. If you plan to arrive after the stated times, it is suggested you have a fellow club member pick up your Welcome Packet prior to the Welcome Tent closing for the day.

Vessel Inspections:

Vessel inspectors will be on hand Saturday to perform Vessel Safety Inspections; inquire at the Welcome Tent.

However, please note that clubs will earn one bonus point in the Competition for The Cup if 100% of their vessels arrive with their 2015 safety inspection sticker properly displayed.

Prizes:

One raffle ticket per individual registered will be in each Welcome Packet, to be used in the drawing for door prizes at Saturday night's Award Ceremony. You must be present to win. 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for three West Marine Gift Cards (\$150, \$100, and \$50,) will also be sold throughout the weekend; you must be present at the Saturday night drawing to win.

Float-In Coordinator: PRYCA Rear Commodore Pat Croft, RearCommodore@pryca.us

Individual Registration Form

PRYCA 2015 FLOAT-IN

E-Mail address for captain of the vessel: * _____ Cell ph. # * _____

** It is important that we have this contact information for every vessel registered.*

Club Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Beam: _____ Length: _____

Circle Power Cord Requirements: 1x30, 2x30, 1x50

Circle Arrival Day: Thurs (16th) Fri (17th) Sat (18th)

Circle Number of Nights: One, Two, Three

List All Registrants: Name:

Club Position, if any:

Captain _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please indicate A (adult 13+) Ch (child 5-12) or T (toddler 4yrs or less) next to each name.

Determine Slip Fee:

A. Length of boat x \$1.75 x number of nights = Total Vessel Cost _____

Determine Registration Fee:

1. Number of Adults x \$105.00 = _____
2. Number of Children (ages 5-12 yrs.) x \$52.00 = _____
Toddlers, age 4 & under, are free.

B. Total registration Fee: (1) + (2) = _____

Determine Total Costs: Slip Fee (A) plus Registration Fee (B) = \$ _____ Check # _____

Please make check payable to PRYCA. Submit this completed form along with your personal check (made out to PRYCA) to the following address: OYC Treasurer, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125.

If you are registering after June 30, you may send it directly* to: Steve Preda, PRYCA Treasurer

112 Stafford Stone Drive

Stafford, VA 22554

** If you send directly to Steve, be sure to notify your Club POC.*

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Occoquan Yacht Club 2015 New Membership Application and Membership Renewal

Date _____

Home phone _____

Captain _____

Captain's Mobile _____

First Mate _____

First Mate's Mobile _____

Address _____

Captain's Email _____

City, State, Zip _____

First Mate's Email _____

Captain's Birthday (mo/day) _____ First Mate's Birthday (mo/day) _____ Wedding Anniv (mo/day) _____

BOAT DATA : Name _____ Builder _____

Length/Beam/Draft/Height _____ Power Req'd (circle): 1-30 2-30/1-50 1-50

Fuel Type (circle): Gas Diesel Where Berthed? _____ Slip# _____

New Membership:

___ Family--\$75 (includes burgee)

___ Individual--\$55 (includes burgee)

___ Associate--\$30 (add \$25 for burgee)

Membership Renewal:

___ Family--\$75

___ Individual--\$55

___ Associate--\$30

**Members can purchase additional burgees -- add \$25 to above prices per additional burgee.
Fees paid after 1 OCT will cover both current and following year.**

Total Enclosed: _____

I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check all that apply):

___ Contribute articles to the OYC newsletter, *The Daymarker*
___ Contribute pictures from club events for *The Daymarker*
___ Contribute pictures and short articles to the OYC Website
___ Assist with Website programming
___ Other: _____

___ Assist event coordinators
___ Serve as a PRYCA or CBYCA delegate
___ Serve as a fleet captain
___ Serve as a safety officer or board officer
___ Coordinate an event

Please make check payable to **Occoquan Yacht Club**. Mail your check and this form to: **Occoquan Yacht Club, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125**. Please allow 2 weeks for processing application and return of membership packet.

Occoquan Yacht Club Officers for 2015

Commodore Bud Bishop
703-801-3075

Vice Commodore Pat Schondel
281-216-9358

Rear Commodore Bob Hill
703-402-1796

Secretary Kathy Bergmann
571-334-4138

Treasurer Michelle DeDitiis
757-348-9009

Immediate Past Commodore
Don Bennett 540-220-1709

Membership John Cornicelli
202-834-0117

Quartermaster Monica Fineberg
401-419-6679

Historian Les Bergmann
571-334-2522

CBYCA Delegate Joe Livingston
703-505-8313

PRYCA Delegate / Daymarker Editor
Anne Bennett 540-842-6118

Webmaster Don Bennett
540-220-1709



OYC is a member club of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association and the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. We maintain a membership accord, #GA 80979Y, with the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS), entitling our members to BoatUS membership at half price. OYC supports the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA).

Visit our website at: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org