



The Daymarker

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Commodore's Log, Thanksgiving week 2015:

Happy Turkey week everyone. Hopefully you were all able to join family and surround yourselves with the joy of your loved ones and give thanks for that which you have received. I

want to thank all of you for installing our new board for 2016 and joining us for the Change of Watch November 14.

A huge thank you goes to Michelle DeDitius for all the hard work she did to ensure everything was perfect and make the evening the huge success it was – a fun time was had by all!



Thank you to IPC Bishop and the outgoing 2015 OYC Board! At the COW right to left, Bud, (me), Bob, Kathy, Michelle, John, Anne, Don, (and not in the pic) Les behind the camera and Joe and Monica who were not able to attend.



Congratulations to the winners of 2015's prestigious awards! Bruno Millonig took the Bent Prop trophy home; and Deb Solowan, the Golden Snorkel.



IPC Bud Bishop presented Johnny DeDitius the Commodore's Cup for his service to the club.

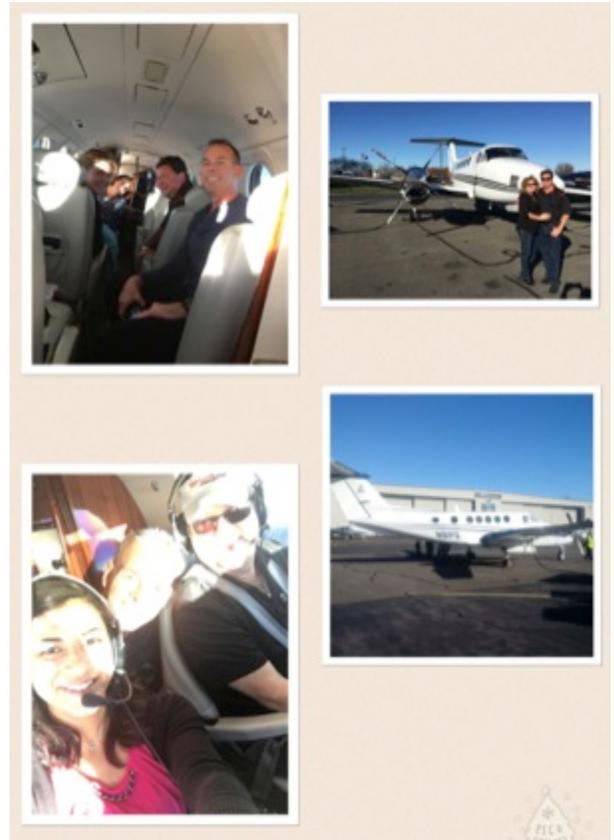


This month's *Daymarker* is an opportunity for all of us as your new board members to introduce ourselves, share our hopes for the coming season, and reflect on our experiences on the water. I hope you find the articles interesting and informative, if not entertaining.

As your new commodore I am responsible for implementing the vision and mission of our club, as captured on our OYC website, "Expand your boating skills. Meet new friends. Enrich your boating life. Enjoy cruises, raft-ups, social activities, prizes, and a touch of yachting protocol (without the posturing)."

I started boating regularly in 2000 after buying my first boat, a 24-foot Maxum cruiser – it was a graduation gift I gave myself for completing the Executive MBA program at Georgetown. Prior to that, I had sailed a handful of times in San Diego Harbor when I was in high school and when I was home for the summer from The Ohio State University (yes you may laugh now that we fell to Michigan State recently...). But all my life I have lived around the water, mostly the ocean, as my father was in the U.S. Navy (retired as a Master Chief). I spent most of my early life and career in California surfing. So when I was moved to the east coast by Boeing I needed a new outlet for enjoying the water, and the closest was the river and the new joy of boating. I rapidly grew from the 24-foot Maxum through a 33-foot Rinker into a 36-foot Doral, which I cruised on for more than a decade, and then purchased *RhumbLine* (a 57-foot Neptunus Cabrio) in 2013.

Now that we are heading into winter – the boating off-season – and most of us are winterizing, life remains in session; and we will all enjoy land-based activities for a few months. I just spent last weekend in Ft Lauderdale and Miami, mostly at the Homestead Raceway, watching the final race of the 2015 NASCAR season, hoping to see Jeff Gordon win his 5th Sprint Cup Championship. He didn't win, but he left behind a huge legacy for NASCAR. Anyway, I was with Paul and Sherry Mannino, Johnny and Michelle DeDitiis, and Vanessa as the guests of the track CEO, Mr. Matt Becherer. It was an amazing experience with Hot Pit passes throughout the weekend, Grandstand seats, and a condominium nestled right in the middle of Sunrise Harbor. Though we didn't see the finish we were cheering for, the highlight of our trip was our ride down in Paul's King Air – a 3-1/2 hour flight cruising at 26,000 feet in seats way more comfortable, and through airports way less crowded than via commercial airlines. And believe me – he is a great pilot!



...so there are fun things to do when we can't be boating! Anyway, I can't wait for the new season to come our way that brings a hint of warm weather early in March which cues us to start our cruise planning, open up our boats, de-winterize, prepare for our safety inspections, and get back out on the water. In January, the Board will be meeting to conduct our Pre-Planfest, which is where we will pull together the list of activities for the coming season. We welcome all volunteers who want to be cruise coordinators for next season, and anyone who has great ideas for land events that we should consider. That will be followed by the Planfest in late February or early March, to which you are all invited, where you can sign up for cruises and activities throughout the season and even make recommendations for events. Some of you may hibernate through the winter, others may find warmer weather deep in the middle of the winter (maybe even charter a cruiser), and a few may sell and purchase new watercraft. Whatever your plans, hope you had a happy Thanksgiving, and have a great holiday season, a Happy New Year, and a productive and enjoyable 2016!

Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



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I would like to start off by thanking our outgoing commodore, Bud Bishop, for an excellent season. Bud did a great job of guiding us this past year, and we had many very successful events, both land and sea! I think we set land attendance records at the Flag Raising, Fajitafest, Shrimpfest and the Chili Cook-Off. From the sea view (ok, a little humor here!), Memorial Day to Colonial Beach was the biggest we've coordinated; and I know Cobb Island and others were up there as well.

Second, I would like to thank you for your vote of confidence in me for the coming year. I look forward to planning our cruises, and I look forward to another great year under Commodore Pat Schondel's helmsmanship! This has been a busy year for us as many of you know. We started off the season with a new (to us) boat, *Lady Min*, and we have had a great first season with her and look forward to many more. Min and I closed the season with wedding vows! What a great year!! ☺

For the upcoming cruising season, it's not too early to be thinking about the cruises you want to go on and even more importantly, the cruise or cruises for which you would like to volunteer to be the cruise coordinator. We will be having our Pre-Planfest in January to iron out the cruises that OYC will be coordinating in the coming season, so I need your inputs in December and early January. If you are going to be a cruise coordinator, please plan on attending the Pre-Planfest. One of the goals of the Pre-Planfest is to layout a good schedule that allows the most member participation. Right now I am thinking that we might hold the Pre-Planfest on Saturday 23 January, as the 16th is over Martin Luther King weekend, which is the PRYCA Change of Watch weekend (more on that fun event soon!). Then in February we will have our Planfest for all OYC members. This is where the cruise coordinators will give a brief discussion on the cruise they are coordinating to give the membership a better understanding of the event. Some of our traditional events will be scheduled as always because they have become cornerstones of our cruising season. Memorial Day to Colonial Beach, Cobb Island's Summer Kick-Off in June, The Cup - PRYCA Float-In in July, Dog Days in August and Labor Day cruises have become main events for us. But we always have several other events laced in between, and they are always great cruises and experiences!

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*
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"Honey let's buy a boat!" I remember floating those words past my wife, Susan, around two years ago. After she realized I was serious and not crazy, she agreed; and we never looked back. We're now on our second boat, our journeys have all been memorable, and we could have never imagined the joy and fellowship

boating and the OYC have brought into our lives. Boating is a lifestyle of living life enthusiastically and to its fullest. We have made new friends and memories and cherish them all. Plus our two black labs, Walter and Emma, also love the boating life as much as we do. For this, Susan and I would like to thank the entire OYC membership and the 2015 board for making this such a glorious year, an awesome boating season; and we look forward to 2016 with great anticipation and high expectations.

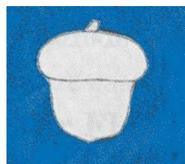
OYC closed out the 2015 boating season with a prolonged blast, we certainly made our mark at National Harbor Marina, our end of season Hardy Souls Cruise, and at the Bobby McKee's dueling piano bar. We had great weather and fun was had by all. A special thanks to Bud and Heidi for coordinating that trip. The following weekend we continued the party at the annual November OYC Change of Watch (COW) gala. It was at the COW, that I assumed the duties and responsibilities as the OYC Rear Commodore (RC), and I look forward with pleasure to coordinating for you the OYC land events over the next year. It will be a challenge to succeed Bob Hill as the RC, for his time and efforts over the past year were many; but I promise to do my best this upcoming year. And until we meet again, we need to winterize our boats, change that oil and those filters, and if you have any questions or concerns about winterizing, remember your fellow yacht club members are here to help, so don't hesitate to ask.

New business. As one who likes to try new things and yet not break from tradition, I am happy to say we will continue with our OYC First Friday of the Month Happy Hour events. Therefore, our next happy hour will be Friday December 4th starting at 5pm, at Blu 1861, located at Occoquan Harbour Marina. We'll meet in the main bar area. Susan and I look forward to seeing everyone there, so mark it on your calendars. A reminder email will be forwarded as we get closer to that date. The Friday happy hour events are a great way to get to know each other a little better, talk about boating, and to just unwind and have fun after a long week.

I recall meeting Harry Croft at an OYC happy hour event last March at Blu 1861 (formerly The Landing). Harry told me about his plan to lead the 2015 OYC Chesapeake Bay cruise and asked me to join him, et. al., on the cruise. I was so enamored with Harry's gift of storytelling, I told him we would – and we did! Susan and I are still talking about that cruise today. We loved it, and I'm convinced that cruising the Potomac River and exploring the Chesapeake Bay area is absolutely some of the best pleasure boating a Captain and his First Mate can experience. Little did I know that the planning for the Chesapeake Bay cruise, at least for me and Susan, would actually begin at a Friday OYC happy hour event. So come and share your boating interests for 2016, and maybe share a story or memory about your 2015 boating experiences.

Until our float plans match, I hope everyone has a happy holiday season, and a very Merry Christmas.

Jerry Tarasek, *Dig Life*
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TREASURER

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As the daughter of a submariner and wife of a Naval officer, maritime jargon and traditions were a part of my life, but it wasn't until 2009 when Johnny and I purchased our first boat that I was able to experience life on the water like my father and husband had during their Naval careers.

Johnny and I purchased our first boat as a trial to see if the boating life style was right for us. *Irish Legacy* was a Regal 3010 that was named as a tribute to Johnny's mother who passed away in 2006. He is first generation Irish and still has family living in Dublin, Galway and throughout County Cork. I am second generation English. Johnny still reminds me what the English did to the Irish over 800 years ago. Thank you for not holding a grudge.

We kept *Irish Legacy* for two seasons when we contracted a case of "foot" disease. Rumor has it, it is highly contagious and I am sure we are in good company with many of you. We took a 10 foot leap to a Sea Ray 40DA. Since being on and around the water is our primary leisure activity on weekends the boat was named *Liquid Leisure*.

We are entering our seventh season and still continue to enjoy boating. We have met a number of people at Belmont Bay; and since joining OYC in 2011, we continue to meet new boaters that we fondly call our friends. This season we hope to continue our adventures on the Chesapeake Bay.

Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*
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John and I got into boating in the summer of 2000. John boated for most of his life in one form or another, from going fishing with his dad to being career Navy. John talked to me for many years about getting a boat of our own, and I always said no because, even though I could swim really well, I had a great fear of drowning. We made a bet, and if I lost he could buy a boat. Needless to say I lost the bet; and we went shopping and bought our first boat, which was a 2000 Wellcraft 2600 Martinique Cruiser named *Therapy* because John thought of her as our "therapy" away from the corporate world. We cruised on *Therapy* for seven years, meeting many of the friends who we still hold dear to this day.

After seven years John was again searching for another boat, as the small boat was no longer enjoyable due to my health issues and we needed a larger boat. We stumbled upon a 1993 SeaRay Sedan Bridge named *Lyons Den* while walking through a marina looking at the different style boats. We talked to the owner and he gave us a tour. John explained to him that we had to sell our boat before we could consider buying a larger boat. After three days Mr. Lyons called John and made a deal with him to trade boats and loans, and the rest is history. We love spending our weekends relaxing on *Our Therapy* hanging with our friends and drinking some cool refreshments while soaking up the rays!! We look forward to seeing all of you in 2016 and making some new memories!!

Michele Adams, *Our Therapy*
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QUARTERMASTER

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In June 2013, we sat on the patio of a bar in the quaint fishing town of St. Michaels, Maryland, enjoying a cold beverage and listening to a very average solo act of a band. As we observed parties occurring on the boats docked directly behind us, we thought: "that could be us...". For the next seven

weeks we poured over online listings and visited every marina within 100 miles looking for the perfect boat. Funny enough, we found her while waiting for a broker to show us a different boat. As we walked the docks of Harbison Marina in Kent Narrows, I spotted her and said, "wow that is beautiful," to which Greg promptly replied "over budget, keep walking." Almost immediately, a voice from behind us yelled "it's bank owned, make an offer." That advice led us to our piece of happiness, *Lala's ParaDice*.

As I settle into the Quartermaster position, what I'm most interested in hearing from all of you about is what OYC "swag" you are interested in? I plan on using the Web in the new year so you can find all your gear on-line, which will give you more access to stuff when you want it. If anyone needs anything for the holidays, please reach out to me directly. I'm thinking about having some really nice fleece lined zip-up sweatshirts made... Let me know if you want one!

Please look for us on the water! We are out often and truly enjoy hanging out and are glad to be a part of OYC.

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's ParaDice*

Flag Poles and Mounts

Members,

The poles are designed to fly a 12" club burgee and are made of solid machined 316 stainless steel with rotating clips and a machined iodized aluminum mount that holds the unit to the rail of your vessel.

The Swiveler flag pole and mount I currently have available is the one-inch size (3 remaining). I will take orders for other sizes; and depending on number of requests, I will send in one more orders this season. Price remains \$65 per set for the 19" 316 Stainless pole and the anodized aluminum mount milled to specific diameter.

To order for your vessel, send me an email and indicate how many sets you wish to purchase, indicating the exact diameter of your rail (measure...do not guess). I find it easiest to use an adjustable wrench slid over the

rail and then measure the opening of the wrench. Many rails are 1", 1-1/8", or 1-1/4" in diameter, and size does matter for a good fit. As said, the cost of each set is \$65.00 payable to Joe Livingston. Please contact me at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or by cell at [703-505-8313](tel:703-505-8313).

Looking for your request....

Cheers! Joe

Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*
Past Commodore

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Remember to say "Thank you!" to the 2016 Board and committee staff members for volunteering and serving OYC and consider personally volunteering as cruise coordinator for the upcoming boating season. The idea is to get involved, participate and enjoy your club more.

For the 2016 recreational boating season, I am serving as OYC's Delegate to the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) and to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA). I am a Past Commodore of OYC and a Past Commodore of the PRYCA, and I serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA). I also serve on the Nomination Committee for the CBYCA. These activities have provide a source of considerable enjoyment for myself and my first mate, Gail, as we have travelled to various meetings and met a large number of interesting and friendly boaters.

FYI...The Old Dominion Boat Club will hold an "oyster roast" on Saturday, the 5th of December. Cost of \$35 per person and open to all...call the ODBC for tickets or purchase at the door. That evening starting at 1700 (5:00 pm) is the Parade of lights along the waterfront of Alexandria Old Town. Santa and his elves will be water skiing along the waterfront on the 24th of December starting at 1300.

CBYCA: We attended the Delegates meeting on 21 November, in Baltimore at the Baltimore Yacht Club. The 2016 Board was sworn in with Commodore Kent Terry assuming the helm of the Association. A ball honoring Commodore Terry and First Lady Sylvia will be held at the Baltimore Yacht Club 12 December. Cost is \$90 per person. Need a good time on the 12th, contact me for details. The guest speaker at the meeting was Julie Brown, Dept of Natural Resources, speaking on safety. Her sole focus for 2016... Maryland is placing

significant emphasis on safety on the water. The Associations representative to the National Boating Federation continues to call on Congress to fix the ethanol problem.

PRYCA: OYC members Pat Croft, Don Bennett, Steve Preda (to the Board) and Pat Schondel (as a MAL) were elected at the 2 December annual meeting. They will be installed at the PRYCA Change of Watch (COW) to be held 16 January at the Crown Plaza in Alexandria, VA. More information to follow, but plan to attend. Be advised, it's planned as a two-day event with a "Bar Crawl" on Friday evening and the COW/Dinner Dance on Saturday night. A great way to warm up January!

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*
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MEMBERSHIP Wayne Beal

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Glad to be appointed by the OYC Board and happy to serve... now to work! - lol.

We have new members, and their names are Ray Maetas and his brother, Isaiah Killough. Ray has a 42-foot Mainship Mediterranean called *Drippin-Wet*, docked at Occoquan Harbor Marina.

Welcome aboard fellas.

My wife Garnetta and I were new members this last year and we were new to boating, so imagine our surprise as we went to each event wondering what to expect. I wondered about technical things like how do we team up with a buddy to make sure we don't have a problem getting there, is there a best approach (north or south entrance), are there floating docks, etc. My wife was asking me about food and fashion, to which I replied with my usual lost-dog look. :)

As part of my mission statement.... not really.... I would like to try to help accomplish a few things this year for the new members:

- ✓ Write about what the new members can expect at events (usually this is very well done) and raft ups
- ✓ Look to document the process for the Cruise Coordinators and make it available on the website so all parties know what's going on
- ✓ Send out a copy of the latest newsletter to the new members
- ✓ Assure that a burgee is provided to the new members (if you're new - a burgee is a flag

representing our club - yes, I had to look that up the first time I saw the word burgee - lol)

- ✓ Make sure new members have the link to download the OYC directory
- ✓ Be available to answer questions and assist as needed - although I will defiantly be relying on my wife to answer any food or fashion questions! lol

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*
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HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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This will be my third year serving as OYC Historian. I enjoy having the opportunity to document the club's activities, and look forward to another great year in 2016. This will be my fourth year of boating, and I can say that Kathy and I wish we had started enjoying time on the water long before this. We put it

off due to other responsibilities over the years and finally decided it was now or never. It has been a wonderful learning experience with many more ups than downs. OYC and the boating community have welcomed us with open arms, and it has been our pleasure to meet so many helpful boaters.

Please send me your pictures to be added to the website gallery, and they will be kept in the club archives for all OYC members to enjoy. The pictures from the COW can be found online. Please note that the pictures on the website have been reduced in size in order to conserve web space. If you see one that you would like to print please drop me an email at historian@occoquanyachtclub.com so I can forward you a full size copy.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*
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Past Commodores at the 2015 COW
Harry Croft, Pat Croft, Tom Plewes,
Jim Dooley, Don Bennett and Bud Bishop

PC Don and Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

We are both originally from Cleveland, Ohio. Don graduated from the Naval Academy (his initiation into boating) and went into the Marine Corps, which is ultimately what brought our family to Virginia. Our first boat was an 18-foot jet boat, which we put into the waters of Aquia Creek for a very brief period in 2008. After eight hours of mostly fighting hydrilla lodged in the jet intake, we traded it in for a Sea Ray 290 “decked-out” deck boat, which was infinitely better. However, at that time there was a fur-child to be considered... Shadow, a 90-pound Alaskan Malamute, not your basic boat dog. So a year or so later we were “forced” to upgrade again to something with guaranteed shade, indoor space and air conditioning, a 44 Sundancer.

Since joining OYC in 2010, our life has been greatly enriched by many wonderful friends and learning much about boating and our local waterways from fellow members. Whether cruising to a favorite destination or a new adventure, rafting, or partying on land, we are always grateful for the friendships and the great times we enjoy together.

From the shiny new faces who aren't sure what they just signed up for to the long-time members who are the mainstay of the Occoquan Yacht Club, it's the people who make this club. Among them, we have past commodores (some seen here at the 2015 Change of Watch), who put in many, many hours on the Board and still work to support and advise, as well as join in and enjoy time together on the water and on land. Hopefully you're enjoying getting to know the current executive board and admin staff. Each and every individual is volunteering his or her time to do their job and come together to make OYC the best club on the river (again) in 2016. So, to expound on what Joe said, please make an effort to appreciate the unique contribution each one of them provides and say thanks. Oh, and maybe think about taking on one of those jobs in the future...

We look forward to seeing you at land events, on the dock or the water in 2016!

CREW'S NEWS 2015

Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor

November 6-8. The attendees of the 2015 Hardy Souls cruise, Randy & Susan Willetts, *Takin' It Easy*, Bob Hill & Min Lee, *Lady Min*, Harry & Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*, Steve & Ginny Preda, *Anamchara*, Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*, Glenn & Nicole Gore, *Jewel D'Nile*, Rich & Carole Ellison, *Jolly Mon*, Jerry & Susan Tarasek, *Dig Life*, Mike & Kari Langerman, *MazFest*, Jim & Judy Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*, Jim Crabill & Lee Moyer, *Encore*, Bud & Heidi Bishop, *Hi-Jinx²*, Bruno & Susan Millonig, *Extra Innings*, John & Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*, Dan Everton & Debra Solowan, *Wayward Sun*, Russell Ives & William Dornetto, *Nauti Buoys*, Dave and Michelle Johnson, *Tiki Time III*, Les & Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*, and Wayne & Garnetta Beal, *Wayne's World*, enjoyed a great weekend 6-8 NOV up at National Harbor. The Livingstons and guests on *Gail Lynn II* docked at Old Dominion.

Following the arrival of the boats throughout the day on Friday, we gathered behind *Lady Min* for the Friday OYC Happy Hour, where we ate and drank to our hearts content into the wee hours of the morning.



Happy Hour on A Dock behind Lady Min

On Saturday, a few hardy souls crossed the bridge from National to Virginia for an invigorating walk, then joined Les and Kathy Bergmann behind *Bergie* for Saturday brunch. Despite the spitting rain, all enjoyed a great meal...too much food as always!



Brunch on C Dock behind Bergie

Then, a number of folks departed to go shopping and wander the venues in the area. After a full day, all 44 attendees gathered at Bobby McKey's and enjoyed a raucous evening of fun and laughter. Deb Solowan, *Wayward Sun*, even tore up the dance floor with a studly Marine in his dress blues. Other patrons soon realized that you don't mess with a yacht club when it comes time to advertising on the mirrors behind the piano players/singers.



OYC ROCKS! Jim, Garnetta, Susan, Debra and Heidi on stage

It was another late night and the morning came too early. As a result, there weren't a lot of takers for the Sunday brunch venues...and slowly the boats departed to slide across the smooth water home to marinas for the final pump out and refueling before the winter.



'till next season...

OYC ROCKS!
IPC Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*²

CRUISE NEWS 2015

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Parade of Lights - December 5.

Brrr! If a December cruise is within you, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter; then plan early on how you would like to decorate your boat with lights! While not an OYC event, we do have members who participate.

FOR SALE!

As a benefit to members, we will publish a listing of personally-owned, 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.

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

Brokered by Holly Acres

CHAPARRAL SIGNATURE 330 FOR SALE!

"Beach House"

2012 Chaparral Signature 330
Brokered for Jim and Pam by
Hoffmaster's Marina and can be seen at
<http://www.hoffmasters.com/usedboats.html> or
<http://www.boattrader.com/> - search for Chaparral, within
zip code 22191 and 10 mile radius.

**MAXUM 46-foot FLY BRIDGE (4600SCB)
FOR SALE!**

"Glory II"

Located Belmont Bay at bottom of ramp to fuel dock
Bow and Stern Thrusters by Sidepower with remote
Two-owner boat purchased in 2007 by current owners –
Fresh Water
2 Staterooms
2 Heads (one w/ full bath, other w/shower)
Upgraded electronics, Satellite TV and LED TVs
Twin Cummins 450HP diesels with 450 hours
800lb Davit with 9ft Dinghy and 6HP 4cycle outboard
Contact vscurderi1@verizon.net

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We can all take a lesson from Walter and Emma Tarasek, shown here catching a nap on the way home from the Hardy Souls Cruise. Take this opportunity to rest up. We're going to be busy...the 2016 season is going to be bigger and better than ever!



DATEMARKERS

Birthdays

Dan Parsons 12/1
Don Bennett 12/4
David Johnson 12/4
Paul Mannino 12/4
Vanessa Davis 12/8
June Fraim 12/13
Anne Bennett 12/15
Thomas Plewes 12/15
Harry Croft 12/21
Debbie Kent 12/22
Les Bergmann 12/25
Kari Langerman 12/29
John Cornicelli 12/31

Anniversaries

John & Joyce Brown 12/11
Ned & Arleen Rhodes 12/21
David & Belinda Luber 12/26

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



Wishing everyone all the blessings of the season!

SAVE THE DATE!



PARADE OF LIGHTS

from the docks of Old Town Alexandria to the District's Southwest Waterfront

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL NIGHT OF MERRIMENT ON THE POTOMAC RIVER
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015 FROM 5-8PM

GET STARTED

REGISTRATION:

dcboatparade.eventbrite.com

All registration ends Friday, November 30
Parade participation is limited to 60 boats
VA and DC prizes will be distributed at After Party
Separate registration for DC's In-Slip participants

PARADE SCHEDULE:

Alexandria Parade Staging: **5pm**
Alexandria Land Activities Begin: **5pm**
Parade Begins in Alexandria: **5:30pm**
Parade Sails Across Potomac to DC: **6pm**
DC Land Activities Begin: **6pm**
Parade Begins in Washington Channel: **7pm**
Parade Boat Docking in DC begins: **7:30pm**
Private Captain and Crew After Party: **8pm**

PRIZES

ALEXANDRIA PARADE PRIZES:

Limited to pre-registered boaters

Best in Show: \$500 cash
Best Powerboat: **\$250 cash**
Best Sailboat: **\$250 cash**
More than \$1,500 in other prizes
to be announced

DC PARADE PRIZES:

Limited to pre-registered boaters

Best in Parade: \$500 cash and Trophy
1st Place: **\$400 cash**
2nd Place: **\$300 cash**
3rd Place: **\$200 cash**
Honorable Achievement: **\$100 cash**

PARADE GIFTS

DC TREASURE CHEST:

Each pre-registered parade boat that enters the Washington Channel for judging from the SW Waterfront will receive a Commemorative Parade of Lighted Boats Captain's Bag (distributed at After Party) with:

- A Captain's \$100 thank you gift for all boaters who crossed the Potomac from Alexandria to Washington, DC
- Commemorative 2015 Long-Sleeve Parade of Lights T-Shirts for pre-registered Captain and crew (Captain and up to 7 additional crew=8 total)

CAPTAIN'S COORDINATION MEETING:

Old Dominion Boat Club will host the mandatory Captain's meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 7pm for all pre-registered vessels. Meeting will include hors d'oeuvres and hosted bar.

FREE PUBLIC EVENTS

ALEXANDRIA LANDSIDE FREE PUBLIC EVENTS FROM 5-6PM:

Festivities to ring in the holiday season and

- Special showcase entertainment
- Photos with Santa for children and canines
- Live holiday music and much more

DC LANDSIDE FREE PUBLIC EVENTS FROM 6-8PM:

Guaranteed first snow fall of the holidays and

- Family photos with Santa
- Live holiday music
- Gingerbread cookie decorating
- Roaring s'mores bonfire
- Crafting miniature parade boats
- Hot chocolate to toast the season
- Lighting of the Christmas Tree
- Lighting of the boats docked at SW

DC PRIZES FOR LIGHTED BOATS DOCKED AT THE SW WATERFRONT:

Best in Slip: \$250 cash

1st Place: \$150 cash 2nd Place: \$100 cash 3rd Place: \$50 cash

Prizes are limited to pre-registered slip holders. Pre-registration and boat decorating includes 2 tickets to After Party. In-slip, DC, lighted boat prizes will be distributed at Captain's After Party. Party is a ticketed event, distributed by EventBrite through the registration system-no exceptions will be made to boats that are not registered.

CAPTAIN'S AFTER PARTY IN DC:

Private Captain's After Party begins at 8pm at The Wharf offices at 650 Water Street SW. After Party limited to Captain and up to 7 additional pre-registered crew per vessel. (8 total). Private After Party will feature live music, hot hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, Parade awards and prize distribution. The Captain's After Party is a ticketed event. Tickets will be distributed by EventBrite through the registration system. No exceptions will be made to non-registered boats.

The Parade of Lighted Boats is presented by The Wharf. This landmark waterfront event is co-produced by Washington Waterfront Association and Old Dominion Boat Club through the generosity of Hoffman-Madison Waterfront (developers of the new, world-class, mixed-use waterfront, The Wharf) and Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association with the support of Alexandria Fire Department, Cantina Marina, Capital Yacht Club, Destination DC, District of Columbia Fire Department, Entertainment Cruises, EventBrite, Gangplank Marina, Gangplank Slipholders Association, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, MPD Harbor Patrol, PhotoGenics, Port of Washington Yacht Club and Potomac Riverboat Company

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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.*

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Visit our website at: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org