



The Daymarker

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all! It got cold last November, and I was immediately hoping for January so we could start boat-planning for 2015. Focusing on the fun we are going to have will help get me through the snow and ice moments.

Our first event of the year is on 24 JAN, when we will have the Pre-Planfest. It will be held at Johnny and Michelle DeDitius' house, and we would like to invite you to participate if you would like to lead an OYC event (cruise, function) in 2015. Your participation is also welcome if you would like to observe how OYC plans the upcoming year and prepares the schedule for the February "Planfest" meeting (where we present the proposed calendar to all members and more input/ideas are solicited). These two meetings feed the big "General Membership" meeting in March, which also features a photo contest. In addition to Planfest, there will be signup sheets provided at the March meeting for all attendees to sign up for cruises and get on the distribution lists for information on those events.

We would also like to invite you to our monthly Executive Board meetings. January's meeting will occur in conjunction with / at the Pre-Planfest on 24 JAN. Although you must be on the Executive Board to vote on motions presented at those forums, you are able to participate in the discussion at the discretion of the board chair (Commodore), who may limit discussion if timing becomes an issue or if

points are repeated. The February's executive board meeting will occur on 11 FEB at 7 PM at my house. Email me at commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org to get directions to either (or to ask questions concerning anything in this article). This is your club, and you have a say on how things are done.

Some of the items we will discuss at the Pre-Planfest are the budget for 2015, the schedule of land events, and the schedule of sea events. Any insight you can bring to local events (dates and times) could be very helpful as we plan our club events. For instance, the WORLD Police and Fire Games will be held on JUN 26 - JUL 5 2015 with 12000 competitors from around 70 countries. Sounds like a good time to get on a boat and avoid the highways, right? Also, Washington DC hosts National Police Week annually; this year it runs from 11-17 MAY... another good time to avoid scheduling events where we might want to invite local dignitaries. They'll be tied up (hmmm, poor choice of words... on second thought).

Anyway, to summarize, we are now in the "good idea" stage of the 2015 boating season; some of the ideas presented so far include buying and providing to members the BoatTest.Com 'How To' videos for boating, buying and having for sale OYC window stickers, having next year's Change of Watch party in NOV (conversely, having it in DEC), having the End of Summer Olympics at the Shrimpfest... these and other ideas can be presented via email to me or at any of our functions. Robert's Rules allow motions to be made at our membership meetings, and a vote must be taken on all seconded motions. You have a voice in OYC and; I, for one, would love to hear yours. Happy Boating! The FUN is about to BEGIN!

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



Vice Commodore

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Vice Commodore's Log, Christmas 2014 looking headlong into the New Year 2015! I hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays and you all have the opportunity to be with family and friends. The weather has been terrific this year considering we just passed the

first day of astronomical winter. Christie and I were severely tempted to take RhumbLine out for a short cruise when we experienced temperatures in the 60's. Instead, we used that good weather as the appropriate time to double check all the winterizing we did and spend a little bit of time on the boat watching football – such a great time of year! We're looking forward next to New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and all of the college football and College Football Playoff games. Yes, Ohio State did make it in as the number 4 seed and hopefully by the time you are all reading this we will see them headed to the Championship game on January 12, 2015. If not, we had a surprising year of producing quarterbacks all the way down to our 3rd string that were able to carry the team in some big games. Please don't remind me about VA Tech.

But I digress, I should be informing you all of the next upcoming big event in our boating world, the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) Change of Watch (COW) on Saturday, January 17, 2015. This year the event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA. You should see attached to the end of this *Daymarker* a flyer from the PRYCA with details regarding the event and a registration form if you would like to sign up. Christie and I attended last year, and it is a hoot. It occurs on Saturday night in the big ballroom of the hotel. We plan to participate in the same manner we did last year by checking into the hotel Friday night and joining a bunch of the participants in a Pub Crawl through Old Towne. Then we'll lounge Saturday and get spiffed up in the afternoon and head to the ballroom for the festivities. There will be a Hospitality Suite available prior to, and after, the main event. There is also a flyer available on the PRYCA website that provides information about the Pub Crawl on Friday night, January 16, 2015. It promises to be a fun event and we'll proudly cheer on our own OYC Members and Board who are also leaders of the PRYCA.

We at OYC are a member of the PRYCA as it provides us the opportunity to amplify our goals to *Enrich Boating Life, Expand Boating Skills, and Make New Friends*. We have cruises, raft-ups, social activities ashore and afloat, safety awareness, fun-filled competitions, prizes, a touch

of yachting protocol – but without the pomp. On a serious note, we also have it in our bylaws to support educational training and sharing of skills that contribute to safe and enjoyable boating. Our bylaws also have an objective to promote and provide instruction and training in the skills necessary for the safe enjoyment of recreational boating. We participate in select PRYCA events throughout the year to have access to a wide variety of educational opportunity and meet new clubs and boaters. PRYCA includes 21 Yacht Clubs from the Potomac River Basin and has similar goals for their members: Encourage yachting and boating safety, Encourage the advancement of yachting clubs in the Potomac River Basin, Represent member clubs, and Promote social interactions among member clubs and their individual members.

We hope to see you there!

Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



Rear Commodore

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At our December Board Meeting we talked about the possibility of doing more land events. When we go on cruises we spend a lot of time together, which is great; but we've realized that we don't have the opportunity to mingle when we are home, which is one of the downsides of not having a brick and mortar facility. So, having more events was seen as a way for members to get together and socialize. One of the ideas that was raised was periodically doing no-host Happy Hours at various locations around the area with the idea of getting people to gather to socialize and get to know more members. So, with that said, I propose the first Friday of every month be a Happy Hour event. To kick it off, Min and I will be at The Electric Palm Friday 2 Jan and Friday 6 Feb at 5:00 PM. For those not familiar, The Electric Palm is located at Prince William Marina. Attire is very casual, i.e. jeans! Hope to see you at the Electric Palm!

On another totally different topic, winter is upon us; and winter can be a good time to get things done on your vessel. BoatUS recommends the following:

- Keep your batteries charging over the winter - A trickle charger works great if your boat is on land storage.
- Water Check - Periodically inspect your bilges to make sure rain water or snow melting has not filled the bilges, which could result in damage to the bilge pumps.

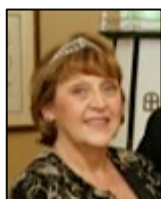
- Boat Registration - great time to get paper work up to date.
- Check the Props - if out of the water, it is a good time to inspect and, if necessary, get them tuned.
- Check the anodes - replace them now if they are worn by 50%.
- Transducer - good time to repair or replace.
- Bottom paint - check with your marina/professional and have the bottom repainted before it goes back in the water.
- Take an Online Safety course - BoatUS's meets the USCG requirements and it is a great way to keep sharp on boating safety when you are off the water! And it's never too early to sharpen up for The CUP!

Safe boating everyone!
Bob Hill, Rx to Relax



Secretary
Kathy Bergmann

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Boat U.S. Accord #GA80979Y = 50% off!

Have you ever noticed the above number on the heading of *The Daymarker* and also on the OYC website? This is the OYC group code for the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group program? As part of the program OYC members can use our group code to receive a 50% discount on their basic annual Boat U.S. membership dues. There is no cost to our club for this membership. We only need to register and keep our members informed as to what Boat U.S. does...

"Boat Owners Association of the United States (Boat U.S.) has been looking after the interests of recreational boat owners for over 45 years. One way that Boat U.S. does this is by forming special relationships with boating and fishing groups. We (they) appreciate your participation in the Boat U.S. and Boat U.S. ANGLER Cooperating Group program, and look forward to working together with you to support better boating and fishing as we continue to help each other grow."

As a Group, we agree to be an advocate for Boat U.S.; have a club member be a Group liaison (Joe Livingston); have at least five (5) members in the group; promote Boat U.S. membership to club members; and renew the agreement annually.

In addition to the reduced fee, members get six issues of the Boat U.S. Magazine; shopping rewards at West Marine; discounts on fuel, transient slips, repairs at more than 1000 boating businesses; access to unlimited on-water and on-road towing insurance; Consumer Protection Advocates and boating safety courses. Boat U.S. also offers a low-cost marine insurance program, boat lettering and more.

Check it out at <http://www.boatus.com/membership/>

Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*



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The following information was presented to the Board at the December meeting. Many members have already remitted dues for the 2015 boating year when responding to the Change of Watch (COW) dinner, and the funds are reflected in the balance. The Club is anticipating the final bill for the COW from Laurel Hill and it should be included in next month's edition of *The Daymarker*. If you have not renewed your membership dues, please remit payment to OYC, C/O Michelle DeDitius at 8821 Lake Hill Dr., Lorton, VA 22079.

Beginning balance as of 11/12/14	\$12,300.00
Receipts	\$ 500.00
Expenditures	(1,800.00)
Net increase/(decrease) in assets	(1,300.00)
Ending balance as of 12/10/14	\$11,000.00

Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*



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We can't publish what we don't have. If you have pictures to share on the Website's Photo Galleries, please send them to historian@occoquanyachtclub.org.

I'm looking forward to all the great, fun photo opportunities 2015 will provide!

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



QUARTERMASTER Monica Fineberg

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Hi, everyone! Hope that you all had a great Christmas and have a safe New Year's.

I still have some items for sale if you are interested.

I would like to know from everyone if you are interested in purchasing OYC Koozies. They come in black, brown, navy, red and blue. If you would like to purchase any, please email (above) with how many and colors. They come in bottle and can size. I would like to place an order before the Planfest so you will have them for the summer. The price will be about \$6.50 each, might be less with how many are ordered.

Again, have a safe New Year's. Can't wait for spring to get here!

Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*
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IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE WEBMASTER Don Bennett

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Hello and happy new year! I hope everyone is having a safe and joyous holiday season as we eagerly await the boating season. ☺ As we prepare to plan the 2015 schedule, I wish to remind all of the use of the website to maintain your profile information and select your cruises and events for the season. The current page shows the 2014 season, but we'll be updating it soon to 2015. It's going to be a great year!

In order to access the page, please log onto www.occoquanyachtclub.org and enter your username and password in the lower left. 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 option to select your cruises. Don't forget to select "Submit" at the bottom of the page. When you save your cruise selection an email will be sent to the Vice Commodore, Webmaster and you with a copy of your choices. Please keep your information current to include birthdays and anniversaries (month / day) for use in *The Daymarker*, and contact and boat information

for use by the board and cruise coordinators. If you have any suggestions, questions or issues accessing the site, please send me an email at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.org

Looking forward to 2015!
Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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MEMBERSHIP John Cornicelli

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Shipmates! Thank you to all who returned the RSVP card responding to your invitation for the Change of Watch-Holiday Party. That card provided an opportunity to renew your OYC membership for 2015 – significant data for planning the upcoming season – and we appreciate everyone who took the opportunity to renew!

Please consider inviting friends and co-workers to join us either in person or as members. The more the merrier, except regarding cold and flu season; also remember, to renew your own membership as soon as you can. Just as a reminder, dues for the upcoming boating season are **payable as of January 1**.

Cheers!
John Cornicelli, *Persephone*
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Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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Your 2015 OYC Board and Staff at the OYC COW
Don, Les, Anne, John, Monica, Michelle, Kathy, Bob, Pat & Bud
PRYCA & CBYCA Delegate Joe Livingston was not able to attend
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Crew's News

HARDY SOULS CRUISE - "OYC SOUTH" STYLE!

The weather was cold, the nights long and dark and the spirits of Wilmington were beckoning. What better backdrop for a cruise could you ask for? It's not called the "Hardy Souls Cruise" for nothing. Eighteen brave and hardy souls journeyed up the Cape Fear on eight boats to put their skills for survival to the test. The Captains and First Mates of *Far From Normal*, *Impulse*, *Adventures*, *Sea Duck Too*, *Copy Cat*, *Martha Jean*, *Hakuna Matata* (plus two crew), and *Forever Dreamin'*, as well as three brave crews testing their land yachting skills, did in fact survive the weekend and thus qualify for the soon to be new Power Squadron certification "You Can't Spook Me."

It all started on the 21st of November on a clear day with little wind... what a day to be on the water. Little did we know what was to come. Boats started arriving just before noon and all were welcomed with a nice warm cup of mulled wine, courtesy of the cruise coordinator. (For those who are interested in the recipe, just travel up I40 to *Duplin Winery*, and they will be happy to show you the ingredients.) Next came a great gathering on the dock for something to fill the belly in preparation for the evening's activity, the Ghost Walk. Most everyone participated, and I'm sure by now have a new understanding of the word "soul" for there surely seems be a few everlasting hardy souls inhabiting Wilmington. And after what seemed like a rehearsal for a 5K run in the cold, cold evening hours, everyone eventually made their way back to their boats to a, hopefully, sound sleep.

Saturday morning's puppy parade was sparsely attended. Perhaps it was the freezing temperature that put a damper on things. The boat waxing competition scheduled for 9:00 was cancelled as everyone was still at the Dixie Grill chowing down on some good eats. In its place was some time off to visit the farmer's market and do a little pre-holiday browsing. It's never too early to start making that list and checking it twice. The afternoon found many taking advantage of a specially arranged tour of our very own Coast Guard Cutter, the *Diligence*. Lots of questions were asked and everyone came away learning something new. Hopefully the next visit will be when the engine control room is not in a state of total disarray. After a little more free time, and the departure of *Hakuna Matata* (there was some discussion of rain), the group had its first ever pizza party on the dock. (Your cruise coordinator has to report that he has learned his lesson that not everyone likes New York style pizza. A remedy is in the works.) Immediately after the party everyone was off to *City Stage* to watch a performance of *A Christmas Story, the musical*. This event was actually planned by the incumbent of the Squadron's newly established position

of Cultural Officer. To he who holds this prestigious position we give a standing ovation.

Sunday morning brought warmer temperatures and, to the dismay of all, rain; so much for the weatherman's saying afternoon rain. The puppy parade set off precisely as scheduled at 7:22. Despite the rain, at the time a slight drizzle, there was enough time to check out the status of construction at the new *Port City Marina*. After several years of delays it looks like more delays are in order. However, the new concrete floating docks are well under way and the river walk extension is nearing completion. By the time everyone was gathering for breakfast the rain had started to come down fairly steady. *Sea Duck Too* graciously offered to host the group. After sufficient time had passed it was decided that all good things must end and it was time to head back to home ports. But prior to dispersing there was an impromptu vote taken, and yours truly was elected Hardy Souls Cruise Coordinator in perpetuity. *Forever Dreamin'* was the last to depart and ascertained that all others had safely made it home. All I can say is, "This is going to hard to beat next year."

Steve Thompson, *Forever Dreamin'*



DATEMARKERS

Birthdays

Richard Henry 1/1
Lisa Graybill 1/5
Pam Poulos 1/7
Daniel Kent 1/10
Debra Solowan 1/13
Wendy Moore 1/13
Ned Rhodes 1/22
Dan Everton 1/23
Terry Holzman 1/27

Anniversaries

Laslo & Linda Bozoky 1/3
John & Rebecca Heinze 1/30

FOR SALE!

As a benefit to members, we will publish a listing of boating-related items for sale by OYC members only. Please send a BRIEF description of the item(s), your asking price, etc., and contact information to me at editor@occoquanyachtclub.org.

Thanks! Anne

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



OYC members, Bill and Beth Francis are selling their amazing 5 bedroom/ 3-1/2 Bath Woodbridge home, conveniently located with easy access to the river. Relax on the 2-level deck, by the heated in-ground pool or down on the private/community dock. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the Potomac River. Fenced yard w/ sprinkler system. large kitchen w/ Corian. sunroom, brick porch with tin roof, jetted tub; main level HW floors, finished basement w/ wet bar w/ 2nd fridge and DW, theater room, wine room, rec room. Community beach, pier and boat ramp. 1 mile to VRE & 95 They ask that you contact their realtor Carol Krill at 540-287-3564 (cell)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!
"BOATING SEASON, SOON COME!"





Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org

PRYCA 2015 CHANGE OF WATCH BALL

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

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Alexandria, VA

703-683-6000

JANUARY 17, 2015

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**STAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH AND ENJOY OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA SATURDAY, JANUARY
17TH.....WAKE UP TO BEAUTIFUL VIEWS ON THE POTOMAC, ENJOY OLD TOWN
ALEXANDRIA AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER.....THEN**

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GET READY TO PARTY!!!!!!

ENJOY MEETING YACHTING FRIENDS AT THE HOSPITALITY SUITE

HAVE A GREAT DINNER WITH FELLOW BOATERS FROM ALL CLUBS

WELCOME YOUR NEW 2015 PRYCA BOARD OF OFFICERS

SAY THANK YOU TO THE 2014 BOARD!!!!!!

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH GREAT MUSIC FROM THE BAND!!!!!!

AFTER ALL THIS.....MEET BACK AT THE HOSPITALITY SUITE FOR NITE CAPS

**WAKE UP SUNDAY AND ENJOY BRUNCH AT THE HOTEL RESTAURANT!!!!!!
(NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE)**

THEN.....

GET READY TO GO BOATING FOR THE 2015 SEASON!!!!!!

WOW..... DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!!!!! SEE YOU IN OLD TOWN AT CROWNE PLAZA!!!!!!



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org

*Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
2015 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance
Saturday, 17 January 2015*

at

*Crowne Plaza
Old Town Alexandria
901 N Fairfax Street
703-683-6000*

Hospitality Suite Open: 1700 – 1745 (and again after the dance)

Photographer: 1700 - 1845

Cocktails: 1800

Dinner: 1900

Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000

Dancing to follow with the Pedestrians

Formal/Winter Uniform/Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$75.00 per person

Menu

Salad, Rolls & Butter

Top Sirloin Steak complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables

Seared Salmon complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables

*Vegetarian Portobello Mushroom Tower complimented w/ layers of Portobello Mushroom, Grilled Eggplant and Squash
on a Bed of Roasted Red Pepper Coulis*

Dessert

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar

Rooms

**A block of rooms for Saturday, January 17th have been reserved at the per room rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) until
30 December 2014.**

**Friday, January 16th has been offered at the same rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) to make this a weekend to
remember!!!**

Reservations can be made online at

http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=AXECP&_PMID=99801505&GPC=AAB or by calling Crowne Plaza directly at 1 800-227-6963

PLEASE TELL THEM VIA EMAIL OR PHONE THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF PRYCA

**PRYCA CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER RESERVATION
JANUARY 17, 2015**

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Please Reserve Saturday Evening for the Following Attendees:

Name: _____ **Title:** _____ **Yacht Club:** _____

Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak# _____ Seared Salmon# _____ Portobello Mushroom Tower# _____

Guest Name(s): _____ **Titles:** _____

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***Should each member desire to invite more guests than space provided above, please add their names and meal selection on this reservation page**

Email Address: _____ **Yacht Club:** _____ **Amount Enclosed:** _____

**Please mail Registration and Checks to: PRYCA, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive,
Stafford, VA 22554**