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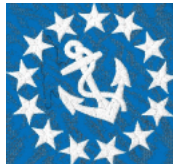
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From the Commodore July 2015

I am happy to report that, as of June 10, we have passed the 70-member point. I have therefore convened a budget committee

and have charged them with developing a budget for 2016 and presenting this plan to the members at the October meeting. I have asked Michelle DeDitius to lead the effort; and Bob Hill, Harry Croft, and Don Bennett have volunteered to help develop this budget proposal.

I would like to personally thank Bob Hill for hosting a great Fajitafest and Michelle DeDitius for manning the check-in table...I personally had enough margaritas to get most of my membership fees back. Thanks Harry!!! The food from On the Border was fantastic, Chris Rose walked away with a healthy 50-50, and Joe's knot-tying wrapped up the event. I haven't seen 52 people at a Fajitafest since I joined, but we found out that we can fit them all at OHM! Great to see everyone!

I understand that there were some Mattawoman raft-ups as well during the past weekends... great to see all the boat inspections completed! We have also had our first bent-prop candidate and our first golden-snorkel candidate. Be careful out there!!!

MONTH OF THE FLOAT-IN: For those registered to attend the Float-In (July 17-19) or planning to attend the Float-In, OYC will host a Float-In practice at Jim and Judy Dooley's (not-so) humble abode on 12 July, from 2 to 5 PM. Bring a swimming suit, a towel, food for 8, and BYOB...then prepare to enjoy the practice events as we seek qualifiers for the competition! This year's events are much like last year's.

-Seamanship Exam. Two people from each participating team, a male and a female, will take the test in the Service Building. The test will cover basic navigation, seamanship, and general boating safety skills, with questions drawn from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Skills workbook.

-Scavenger Hunt (45 min.). All members of the attending team will join in the fun to collect items listed. Bring a handheld VHF or walkie-talkies. We'll pick a channel and have folks stationed at their boats to stage what they have to contribute. We'll have stickies for putting names on the items so they can be returned to their owners.

-Love Boat Champagne Excursion - Blind Dinghy Race. Start near the Registration Tent. Spectators may line bulkhead and the grassy area between A and B docks. The blindfolded one paddles, the seeing-eye person directs along the course.

-Love Boat Passenger in the Pool - Rescue by Life Ring at the pool. Partner treads water while the other throws a ring at his head. Must come close enough that the partner doesn't have to move to reach for it.

-Love Boat Passenger Overboard - Rescue by Dinghy at the pool. One team member must be able to pull another into a dinghy...or the one in the water must be strong enough to climb into the dingy without too much help (otherwise, the dingy might tip over...)

All events are timed for points. If you see an event you'd like to participate in, put together a team and see me for assignment! We'll have you demonstrate your skills and the crowd will decide your fate! And remember, if you are going to the Float-In, plan to dock somewhere else and walk if you don't have your safety inspection (SMILEY FACE)—we lose major points if you show up without an inspection!

The Tim's Not-On-The-Fourth of July Raft-up should be occurring about the time that this *Daymarker* issue comes out—join us, it should be a great time! Signup on our website to receive info on this event!

To repeat, in preparing for the July Float-In Rules of the Road test, I came across a great website that provides questions for captains (FOR FREE).

<http://www.raynorshyn.com/NavRules/Default.asp>. If you ever want to know how much you DON'T know, try the tests on this website for a couple of hours and see why life on the sea can be challenging.

This month...THE CUP COMES BACK TO OYC!!!

Bud and Heidi
Hi-Jinx²



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OYC 2015 EVENTS

July

- 03 National Fireworks (2 options) (7/3-5)**
- 10 Happy Hour at the Electric Palm 5:00 PM**
- 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 Harbour (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**

That list of dates is getting shorter and shorter as we get into the season! Don't let any of these fun events pass you by! Please go to the end of this newsletter to see more information, including brief cruise descriptions, cruise coordinators and their contact information. Feel free to contact the cruise coordinators. ...and sign up the Float-In !!!!!

If you're interested in the Not-the-4th raft-up at Mattawoman and Tim's fireworks on 27 June, please update your on-line cruise selections and contact Bud Bishop. For the 4th of July, the Bishops and DeDitiuses will be rafted on the Potomac; and the Bennetts will be on the dock at Capital Yacht Club (Reservations required. See Don's IPC article.). And then we have the Float-In / competition for The Cup! topped off with the Crofts' Chesapeake cruise. What a month!

Again...remember to log onto the website and update your cruises so we can get you the latest information. Feel free to revise the information often if your plans change so you don't get left out or we don't fill your inbox unnecessarily.

A quick personal note. I'd like to thank everyone for your love and support during this difficult time; and thank you for being with us, either in person or from wherever you were, for Christie's Celebration of Life this past Saturday.

Thank you!
Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



REAR COMMODORE

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The beginning of June was a busy time for our club. We started off with a Happy Hour at Blu 1681 on the 5th. There were about 30 people who showed up for it, so I would say by any standard it was a success! We truly appreciate the restaurant's accommodating a group of that size! Following the HH we did have an extended "relaxation" period aboard *Lady Min*. Bruno, glad to see you survived! ☺

The next day, 6 June, was one of OYC's main land events, the Fajitafest! We had 50 people attend; and again, I believe this was a huge success! I saw a lot of smiles on people's faces, so I'm thinking I'm not the only one! Thanks to Harry Croft for making his special margaritas! They are always a hit! Thanks to Michelle and Johnny DeDitiis for checking everyone in and running the 50-50. Food was catered by On The Border this year; and by the way it was consumed, I would say we will do that again! Thanks to Occoquan Harbour Marina and Terry Holzman for providing the Pavilion and all your help! Thanks to those who helped with the setup and clean-up, especially Chris and Alison Rose, for without their awesome truck we could not have done it! And thanks to Min, for without her help we could not have succeeded!

Our next Happy Hour would normally be scheduled for 3 July; but since it is a national holiday, we are going to move it to Friday 10 July at The Electric Palm at Prince William Marina. See you there at 5 PM!

One final topic to cover is boater safety. On the weekend of 13-14 June we had another very serious situation on the water. One of our members had water entering the engine compartment, and not by choice! This was a new boat as well, so we can't take boater safety lightly regardless of the age of your vessel. Not to say this crew took it lightly; and in fact, everyone present turned to and did a fantastic job of saving the boat. There were four boats rafted up, and we had the resources to handle the situation. A flare was used to signal to Sea Tow because it was getting dark. Do you know how to use your flares? This does raise an important point to think about. What would you do if your boat started to take on water? Do you have an emergency hand pump? What about a battery powered water pump/sump pump? Do you have a plug kit? I know this has me reassessing my water handling capability. There were two things that happened on this boat. A hose clamp failed on the generator, which started to flood the engine

compartment; and second, the float switch for the bilge pump failed to activate the pump. What if you are by yourself and not with others? As a reminder, every vessel must have a USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Examination (VSE) each year to be able to raft up with other OYC'ers. While the VSE is by no means the end all of safety, it does make sure your vessel meets the minimum requirements.

One other area to think about is foul weather. Wear a life vest when you are cruising and it is nasty outside. You may not have time to don it later. And even if you are tied up in port, if the winds are strong and the rain is coming down, the decks will be slippery. Wear a life vest when you go out to check lines. I did this weekend at Cobb Island when the winds were howling and we had a driving rain. Several trees went down on Cobb Island and one of the restaurants had a light pole go down. Not a time to be thinking, "I wish I had my life vest on." I bring these things up not to sound dark and gloomy but to make sure everyone is around to enjoy our great club!

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*



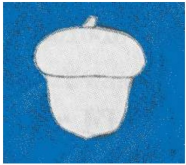
Harry pours his legendary margaritas!



Joe shares a valuable lesson on knot tying w/ Johnny



Jerry and our treasurer, Michelle, enjoy the day



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Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*



"Extra Innings" they have owned. The first was abruptly sold due to an early PCS. Their transom has two baseballs on it, which represent their favorite sport as well as a nod to the original.

Bruno and Susan like boating because they feel that nothing relaxes you quite like a cruise down the river! They love the Occoquan's location. It is a relatively short drive from their home while providing plenty of separation from the traffic, noise and...the traffic!!!!

Kathy Bergmann, *Bergie*



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Happy summer, everyone! Now that the hot weather is here and we are all enjoying a cold drink on our boats, don't forget to get your OYC koozies to keep them nice and cool. Hurry and get them before they are gone. The price is \$6.00 apiece. Email or call me with your order.

Also, I have some new hats and shirts for sale.

Have a safe and wonderful summer on the water.

Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*



New Member Introduction – Susan and Bruno Millonig

Bruno and Susan live in Arlington, Virginia. Susan is the Math Department Head at The Langley School in McLean, and Bruno is a retired AF F-15E pilot

and currently a civil servant working in Reston. They have two children, Matt and Andrea, who both live in Alexandria. Matt is a restaurant GM and Andrea is following in her mother's footsteps as a sixth grade teacher at Ft. Belvoir Elementary.

The AF life made them on-again / off-again boat owners, and they are now thrilled to be back on the water with their third boat. They started with a bowrider, graduated to a cuddy cabin, and now enjoy the pleasures of rehabbing a classic

Chris Craft design. Their first boat was purchased in 1991 and gave them the opportunity to expose their children to the water while growing up, much as Bruno was able to on Lake George in upstate New York.

They chose to name their boat "Extra Innings". It represents not only their love of the game (Go NATS) but also the overtime you have to work to pay for the privilege of boat ownership! It's actually the second



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Ahoy all, and welcome to the club to all our new members!

This is the time of the summer solstice, a special time for sailors. It is not the day with the latest sunset, however, due to the difference between a solar day and a

clock day (24 hour day).

Astronomically, it is the time of year that the sun is directly overhead over the Tropic of Cancer (23.44N). Why is this important to sailors? It allows Captains to do something important, which cannot be done on many other dates... check the chronometer. You can determine your latitude using a sextant, so if you can reasonably check your chronometer, you can reasonably determine your longitude.

Some other Solstice facts:

- In the Northern Hemisphere, it is the day with the longest period of sunlight of the year.
- If you live right on the Arctic Circle, you will have 24 hours of sunlight for one day.
- North of the Arctic Circle, of course, you will have 24 hours of sunlight for more than one day. (Those lucky enough to be at the pole have 24 hours of sunlight for 6 months.)
- If you are sailing along latitude 24.44N, the Sun will be directly overhead at noon.

It is NOT the day the Earth is closest to the Sun. That occurs on 3rd of January. (Solstices and Equinoxes are due to Earth's axial tilt, not it's orbital eccentricity.)

Cheers!

John Cornicelli, *Persephone*

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It was a pleasure seeing so many OYC folks at the Fajitafest. If you were unable to attend or didn't pick up your copy of the 2015 OYC Directory, please send me an email at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE WEBMASTER Don Bennett

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4th of July in D.C. As noted, there are a couple options for **4th of July**. The Bishops and DeDitiuses will be hosting a raft in the Potomac near the 14th Street Bridge, and some of us will be on the docks at either Gangplank or Capital Yacht Club (CYC) in the Washington Channel. Anne and I will be at Capital Yacht Club, on their new docks this year. As noted in previous newsletters, reservations at either marina really needed to be made some time ago and both have a three-night minimum ...but it never hurts to try if you're interested. Both marinas have an option to anchor out in the Channel and use their facilities and dinghy docks.

- For CYC, contact Debbie Stickell, 202-488-8110 x 1 or gm@capitalyachtclub.com.
 - For Gangplank contact Tony Wetzler, 202-554-5000 or gpdockoffice@comcast.net.
- Mention you are a member of OYC.

For those of you anchoring out, I have mentioned the importance of following safe anchoring procedures. Here is an excerpt from the Boating Skills and Seamanship manual: "An anchor holds best when the pull of its rode is as nearly horizontal as possible. For this reason, holding power increases as you increase the length of rode. The scope of an anchor rode is the ratio of its length to the vertical distance from your bow chock to the seabed (i.e., the depth of the water plus the distance from the water surface to the bow chock.

Normally, a scope of 7:1 is adequate for holding a boat. Thus, if the water is 10 feet deep and your bow chock is 4 feet above the water, you need an anchor rode of 98 feet.... A scope of 5:1 is marginal, and a scope of 3:1 may be enough if you have stopped to eat or to fish and you are not leaving the boat.... When anchoring in heavy weather, you should have a scope of at least 10:1....". Please remember the water depth value used should be that of high tide.

And as always, 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*

CREW'S NEWS 2015

Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off

June 19-21. We are always given a warm welcome when we invade the lovely folks of Cobb Island for the PRYCA Summer Kick-Off, and this year was no exception. In the end, seven OYC boats (*Wayne's World*, *Heart of the Sun*, *Lala's Para'Dice*, *Jus Chill~N*, *Jolly Mon*, *Lady Min* and *Dig Life*) and Richard Henry, Rebecca Lasko, Bob Brown and Vicki Moon (by land) journeyed to Cobb Island to partake in the Cobb Vegas festivities and join the locals in celebrating the island's 126th anniversary. The Beals, Cumbeys and Taraseks had guests aboard, to include Susan Tarasek's 86-year-old mom, who can party with the best of us. All of us

were docked at Captain John's across the bridge from the island, so we got our exercise.

We started Friday with a Captain's Hour at the Rivah, which was followed by the Seafood Buffet at Captain John's and some relaxing time on the dock. After all that "relaxing," Saturday started out slowly with some enjoying the Cobb Island parade and the vendors at the island's festival. A number of us then headed over to the Hair of the Dog Bloody Mary stop at Commodore Bill and Chris Hocker's house. Retired beads where there for the taking and guests could enjoy viewing past year's necklaces in shadow boxes and, of course, the view.

At 1:45, joined by a number of our friends from Westmoreland Yachting Association, we all assembled at the *Lady Min* on the main dock at Captain John's so that we could join our friends (via con call) to celebrate the life of Christie Raukar. At 2:01 PM, in unison with Pat Schondel and the large group rafted at Mattawoman and around the world, we floated flowers and raised a glass, toasting as she would....



"Wheeeee!!!"

Late-afternoon most of us were brave (or foolish) enough to try the Margarita Tasting at Scuttlebutt, where the best part was fun music and dancing to the Doctor Robert Band joined by Commodore Bill Hocker. Not for lack of trying, none of us won the big Money Poker Run. In the evening there was a pretty much all-you-can-eat steak and Louisiana seafood boil dinner. Some of the group stayed for the Vegas-style entertainment, Illusions of the Stars and comedian, Joe Bronzi; but some of us headed back to the dock to secure our boats for the impending storm. Although there were power lines and trees down in the area, we all did fine...including the Cumbeys' massive float, which was tied to the dock!

Sunday after the Bon Voyage "Hangover Breakfast" (...hmmm? That's two "hangover" events), a leisurely bike ride around the island or a little shopping, we set out for our home ports...none of us a big cash prize winner, but big winners nonetheless for having gone.

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

FOR SALE!

As a benefit to members, we will publish a listing of boating-related items for sale by OYC members only. We'll also publish member's info if you're searching for something boating related. 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

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
\$185,000 OBO
Contact: pamannino@comcast.net or 703-282-5276

THE LOOKOUT

SELLING YOUR JET SKI ? Greg and Ilana Cumbey are in the market for a jet ski (or two). Contact them at ilana.cumbey@kearneyco.com or gcumbey@kearneyco.com

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

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



CRUISE NEWS 2015

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

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!**

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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. If you are looking for a slip or dinghy

docking at either Gangplank or Capitol Yacht Club, your must get on their list ASAP!

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Washington Channel / Marinas – See Don's article.
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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. **THIS CRUISE IS A MUST!**

REGISTER NOW!... form at end of this newsletter.

Please mail your registrations straight to PRYCA Treasurer, Steve Preda, and **Email** Bud Bishop, Hi-Jinx²
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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!).

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.

Harry & Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*
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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. **Please see the blast that was sent out on 22 June for information and registration form.**

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! Very relaxing cruise!!!

Don & Anne Bennett

Heart of the Sun

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End of Summer hosted by OYC 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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COBB ISLAND SUMMER KICK-OFF 2015



*Susan Tarasek's sister, Kathy, and Mom
gettin' a little crabby*



*Ilana Cumbey and Saloua Millner
modeling the latest rain gear Saturday night*



Judy and Bailey Dooley enjoying the day



*Taraseks' crew as seen through the eyes of Vegas caricature
artist, Andrea Cheaney, at the Cobb Island Festival*



*Hair of the Dog Bloody Marys
at Commodore Bill and Chris Hockers' house*



Last two OYC boats on the dock, Lady Min and Lala's Par'Dice

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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 completed form along with your personal check to PRYCA Treasurer, Steve Preda and email OYC, Bud Bishop at commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org

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.

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Visit our website at: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org