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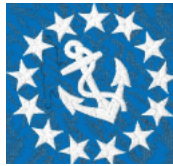
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Ahh, May! It was wonderful seeing everyone at the Flag Raising on 25 April. What a great time! A special thanks to our cooks, our setup and takedown helpers, and of course all of you for helping make the day awesome!

This month is the wine-tasting up at National Harbor ((some boats will be going, some folks will be driving, and some will be out wandering the seas and venturing to far-away harbors (or maybe not so far away) and the Colonial Beach OYC Weekend (Memorial Day weekend) trip. I look forward to spending some nice weekend days and evenings with all attendees!

From my boating notes (I re-read these in the spring before I start my engines):

- Don't forget your anchor; having it loose and ready to drop upon entry into a marina may save you some major repair bills should your transmission or engines malfunction, or should the wind remove any maneuvering capability. Sometimes bow thrusters aren't able to overcome the cross-wind, whereas dropping and dragging an anchor can give you much needed control (you only need to drop enough to drag...not enough to hold you at an anchorage "= 7 x depth").
- Check the steering hydraulic fluid (my fill cap is on the steering column).
- Check the fire extinguishers and test the functioning of your bilge pumps.
- Check the water in your batteries...and check your horn, and your impellers.

- Safety inspection scheduled???
- Remember the importance of the mid-ship line (please note the ACTUAL term below) when undocking; casting off a spring line and making it a mid-ship's line upon departure will allow the crew to cast off the bow and stern yet still keep the boat snug against a pier. When ready, only one line needs to be let go; and if you put a single wrap around a pier or cleat, you can let it go while standing on your boat...no need to attempt to earn the Golden Snorkel by leaping to your swim platform or, as some have demonstrated, hang from the lifeline until such time as your hand gets tired and you drop smartly into the water (although the bystanders will get a kick out of it)...when docking, a midship line gives you the same control as the bow and stern have no choice but to follow the (actual term) **Breast Line**: *A docking line going at approximately a right angle from the boat to the dock, preventing movement away from the dock. Also known as a Waist Line.*

From my notepad:

- Float-In: Harry has volunteered to train the new cadre of nav test takers: Bud, Don, Johnnnny D., Michelle D., Jerry and Suz Tarasek. Any others? (email me)
- Pat Schondel is busy getting the Send Summer Down Under set up in September to correspond with our Shrimpfest!
- We are looking for cruise coordinators; all of our past-commodores have volunteered to mentor new coordinators. So if you would like to lead a cruise but would like to team with a past-commodore, please send me a note and I'll arrange it.
- Harry Croft is leading a month-long sojourn into the Chesapeake Bay... and many of us have already let him know which day/week we'll be meeting up with him to see the wonderful sights he is planning to show us. His trip goes from the Float-In at Point Lookout to the Dog Days party at Aquia Yacht Club.

- Float-In: If you intend to go in July to help us win THE CUP, keep an eye out for a practice session (aka: party) at Jim Dooley's new poolside bar and grill.

There are still a couple of unsent membership checks (send them in soon please). Remember, if you attend all of the land events then your membership dues are returned three-fold in value through the food, margaritas and other alcohol and services. If you don't attend ANY land events, then you get your membership fee back and \$5 worth of value ... email me if you'd like to see a complete analysis worksheet.

See you on the water,
Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*², Commodore 2015



Vice Commodore

Pat Schondel

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OYC 2015 EVENTS

May

- 01 Happy Hour**
- 01 National Harbor Wine and Food Festival (5/1-3)**
- 16 ORMA Blessing of the Fleet**
- 22 Colonial Beach Memorial Day (5/22-25)**

June

- 05 Happy Hour
- 06 OYC Fajitafest
- 19 Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off (6/19-21)
- 27 Tim's Rivershore Fireworks

July

- 03 Happy Hour
- 03 National Fireworks (2 Options) (7/3-5)
- 14 OYC South visits the Chesapeake (7/14-26)
- 17 PRYCA Float-In & Cup Competition (7/17-19)
- 19 Croft Chesapeake Cruise (7/19-8/14)

August

- 01 Gilligan's Cruise (8/1-2)
- 07 Happy Hour
- 14 Dog Days of Summer at Aquia (8/14-16)

September

- 04 Happy Hour
- 04 Corinthian Cruise (9/4-7)
- 04 Tall Timbers burning of the boat (9/4-7)
- 18 End of Summer (18-20)

- 19 Shrimpfest
- TBD Nationals Baseball Game (late September)

October

- 02 Happy Hour
- 24 General Membership Meeting & Chili Cook-Off

November

- 06 Happy Hour
- 06 Hardy Souls Cruise (10/6-8, Veteran's Day)
- 14 OYC Change of Watch

December

- 04 Happy Hour
- 05 Parade of Lights or Santa Cruise to Occoquan

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

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

Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



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April was highlighted by our Flag Raising at Occoquan Harbour Marina (OHM) on Sat April 25th. The rain held off and we had an awesome event MC'd by Commodore Bishop with dignitaries Congressman Gerry Connelly and Prince William County Occoquan Supervisor Michael May. Special thanks to Amanda Johnson for singing the Star Spangled Banner, the police and firefighters for their support, the Occoquan Harbour Marina for allowing us to hold the event again at OHM, and OHM's Terry Holzman for all his help. We had a HUGE turnout with lots of food (thanks Jerry Tarasek for helping yours truly cook!). As usual, Don Bennett's cannon fire caused a blast of comments (lol!).

As we look at the May land events, there are a few: 1st Friday Happy Hour will be May 1st at the National Harbor Marina aboard or near Commodore Bud Bishop's yacht. It will start at 1830 and is a BYOB/appetizer type event, similar to the format we use on our cruises. The other event is the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet on May 16th. Article to follow or contact Joe Livingston for details.

And don't forget about the Memorial Day weekend cruise to Colonial Beach. This is traditionally one of the major cruises of the season. This year we have 19 yachts signed up and it promises to be a great event! Look for details in *Cruise News*.

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

Bob Hill, *Rx to Relax*
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Nauti Buoys' captain Russell, William the first mate, together with their four legged crew Lola and Lolita look forward to meeting, traveling and rafting-up with you because you will hear them say, "*There are friends, good friend,s and there are river friends*".

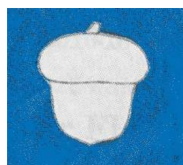


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Russell and William met the Occoquan Yacht Club (OYC) last winter, while attending the International Gold Cup Races at Great Meadow in The Plains, Virginia. While tailgating with a group of friends they notice a tailgate with a nautical theme "*Gettin' Nauti at the Races*". This seemed interesting -- boaters at the horse races -- so they walked over to investigate.

William wearing a fedora and Russell wearing his captains hat, walked over toward the group of boater horse race enthusiasts dressed in sailor caps; and Russell announced "Captain on Deck!, Everyone turned, maybe to salute, only to find out they knew many of the attendees and were met with warm greetings and cocktails, the glue that holds boaters together.

Both have lived in Northern Virginia for over 30 years and have been living in Occoquan Forest for 13 years. They've been boating on the Potomac River for over 10 years. Starting with a Maxum 19' Bow Rider, then a Maxum 3100 Sports Cruiser, and last year moving-on-up to their current boat, a Sea Ray 410 Express, named *Nauti Buoys*... swearing each time this is the last boat to be bought!



Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*
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QUARTERMASTER
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It sure was great seeing everyone for the Flag Raising. I just wished that the weather would have been better, then it was. At least the boating season is now open and we all can get back on the water for a great summer. (That is if the weather cooperates!)



I still have a bunch of navy koozies and some long sleeve shirts in Large and x large. As always if you need anything, email with your order. I will be open one more time before the summer official starts and that will be at the Fajitafest. Hope to see you there.

A couple of people have asked if they bring in their own clothes to be embroidered. Yes, you can I will be more than happy to take them to get done. The charge is \$5.00 for the logo and \$5.00 to

have you boat name put on you item. Any questions please email.

Have a great and safe summer on the water....
Monica Fineberg, *The Weekender*

MEMBERSHIP John Cornicelli

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Suzy and I are doing a project. For our voyages on the river we like to save music playlists that are meaningful to us. We want to make an OYC playlist. Send me the name and artist of your crew's favorite song, something meaningful to you, something you play

on the river, or your weighing anchor and getting underway song. We will list it with your boat name.

Again, thanks to all who re-upped their membership this month. Your contributions make our club's fun possible. Attached at the end of the *Daymarker* is a poster you can print and post in your marina, deli, or coffee shop. It has been approved by the board, as has the application form you can point folks to on our website www.occoquanyachtclub.org

John Cornicelli, *Persephone*

HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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It's that time of year again to start creating an updated Club Directory. We would like to continue including pictures of members on the back of their boats. I will be sending out emails announcing my intentions to visit our marinas with

proposed dates and times. Please respond to them if you will be available to have your pictures taken. If you have a time in mind that would be better for you, please drop me a line at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org, and I'll do my best to come to you. If you have a picture that you would like to have included, please forward that to me.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE WEBMASTER Don Bennett

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It's particularly important at this time of year for members to check and update their profile on the Website. This is where we gather the information for the directory, the send list for the newsletter and updates on cruises.

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*

THE DAYMARKER EDITOR Anne Bennett

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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*

Blessing of the Fleet

16 MAY 2015*-10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Captains and Crews!! Join your fellow recreational boaters on the Occoquan River for a special time-honored tradition when fishermen and seafarers yearned for good fortune and safety in perilous seas...**Dedicated to Safety** afloat, the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is "Launching" the new boating season. The Occoquan community re-invigorated the Blessing of the Fleet in 1999 when the tradition was embraced by marinas, yacht clubs and the ORMA. Invite family and friends to participate in a traditional blessing for safe cruising.
Festive flags and colors are the display of the day.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Fairfax and Prince William County first responders and law enforcement will lead a procession from Prince William Marina up river to the Town of Occoquan and then parade down river passing a Blessing Boat at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. Participating vessels should join the parade along the route proceeding outbound to the Blessing Boat and once "blessed"; proceed outbound for a safe distance to avoid congestion in the vicinity of the Blessing Boat. The procession will include a Fire Boat other responders and a host vessel with local dignitaries aboard. **A NOTAM will be posted.**

MAKE IT A FUN DAY!! Join the Parade and have your boat and passengers blessed. Then you are encouraged to visit Tim's River Shore and/or the Electric Palm at Prince William Marina for discounts (10%) ****on food purchases.** Also, the Merchants Guild of Occoquan (rain or shine) is sponsoring a *Sail Occoquan* event and will be conducting a scavenger hunt using "marine signal flags". A drawing will be held to determine the winner of the scavenger hunt.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Blessing is sponsored and coordinated by the ORMA. POC: ORMA Sec/Treas Joe Livingston, joseph.livingston@verizon.net

****USE THIS FLYER AS A COUPON FOR DISCOUNTS**

***Inclement Weather date is Sunday, the 17th of May**

ORMA Blessing of the Fleet Past Commodore Livingston

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) is sponsoring the **BLESSING OF THE FLEET** on the Occoquan River on **Saturday, the 16th of May from 1000 to 1400.** All recreational vessels are invited to participate in this time honored tradition...fishermen and seafarers from early times sought blessing for safe voyages and return from the perilous dangers of the sea. Decorate you vessels with bright colors and flags and join the parade with your family and friends

The parade will start from the vicinity of Prince William Marina. Initially a fireboat and other first responders will go up river to the basin in front of the Town of Occoquan and then proceed down river to the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina fuel dock. **Participating vessels should join the parade behind the responders and a VIP boat in the vicinity of Prince William Marina to the Fairfax Yacht Club** and then proceed down river slowly passing a Blessing Vessel docked on Belmont's fuel dock.

Your vessels name will be identified and officiating clergy will invoke a blessing on your vessel and passengers. Having been blessed, continue outbound for a safe distance to avoid congestion in the vicinity of the Blessing Vessel.

Like attending our annual Flag Raising and obtaining the CG auxiliary Vessel Safety Check you should attend this event. This year the Merchant's Guild in the Town of Occoquan is participating in this event with a day-long "Sail Occoquan" activity. Participating merchants will display *marine signal flags* creating a scavenger hunt...concluding with a drawing for tickets on the *Miss Rivershore*. In addition to this activity, Tim's River Shore and the Electric Palm/PWM will offer 10% discounts on food for Blessing participants. Bring and show the above flyer to receive the discounts.

See the flyer for additional information. Questions? Contact Pat Croft at hpcroft@verizon.net or Joe Livingston at joseph.livingston@verizon.net.

Cheers! Joe, Gail Lynn II



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BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Plewes 5/2
 Sharon Gower 5/6
 Jim Dooley 5/6
 Linda Bozoky 5/7
 Garnetta Beal 5/8
 James Hawley 5/11
 Lee Moyer 5/13
 Gail Livingston 5/14
 Steve Worcester 5/15
 Thomas Seay 5/16
 Michele Adams 5/19
 Beth Francis 5/23
 Steve Stanley 5/24
 Jerry Tarasek 5/27
 John DeDitiis 5/30
 Robert Brown 5/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Ginny Preda 5/1

CRUISE NEWS 2016

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

National Harbor Wine & Food Festival

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

ORMA Blessing of the Fleet

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

Colonial Beach Memorial Day Weekend

May 22 – 25 This is traditionally one of the major cruises of the season. This year we have 19 yachts signed up and promises to be a great event!

Activities will include:

- Dockside Happy Hours
- Dinner at the Lighthouse restaurant Saturday night
- Ingleside Winery on Sunday
- Brunch on the docks Monday morning.

Golf carts are available for rental so you can drive around town. Bring your bikes because that is another great way to get around town. There will be in-town activities for Memorial Day too! A nice beach is a short walk from the marina, and there are churches in town for those interested in Sunday services. If you even think you might want to go, be sure and call Colonial Beach Yacht Center ASAP at 804-224-7230, ask for Robin and say you are with OYC to reserve your slip. This year, Les and Kathy Bergmann will be co-hosting the event with Min and me. Please contact Bob Hill at bhill53@gmail.com to be sure you are on our cruise list.

Bob Hill & Min Lee, *Lady Min*

REGAL 350 SPORT COUPE FOR SALE!

"Jolly Mon" - 2012 Regal 350 Sport Coupe
 Purchased new from dealer in 2014
 Dual Volvo Penta 300s
 Radar & Upgraded Garmin Navigation
 1 Forward Berth & 1 Mid Berth
 1 Head w/ Shower
 Convertible Hardtop
 Wintered in Boatel
 Contact: richwellison2@gmail.com or 540-842-2131

REGAL 4260 FOR SALE!

"Pure Enjoyment" - 2004 Regal 4260 Commodore
 2 Staterooms / 2 Heads
 New canvas in 2012
 New cockpit carpeting in 2013
 New house battery in 2013
 Bottom paint spring 2014
 Props refurbished & tuned spring 2014
 All TV's upgraded to digital in 2012
 \$197,000 OBO
 Contact: pamannino@comcast.net or 703-282-5276

Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off

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

REGISTRATION FORM and more info at the end of this newsletter.

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

Tim's Rivershore Not-the-Fourth Fireworks

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

National Fireworks

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

PRYCA Float-In AND Cup Competition

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

REGISTER NOW! (...form at end of April newsletter)

Cruisin' the Chesapeake with Pat and Harry

July 19 – August 14. Plan your vacation now!

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

Our cruise will start from the PRYCA Float-in on Sunday, July 19th. If you haven't been to a Float-In yet, you are really missing a premier event. It's a long weekend of great fun, and of course, competition for The Cup! When

the fun has wound down and The Cup is safely back in OYC's possession, we will set off across the Bay. After a month of cruising the Bay, we will head back up the Potomac and end our trip with the Dog Days of August at Aquia Harbor, Aug. 14-16.

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

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

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

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

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

Harry & Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*

FLAG RAISING 2015

Gilligan's Cruise

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

Dog Days of Summer at Aquia

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

Corinthian Yacht Club Labor Day

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

End of Summer hosted by OYC at Belmont Bay Marina!

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

Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor

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

OYC Change of Watch – November 14

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

Parade of Lights

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

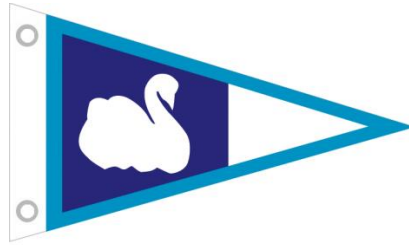


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2015 Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick Off
June 19-21, 2015
"Cobb Vegas II"



For: Members of the Cobb Island Yacht Club, Members of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association and Guests.

Objectives: We expect approximately 50-60 boats at this year's SKO. Our goal: to have a fun filled weekend for all. Please realize that boats will range in size from 20 to 60 feet and our marinas are constrained by slip size and slip availability. We will make every effort to keep clubs together; however, we do anticipate some clubs may be separated.

Date and Location: Scheduled for the weekend of **19 June through 21 June**. The Marinas will be prepared to welcome boats starting at noon on Friday and Cobb Vegas II will officially end at noon on Sunday. The event will be at Cobb Island, Maryland ... (North 38 Deg. 15 Min. 38 Sec and West 76 Deg. 50 Min. 30 Sec) (Latitude 38.2584626 Longitude -76.8438581).

Registration: Registration forms may be mailed to: **Mr. Lane McGee, CIYC Treasurer, 13060 Pine Grove Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664**. Registration forms are due to the CIYC Treasurer no later than June 1, 2015. Individual checks made payable to "Cobb Island Yacht Club" for the total registration cost of each boat, the total food service cost for all adults and children over six; and the cover charge should be forwarded with the registration forms below.

Slip Assignments: Slip assignments will be based on vessel size, power need and registration date. Every effort will be made to keep club boats together.

Cancellation and Refunds: Notice of any cancellation requests must be sent to Mr. Lane McGee, CIYC Treasurer, E-mail: lm1m1@comcast.net (No refund of Registration Fees will be made for cancellations received after June 13, 2015). Paid Slip Fees may be refunded on a case-by-case basis for personal, medical and

mechanical emergencies as long as the CIYC is not held responsible for the fees by the marinas or service providers.

Schedule of Events: A schedule of events will be posted on the CIYC website by mid-May 2015 and listed in the CIYC SKO program when you check in at the registration center Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shoppe.

The Cobb Island 2015 SKO Coordinator:

CIYC Commodore, Bill Hocker billtheloanman@aol.com Cell: 301-752-4933

Costs:

1. **Slip Fees: \$1.50** per foot per night this fee does not include electric.

Note: We will make every effort to meet your electric requirements but it is not guaranteed.

2. **Electric Fees:** 1 x 30 AMP will cost \$7.00 per day. 2 x 30 and 50 AMP will cost \$10.00 per day.

3. **Food Service:** Will be charged per person based on the meals you chose to attend.

Scheduled Events include:

Boat Inspections, Captains Hour, Saturday Steak Night and Louisiana Seafood Boil, Cobb Island Day Parade, Dozens of Vendors on Fisherman's Field, Kayak Adventure, "Bird Man" of Charles County, PFD Demonstration, Friday Capt. John's Seafood Feast, Best Dressed Boat Competition, History lessons, Two separate 50/50 Drawings (You must be present to win), Dr. Robert Band, The Rivah's Sunday Hangover Omelet Bar, Margarita Tasting, Saturday evening Las Vegas show to include Illusions of the Stars and nationally acclaimed comedian Joe Bronzi for a special bon voyage Las Vegas II Comedic show!

Operations: When you arrive at Cobb Island please announce your arrival on channel **Channel 72** and ask for the Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick Off Dock Master. Our Dock Master and the marinas are currently scheduled to welcome you to historic Cobb Island (aka Cobb Vegas II) and assist you with docking.

Check-In: Welcome packages will be available for pick-up at the Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shoppe between 2:45-4:45 p.m. on Friday afternoon. For late arrivals, welcome packages will be available again on Saturday morning from 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. If special arrangements need to be made, please contact Chris Hocker at 301-752-4941.

50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at Captain's Hour and a winner announced that evening. Saturday evening a second 50/50 raffle will be held during Cobb Vegas II. **You must be present to win.**

Registration Form for 2015 CIYC SKO

How to Register: **Complete and submit both pages** of the registration form below.

COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB 2015 SUMMER KICK OFF REGISTRATION FORM JUNE 19-21 2015

CIYC Member ☐ CIYC Associate ☐ PRYCA ☐ CIYC / PRYCA Guest ☐

Please ☒ one.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

YACHT CLUB: _____

LAND PHONE NUMBER: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PRINT NAMES OF GUESTS: _____

BOAT REGISTRATION

*All registrations are on a first-come, first-served and space available basis.
Slip assignments will begin no earlier than June 1, 2015 and we cannot guarantee your slip location.*

BOAT NAME: _____

LENGTH _____ BEAM _____ DRAFT _____ POWER _____

Do you want your boat inspected during the CIYC SKO?

☐ yes

☐ no

SLIP FEES:

LENGTH _____ TIMES(x) \$ 1.50 TIMES(x) _____ #DAYS EQUALS(=) \$ _____

POWER FEES:

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------|---------|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | 30 AMP | \$ 7.00 | TIMES(x) _____ | #DAYS | EQUALS(=) | \$ _____ |
| 2 | 30 AMP | \$10.00 | TIMES(x) _____ | #DAYS | EQUALS(=) | \$ _____ |
| 1 | 50AMP | \$10.00 | TIMES(x) _____ | #DAYS | EQUALS(=) | \$ _____ |

Total Boat registration

\$ _____

Captain's Name: _____

FOOD SERVICE

**All menus are subject to change with or without notice and we reserve the right to make substitutions if required.

FRIDAY EVENING COBB VEGAS II SEAFOOD BUFFET AT CAPT. JOHN'S CRABHOUSE

Time 6:00 p.m.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 6 | \$24.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |
| CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE | \$ 0.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |

SATURDAY EVENING STEAK DINNER AND LOUISIANA SEAFOOD BOIL AND LAS VEGAS SHOW AT THE RIVAH

Time 5:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner Showtime 8:00 p.m.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 6 | \$24.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |
| CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE | \$ 0.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |

SUNDAY MORNING HANGOVER OMELETTE BAR AT THE RIVAH

Time 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------|
| ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 6 | \$11.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |
| CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE | \$ 0.00 TIMES _____ | EQUALS | \$ _____ |

Total Food Service \$ _____

TOTAL BOAT REGISTRATION \$ _____

TOTAL FOOD SERVICE \$ _____

COVER CHARGE \$5.00/person \$ _____
(Under 6 years of age no charge)

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: COBB ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Date received by CIYC: _____

RETURN TO: Lane McGee
 C/O Cobb Island Yacht Club, CIYC Treasurer
 13060 Pine Grove Road
 Newburg, MD 20664
 301-259-2782
Lmlml1@comcast.net

ATTENTION MARINERS!

Would you:

Like to socialize with a group of fun folks who are just like you?

Enjoy raftups with safety-minded mariners who also like to have fun?

Be up for joining in cookouts and parties?

Like to try fleet excursions to (kind of) exotic locales?

Once in a while deal with tangled anchor cables and errant dinghies?

Would you rather NOT:

Have to wear blue blazers and yachtie hats?

Want to pay for a clubhouse and all that?

OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB may be for YOU!

We are a club always looking for new members, with current membership in marinas from DC to Quantico and beyond.

Who cares what kind of boat? Our members are familiar with all types. Many are experienced, many are new to the water, and all have fun.

If you enjoy the water, and are relatively safety-minded, come join us for a raftup or party and consider joining! Bring the kids and furry crew!

Website: www.occoquanyachtclub.org

e-mail: membership@occoquanyachtclub.org



Occoquan Yacht Club 2015 New Membership Application and Membership Renewal

Date _____

Home phone _____

Captain _____

Captain's Mobile _____

First Mate _____

First Mate's Mobile _____

Address _____

Captain's Email _____

City, State, Zip _____

First Mate's Email _____

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

BOAT DATA : Name _____ Builder _____

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

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

New Membership:

___ Family--\$75 (includes burgee)

___ Individual--\$55 (includes burgee)

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

Membership Renewal:

___ Family--\$75

___ Individual--\$55

___ Associate--\$30

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

Total Enclosed: _____

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

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

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

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

Occoquan Yacht Club Officers for 2015

Commodore Bud Bishop
703-801-3075

Vice Commodore Pat Schondel
281-216-9358

Rear Commodore Bob Hill
703-402-1796

Secretary Kathy Bergmann
571-334-4138

Treasurer Michelle DeDitiis
757-348-9009

Immediate Past Commodore
Don Bennett 540-220-1709

Membership John Cornicelli
202-834-0117

Quartermaster Monica Fineberg
401-419-6679

Historian Les Bergmann
571-334-2522

CBYCA Delegate Joe Livingston
703-505-8313

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

Webmaster Don Bennett
540-220-1709



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Visit our website at: www.OccoquanYachtClub.org