

The Daymarker

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From the Commodore October 2015

Happy Halloween! Fall, colder air, colder water...winterizing. And it seems like summer just started! But what great memories. Our most recent

cruise to the Corinthian Yacht Club's article is included in this edition of the *Daymarker*. Perhaps we'll try going all the way over to Chrisfield next year to see the crab-races and the fireworks.

It was great seeing all of you at the Shrimpfest! A great turnout for sure, and all the extra hands helping set up made use of this new venue a success! Thanks to all for the outstanding response. Fifty people showed for the best-attended Shrimpfest since I've been in the club. Jim Brooks opened the area in front of the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina office, and it worked fabulously. Thanks, Jim! And lots of traffic in the area may even help generate new members. Thanks to all! Love that Louisiana Shrimp Boil!!!

(Recipe found near the end of newsletter.)



Our shrimp-boilers, Bud Bishop & Johnny DeDitius (and Jim Poulos was on the grill)

October is the month for our big General Membership Meeting and Chili Cook-Off on October 24th. We will once again be voting on the winning chili, so put your thinking caps on and try out your culinary skills.

The big event for the October meeting is the election of next year's officers. Our By-laws guide most of the proceedings. The slate is completed by a committee (IPC Don Bennett, PC Joe Livingston and PC Harry Croft) and presented to the membership no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. Anyone else who wishes to run can be added to the ballot provided they submit a letter stating the position you would like to run for with five members' signatures attached. This letter must be submitted to our secretary, Kathy Bergmann, secretary@occoquanyachtclub.org, 30 days prior to the meeting.

2016 OYC Slate

- · Pat Schondel, Commodore
- Bob Hill, Vice Commodore
- · Jerry Tarasek, Rear Commodore
- · Michele Adams, Secretary
- · Michelle Deditius, Treasurer

We have nearly 80 members now; but more importantly, we have so many new friends! Perhaps this year was just fast because I was commodore, but I wish I could go back and double the number of weekends to enjoy more events with you all. If you decide to wait to winterize, remember our Hardy Souls cruise to National Harbor is in November, and you are all invited. I am renaming this cruise the "Commodore's Hardy Souls Cruise" as it will be my last cruise before I turn over the reins of this fine club to Pat Schondel.

Bring on the CHILI!!



VICE COMMODORE Pat Schondel

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Vice Commodore's Log - October

OYC 2015 EVENTS

October

02 Happy Hour at The Osprey's, 5:00

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

SAVE THE DATE! November 14th, 2015

WE'RE GOING ON A FLIGHT TO MARGARITAVILLE!!!

This year the Occoquan Yacht Club **Change of Watch** Will be celebrated The Osprey's at Belmont Bay

Cost: \$80.00 per person

Black tie optional

Your BOARDING PASS is in the mail. In fact, you should have received it by now. Cocktails begin at 6:30PM. Dinner served at 7:30PM. Program and Dancing to follow. Please RSVP by November 7th.

Pat Schondel, RhumbLine



REAR COMMODORE

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The OYC **General Membership Meeting ELECTIONS!** and Chili Cook-Off

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 * **Fairfax Yacht Club**

TIME: 2:00-4:00 NO COST

CHILI COOK-OFF meeting and RULES:

- Everyone brings a small side dish and your own adult beverage.
- If you wish to enter the contest, bring your own special chili for all to sample
- Identify your chili with an anonymous name so it cannot be associated with you - this is a blind chili tasting for the Cook-Off. For example, Commodore Bud Bishop shouldn't name his. 'Bud's Survival Chili' or 'Hi-Jinxed Chili' because then we would all know it's his and we wouldn't vote for it. ©



The best part of this Cook-Off is we all get to be the judges! All the attendees will taste each chili and give them a rating of 1-5 for the categories: HEAT, CONSISTENCY, CHILI-RESEMBLANCE, and FLAVOR. We will also RANK each

chili on a scale of 1-5. In both cases 1 is the least and 5 is the best. Our accountants will mumble over the numbers, multiply the RANK score by 3 to give it extra weighting, and then tell us which chili wins. The highest scores win prizes plus bragging rights for the following year. The chili with bragging rights from last year belongs to Rich Ellison. So come on out everybody with your best chili for the General Membership Meeting and elections of next year's officers!

1st Friday Happy Hour for September was at Blu 1681. We had a nice turnout (18) given the cruises going on over the weekend.

- 2 Oct 1st Friday Happy Hour at The Osprey's.
- 6 Nov 1st Friday Happy Stay tuned for the location.

See you all there!

Bob Hill, Lady Min



TREASURER

Michelle DeDitius

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On September 11th the proposed budget for 2016 was distributed by email to all OYC members for review. The budget is relatively straight forward, and the numbers are based on the Club's meeting minimum membership and event participation levels. As you review

the content and you have questions, feel free to contact me at treasurer@occoquanyachtclub.org.

As described in the commodore's email, a proposal to accept the budget as it stands will be made at the General Membership Meeting to be held on October 24th at Fairfax Yacht Club.

Michelle DeDitius, Liquid Leisure

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SECRETARY Kathy Bergmann

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IS IT REALLY FALL?!?

As temperatures start to dip and our time on the water becomes limited there are a number of events in Northern Virginia that you might want to consider attending to ease the pain of thinking

about winterizing your boat. But wait!!! Before you do anything drastic, plan on attending the

HARDY SOULS CRUISE to National Harbor November 6-8 coordinated by Bud Bishop, commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org

and there are always the Annapolis Boat Shows to find your dream boat and loads of tools and accessories. The Annapolis Sailboat Show is October 8-12 and the Powerboat Show is October 15-18.

Lorton - Sep. 26, 27 - Fall Arts Festival - The Workhouse Arts Center.

Occoquan - Sep. 26, 27 - Occoquan Fall Arts and Crafts Show - Come for an unforgettable experience where you will find one-of-a-kind, hand crafted items galore! ...

Mount Vernon - Oct. 2 - 4 - Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour - Enjoy live blues and spectacular views of the Potomac River while sampling wine from 16 Virginia...

Belmont Bay Harbor - Oct. 10 – Belmont Bay Food
Truck Festival - We are excited to announce the first
annual Belmont Bay Food Truck Festival to be held
on Saturday October 10, 2015 in the spacious
Belmont Bay Marina parking lot area. This fun family
community event will guarantee a great selection of
food, vendors, music, interactive excitement
for audiences of all ages! Whether you are walking from
your home or off your boat, you won't want to miss this
event!...

Fairfax - Oct. 10 - Fall Festival in Old Town Historic
Fairfax - This traditional Fall Festival in the heart of the
City of Fairfax is full of unique and ...

Woodbridge - Oct. 17 - <u>PetOberfest</u> - Stonebridge at Potomac Town Center located in Woodbridge, Virginia is pleased to host the ...

Triangle - Oct. 17 - <u>Prince William Forest Park Heritage</u>
<u>Festival</u> - Explore the history of Prince William Forest
Park through demonstrations, music, crafts, and ...

Washington - Oct. 17 - <u>Rappahannock Oyster Festival</u> - FREE admission - just pay-as-you-go for what you consume Buy a platter of Chesapeake Bay Oysters ...

Tysons - Oct. 17, 18, 24, 25 - <u>Tysons Fall Harvest</u> <u>Festival</u> - Family Fun at the Pumpkin Patch. Enjoy all the flavors of the harvest with fun activities for the ...

Alexandria - Oct. 18 - <u>Arcadia Farm Fall Festival</u> - This family friendly FREE annual festival features old-fashioned games, cake walks, a pie eating ...

Mount Vernon - Oct. 24 - 25 - Fall Harvest Family Days - Mount Vernon celebrates the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days! The entire family enjoys ...

Fredericksburg - Oct. 31 - <u>Harvest Festival at Hartwood Winery</u> - This quaint Virginia farm winery is the ideal place to celebrate the fall season! Join Hartwood ...

Kathy Bergmann, Bergie

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QUARTERMASTER **Monica Fineberg**

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Hi everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful 2015 boating season and are now enjoying the cool weather.

Just wanted to let you know that the Quartermaster store will be open for the

General Meeting on October 24th. Stop by and pick up some last minute sale items, koozies, polo shirts for men and women, etc... Hope to see you there!

Monica Fineberg, The Weekender

Flag Poles and Mounts

Members.

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

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

To order for your vessel, send me an email and indicate how many sets you wish to purchase, indicating the exact diameter of your rail (measure...do not guess). I find it easiest to use an adjustable wrench slid over the rail and then measure the opening of the wrench. Many rails are 1", 1-1/8", or 1-1/4" in diameter, and size does matter for a good fit. As said, the cost of each set is \$65.00 payable to Joe Livingston. Please contact me at ioseph.livingston@verizon.net or by cell at 703-505-8313.

Looking for your request.... Cheers! Joe

> Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II Past Commodore

MEMBERSHIP John Cornicelli

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Everyone loves a bargain!

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining OYC, I've got a great incentive for them ...in addition to their joining the best darned club on the river, of course. If they join after 1 October, their dues not

only pay for all the fun yet to come in 2015, but also all of 2016!

I want to thank all the Fleet Captains and everyone for doing such a great job of recruiting new members. Our membership numbers are amazing this year. That could also be because we have such an amazing club. Thanks to everyone!

> Cheers! John Cornicelli, Persephone

HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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If you haven't picked up your copy of the 2015 OYC Directory, I still have a few. And remember, I'm always looking for great pictures. Please send me an email at historian@occoquanyachtclub.org.

Les Bergmann, Bergie

Speaking of great pics...

Our Rear Commodore Bob Hill and his lovely lady, Min, were married this past Saturday. Congratulations and best wishes from OYC. Bob and Min!



IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE WEBMASTER Don Bennett

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Now that the election slate for the 2016 Executive Board is in place, I'll change hats once again to Webmaster. Les and I have been working to get even more fun pictures on line for you. I want to thank him not only for his great photography, but also his hard work and

dedication to this aspect of the website and the OYC Directory.

Moving forward, many have asked for an on-line application/renewal form. For your convenience, we now have an interactive form on the website so you or your new recruits can fill it out on line. Just click on "Membership Application" on the left column to reach http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2015/OYC Application 2015/OYC Application 2015/OYC Application http://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2015/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2015/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2015/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/2015/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/15/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtclub.org/15/OYC Application https://www.occoquanyachtcl

Thanks! Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

CREW'S NEWS 2015

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB HOSTS OYC

Once again, OYC enjoyed the hospitality of the Corinthian Yacht Club and their wonderful facilities Labor Day weekend. Joining the group this year were Jerry and Susan Tarasek (*Dig Life*), Mark and Vanessa Davis (brand new members, with guests Keith and Cindy), Wayne and Garnetta Beal (*Wayne's World*), Johnny and Michelle DeDitius (*Liquid Liesure*), Bud and Heidi Bishop (*Hi-Jinx*²), Jim and Sharon Gower (*Holy Smoke*) and Paul and Monica Fineberg (*The Weekender*). Bob Brown and Vicki Moon, along with Vicki's mom, Faye (affectionately called Nana), joined the cruise by car and stayed in Corinthian's lovely Cottage #5.

Most boats arrived on Friday and we spent a nice afternoon poolside with our CYC sponsor, IPC Paula Hajos, and a few of her yacht club mates. A couple more boats arrived on Saturday and joined in more pool relaxation with appropriate liquid refreshment. A Saturday night barbecue dinner and end of day dock party closed out a wonderful day.

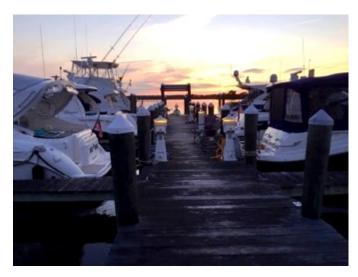




Sunday was our winery visit and we pedaled our way to the old governor's mansion for our annual tasting event. Our hosts at Slack Winery helped out the non-bikers with a car ride. A band serenaded us and added to our sipping pleasure.



Sunday night we enjoyed a CYC-hosted crab-fest and we all ate our fill of the Chesapeake treasure.



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Monday was our day of return, but most of us stopped off at Mattawoman to join three other rafts of OYC boats who all seemed to be having a wonderful time; we saw Bergmans, Cornicellis, Hills, Pouluses Millonigs, and a variety of club boats rafted to them! It was a nice way to end the long weekend!

Bud Bishop, Hi-Jinx2

"BURNING MAN" ON THE POTOMAC

For those of you not aware, the Potomac has its own version of "the burning man"; or should I say, "burning boat?" While attending the cruise to the Corinthian Yacht Club this Labor Day, Vicki and I, along with her Nana, decided to trek over to Tall Timbers to attend their annual boat burning party. The consensus of the group was you had to do it at least once, so off we went. I thought the Tall Timbers marina motto of "55 years of the same mis-management" was just a come on... not so fast. Those who have been there will know what I am talking about. The docks were only that in name in some places, and some folks took permanent slips to a new meaning as several boats were sunk in place.

However the crowd was in a good mood, and a pretty good band, i.e. loud and louder, was playing at the rear of the restaurant. So after listening to a few songs, we moved over to the beach area. There it appeared that one of the boats that had sunk in its slip (apparently they were behind in their payments) had been moved to a pile of sand on the beach and was to be the night's entertainment.



Quite a number of boats, from small runabouts to a large catamaran, were anchored out in the river to watch the festivities and, along with the crowd, were starting to get a bit restless as the bewitching hour approached. After much horn blowing, chanting from the crowd, and the

positioning of the fire boats, the sacrificial boat received a good dousing of diesel and was set ablaze.



We were amazed at how fast the fire spread and how hot it got. All in all it was a good end to a great summer of boating; and after watching the fireworks, we made our way back the Corinthian Yacht Club where we rejoined our friends to continue the end of summer celebrations.

Bob Brown, Last Mistake

SHRIMPFEST

Bud has provided a great Old Bay recipe (which is also interactive on www.food.com).

- 3 cups old bay seasoning
- 12 tablespoons salt
- 24 quarts of water
- 6 12 oz. cans of beer
- 48 medium red potatoes (20-25 lbs)
- 12 large Vidalia onions cut into wedges
- 12 lbs smoked sausage (we use 3 lbs of hot/spicy and 9 lbs of kilbasa)
- 48 ears frozen corn on the cob (three inch size)
- 24 lbs shrimp (recipe calls for shell on, but we chose raw/cleaned)

Directions:

- Bring water, old bay, and beer to a boil (make sure the pot is only half full...use 2 or 3 pots if necessary. Add potatoes and onions and boil to cook on high for 8 minutes.
- Add smoked sausage and continue trying to achieve boiling for 5 more minutes.
- Add corn and eggs and keep cooking on high for 7 minutes.
- Add shrimp and cook on high for 4 minutes. With all
 the food in the pot, the shrimp will likely sit on top and
 not touch the water. They will steam as long as the pot
 is covered.
- Drain the food and sprinkle with old bay before serving. Enjoy!!!

CRUISE NEWS 2015

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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.

Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*² commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org

OYC Change of Watch - November 14

Great food, great music, happy dancing, and the best of friends...all dressed up in fancy duds. Check out your super cool invitation or Vice Commodore Schondel's article on p. 2.

Pat Schondel, RhumbLine

Parade of Lights

<u>December 5.</u> 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).

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

CHAPARRAL SIGNATURE 330 FOR SALE!

"Beach House"

2012 Chaparral Signature 330

Brokered for Jim and Pam by

Hoffmaster's Marina and can be seen at

http://www.hoffmasters.com/usedboats.html or

http://www.boattrader.com/ - search for Chaparral, within zip code 22191 and 10 mile radius.

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DATEMARKERS

BIRTHDAYS

Carole Ellison 10/12 Caroline Lynn 10/19 Nancy Stegon 10/21 Peggy Johnson 10/24 Rebecca Heinze 10/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Sally Hoffmaster 10/1 Wayne & Garnetta Beal 10/2 Eric Reuter & Lisa Graybill 10/3 Mike & Kari Langerman 10/11 Gary & Josephine Brown 10/19 Joe & Kathy Derenda 10/22

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SHRIMPFEST 2015!



The amazing Shrimpfest spread and Grillmaster,
Jim Poulos, taking a well-deserved minute to enjoy some food.



Pat Croft, Ilona and Ted Zsirai enjoying the day



Treasurer, Michelle DeDitius counting out 50/50 tickets. PRYCA Commodore Bob Blunt won \$98!!!



PRYCA MAL North Michelle Johnson and her husband, Dave, joined us



"The Debs", who just happen to be with "The Dans"



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Anne Bennett, Heart of the Sun

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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 Berth	ned?Slip#
New Membership:	Membership Renewal:
· Family\$75 (includes burgee)	Family\$75
Individual\$55 (includes burgee)	Individual\$55
Associate\$30 (add \$25 for burgee)	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:	
am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check all that apply):	
Contribute articles to the OYC newsletter, <i>The Daymarker</i> Assist event coordinators	
Contribute articles to the OTC newsletter, The Dayman	ker Serve as a PRYCA or CBYCA delegate
Contribute pictures and short articles to the OYC We	
Assist with Website programmingOther:	Serve as a safety officer or board officerCoordinate an event
lease make check payable to Occoguan Yacht Club. Mail your check and this form to: Occoguan Yacht Club.	

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