



# The Maydarker

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## COMMODORE

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**Commodore's Log – April 1, 2016 Maydarker.** Hi everybody, while I was preparing my boat to de-winterize I was in my engine room checking all my valves and heard an unnerving noise coming from my hull near the waterline. I went around and

around the boat and just could not figure out what was going on. I also noticed an area near the waterline where my fiberglass was becoming dull and looked a little scratched. But for the life of me I could not figure out what might be causing the noise or the apparent scratching of my fiberglass. So like every good sleuthing boater or boating sleuther I did a straw poll and asked some of my friends their thoughts on it. That's when I learned about Polyestermmites and that they may be infecting my boat. So I then went online and found the article below by Don Baker titled 'What To Do About Polyestermmites'. As you prepare for de-winterizing please check your fiberglass and listen for scratching sounds near the waterline and below . . .

*Not many years ago the entire boating industry and every boater learned about a new problem with fiberglass boats, osmotic blisters. A walk through a boatyard will reveal that the problem is still with us, but boatyards have learned to deal with this expensive problem. At least, a cure was found, and boat builders seem to have developed resins and application methods that have substantially, although not completely, reduced the problem in new boats.*

*And now the Environmental Protection Agency has alerted boaters to a new and equally expensive problem with the gelcoat on fiberglass boats. Like the Zebra Mussels that first invaded the Great Lakes and killed off oysters and clams and completely fouled water intakes on boats, we are now alerted to the problem of Polyestermmites. They were first noted in the Bahamas, and then a few were detected in Florida. It is assumed that they were transported to Florida by boats spending the winter in the Bahamas and then returning to Florida in the spring.*

*Like the Zebra Mussels, they were not native to U.S. waters, but with today's mobile society, critters in one part of the world are easily transported to another. If the environment is hostile the transported species soon die off. The EPA has been tracking the spread of Zebra Mussels for the past several years to see just how far the infestation will spread. There is not much they can do about them at this time, but ocean scientists are still searching for a method to control them.*

*Nothing has been written in the boating press at this point about Polyestermmites. However, this spring their infestation was noted as far north as Rhode Island. Scientist had thought that Polyestermmites could not survive in the colder northern waters, but the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has now issued an alert for New Jersey boaters. An obscure article in the Federal Register has not received much attention by the press, but you can be certain that the pages of our boating magazines will soon carry large, bold headlines about this new problem for boaters.*

*So what the heck are Polyestermmites, and what is the problem. They are small barnacle-size snail-like creatures that attach themselves to bottoms of boats, pilings and bulkheads. They seem to have an affinity for boats, however, because most are now made of fiberglass.*

Other than their slimy appearance, they do no damage to pilings and bulkheads. Fiberglass boats, however, are another matter. Polyestermite are not deterred by anti-fouling paints, and, in fact, they seem to thrive on it. They eat their way through bottom paint, and then have gelcoat for desert. They seem to secrete a substance that dissolves gelcoat into a paste that is then consumed. What is left are areas about the size of a dime where the gelcoat is completely gone leaving the fiberglass and resin exposed to salt water. Interestingly, Polyestermite cannot survive in fresh water, but most of us operate our boats in salt water.

The Federal EPA has prepared a twenty-page booklet fully explaining Polyestermite, and the procedure for their detection and repair of their damage. It also discusses preventive measures we can take to prevent their damage.

Whereas New Jersey is just now being invaded by Polyestermite, it is something with which we boaters will have to deal. The EPA says this booklet will be placed on its web site, but that probably will not occur until winter. In the meantime, we can obtain copies from the EPA in Washington. If you would like to have a copy of the free booklet, you may order one through my email address, or by leaving your name on my answering machine at the number listed in the roster.

Once the gelcoat is consumed and the fiberglass and resin exposed to the water, the water begins to degrade the fiberglass resulting in expensive repair. Repair is similar to that for osmotic blisters. The gelcoat has to be taken down to the fiberglass, and several coats of special resin that these pests seem to abhor has to be applied, and the bottom then painted with antifouling paint. Whereas the antifouling paint itself will still be attacked by Polyestermite, they cannot penetrate into the fiberglass. And since most of us haul our boats during winter, other than pockmarks in the paint, no further damage is done.

Pat Schondel, RhumbLine

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Well, as you all know by now, IPC Bud Bishop and Admiral Heidi Bishop have purchased a new yacht. I've got an advanced sneak-peek photo of it here. They've been telling everyone it is 50 feet, but they are modest and left off a zero at the end. It is really 500 feet.



Hi-Jinx<sup>3</sup>

Along with the news of the IPC's new yacht, I felt it important to share the latest in nautical terms. There will be a test at the next membership meeting.

**Aft** - Acronym for Automatic Flotation Thing. The Coast Guard requires that you have a **personal flotation device** for each member on board, like the ones that are \*supposed\* to inflate automatically when you hit the water (and you will) to prevent drowning.

**Adrift** - A method of moving across the water when nothing on your boat works (or your propellers have fallen off). You normally do not have a lot of input as to where you are actually going, but you can get there.

**Anchor** - A mechanical device that is supposed to keep the boat in one place (see dragging). These devices are sometimes used to submerge expensive anchor lines and chain when used without proper termination at both ends of the anchor line.

**Bilge** - This is a storage area in the bottom of the boat for all the things you dropped and cannot find. Also a mixing area for water, fuel and head output, making retrieval of said dropped items a real adventure.

**Bilge pump** - An electrical device designed to remove the charge from your batteries. These devices only operate properly when the boat is not taking on water.

**Bow** - This is what you do in front of your banker when you are asking for more money to spend on your boat. As your boat will surely cost much more than what you initially asked for, it is imperative that you learn how to do this quickly.

**Bridge** - Something you cross to get to the other side of a body of water when you do not have a boat available. Can also be used for removing masts of sailing vessels if the bridge is low enough.

**Buoy** - A navigational aid indicating there is something worth noting somewhere close to the location of the buoy, possibly to one side or the other or below it.

**Chart** - The nautical equivalent of a road map. One must use charts instead of road maps because road maps usually only show roads and there are usually none of those in the water and besides you couldn't drive your boat on one anyway unless you had it on a trailer in which case you would need a road map instead of a chart.

**Crew** - This term refers to the people working on your boat. They are usually friends or acquaintances who do not find out about the "work" part of the ride until you are away from the dock. Crews have a high turnover rate; they normally will never want to see you again, let alone set foot on your boat.

**Dragging** - A method of moving about when the anchor is deployed (see anchor).

**Keel** - A stopping device for your boat. It works by contacting the bottom of the water body you are in, thus inhibiting forward motion.

**No Wake Zone** - An area of a waterway in which you are prohibited from waking people who may be sleeping.

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*

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## REAR COMMODORE

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Greetings OYC members! Thank you to all who were able to join us at the last two land events, our First Friday Happy Hour at Blu1681 and the annual General Membership Meeting at the Mt. Vernon Yacht Club. Our land events have become infamous as being a great opportunity for our club members to come together at least once a month and share stories of life, boating, and friendships. Unfortunately, our day of infamy took on a decidedly unfortunate turn this past month when two of our long-time members were discovered violating Virginia Code 18.2-387. For those who are unfamiliar with this particular law of the Commonwealth, it deals with acts of indecent exposure, which covers acts of public coitus. Yes, two of our fine members were caught "in flagrante delicto" among the blue lights of Blu1681. We are no longer welcome as a club to have events at the restaurant, and from here on in will need to monitor attendees at OYC-sanctioned events for such illicit behavior. I am once again seeking alternative happy hour locations, especially those locations with plenty of public traffic, sufficient outdoor lighting and perhaps a cold shower facility.

Jerry Tarasek, *Dig Life*

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## PRYCA/CBYCA DELEGATE

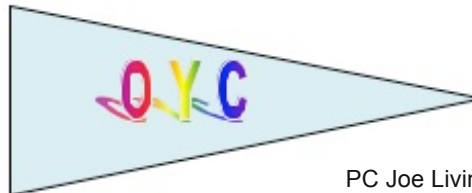
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The Occoquan Yacht Club Board has voted to change the Club's burgee. Discussion at the last board meeting by our "techy members" centered around the simplicity of changing the Club's swag in support of the Quartermaster's catalogue of Club apparel. This design will decrease the

cost of embroidery on individual garments; and due to the multiple colors, it will also coordinate with more sportswear that individual members may purchase and bring to the Quartermaster for embroidering. **This change will be effective immediately.** Realizing that the change will require all members to secure new burgees, the Board also voted to purchase new burgees from the Club's financial assets... a move that will aid in reducing excess funds in order to maintain dollar levels below IRS thresholds. Announcing the change, our Membership Chair exclaimed, "We will now have a fresh new burgee to display at this year's PRYCA Float-in!"



PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*

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Garnetta and I had just finished dinner and a couple of Margaritas at our favorite Mexican restaurant and were heading home the other night. On the way home, we passed the local firehouse and saw they were having Bingo Night. Being in an adventurous mood, we swung on in to check it out. I bought a couple of cards each for Garnetta and me, and we found two seats in the midst of some folks. As usual, I introduced us and started talking (hard to believe, I know...). So I found out we're playing bingo with Lucy and her gang. By gang I mean motorcycle enthusiasts. That's right. We're talking about the "Ivory Bones, Alexandria Chapter."



So after some additional conversation, come to find out the group has been taking sailing lessons at Belle Haven Marina... Well of course Garnetta and I start telling everyone about OYC. We told them about all the great people in the Club, the places we go, the parties we have, and the events that are hosted! They were impressed at how inexpensive it was to join and at how well the Club was organized, not to mention all the stories we told them about last year (names were changed to protect the guilty – lol). Well, I explained that I was in charge of membership; and I collected 21 checks on the spot! Please help me with a warm OYC welcome to Lucy and her gang! I will be including names and the sizes of their Sunfish sailboats in my next article.

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*

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### OYC DRESS CODE

Dress is normally informal for most OYC functions. However, special occasions will call for appropriate apparel, and members are encouraged to wear yacht club attire.

### YACHT CLUB ATTIRE:

#### Gentlemen's White Club Uniform

Navy blue blazer with the Club emblem on left breast pocket, white slacks, white collared shirt with Club ascot (navy), white shoes, white socks, white belt. Uniform Yachting Hat is worn outside only. OYC Officers will wear nametag on right lapel and collar insignia as appropriate.

#### Lady's White Club Uniform

Navy blue blazer with the Club emblem on left breast pocket, white collared shirt with Club ascot (red), white skirt or pants, white shoes, white belt. OYC Officers will wear nametag on right lapel and collar insignia as appropriate.



Commodore - Ron Tilmon  
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Rear Commodore - Mary Jo Worchester  
Secretary - Ned W. Rhodes  
Treasurer - Rich Ellis  
Past Commodore - Karl Day

### Gentlemen's Summer Uniform

White uniform short-sleeve shirt with epaulets, Club insignia shoulder boards on epaulets, no tie, white slacks, white shoes, white socks, white belt. Uniform Yachting Hat worn outside only. OYC Officers will wear nametags above right pocket of shirt.

### Lady's Summer Uniform

White uniform short-sleeve shirt with epaulets, Club insignia shoulder boards on epaulets, no tie, white skirt or pants, white shoes, white belt. OYC Officers will wear nametag above right pocket of shirt.

Tuxedos, Black Tie Formal / Appropriate Attire, Women

Note: Gentlemen's and Lady's White Uniform is especially appropriate at events such as the Flag Raising and General Membership Meetings. Gentlemen's and Lady's Summer Uniform is appropriate for the Blessing of the Fleet and PRYCA Float-In. Either uniform is appropriate in various dining rooms for dinner.

### INFORMAL ATTIRE:

Gentlemen wear dressy slacks or shorts, collared shirt, or dressy collarless shirt with sleeves

Ladies wear skirts, dressy slacks or shorts and tops. For Gentlemen and Ladies, no jeans, no shorts, no t-shirts, no flip-flops. Upscale denim is allowed. This attire is appropriate in various dining rooms for breakfast or lunch.

Children under 12 are exempt from these rules.

Any member wearing apparel that is judged indecent, too revealing, too soiled or otherwise inappropriate will be subject to disciplinary action after a warning from the Stickuptheirass Committee.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*

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## WEBMASTER PC Don Bennett

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As most know, the Osprey's Golf Course in Belmont Bay has shut down. Developers have been eyeing that property for some time, and a fresh plan is in the works. Hoping to spark maximum interest, the developer has come up with a new style of house; and given the proximity to the waters of the

Occoquan and Potomac, a more nautical theme will be employed. The unique design is very beneficial in the event of a flood but does not require flood insurance, as FEMA can't figure out how to classify it. The model home, seen below, is currently open for viewing. Perhaps it's time for OYC to consider a club house!



PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

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## PAST COMMODORE'S CORNER

### NEWS FLASH!

Past Commodore Jim Dooley has modified his 4-wheeler to ensure The CUP comes back to OYC.



(before)



That's what I'm talkin' 'bout!!!

PC Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*

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### OYC South Can't Find Wilmington – Shakedown Cruise Rescheduled

OYC South had quite a scare today when we started out on our Shakedown Cruise to Wilmington. According to the past trips, this should have only taken us an hour, but the GPS and Chart Plotter indicated a five-day trip. We convened a quick captains' meeting before leaving the dock to discuss our options. The brain trust of Ned, Rick, Tom and the two Steves brought out their charts and various cruising guides and began to analyze the plotted route. After an hour of heated debate, the problem was narrowed down to an interpretation of the Indian name of the river on which Wilmington was founded.

The two Steves said that the Lenape (/lə'na:pi/) are a Native American tribe and First Nations band government. They are also called Delaware Indians after their historic territory along the frequently mountainous landscapes flanking the Delaware River watershed. As a result of disruptions and political will of the white population following the American Revolutionary War and later developments such as the oft-voiced attitudes later termed manifest destiny, which in part led to the Indian removals from the eastern United States, the main groups now live in Ontario (Canada), Wisconsin, and Oklahoma. The Delaware Tribe of Indians have gone on to establish many fine casinos that have contributed much to the local economy. In addition, their Indian Taco Night and Auction are wonderful activities.

Ned and Rick argued that the Cape Fear Indians were a small tribe of Carolina Algonquian Native Americans who lived on the Cape Fear River (now Carolina Beach State Park). Their name for the area was Chicora. Of their villages, only one, Necoes, is known by name. The colonists noted Necoes as located about 20 miles from the mouth of the Cape Fear River, in present-day

Brunswick County. It was estimated that the tribe's population in 1600 was 1,000. A colonial census in 1715 recorded that they numbered 206. Some Cape Fear Indians fought under Colonel John Barnwell against the Tuscarora in 1712. The remaining Cape Fear Indians were not defeated, but they retreated and left the area by 1725. Surnames among the group- Graham, Bryant, Jacobs, Bowen, Young, Lacewell, Freeman, Brown, Moore, Spaulding, Blank, Webb, Campbell, Lensis and many more families.

It was finally determined that Lensis had put in the coordinates for Wilmington, DE, instead of Wilmington, NC. By then it was too late to depart and we all agreed to start fresh the next day.

PC Ned Rhodes, *Impluse*

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## FOR SALE!

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



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*Hope you enjoyed the 2016 April Fools Maydarker! Thanks to our board members and past commodores for their fun articles! Hope you enjoyed it. Now on to the April Daymarker...*

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

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## DATEMARKERS

### Birthdays

Bill Mansour 4/1  
Ralph Dudley 4/6  
Fred McLaren 4/10  
Sally Hoffmaster 4/10  
Michelle Johnson 4/10  
Min Hill 4/15  
Bud Bishop 4/17  
Catherine Dudley 4/18  
Jim Gower 4/19  
Susan Willetts 4/21  
Laslo Bozoky 4/27  
Arleen Rhodes 4/29

### Anniversaries

Thomas & Peggy Deputy 4/15  
Ralph & Catherine Dudley 4/16  
Paul & Sherry Mannino 4/21  
Jim & Pam Poulos 4/25  
Paul & Monica Fineberg 4/29





# COMMODORE

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### Commodore's Log – Spring (meteorological and astronomical)

**2016:** Sitting here on a nice sunny day in March it's hard to believe we are turning the corner into the boating season. I'm sure we're all hoping the warmer days are here to stay and thinking of warmer weather yet. It was great seeing everybody at the General Membership Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Mount Vernon Yacht Club for hosting us, Jerry and Susan Tarasek for setup and the great photo contest and Min Lee, Pat Croft and Anne Bennett for registering pics and counting the votes. A big round of applause is due all you who attended for powering through the conversation from our OYC Board as they described their roles and gave an update on the Club activities.

Thanks all for accommodating the late change from Saturday to Sunday, and please forgive the Commodore for being tardy. For those of you who couldn't attend, we were provided fairly thorough updates from the Board members and staff, especially regarding boating swag (from the Quartermaster), cruises, land events, and other club business. We had a full house at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, which is good news for OYC regarding our membership numbers and attendance at club meetings. We talked at length about the PRYCA Summer Float-In in July, preparations for the OYC Flag Raising on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Blessing of the Fleet on the Occoquan River May 21<sup>st</sup>, and our first cruise of the season – The Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor for the 2016 Wine and Food Festival April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in participating in the Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor for the Wine and Food Festival, please feel free to contact Cruise Coordinator Wayne Beal of *Wayne's World* and our Membership Chair or select the cruise in your Web signup (and he will get an email). You must buy your own Festival tickets; but talk to Wayne first, as the deadline for slips was 25 March. For the Blessing of the Fleet, simply cruise up the Occoquan River near OHM and carefully turn about to join in the parade of boats after the VIP boat goes by first. The spotter boat and blessing boat will both be moored at Belmont Bay on the gas dock to bless your boat as you pass by. If you are planning to participate, please consider picking up a flyer at any one of the Occoquan marinas and fill it out and turn it in – you will be eligible for a drawing of \$200 for gas from your favorite marina. We will conduct the Flag Raising

at our usual place, Occoquan Harbor Marina; and we thank them for hosting. Also you can check out the info on our Memorial Day cruise in last month's *Daymarker*.

The reason we talked about the Float-In so early is because we would like to ask everyone who wants to attend to register as soon as possible so we can get our fleet information sent in to get our boats in slips close to each other. You should have received an email from OYC by now that includes the form to fill out and provide back to our PRYCA Delegate, Joe Livingston. The form is also at the end of this newsletter. While Joe is the POC to get us registered, I will be your Cruise Coordinator and Team Captain for the competition.

Just a few words about the Summer Float-In and PRYCA. The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association is comprised of 20+ Yacht Clubs on the Potomac River. The PRYCA held its first meeting in 1971 and has been going for 40 years through today with the purpose of,

- Encouraging yachting and boating safety
- Encouraging the advancement of yachting clubs in the Potomac River Basin
- Representing member clubs
- Promoting social interactions among member clubs and their individual members

The Summer Float-In is held annually to foster safety and camaraderie among clubs by testing the skills of member clubs against each other for The Cup. This year it will be held at Point Lookout Marina with the theme of "Pirates of the Potomac II: Curse of the Blind Dinghy". There will be a costume contest on Friday night, so plan to bring your best pirate gear! The PRYCA sent a note to me, as Commodore, and our Delegate, Joe, encouraging clubs to register as a group for the Float-In, where group effort and club teamwork are the order of the day. The Competition for The Cup will be intense this year as clubs scramble to be the first name engraved on the shiny new trophy that replaces the one that was retired to Mount Vernon Yacht Club last summer, after they won the competition for the third year in a row! We will need volunteers to participate in the various competitions, and we especially need to hear from anyone who is qualified to take the Coast Guard navigation test – one male and one female required. Look for more information about the Float-In in future *Daymarkers* and email blasts from me and the Board to get ourselves organized. We will also have a practice session or more during which we will ask our volunteers to demonstrate their skills and / or train anyone who would like to compete to be ready for the events.

There were other items discussed, of course, including the need for sending in your membership checks if you haven't already done so. I have copied a note from IPC Bud Bishop that reiterates the value of participating in OYC. 'If you attend all of the land events, your membership dues are returned three-fold in value of food, margaritas and other alcohol, and dancing (COW), even after you pay a token

fee for some of those events. If you don't attend ANY land events, then you still get your membership fee back and \$5 more worth of value." He promises he has a spreadsheet to prove it and will email it to you if you like. Ha-ha!

My final note is that we really enjoy all of you who volunteer to help the Club in any way, whether as cruise coordinator or board member or staff or helping set up and clean up before and after events. Thanks to all of you and your generosity to OYC. And that reminds me – Please Volunteer to be a Cruise Coordinator. If you haven't been one or don't know how, we have a Cruise Coordinator Handbook (you will find a copy on our OYC website) and we can pair you with a past CC.

Pat Schondel, *RhumbLine*



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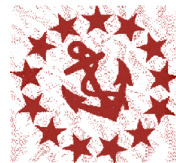


March is now behind us and boating season is here! Time to de-winterize, wash, polish and get everything shipshape! March was good to the Club; we had a great St Patty's Day celebration at Madigan's with 22 members turning out! Then on Sunday the 20th, we had our spring membership meeting and photo contest. Kudos to Jerry and Susan Tarasek for coordinating and Min Hill, Don and Anne Bennett, Pat and Harry Croft for helping set up and to everyone that attended for bringing great food to share!! A special thanks to the Mount Vernon Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility as well!

This month we have our first official cruise, the Wine Fest Cruise to National Harbor from 22-24 April. If you have not signed up for the cruise yet, there may still be time. And if you can't 'cruise' yet, perhaps you can make the drive to National Harbor and enjoy some of the activities. Contact Cruise Coordinator Wayne Beal for details!

May is going to be very busy for us. We have a boat load of events (yes a boat load that's as close as I can get to the official Navy term... ☺ ) We have the Flag Raising on 7 May, Blessing of the Fleet on 21 May and cruise to Colonial Beach on Memorial Day weekend.

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*



## REAR COMMODORE

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I would like to make an observation about what I think makes OYC great. Obviously, it is not our beautiful club house, nor our activity rooms or swimming pool, we have none of these buildings or facilities. What makes OYC great is its people. The foundation of our club exists in our members and our friendships, which are much more valuable than brick and mortar. Our common bond is boating and our passion is our boats. Just like our boats, friendships need to be maintained and cherished; and I'll be the first to admit that I need to do a better job at both. But I'm also proud to be able to call each and every OYC member my friend; and I do look forward to seeing everyone, with pleasure, at our next events.

We had another outstanding OYC happy hour event at Blu1681 on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 36 members attended, and everyone had a very enjoyable evening. Michelle Bloxton, managing partner of Blu1681 (and a very lovely lady), took good care of us and also waived the private room fee where we all gathered. Additionally, we would also like to extend a special thanks to Bill Garber, President, Holly Acres. Bill brought several brochures and door prizes to our happy hour event, which we raffled off to all OYC members in attendance, one raffle ticket per boat. Raffle winners included Bruno and Susan Millonig, *Extra Innings* (boat polish); Joe and Gail Livingston, *Gail Lynn II* (boat wax); Eric and Lisa, *After Hours* (boat hook); and Paul and Monica Fineberg, *Weekender*, who won the big \$200 certificate for labor and oil redeemable at Holly Acres.



Monica and Bill



Bill is a long-time OYC honorary member and allows OYC to have a shed at Holly Acres free of charge. Additionally, Holly Acres provides new and used boat sales, and service package options including Total Care Preventive Maintenance, winterization and spring commissioning service. We all have many options available for maintenance, but if you're in need of any type of boat or engine maintenance Bill requested that OYC members please keep Holly Acres in mind. They will come to your boat, and you've probably seen the Holly Acres truck at your local marina.

Gary and Josephine Brown, *TWO*, attended their first OYC happy hour event at Blu; and Wayne Beal presented them with their OYC burgee, surrounded by applause. It was great to finally meet Gary and Josephine. If anyone has not received their OYC burgee or needs to purchase a replacement, plan to come to our next happy hour event. Wayne always carries extra burgees to every event.

On March 20th, 2016, we held our Annual OYC Membership meeting at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club with approximately 48 members attending. MVYC was a spacious and beautiful venue, with hardwood floors and big windows overlooking the Potomac. We all felt warm and welcome. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dan O'Keefe and Pat McCarthy (MVYC) for their hospitality and for allowing OYC to hold our meeting at their club. It was a wonderful treat, and MVYC folks are gracious hosts. Our Quartermaster store was open, up and running; and we all got a glimpse from Ilana Cumbey of the special OYC swag and embroidery options for 2016. So get your boat name and OYC logo set up and ordered on your favorite swag with Ilana. One of the highlight events at our meeting was our annual photo contest. We had over 50 photos entered, all of the photos were fantastic, and it was extremely difficult to pick a winner. The photos were logged in and votes tallied thanks to the technical skills of Anne Bennett, Pat Croft and Min Hill. All members voted. The first, second and third place photo contest winners were awarded various size bottles of the finest vintage Sutter Home wine, available exclusively from Walmart ☺ The photo categories and winners were:  
Just Boats – Lisa Graybill, Johnny DeDitius, and Bud Bishop  
People – Harry Croft, Anne Bennett, and Lisa Graybill  
Places – Harry Croft, Ray Maestra, Don Bennett  
Pets – Harry Croft, Johnny DeDitius, and Wayne Beal  
Fantasy – Bud Bishop, Harry Croft and Ilana Cumbey  
For those members in attendance, you might recall Greg Cumbey, not Lisa Graybill, receiving first place in the "Just Boats" photo category. Well, due to an incident very similar to Steve Harvey announcing the wrong 2015 Miss Universe winner, we made that same big boo-boo! Sorry Greg, and thanks for being cool with it. I owe you one. And yes, Harry's photos were that good. So, go out and buy that 50mm camera if you don't already have

one, remember to take some great pictures in 2016, and let's all try to outdo Harry next year. He almost ran the table, and he certainly set a high bar for 2016. The winning photos are presented near the end of this issue. Let's all have a great 2016 boating season together... and happy boating. We'll plan to see you all on the Potomac River.

Jerry Tarasek, *Dig Life*  
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## TREASURER

**Michelle DeDitius**

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Many of us are already planning our summer schedule and some are venturing out for a trip on the Chesapeake Bay. Whether you are planning a trip with OYC or on your own, Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort on the Sassafras River has advertised events and special offers. Information about the marina can be obtained by visiting [www.skipjackcove.com](http://www.skipjackcove.com) or refer to the letter included at the end of this *Daymarker*.

Michelle DeDitius, *Liquid Leisure*  
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## SECRETARY

**Michele Adams**

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Every channel on VHF radio has a specific purpose. Channel 16 is for hailing and distress messaging only. It is meant to be monitored all the time while underway to assist in emergencies if necessary, to hear Coast Guard alerts for weather and hazards or restrictions to navigation, and to hear another vessel hailing you. This channel should never be used for casual conversation or performing a radio check. Please keep in mind that you could (without even knowing it) be preventing someone from reaching help in a disaster.

Obscene or objectionable language, transmission of music, and subversive transmissions are forbidden. There are individuals monitoring the airwaves, and the Coast Guard can locate the origins of signals. The consequences can be severe. Children should be taught proper radio use and should never be left unattended near a radio.

To hail another vessel, simply call the name of the vessel two or three times, followed by your own vessel's name and station ID if applicable. Wait for a response then immediately switch to a working channel. (i.e. depress the microphone key and say "MAKIA 3, MAKIA 3, MAKIA 3, this is Our Therapy on channel 16, over." You must release the key to hear a response. The term "over" let's the listeners know you are releasing the key. The response would be, "Our Therapy, this is MAKIA 3, Switch to channel 68, over." Our Therapy would answer, "MAKIA 3 switching 68." Both vessels switch their radios to 68, hail each other and converse normally. At the end of the conversation, "MAKIA 3 returning to stand by channel 16," or "Our Therapy out." The term "out" signifies that you are terminating the conversation. Never say "over and out." Those are conflicting terms.

All ships should maintain watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) when within the service area of a VHF maritime coast station and while at sea. Ships with digital selective calling-equipped VHF marine radios should also keep watch on channel 70. After February 1, 2005 ships over 300 tons and passenger ships will no longer be required to monitor channel 16 but will be required under international law to monitor channel 70 for DSCSS signals.

Vessels not required to carry a marine radio (e.g. recreational vessels less than 65 ft. length), but which voluntarily carry a radio, must maintain a watch on channel 16 whenever the radio is operating and not being used to communicate. Such vessels may alternatively maintain a watch on VHF channel 9 (156.450 MHz), the boater calling channel. Note however that urgent marine information broadcasts, such as storm warnings, are announced on channel 9 only in First CG District waters (northern New Jersey, New York and New England). Only Channel 16 is used as the international hailing and distress frequency.

U.S. vessels required to carry a VHF marine radio, such as commercial fishing vessels, **must** maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) while underway whenever the radio is not being used for exchanging communications. Every power-driven vessel of 20m/65ft length or greater, every vessel of 100 tons and upward carrying one or more passengers for hire, every towing vessel of 26-ft length or greater, and every dredge and floating plant near a channel or fairway, **must** maintain a

watch on **both** VHF channels 13 (156.650 MHz) and 16 (156.800 MHz) while the vessel is underway.

#### Basics for radio etiquette and protocol include:

- Always monitor channel 16 while underway. Reserve calling on channel 16 for hailing and distress only. If you need to hail a vessel, name the vessel you are calling two or three times, state the name of your vessel and wait. Once the vessel responds, switch immediately to an authorized working channel. (See list.)
  - Example: "Vectis, Vectis, Vectis, this is Aleria on channel 16 over." "Aleria this is Vectis." "Vectis, switch to channel 71." "Vectis switching 71." You meet on channel 71 where you can converse normally.
  - The reason to state the channel you are on is that very often people monitor two (dual) or more frequencies and may have forgotten to switch back to 16 after a previous transmission.
- Conduct radio checks on channel 9. This is a hailing frequency for non-commercial and non-emergency traffic.
- Hail commercial vessels on channel 13 if you need to verify their intentions. It's better to discuss a course of action with the captain of a tanker than to create a hazardous situation. Channel 13 is also the channel bridge tenders listen to. If you need to know when the next bridge opening would be, this is the channel on which to hail the bridge operator.
- Working channels for recreational boaters are 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78a. These are also the channels used by many yacht clubs and marinas for their working channels. Use care not to "step on" or interfere with transmission involving yacht races and other events. Note that channel 70 is now authorized only for Digital Selective Calling, an emergency automated distress system mandated by international treaty; channel 70 may no longer be used for voice communication.

Please also keep in mind that the ***Mayday call is only for situations in which life or property is in immediate danger.*** It is not for calling for help if you've run out of fuel, unless you are in imminent danger (eg, in a channel without an anchor and without alternative propulsion about to go up on rocks). When you call *mayday*, you are setting the search and rescue operations into immediate action. If you run out of fuel, run aground, or have an engine problem that is not an immediate threat, hail your towing service or the local Coast Guard for referral to the local towing service. You may also consider issuing a *securite* warning to other

vessels. If you perceive danger, but it's either not identifiable or not imminent, you may issue a *pan pan* which gets everyone to listen up for further updates. So the sequence of radio distress calls is as follows:

Least threatening: *Securite, securite, securite* (you are towing someone and have restricted maneuverability, and you want all others to avoid you or to let you know if there's a potential issue)

Moderately threatening: *Pan pan, pan pan, pan pan* (you have grounded and believe you may be taking on water slowly or are a hazard to navigation)

Immediate danger and distress: *Mayday, mayday, mayday* (your ship is going down, you've lost someone overboard, your vessel is being smashed on rocks, etc.) Note: On HAM radio frequencies, *Break, Break, Break* is the equivalent of *Mayday, mayday, mayday*. Never use the term "Break" three times unless there is immediate threat to life or property.

These rules apply to **all** foreign vessels, recreational vessels, federal government and military vessels as well as commercial vessels, operating within U.S. territorial waters. These rules also apply to vessels on the Great Lakes and their connecting and tributary waters.

#### US VHF Radio Frequencies

| Channel Number | Ship Transmit kHz | Ship Receive kHz | Use  |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| 01A            | 156.050           | 156.050          | Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. Available only in New Orleans / Lower Mississippi area.   |
| 05A            | 156.250           | 156.250          | Port Operations or VTS in the Houston, New Orleans and Seattle areas.  |
| 06             | 156.300           | 156.300          | InterShip Safety   |
| 07A            | 156.350           | 156.350          | Commercial   |
| 08             | 156.400           | 156.400          | Commercial (InterShip only)  |
| 09             | 156.450           | 156.450          | Boater Calling. Commercial and Non-Commercial.   |
| 10             | 156.500           | 156.500          | Commercial   |
| 11             | 156.550           | 156.550          | Commercial. VTS in selected areas.   |
| 12             | 156.600           | 156.600          | Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.  |
| 13             | 156.650           | 156.650          | InterShip Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-bridge). Ships >20m length maintain a listening watch on this channel in US waters.                           |
| 14             | 156.700           | 156.700          | Port Operations. VTS in selected areas.  |
| 15             | ..                | 156.750          | Environmental (Receive only). Used by Class C EPIRBs.  |
| 16             | 156.800           | 156.800          | International Distress, Safety and Calling. Ships required to carry radio, USCG, and most coast stations maintain a listening watch on this channel. |
| 17             | 156.850           | 156.850          | State Control  |
| 18A            | 156.900           | 156.900          | Commercial   |
| 19A            | 156.950           | 156.950          | Commercial   |
| 20             | 157.000           | 161.600          | Port Operations (duplex)   |
| 20A            | 157.000           | 157.000          | Port Operations  |
| 21A            | 157.050           | 157.050          | U.S. Coast Guard only  |
| 22A            | 157.100           | 157.100          | Coast Guard Liaison and Maritime Safety Information Broadcasts. Broadcasts announced on channel 16.  |
| 23A            | 157.150           | 157.150          | U.S. Coast Guard only  |
| 24             | 157.200           | 161.800          | Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)  |
| 25             | 157.250           | 161.850          | Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)  |
| 26             | 157.300           | 161.900          | Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)  |
| 27             | 157.350           | 161.950          | Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)  |
| 28             | 157.400           | 162.000          | Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)  |
| 63A            | 158.175           | 158.175          | Port Operations and Commercial, VTS. Available only in New Orleans / Lower Mississippi area.   |
| 65A            | 158.275           | 158.275          | Port Operations  |

Michele Adams, *Our Therapy*



## QUARTERMASTER

Ilana Cumbey

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### Get excited!

New swag coming for 2016! Are there enough brands for you??? We have so many options, we will be representing OYC and our boats all over town... and on the water. The catalog is 676 pages and 418 MG, so too big to send. I am working on some extracts from the catalog to email and will distribute as soon as available.

I plan to have a good selection for purchase with OYC logo at the Flag Raising May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, send me your boat logo and we can have it digitalized (small onetime fee) and then put it on ANYTHING!

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's Para'Dice*



### Flag Poles and Mounts

Contact PC Joe Livingston

Members,

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

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

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

Please send your request soonest in order to be included in the spring order!

Cheers! Joe

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*





## PRYCA/CBYCA DELEGATE

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### **Action Needed Now!**

A Broadcast was sent to all members with an invite and registration form for the PRYCA Float-In, and the email requested those planning to attend this year's event to forward your registration to me by snail mail to arrive by the

1st of April (no joke intended). By meeting this deadline, your registration will be included in the Club's initial registration package, which I will present at the PRYCA Commocores' and Delegates' Meeting. Presenting this early bulk registration gives us an advantage in the slip assignments. However you can still register later by contacting me or by sending your registration directly to the PRYCA Treasurer. Please see registration at back of this edition.

This event, the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association annual Float-In, is scheduled for the weekend of 15-17 July, at the Point Lookout Marina on the lower end of the Potomac River on the Maryland side. The theme this year "Pirates of the Potomac II: Curse of the Blind Dinghy." You see, we did a first "Pirates of the Potomac" a couple years back and it seems the *dingy race*, as part of the competition, seems to sink many a club.

If you have not attended this activity, I really suggest you get it on your cruising schedule. Think this will be my (lucky) 13th year in attendance, and the crew of the Gail Lynn II has always had a great time. You will have the opportunity to meet many great folks from other clubs along the Potomac, experience good food and games, get some boating safety and other training, and if nothing else, cruise the Potomac River.

My purpose is to get our members registered. As the event draws near, more attention and planning will occur within the Club for this year's Float-In.

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



## MEMBERSHIP

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Thanks to Michelle's accounting data, we have 57 members who have paid for 2016, and several potential renewals are outstanding. So be sure to send in your dues please.

As coordinator, here is the status on the **National Harbor Wine Fest:**

We currently have ten boats going to the National Harbor Food and Wine Festival plus Jim and Sharon Gower. We also have three additional maybes.

### **Colonial Beach:**

We have 21 boats going to Colonial Beach plus Jim and Sharon Gower. We also have three additional maybes.

If you have not signed up for these events on the website, please sign up so we can get you in. For full details, please refer to last month's *Daymarker*.

For new boaters, such as myself, I will be de-winterizing soon and checking my fresh water, black water, and fuel levels before each trip. I will be getting a safety inspection soon so that we are compliant with the Club rules as well as good safety practices. For our events this year, we will be planning meals for our outings along with appropriate swimwear. Yes, this could mean my lovely bride will pick out my wardrobe – lol. Remember your sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats. Create a float plan prior to going out each time, with a key factor being the notification of others as to your expected departure and return. If going on a trip with the Club, this can (should) also be filed with the cruise coordinator. If your plans change, alert your cruise coordinator. If you are going to a new location and have not been there before, then the club is a great way to buddy up and travel to the site. We can match your cruising speed with another boat and get you there and back safely. I am available for questions and/or coordination so please call me at (703) 400-7733 or email me at [wbeal@totalcsi.com](mailto:wbeal@totalcsi.com) if needed. If I don't know the answer, I'll be happy to find out for you, and we will learn together. Argggg... almost time to swab the deck!!

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*



## HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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As I mentioned at the General Meeting, please send me your pictures to be added to the photo galleries, and they will be kept in the club archives for all OYC members to enjoy. Anne is also always looking for fun pictures for the newsletter.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



## WEBMASTER PC Don Bennett

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To reiterate....

For any new members or in case you need a refresher... Please log onto [www.occoquanyachtclub.org](http://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 just update all of your personal and boat information; and use the *Cruise Sign-Up* option to select your cruises. To sign up, review your contact and boat information as you scroll down the page to the cruise sign-up portion. Simply select *yes*, *no*, or *maybe*. Selecting *yes* or *maybe* does not obligate you to the event. It only assures that you will get additional information from the coordinator. *No* opts you out of any further information regarding that event. You can always log back in and adjust your preferences if you change your mind. 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 email address.

PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



## FOR SALE!

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

### REGAL 350 SPORT COUPE

*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](mailto:richwellison2@gmail.com) or 540-842-2131

Brokered by Rich Dosti at Holly Acres 954-254-5329

### CHAPARRAL SIGNATURE 330

*Beach House*

2012 Chaparral Signature 330 - \$167,990

Brokered for Jim and Pam by

James Ross at Seabreeze Yacht

703-490-5490 (work)

703-853-0235 (mobile)

[james@seabreezeyacht.com](mailto:james@seabreezeyacht.com)

### 1998 SILVERTON 31' EXPRESS

35 gallon holding tank,

50 gallon water tank,

New lewmar windlass with rope, chain and anchor.

New color Garmin GPS with fish finder, etc.

New Audio system, MP3/CD and speakers.

New stainless steel spotlight with wide & floor helm controls.

Twin 5.7 MerCruiser with new alpha out drives.

Both Stainless Steel props sent out to be balanced and trued.

One engine replaced with less than 75 hours on it.

All new shift cables back and front.

Four new stainless steel fishing pole holders.

New exhaust from top to bottom, elbows, risers, exhaust hoses, water shutters, flappers for both motors, both carbs have been rebuilt

Dave Johnson [301.674.2812](tel:301.674.2812)

### TWO BRONZE PROPELLERS - Like new!

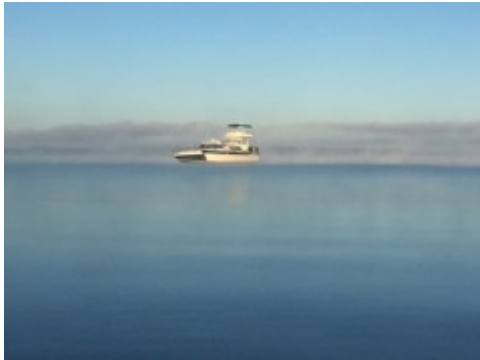
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Contact IPC Bub Bishop - [bud9515@yahoo.com](mailto:bud9515@yahoo.com)

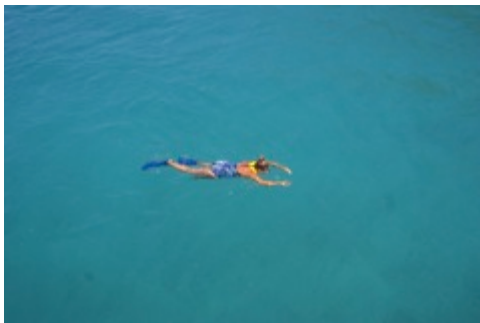


# PHOTO CONTEST 2016

## Phantasy



1<sup>st</sup> Place, Bud Bishop



2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Harry Croft



3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Ilana Cumbey

## People



1<sup>st</sup> Place, Harry Croft



2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Anne Bennett



3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Lisa Graybill



## *Just Boats*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place, Lisa Graybill*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Johnny DeDitiis*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Bud Bishop*

## *Pets*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place, Harry Croft*



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Johnny DeDitiis*

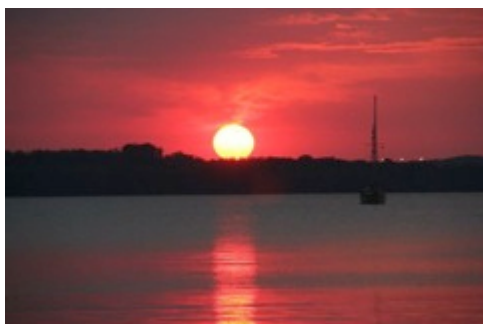


*3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Wayne Beal*

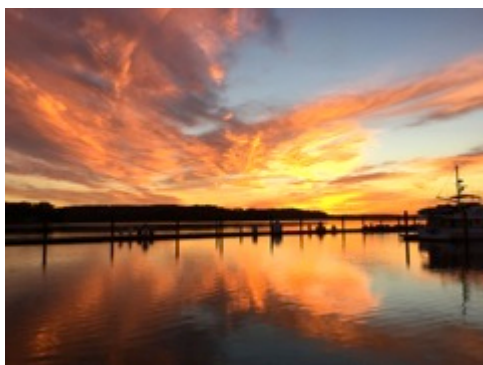
## Places



1<sup>st</sup> Place, Harry Croft (for Tom Lensis)



2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Ray Maestas



3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Don Bennett



## THE DAYMARKER EDITOR Anne Bennett

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Suggestions? Is there anything you'd like to see in our newsletter? Please let me know. I'd love to hear from you with ideas or, even better, an article for publication. Thanks!

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



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



December 7, 2015

Dear Fleet Captain,

Consider visiting Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort on the Sassafras River in the northern part of the Bay, Eastern Shore. We are a beautiful resort sitting on 18 acres of landscaped grounds with a pool, tennis courts, kiddie pool and playground, fuel dock, full menu restaurant (Signals) and bar, family lounge, exercise room, picnic areas and decks just for sitting and enjoying the view.

We have live entertainment approximately once a month, karaoke every other Friday night and special events such as:

June 18 – Sat. 6-9 pm - A Mexican Fiesta; complimentary Mexican buffet dinner from 6-7 and salsa dancers and entertainment from 7-9.

July 16 – Sat. 11am – 3pm – Family Fun Day; complimentary lunch, water slides, organized games for kids and adults; Mr. Softee free ice cream 1-3.

Aug 20 – Sat. 6-9pm – Hawaiian Luau; complimentary Luau dinner 6-7pm, Hawaiian entertainment and hula lessons 7-9!

If the fleet captain brings in four additional boats he stays two nights free. A club bringing eight or more boats gets \$.50 per foot discount per boat. Weekday and regular weekends transient rates are \$1.50/ft/night, special event and holiday weekends rates are \$2.00/ft/night.

Come and see us! 800-BOATSLIP or [info@skipjackcove.com](mailto:info@skipjackcove.com).

The Staff of Skipjack Cove

P.O. BOX 208 GEORGETOWN, MARYLAND 21030 1-800-BOAT SLIP FAX 410-275-1133



## Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

### PRYCA 2016 FLOAT-IN – July 15 - 17 OYC Individual Registration Form

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 (14<sup>th</sup>) Fri (15<sup>th</sup>) Sat (16<sup>th</sup>)

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 \$110.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of Children (ages 5-12 yrs.) x \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*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.

**Mail this completed form to arrive on/before 1 April, along with your personal check (Payable to "PRYCA") to OYC Point of Contact: Joe Livingston, 259 Bridgewater Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.**

**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.**

**Cancellations: Notice of all cancellations must be made to Steve Preda at Treasurer@pryca.us.**

**No refunds will be made for cancellations received after July 8, 2016.**

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# Blessing of the Fleet

21 MAY 2016\*-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. (Decorate your Boat)***

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

**MAKE IT A FUN DAY and REWARDING DAY!!** Have your boat blessed and **enter a drawing for fuel and other prizes.** You are encouraged to visit Tim's River Shore, the Electric Palm. The Blu 1681 and the Town of Occoquan as part of your days experience. Can't be on the water; view the parade from the Town of Occoquan's river front.

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

\* Inclement weather alternate date: 22 May, 2016, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**\*\*Look for an additional flyer for guidance on entering the drawing\*\***

## 2016 OYC Calendar

| Month     | Day                 | Time     | Event   | Location                 |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|---|--------------------------|
| January   | 8 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | Kilroy's                 |
|           | 16 (Sat)            |          | PRYCA COW                                       | Crowne Plaza, Alexandria |
|           | 30 (Sat)            | 1:00 PM  | Pre-Planfest                                    | Blu 1681                 |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| February  | 5 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | Cody's                   |
|           | 20 (Sat)            | 3:00 PM  | Planfest  | TBD                      |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| March     | 4 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | Blu1681                  |
|           | 17 (Thu)            | 5:00 PM  | St. Patrick's Day                               | Madigan's                |
|           | 19 (Sat)            | 2:00 PM  | General Membership / Photo Contest              | TBD                      |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| April     | 1 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | TBD                      |
|           | 15 (Fri) -17 (Sun)  |          | Cherry Blossom                                  | TBD                      |
|           | 16 (Sat)            |          | Occoquan River Cleanup                          | TBD                      |
|           | 22 (Fri) -24 (Sun)  |          | Wine Festival / Early Bird                      | National Harbor          |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| May       | 6 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | Blu1681                  |
|           | 7 (Sat)             | 12:00 PM | Flag Raising                                    | OHM                      |
|           | 21 (Sat)            | 10:00 AM | ORMA Blessing of the Fleet                      | Occoquan River           |
|           | 27 (Fri) - 30 (Mon) |          | Memorial Day Weekend Cruise                     | Colonial Beach           |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| June      | 3 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB                | OHM E-dock               |
|           | 4 (Sat)             | 2:00 PM  | Hawaiian Party                                  | OHM                      |
|           | 17 (Fri) - 19 (Sun) |          | Cobb Island/Summer Kick-off                     | Cobb Island              |
|           | 26 (Sat)            |          | Raft-Up for Tim's Not the 4th of July Fireworks | Mattawoman               |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| July      | 1 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB                | Belmont Bay Marina       |
|           | 4 (Mon)             |          | Raft-Up for 4th of July Fireworks               | Potomac River            |
|           | 9 (Sat)             |          | Raft-Up Tim's II not the 4th of July Firewroks  | Tim's II/Fairview        |
|           | 9 (Sat)             | 2:00 PM  | Float-In Practice                               | Dooley's                 |
|           | 15 (Fri) -17 (Sun)  |          | Float-In / Cup                                  | Pt Lookout Mar           |
|           | 17 (Sun) - 8 (Mon)  |          | Croft Cruise                                    | Northern Bay             |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| August    | 5 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB                | OHM A-dock               |
|           | 6 (Sat) - 7 (Sun)   |          | Gilligan's Raft-Up                              | Gilligan's Pier          |
|           | 12 (Fri) - 14 (Sun) |          | Old Town Alexandria                             | Alexandria City Marina   |
|           | 19 (Fri) - 21 (Sun) |          | Aquia Harbour Dog Days                          | Aquia Harbour            |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| September | 2 (Fri) - 5 (Mon)   |          | Cristfield's Cruise                             | Crisfield MD             |
|           | 9 (Fri) - 11 (Sun)  |          | Nationals Baseball Game                         | James Creek Marina       |
|           | (17) Sat)           | 3:00 PM  | Shrimpfest                                      | Belmont Bay              |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| October   | 7 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour                                      | TBD                      |
|           | 7 (Fri) - 11 (Mon)  |          | Tides Inn                                       | Irrington VA             |
|           | 22 (Sat)            | 3:00 PM  | General Membership/Elections/Chili Cook-off     | TBD                      |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| November  | 4 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour - Docktail party                     | National Harbor          |
|           | 4 (Fri) - 6 (Sun)   |          | Hardy Souls Cruise                              | National Harbor          |
|           | 19 (Sat)            |          | OYC COW   | TBD                      |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| December  | 2 (Fri)             | 5:00 PM  | Happy Hour - Docktail party                     | TBD                      |
|           | 2 (Fri) - 4 (Sun)   |          | Parade of Lights                                | TBD                      |
|           |                     |          |   |                          |
| January   | 27 (Fri) -29 (Sun)  |          | 2017 PRYCA Change of Watch                      | Crowne Plaza, Alexandria |