



# The Daymarker

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## COMMODORE

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### Commodore's Log, Memorial Day weekend:

Finally, that big round ball in the sky started glowing. I'm not sure, but I think they call it the sun. It seems like we all forgot about what a warm day feels like after setting a record of 17 days straight rain in the Del-Mar-Va region. Hopefully moving

from winter to the rainy season to summer doesn't entirely skip spring. It would be nice to have comfortable weather rather than be complaining that it's too hot so soon after we just stopped complaining that it was too cold. Oh, when you're packing sunscreen don't forget bug spray. You know when the weather transitions like this mosquitos try to earn their way to being Virginia's new state bird!

Thanks to everyone who was able to come out and join us for the 32nd annual OYC Flag Raising. It was a huge success. We had so many volunteers help set up, cook, share food, and tear down that it felt like our event was catered. And that followed a big happy hour at Cody's the night before. Our VIP guests were very impressed and had positive comments about all of our members and our yacht club. Our guests included State Senator Scott Surovelli, Prince William County Supervisor Ruth Anderson, Occoquan Mayor Elizabeth Quist, Fireboat 420 of Occoquan Woodbridge Lakeridge Volunteer Fire Department, and officers from Fairfax County Police Department.

I hope everyone who is doing the Colonial Beach Memorial Day weekend is having a blast. I can't wait to hear stories from everybody who was able to attend. I'm hoping to have RhumbLine back in operating order to be able to start cruising in

June. Our next series of events comes in June, starting with Happy Hour the first Friday, June 3, and our Hawaii Party on Saturday, June 4th. The Cobb Island Treasure Island scavenger hunt, PRYCA's Summer Kickoff event, is the weekend of June 17-19. Please consider inviting your boating friends along to any of these events as we work to recruit new members and grow the club. Let's spread the wealth and share the enjoyment with everyone.

We're counting down to just two months away from the annual PRYCA Summer Float-In the weekend of July 15-17. It will be held at Point Lookout Marina. We hope all of our members can participate as we formulate our team and look for as many of you as possible to join us. It's a great cruise down the river and a fun weekend of camaraderie with our club members and other clubs up and down the Potomac. It will be a weekend of learning safety principles and demonstrating skills and competing for the PRYCA Cup. We're here to reclaim The Cup for OYC by winning the competition and having a huge good time while we do it. Please feel free to volunteer for any of the roles that we need to have filled. They include male and female competitors for the following events: navigation test, blind dinghy race, kayak (inflated) rescue, and safety ring toss. On that note, if you haven't had a chance to get your boat inspected yet, please consider making arrangements with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to do so. Otherwise, if you can bring your boat to Occoquan Harbor Marina for the Hawaiian Party, we'll plan to have inspectors there. Our club will get a bonus point if we all arrive to the Float-In with our inspection stickers already placed on our boats. We were already able to collect our first bonus point as a club when we submitted our initial list of participating boats back at the PRYCA Commodore's Dinner. If you haven't registered yet and want to go, please feel free - we're still recruiting contestants and cheerleaders!

We'll see you on the water!  
*Commodore Pat Schondel & Vanessa Athena,  
RhumbLine*





## VICE COMMODORE

Bob Hill

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Nice weather is finally here as many of us are heading to Colonial Beach for Memorial Day Weekend! I am sure many of you are like Min and myself, still trying to dry out from an extremely wet May. Sure seemed more like April, and now we have 80-degree weather (not that I'm complaining mind you) and summer... So much for spring! ☺

I am sorry to report that the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet was cancelled due to bad weather. We were really looking forward to it this year too!

Wayne Beal is our Cruise Coordinator for Colonial Beach and, based on his stellar job at National Harbor for the Wine Festival, I'm sure we will have a great time! There are approximately 21 vessels and crews signed up, so this should be a blast!

Following right on the heels of Colonial Beach is the PRYCA Summer Kick-Off at Cobb Island. Always a great time, and Don and Anne Bennett will be our Cruise Coordinators again this year! Shortly after Cobb Island, we will be heading out to the Tim's Not-the-Fourth-of-July Fireworks on the Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> (25 June) with a raft up at Mattawoman Creek. Bud Bishop will be coordinating the raft up again this year. And as a reminder, OYC requires every vessel to have a Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety check before you can raft up, so get the safety checks done now! They are required for the Float-In and Cup competition; so don't wait and miss out on raft-up opportunities!

As always, on the off cruising weekends you will find someone from OYC anchored out at Mattawoman, Tim's, Belmont Bay or somewhere on the Potomac. So fly those OYC burgees and be sure to hail fellow OYC'ers on Channel 16 to join up in a raft up this summer!

See you on the water and be safe!

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*



## REAR COMMODORE

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As Rear Commodore of the Occoquan Yacht Club, I have the privilege and responsibility of coordinating land events for our club. As the lyrics goes, *I Can't Do It Alone*, and would like to thank all those who helped me along, especially my wife Susan, as we've had a pretty active spring season on the

hard. Last month we planned a docktail happy hour on May 6th at Belmont Bay Marina, but the cold and the rain forced us to move indoors. Our new friend Cody, restaurateur of Cody's Bar and Grill, once again welcomed approximately 28 members and several guests to his restaurant where we were able to share a drink and a hot meal at a reasonable price. There was even a touch of high class bling on display and for sale for those interested in jewelry and hand bags of all shapes and sizes. As always at Cody's, the pours were generous, the food was delicious, and the camaraderie was awesome.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> we held our annual OYC Flag Raising event at Occoquan Harbour Marina (OHM), which commemorates the official opening of our club's boating season. Approximately 50 members and guests attended the Flag Raising. Highlights of this event included a Coast Guard Color Guard, cannon fire provided by Past Commodore Don Bennett (see picture below), and speeches by our State Senator, County Supervisor, Occoquan Mayor, County Police, Fire and Rescue. The celebration continued with a buffet of grilled chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, member-provided side dishes, desserts, and beer, sodas, and water. A special thanks to Patrick, Johnny, Michelle, Wayne, Bob, Min, Anne, Don, Bud and Pat for helping out at this event. Everyone pitched in and was a tremendous help to making this event a success. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Quartermaster, Ilana Cumbey, who I must say, has some very nice swag on sale in 2016. If you haven't purchased any OYC swag for 2016, not to worry, the Quartermaster store will be open at our Hawaiian Luau on June 4th. We even had a local vendor from the Town of Occoquan join the party and display her wears. Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to Dickie Lynn and Terry Holzman for allowing OYC to hold our annual Flag Raising event at OHM. We couldn't do it without you and your support.



Cannoneer & PC Don Bennett and the USCG Color Guard

Our next OYC first Friday of the month happy hour event will be a docktail party on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at OHM A-Dock (farthest dock up river) starting at 5pm. This will be a BYOB, bring a chair, and bring a dish to share docktail party. Mark and Vanessa Davis, 'Good Grief' have also invited us to join them on their 60' Chris Craft, so we're hoping the weather breaks and we can enjoy our first docktail on a warm sunny day.



**OYC's FIRST HAWAIIAN LUAU on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the OHM pavilion starting at 3pm.** Mark your calendars and save the date. We're planning our first OYC Hawaiian Luau and have a beautiful menu planned, to include an all you can eat and all you drink buffet (while supplies last – of course), with a side of camaraderie. The menu will include a

90-lb roasted pig (cooked by new member, Jeff Hughey), Hawaiian chicken, Hawaiian rice (with a special ingredient), grilled pineapple, papaya, watermelon, and more, plus all you can drink Mai Tais, spiced rum and ginger ale, beer, soda and water. All members are requested to wear their favorite Aloha shirt, muumuu, or Hawaiian hula skirt. Prizes for best: men's Aloha shirt, and ladies muumuu, and ladies hula skirt will be provided. Les Bergmann our OYC Historian will provide printed and bound copies of the Occoquan Yacht Club 2016 Membership Directory at the luau. Finally, to defer some of the costs for the Luau, we need to charge \$15 per person, payable in cash or check at the pavilion. This is a nominal amount compared to the food and drink that will be provided. So plan to join us at this event. All attendees will receive a lei from yours truly. Hope to see you there!

Jerry Tarasek, *Dig Life*



**SECRETARY**

**Michele Adams**

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### Boating Safety Starts With You!

Thanks to Jim Brooks and Jim Poulos for bringing the following Marine Safety Alert to our attention:



**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**MARINE SAFETY ALERT**

Inspections and Compliance Directorate

May 19, 2016  
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 04-16

**Distressed Distress Signal**  
**A potentially dangerous issue.**

The Coast Guard has withdrawn the Certificate of Approval (160.037/23/0) for NAMMO LIAB AB Orange Smoke Hand Distress Signal, and the approval status of this certificate is now marked as "Former- Do Not Use." This action was taken because the chemical makeup of the signal was changed in October 2013 without Coast Guard approval and the signal that was manufactured is at risk of spontaneous combustion when dropped.

These smoke signals may be labeled and marketed as "Polar MK 4" by NAMMO LIAB AB or as "IKAROS" by Hansson Pyrotech. "IKAROS" Hansson Pyrotech is the more current manufacturing name. Datrex Inc., of Kinder, LA, is the only distributor for these products in the United States. There are approximately 2,790 signals with the potentially defect in the US market.

Datrex has removed all of its remaining stock from sale and is working with customers to replace these potentially dangerous signals. Any signal manufactured after October 2013 must be properly disposed of and replaced with a product that satisfies the vessel's carriage requirements. For questions or concerns, contact Datrex at 337-738-4511 or via email at [datrex@datrex.com](mailto:datrex@datrex.com)



This safety alert was developed by the Coast Guard Office of Design and Engineering Standards and distributed by the Office of Investigations and Casualty Analysis. Any questions, comments, or incidences of accidental ignition involving these signals under this Certificate of Approval should be sent to sent to:  
[HQS-PF-flidr-CG-INV@uscg.mil](mailto:HQS-PF-flidr-CG-INV@uscg.mil)

Michele E. Adams, *Our Therapy*  
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## QUARTERMASTER Ilana Cumbey

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The Quartermaster can currently accept credit cards!

Thank you to everyone who shopped at the Flag Raising at OHM on May 7<sup>th</sup>!

People asked about the catalog – It's S&S Activewear. The file is too big to

email, but you can see it here:

<https://www.zoomcatalog.com/catalogs/activewear-2016#1/>

You can pick anything from the catalog and have either OYC monogram or your boat logo put on everything! Just email me an order!



I will have a good selection for purchase with OYC logos at the Hawaiian Luau on June 4<sup>th</sup> at OHM. Remember, send me your boat logo and we can have it digitalized (small onetime fee) and then put it on ANYTHING!

**June special!** Thermal Party Bucket (with attached bottle opener) - \$44 (includes personalization)  
Email inquiry for colors available.



### Current inventory and prices:

Ladies Quilted Sweatshirt – only 2 available - \$44  
Fleece lined hoodies – only 3 available - \$52  
Blankets - \$32  
Women's Tanks - \$15  
Women's Vnecks - \$15  
Tshirts - \$18  
Polos - \$26  
Fleece PJ pants: Adult- \$36, Youth- \$33  
Totes: \$28 - \$32  
Scarves: \$10 - \$15  
Jewelry: \$10 - \$15  
Hats - \$15  
Visors - \$12  
Cosmetic bags: Large - \$20, Small - \$15, Set - \$30 (lobster, anchor, palm tree, starfish, beach chair)  
Towel wraps - \$56 (includes OYC logo or monogram)  
Ice bucket (personalized) w/ tongs - \$46  
Key chains - \$10  
Burgee - \$26  
Koozie - \$5

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's Para'Dice*

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### 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.

Looking for your request....  
Cheers! Joe

PC Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II  
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## PRYCA/CBYCA DELEGATE

### PC Joe Livingston

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The Colonial Yacht Club, at Colonial Beach, is sponsoring the 65th Annual Potomac River Boat Parade to be held on Sunday, June 12th. For more information (flyer) and registration contact Relda Schick at [reldaschick@hotmail.com](mailto:reldaschick@hotmail.com). The Colonial Beach Yacht Center is offering

a free slip for one night that weekend to up to ten out-of-town boats that sign up to participate in the parade. Can't participate in the parade? Make a trip to CB and take in all the planned festivities.

OK-OK-OK! Seems like the consensus of folks was that the Blessing of the Fleet was best cancelled. For Gail and me, we were okay with not standing in the rain for four hours. The ORMA Committee wants to thank all the OYC volunteers who were standing by: Les and Kathy Bergmann on *Bergie* as the Blessing Boat, Don and Anne Bennett assisted by Rich and Carol Ellison on *Heart of the Sun* as the Spotter Boat, Pat and Harry Croft, Pat Schondel and Vanessa Athena on the VIP Boat and also to the crews of *Wayne's World*, *Jewel D'Nile*, *Lady Min*, *Miss Kadie* and *Dig Life* for planning to join the parade into the Occoquan Basin with the First Responders. A special "pat on the back" – no pun intended – to Pat and Harry for structuring the lottery registration for prizes. They total was over \$1500 from our supporting marinas, West Marine and local restaurants. Despite the cancellation of the actual blessing, the prizes were awarded as planned to those who registered. We hope these combined efforts will garner greater participation in coming years.

Reminder... You can still send your individual **registration form for the PRYCA Float-In** to me, Joe Livingston. To date, I have received nine (9) registration requests. If you have them to me by NLT Sunday, 5th of June, great; otherwise please mail directly to PRYCA Treasurer, Steve Preda, at 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554. See info and form at end of newsletter.

PC Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II

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## MEMBERSHIP

### Wayne Beal

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Yeah! We have three new members and one returning member this month. Please help me welcome:

\* Joseph and Stacey Conti with their 38-foot Sundancer, *Sea Knight*, docked at Occoquan Harbor Marina.

\* Brian Field and Allyson Thompson with their 44-foot Sea Ray, *OHANA*, docked at Belmont Bay.

\* Jeffery and Luciana Hughey with their 36-foot Sea Ray, *Fear Knott*, also docked at Belmont Bay.

\* And welcome back Jim Hawley with his 40-foot Carver, *Lori Ann*, also docked at Occoquan Harbor Marina.

Welcome to OYC! This club rocks! For those people who have never heard or are wondering, our club has about 65 members right now and I expect us to grow to over 70 this year - yeah team!! Our club has many events all year long. You can participate in all of them or as few as you would like. So far this year we have had a trip to National Harbor, the Flag Raising ceremony, the Blessing of the Fleet (cancelled due to rain, but a lot of people put some good effort into it!), and then we had a trip to Colonial Beach scheduled for Memorial Day weekend and on and on... You will want to get an ID and password from our webmaster, Don Bennett, and sign in to our website. After signing in, you will see an option on the left hand side called CRUISE SIGN-UP. In this area, you can see and sign up for all the cruises that are or may be of interest to you. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you sign up for events on the website!! Why? Well, it's the best way the cruise coordinators know that you are going and can send you emails letting you know what's going on, so please make sure you login and sign up for events you are or may be interested in! Throughout the year, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (703) 400-7733 or email me at [wbeal@totalcsi.com](mailto:wbeal@totalcsi.com).

(Written prior to Memorial Day weekend. Look for Wayne's recap next month.) For the Colonial Beach trip. OYC has 22 boats signed up and bottom line, this is going to be a blast! Garnetta and I will be arriving a day early to make sure we have arrival drinks ready, and we may go for the Garnald Walmer (just like an Arnold Palmer, but completely different - lol). We are looking forward to docktails, dinner at the Lighthouse on Saturday night, a lovely bus ride to the Ingleside Winery on Sunday where there will be a lunch truck and acoustic guitar music to go with our wine tasting and crackers! An itinerary will be released prior to the event. What should I wear? All events are casual as we are all about having fun! What should I bring? Your favorite beverage, snacks for docktails, a funny story or a joke, and your best smile! See you on the water.

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*



## HISTORIAN Les Bergmann

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**It's here!!! The 2016 OYC Directory will be available at the Luau on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.** If you can't make it to the Luau, please contact me to work something out.

Also, if you have pictures of your boat, crew or friends at any of our events,

please send them to me for inclusion on the website. Thanks.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



## WEBMASTER PC Don Bennett

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### **Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off June 17-19, 2016**

Anne and I are your Cruise Coordinators for this PRYCA-sponsored event at Cobb Island. This season the theme is ***Treasure Island!*** Bring your bikes and enjoy this lovely little island and the

great party they always provide. You won't want to miss this fun, laid-back weekend!

Members of the Cobb Island Yacht Club, Members of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (that's us!) and their guests are invited. The marinas will be prepared to welcome boats starting at noon on Friday, the 17th, and *Treasure Island* will officially end at noon on Sunday. For those not familiar with Cobb Island or this event, it 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).

You'll find the program and registration forms attached to the email sent by Anne from *OYC Editor*, 26 April. Fees and forms may be mailed to: **Cobb Island Yacht Club, Attn: Pam Simpson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 181, Cobb Island, Maryland 20664.** They are due to the CIYC Treasurer no later than June 1, 2016. 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.

Please note, slip assignments will be based on vessel size, power need **and registration date**. Every effort will be made to keep club boats together. Please note the cancellation policy in the paperwork.

**Though past the registration deadline, please let us know if you wish to attend so that we can work with Cobb Island Yacht Club to make it happen. We hope you'll join us!**

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*

Don : [webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.org)

Anne : [editor@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:editor@occoquanyachtclub.org)

Regarding the Website... I apologize, the site has been down recently. I'm working hard with Go Daddy to resolve the issues. Once that's taken care of, 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.

PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*





## IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE Bud Bishop



### **NOT-THE-4<sup>TH</sup> RAFT-UP** **Saturday 26 June**

All, this is your preemptory notice for the Not-the-4th fireworks trip. Expect an email blast announcing the details of the raft-up about one week prior. The raft will be located near the entrance to

Mattawoman and will be oriented with sterns toward the fireworks display. While not recommended, we will make provisions for your departure if possible. Make sure you notify me of your schedule when replying to that blast. Looking forward to a calm and enjoyable night.

IPC Bud Bishop, *Hi-Jinx*<sup>III</sup>  
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### **FOR SALE!**

As a benefit to members, we will publish a listing of personally-owned, boating-related items (not just boats) 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 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](mailto:richwellison2@gmail.com) or 540-842-2131

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

### **CHAPARRAL SIGNATURE 330 FOR SALE!**

*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)

### **TWO BRONZE PROPELLERS - like new!**

1.5 X 20 X 23

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

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## THE DAYMARKER EDITOR Anne Bennett

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Thinking it would be of interest to the club, Past Commodore Pat Croft, *Bay Dreamer*, forwarded this Active Captain article. I agreed, so here it is...

*Nearly every cruising boat on the water flies one or more flags. But get into a discussion about flag etiquette and rules, and no one can seem to agree on the full set of what's right and what's wrong.*

*So we'll take it on over the summer. We'll research the generally accepted practices and bring a couple of topics into the discussion. Note that we're going to present the findings for recreational boats. Military, government, or special use boats might well have different sets of rules and accepted practices.*

*For this first part, we'll discuss the rules surrounding national and courtesy flags, and flag sizes.*

#### Courtesy and national flags

*Rule 1. There are no real rules. There are customs and some flag etiquette rules that have been adapted for boats. However, when visiting another country, make sure there are no laws about flying courtesy flags because boaters have been known to receive fines. It is often an insult to fly a courtesy flag of another country incorrectly.*

*2. A vessel's national flag is flown from the stern.*

*3. If not prohibited, you can fly another location flag (state, province, territory) at the main masthead in place of any private, yacht club, or officer's flag. On a mastless boat, a state flag flies from either the bow or radio antenna.*

*4. Only the national flag should be at the stern. It is considered a place of honor for the vessel's national flag. Never put any other flag there.*

*5. Do not fly a courtesy flag (a small flag of the country you're visiting) until your vessel has been properly cleared by customs and immigration. Until clearance is complete, fly the yellow Q (quarantine) flag.*

*6. On a powerboat without a mast, the courtesy flag replaces any flag that is normally flown at the bow.*

*7. On a powerboat with a mast and spreaders, the courtesy flag is flown at the starboard spreader. On a powerboat with two-masts, the courtesy flag is flown from the starboard spreader of the forward mast.*

*8. On a sailboat, the courtesy flag is flown at the starboard spreader. On sailboats with more than one mast, the courtesy flag is flown from the starboard spreader of the forward mast.*

9. Don't fly a foreign courtesy flag after you return to your home country.

Flag sizing. These are not well agreed upon. Chapman's suggests the following:

1. The national flag at the stern of your boat should be one inch long for every foot of overall vessel length rounded up to a normally available size.
2. Other flags (club burgees, private signals, courtesy flags) should be one-half inch long for every foot of overall vessel length.

Another competing sizing suggests:

1. Boats up to 50 feet in length should use a 16 x 24 inch national flag and 12 x 18 inch courtesy flags.
2. For every 25 additional feet in length, increase the size by one standard size.

Flags give your boat some identity and even add some beauty. We'll continue with some of the other accepted rules in future segments.

**Thanks, Pat!**

Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



## ***SNAG-A-SLIP!***

Past Commodore Jim Dooley forwarded some cool information worth passing along.

The site is called *Snag-A-Slip*. You can use to find a boat slip anywhere from Canada to the Caribbean.

<http://www.snagaslip.com/>

**NO SLIP? NO PROBLEM!** *Snag-A-Slip* is a **FREE** online boat slip reservation system, based in the Chesapeake Bay, that allows boaters to explore marinas by region and search for slip availability based on travel dates, boat size and power requirements, then pick their preferred marina and book immediately with ease and confidence. Making plans? *Snag a Slip* now!

PC Jim Dooley, *Jus Chill~N*



## **June**

## **DATEMARKERS**

### ***Birthdays***

Karen Crouch 6/2  
Barbara Bruhn 6/4  
Judy Dooley 6/10  
Goodwyn Morgan 6/11  
Tom Deputy 6/12  
Mary Jo Worcester 6/15  
Paul Fineberg 6/22  
Mark Lawton 6/27  
Kathy Bergmann 6/28

### ***Anniversaries***

Bruno & Susan Millonig 6/1  
Tom & Donna Lensis 6/1  
Jerry & Susan Tarasek 6/1  
Chris & Alison Rose 6/4  
Tom & June Fraim 6/15  
Joe & Gail Livingston 6/20  
Jim & Sharon Gower 6/21  
Steve & Mary Jo Worcester 6/21  
Dave & Karen Hart 6/25  
Curtis & Gill Stokes 6/30



## OYC FLAG RAISING 2016



Bob & Wayne having fun setting up



O'er the land of the free and the home of the...



Cool Jerry heatin' things up



...**BRAVE!!!**



Quartermaster Ilana and all the awesome 2016 swag



Commodore Schondel proclaims OYC's 2016 season open



**COLONIAL BEACH  
MEMORIAL DAY 2016**  
A sneak peek at next month's article  
*Ingleside Winery*  
pictures by Luciana Hughey



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Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



2016 FLOAT-IN

Point Lookout Marina

July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

*Pirates of the Potomac II:*



*Curse of the Blind Dinghy*

*Avast ye! All hands on deck! Weigh anchor, batten down the hatches and prepare to heave ho handsomely for a rollicking good adventure!*

**Registration includes:** A weekend of nautical fun and games with PRYCA members and their guests, July 15-17, 2016, at Point Lookout Marina, 16244 Millers Wharf Road, Ridge, MD 20680.

**Meals:** Friday Night Barbecue: chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides.

Saturday Continental Breakfast

Saturday Lunch

Saturday Night Buffet Dinner at Sunset Cove Restaurant

Sunday Brunch at Sunset Cove Restaurant

**Events:** Friday Night Costume Contest and Dance (DJ)

Saturday Seminars and Demonstrations

Saturday **Competition for The Cup!**

Saturday Night Awards Ceremony and Dance (Live Music)

Vessel Safety Inspections, available Friday and Saturday

**Costs:** **Slip Fees:** \$1.75 per foot; includes electric

**Registration Fee:** \$110 per adult, \$55 per child 5-12, age 4 & under free; includes the five meals listed above and all events.

**Fuel:** Pt. Lookout Marina is offering \$.25 gal. discount off posted fuel prices 7/15-17

***Shuttle service by golf cart for any pirate who requests a ride up the hill.***



## Individual Registration Form

### PRYCA 2016 FLOAT-IN

E-Mail address for captain of the vessel:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ph. #\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* It is important that we have this contact information for every vessel registered.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Beam: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Power Cord Requirements: 1x30, 2x30, 1x50

Circle Arrival Day: Thurs (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 ASAP, 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 05, 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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## 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