



The Daymarker

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Commodore's Log, mid-spring 2016 – Hi, everybody. I'm cruising down the Potomac on my way to have *RhumbLine* hauled for propeller work, bottom painting, zincs, and gelcoat inspection for those pesky PolyesterMites. Well, okay, I

caught a few of you from the *Maydarker* with my PolyesterMite story. So I'm not really dealing with them – but I do have a lot of work to finalize preparations for the season. I hope all of you have less in front of you than I do. I don't wish my situation on anybody! Anyway, as we come up on the OYC Flag Raising of May 7th, it is a good time to reflect on the de-winterizing completed and any other work yet to do. Don't forget, on May 6th we'll also have our regular OYC Happy Hour of the first Friday of the month at Belmont Bay behind Hi-Jinx III on E-Dock.

Here are some notes that might be helpful from Immediate Past Commodore Bud Bishop about preparing for the season: Don't forget your anchor. Having it loose and ready to drop upon entry into a marina may save you some major repair bills should your transmission or engines malfunction or should the wind remove any maneuvering capability. Sometimes bow thrusters aren't able to overcome the cross-wind; whereas dropping and dragging an anchor can give you much needed control (you only need to drop enough to drag...not enough to hold you at an anchorage, which is rode length of seven times your depth in feet). Check your steering hydraulic fluid. Check your fire

extinguishers and test the functioning of your bilge pumps. Check the water in your batteries unless you have gel batteries. And check your horn, and your impellers. On this set of notes, don't forget to schedule your boat inspection – it is best to get it done every year!

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

As I was writing I received several emails from folks who participated in the Early Bird Cruise to National Harbor and the wine-tasting festivities that occurred there this past weekend (4/22-4/24). I'm not exactly sure how many ended up going but it sounds like a great time was had by all. Thanks to Wayne Beal, our Cruise Coordinator (and OYC Membership Chair), for pulling the event together. Look for articles in this month's *Daymarker* that highlight that event! I look forward to talking to everybody at the OYC Flag Raising (May 7th at Occoquan Harbor Marina) about how their experiences have gone so far this year! On that note, I have been in

contact with many of our local elected officials and members of Congress who are working on their schedules to come meet us, speak with us, and share some thoughts with us about their efforts on our behalf.

A couple of closing notes: Bud has volunteered to train a new cadre of navigation test takers for the PRYCA Float-In that include: Bud, Bob Hill (Vice Commodore), and yours truly – me. We are still recruiting ladies to be test takers to complement my wife-to-be, Vanessa, (November 5th in Las Vegas at the Bellagio) and hopefully Suzy Tarasek (this may be her first hint of that role). Please feel free to volunteer – any and all, Please! If you intend to go in July to help us win THE CUP, keep an eye out for a practice session (aka, party) at Jim Dooley's new poolside bar and grill. And we are looking for cruise coordinators; all of our past commodores have volunteered to mentor new coordinators. So if you would like to lead a cruise but would like to team with a past-commodore, please send me a note and I'll arrange it.

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

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May is here and boating season is in full swing! We have our first cruise under our belts, and it was a good one! Thanks to Wayne Beal for a great job as the Cruise Coordinator for the first cruise of the year (and his first time as a Cruise Coordinator!) to National Harbor for their Wine Festival. Wayne and Garnetta did a great job hosting and coordinating the cruise!!

With the Flag Raising just around the corner on May 7th at Occoquan Harbour Marina (OHM), boating safety comes to mind; and OHM will have the Coast Guard Auxiliary there doing boat safety inspections. If you have not signed up, please check with Terry or Bob at OHM to see if there are slots still available. A Vessel Safety Inspection sticker is required for OYC raft-ups, and also 100% compliance counts toward The Cup competition at the Float-In in July. So please get it done before the Float-In!

The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) Blessing of the Fleet will be on Saturday May 21st. Passed down through generations of sailors and navies around the world, the centuries-old ceremony is intended to safeguard crews and ships from the danger

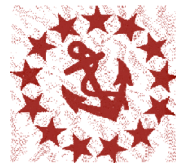
of the seas through a traditional blessing given by a clergyman at the water's edge. The Blessing Boat will be on the gas dock at Belmont Bay, and this is always a great way to properly start the boating season. Min and I will be there, and I hope you will too! We can all use a little extra safeguarding on the waters! ☺ The event starts at 1000 and you can join the parade of boats at any time until 1400. Contact our very own Joe Livingston for more details, as he is the ORMA coordinator! Thanks Joe!

Our next cruise is to Colonial Beach for the Memorial Day Weekend (27-30 May); and again, Wayne Beal will be the Cruise Coordinator (go Wayne! ☺). This is always one of the better cruises of the year for OYC, and I hope you signed up for it. If you are interested, check with Wayne as I know there is a wait list and some folks always make it due to cancellations.

As we look forward into June, our next major cruise will be to Cobb Island (17-19 June), and Don and Anne Bennett are the OYC Cruise Coordinators. I know Anne has already reached out to those interested in going with cruise details. If you did not sign up, yet but are interested, please adjust your profice and contact Don or Anne.

Well, time to get the polish out and start cleaning the boat! See everyone at the Happy Hour on the 6th!

Bob Hill, *Lady Min*
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REAR COMMODORE

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Is your boat seaworthy? Are you familiar with the definition of seaworthiness and the federal requirements for recreational boat owners and operators? While there are no fixed criteria setting the standard for a vessel's seaworthiness, an annual U.S Coast Guard vessel safety check is required and is your first step toward safe boating. Schedule your annual safety check soon, U.S. Coast Guard approved vessel examiners will also be available at OHM at our May 7th Flag Raising event. Check out <http://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF> Take advantage of this FREE service, and schedule your safety check now. It could save your boat and a life. A vessel safety decal is required to participate in all OYC raft-ups, no exceptions.

While spring commissioning has already started for most of us, the official start of the OYC boating season will be commemorated at our OYC Flag Raising ceremony on

Saturday May 7th starting at 12 noon at Occoquan Harbour Marina. Please plan to attend this annual OYC event. We invited several dignitaries and our National Anthem will be concluded with cannon fire provided by Past Commodore and Marine Corps veteran Don Bennett. Hold on to your hats; it's loud! OYC will then fire up the grills and provide burgers, dogs, beer, and soft drinks for all attending. So plan to bring your appetite, any other beverages, chairs, and a side dish or dessert to share. There will be plenty of food for all at our event. Additionally, Les Bergmann our OYC Historian will take a group photo for the cover of our OYC 2016 Directory, plus our Quartermaster will be open with new OYC swag and gift ideas. So don't leave until you place your order with Ilana Cumbey for your new 2016 custom OYC items. You'll be impressed with the options Ilana is providing this year.

We had another outstanding OYC happy hour event at Cody's Bar and Grill on Friday, April 1st. Approximately 28 members attended, and we had a chance to share a few laughs about our April fools *Maydarker* articles. We hope you all had as much fun reading all of the articles as we did writing them. Additionally, we (our OYC Commodore Pat Schondel) presented Cody with an OYC burgee as a token of our appreciation for hosting our OYC events at his restaurant. Next time you're at Cody's, take a look for our OYC burgee.



Proud and appreciative, Cody

Our next first Friday of the month happy hour event will be May 6th starting at 5pm at Belmont Bay Marina. It will be a BYOB dock tail party hosted by IPC Bud and Heidi Bishop on E-dock. Plan to bring a chair, your beverage of choice, and a dish to share. Belmont Bay is gated, but that has never stopped our happy hour enthusiasts ☺ Don't jump the gate, someone will let you in! OYC has several major upcoming events planned to include the May 6th happy hour at Belmont Bay, May 7th Flag Raising at OHM, and May 27th Memorial Day weekend Colonial Beach cruise. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jerry Tarasek, *Dig Life*
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Boating Safety Starts With You!

Alcohol and Boating
Think Before You Drink!

Almost half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. That should be reason enough to leave alcohol consumption for when you are safely ashore or at anchor with no plans to travel.

Operating a boat while intoxicated is a federal offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine. In addition, criminal penalties are as high as \$5,000, and may even include jail time. State Boating Under the Influence (BUI) Laws are becoming more stringent too. In most states, the standards for determining whether an individual is intoxicated matches its state highway laws for operating a vehicle. Please consider:

- In most states it is illegal to operate a boat with a blood alcohol content of .08% or greater.
- Some states will suspend your boating license or privilege.
- In some states your driving record could be affected.
- Your boat could be seized or sold at auction.

Sobering Man-Over-Board Facts

- 24% are characterized as "falls overboard"
- 24% die at night, 76% die in daylight
- 63% do not know how to swim
- 8% of non-swimmers wear a life jacket
- 90% occur in calm weather with < 1' chop
- 85% are men
- The average age of a MOB is 47 years old
- Alcohol consumption plays a part in
 - 27% of daylight deaths
 - 50% of nighttime deaths

Please boat safely because I look forward to seeing each of you out on the water during the 2016 season.

Happy Boating!
Michele E. Adams, *Our Therapy*
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Get excited, new swag here for 2016! We have so many options, we will be representing OYC and our boats all over town. I will have a good selection for purchase with OYC logos at the Flag Raising, May 7th. Remember, send me your boat logo and we can have it digitalized (small one-time fee) and then put it on ANYTHING!

Just a few examples:



Ladies Quilted Sweatshirt
2 available — M and L
\$44

Fleece Hoody - 4 available
1 Navy – M - \$52
3 Charcoal Gray – M, L & XL - \$54



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 anodized 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 or by cell at 703-505-8313.

Looking for your request....

Cheers! Joe

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



PRYCA/CBYCA DELEGATE

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The Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) will again support the **BLESSING OF THE FLEET** with the event scheduled for Saturday, the 21st of May. See Flyer(s) included at the end of this edition for details. ORMA is supported by the yacht clubs and marinas on the Occoquan, as well as the Town of Occoquan and its merchants. A goal this year is to significantly increase overall vessel participation...so OYC's continued support is needed to reach this goal.

Ageless tradition of seeking "blessings" for seafarers and their safe return still applies to recreational boaters today; however, an opportunity to win prizes approximating \$1000 in total value might just sweeten the pot. Could you use \$200 in free fuel? No cost for the opportunity to win, but **you must register and actually pass the ORMA Blessing boat stationed at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina.** One registration per boat, and winners will be notified following the event. One prize will be awarded to the most *festive* vessel so fly your colorful flags and be recognized at this annual event.

PRYCA: Just a reminder to get registered for the annual Float-In at Point Lookout Marina on the weekend of 15-17 July. I remain the Club's POC for OYC registration... Please send the OYC "individual registration form" and check payable to "PRYCA" to Joe Livingston, 259 Bridgewater Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406. Only six (6) registrations were submitted in early April... not normal for past OYC participation. Am sure our Cruise Coordinator, Commodore Pat, would like to know who is "in" for The Cup competition. In addition, do you have that artistic ability? See the attached flyer for the "T-Shirt" competition as the submission deadline is approaching.

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*
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MEMBERSHIP

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Yeah! We have new members and returning members!! Please help me welcome:

New member's - Mike and Barbara Bruhn, docking their 27-foot Chaparell named "Jackie B" at Hoffmasters Marina.

Returning member's - David and Karen Hart, docking their 40 foot Sea Ray named "Rock Me Gently" at Occoquan Harbour Marina

The National Harbor Wine Festival cruise this weekend went off without a hitch. The weather started off a bit rainy, but all were safe. We had the rain stop on Saturday around 1:00, and it got warmer and sunnier as the weekend progressed! Bud and Heidi brought their new 50' Azimut in on Saturday, and the Captain and crew partied down! We had nine boats attending, *Jus Chill~N, Hi-Jinx III, Lady Min, Pamela Jean aka "BAB's, Anamchara, Dig Life, Wayne's World, Extra Innings and TWO*; and the first outing at National Harbor was a blast! See a few pictures at the end of this newsletter.

The Colonial Beach outing is on schedule, and the participation looks wonderful! There is actually a waiting list now, so if you have an interest, be aware that you will be on a wait list. It is my understanding that things do change at the last minute, so that might still work out for you if decide to sign up.

Dues... Dues... Dues... OK, this should be my last note on this topic for a while. Dues are due. Hmmm that sounds funny, but it's accurate. The board has decided that if you don't pay your dues this month, you have decided that you do not want to join the club this year and you will be taken off the mailing list. That means no more *Daymarker* full of insightful articles and information on trips. Now that just sounds like a bummer, so there is an interactive form online (www.occoquanyachtclub.org), but you must still mail it with payment. Please help us out by making your check out to Occoquan Yacht Club and sending your check to Michelle at:

Occoquan Yacht Club
P.O Box 469
Occoquan, VA 22125

Please note that our rates did not go up for 2016, and this is a nominal amount considering what it gets you:
Family \$75 (includes burgee for new members only)
Individual \$55 (includes burgee for new members only)
Associate \$30 (add \$25 for burgee)

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*
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It's time to publish the 2016 OYC Directory. We will be taking the cover shot at the Flag Raising. **Please be sure to update your profile information on the Website so we can be sure to have it correct in the directory.** Also, if you have a favorite picture of your boat or crew, please send it to me for possible inclusion.

Something else of note... When I opened my Silverton Owners Club newsletter (issue #108), I was greeted by the smiling face of Mike Crouch holding a very large fish. Great article on his tuna fishing experience. With his permission, it follows...

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*
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Tuna Fishing

By Mike Crouch
Makia III



I just returned from a fifteen day fishing trip where, at the farthest point from San Diego, we were approximately 450 miles SW of Cabo San Lucas.

The trip to the fishing grounds takes four days of day/night travel. This means on a fifteen day trip you fish for seven full days. When we got to the fishing grounds the captain said "sleep is over, you can sleep on the way home" - how profound this statement became.

We fished two areas off Mexico one called the Hurricane Bank and one called Clarion Island (where we had to check in with the Mexican Navy - very interesting). We'd leave the anchorage at 330am each fishing morning, motor about an hour to the fishing grounds, and have our lines wet by 5am. There were two bites each day - a bite meaning 4-5 people were going to be hooked up at the same time. Those bites were from 530 - 9am and 430 - 7pm. The bites occurred like clockwork - simply amazing. That said the times surrounding "the bite" you had to have a line in the water because that's the only way you're going to catch a fish - and fish were being caught.

The time between 10am and 4pm was brutal trying to stay vigilant, "in the game," after getting up early, fighting fish, and now enduring sweltering heat. Mix in massive, slow rolling, fifteen-foot ground swells and you relished when the captain decided to go trolling for wahoo.

Around 7pm we'd have dinner while headed back to the anchorage and then, make the dreaded bait (tube mackerel which the tuna find irresistible) until 11pm and then, after 4+ hours of sleep, the fishing day would begin again.

YFT is "stand up" fishing - no chair, no harness, and no quarter. The boat rail was your best friend as you made every attempt to keep the line straight, taught, and a bend in the rod. As the fish ranged from 125 lbs to 265 lbs it typically took an hour, often longer, to bring the fish to gaff. If you rushed the fight by not letting the drag tire

the fish and/or your terminal tackle was not 200% GTG all to often, notwithstanding a long fight, you lost the fish.

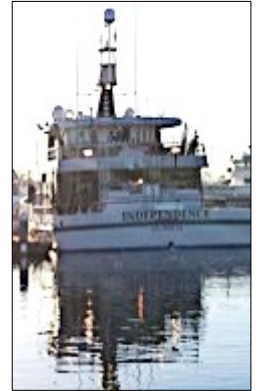
The M/S Independence is 110' x 30' @ 225,000 lbs. Seems pretty large but with 21 fisherman and 8 crew it gets plenty cozy through 15 days. Throw in multiple hook-ups of +150 yellow fin tuna (YFT) and plenty of speedy wahoo and we're talking about nothing short of a contact sport.

Many folks lost fish and you saw all ranges of emotions.

For myself I'm told I did good by catching nine and boating six YFT. Those six YFT yielded 350 lbs of processed fillets - simply unimaginable!

The fish is truly a magnificent beast deserving our responsible use of the meat you keep. The fight is simply narcotic. After an hour you're babbling goo and then an hour after that you're at the rail desperate for more adrenaline.

Ironically, something that is anything but a plush vacation becomes an event you can't get out of your mind.——Mikey



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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.

Please let us know when you send in your registration so that we can work hard to keep our club together and not leave anyone out. We hope you'll join us!

Don & Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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Anne : editor@occoquanyachtclub.org

Regarding the Website... For any new members or in case you need a refresher... Please log onto www.occoquanyachtclub.org and enter your username and password in the lower left. Please contact me if you've forgotten it. Once logged in, the *Members Only* section will appear at the bottom of the left column and you will see the *Your Profile* and *Cruise Sign-Up* options. Use the *Profile* option to 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*



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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.

REGAL 350 SPORT COUPE FOR SALE!

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

TWO BRONZE PROPELLERS - Like new!

1.5 X 20 X 23
Contact IPC Bub Bishop - bud9515@yahoo.com



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What am I missing? 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*





MAY DATEMARKERS

Birthdays

Elizabeth Plewes 5/2
 Sharon Gower 5/6
 Jim Dooley 5/6
 Linda Bozoky 5/7
 Garnetta Beal 5/8
 Lee Moyer 5/13
 Gail Livingston 5/14
 Steve Worcester 5/15
 Michele Adams 5/19
 Gill Stokes 5/25
 Jerry Tarasek 5/27
 John DeDittus 5/30
 Robert Brown 5/30

Anniversaries

Steve & Ginny Preda

EARLY BIRD CRUISE, 2016 FOOD & WINE FEST NATIONAL HARBOR





You're invited!
Occoquan Yacht Club
Flag Raising!

Saturday, May 7
Ceremony at noon

Occoquan Harbour Marina
13180 Marina Way
Woodbridge VA

Please bring chairs,
a dish to share &
your beverage of choice

Burgers & dogs,
beer & soft drinks provided

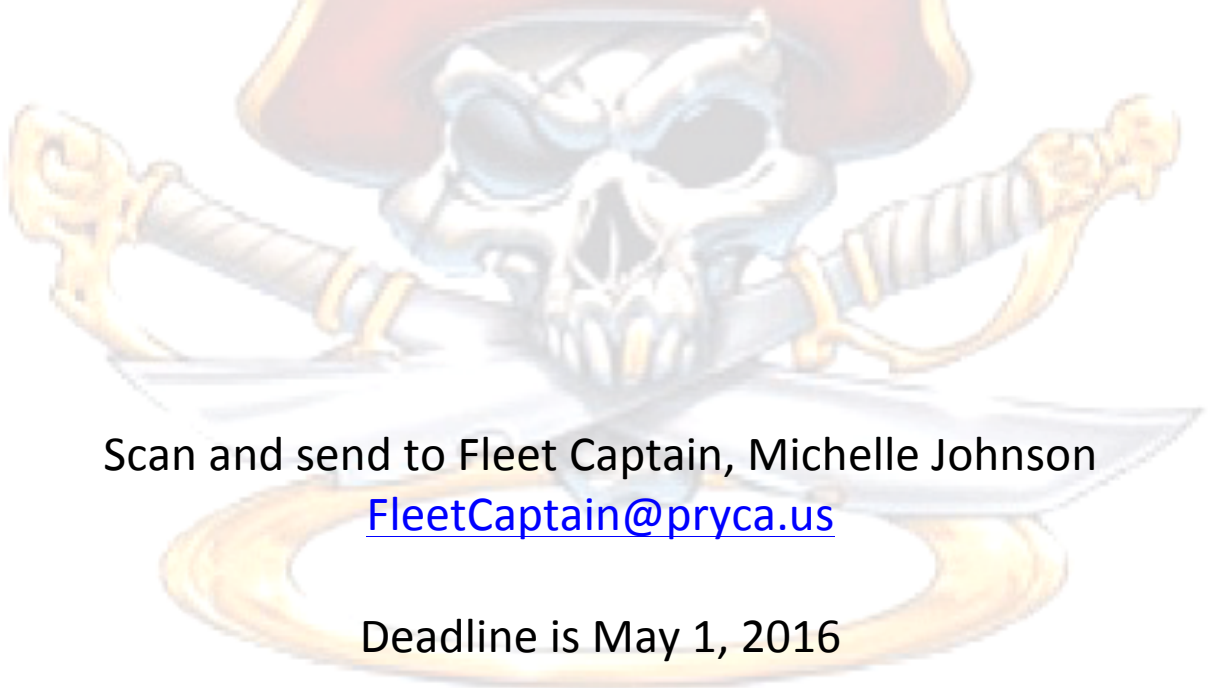
See more in *The Daymarker*



Be part of the 30th Annual Float-in by participating in
THE 2016 PRYCA FLOAT-IN T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Pirates of the Potomac II:
Curse of the Blind Dinghy

Calling all artists: create your design in your choice of
color, black and white, digital or freehand.



Scan and send to Fleet Captain, Michelle Johnson
FleetCaptain@pryca.us

Deadline is May 1, 2016

Winning entry will be the official design for the 2016 PRYCA Float-in T-Shirts sold at the event!!! Winner will be selected based on originality and design then announced at the Float-in. Winner will receive a prize (to be determined) and recognition throughout all of the Potomac!!! All members may compete. PRYCA Board members competing will be disqualified from judging.

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

* 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****

Occoquan River Maritime Association's
Blessing of the Fleet, May 21, 2016
(Rain date May 22, 2016)

REGISTER TO WIN PRIZES!!!

Grand Prize: Boat Fuel valued at **\$200 or more***

from Prince William Marina

1st & 2nd Prize: Boat Fuel valued at **\$200**

from Belmont Bay Harbor Marina & Hoffmaster's Marina

3rd Prize: Boat Cleaning valued at **\$175**

from Occoquan Harbor Marina

Additional Prizes: Gift Cards from

Bar-J Chili Parlor Blu 1681 Cody's Gourmet Café Madigan's

And other participating Merchants

One additional prize awarded for Best Decorated Boat!!

(Festive nautical flags and colors are the display of the day.)

To Enter: Register no later than 2 p.m., May 21, 2016, by sending an e-mail to: hpcroft@verizon.net, using "Blessing of the Fleet Prizes" in the subject line. One entry per boat; include boat name, (or state reg. # if no name,) owner's name, phone number and e-mail address. Each registered boat must pass by the Blessing Boat stationed at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina, May 21, 2016, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., to validate participation.** Drawing will follow the event; winners will be notified by phone and/or e-mail no later than May 23, 2016. Best decorated boat will be determined by judges on the Spotter and Blessing boats.

*Grand Prize is guaranteed to be at least \$200, but will increase to include an additional \$1 per boat for every boat over the count of 200 that participates in the Blessing of the Fleet. (Ex: 225 boats = \$225 Grand Prize.) Encourage other boaters to participate!

** A spotter boat will be positioned ahead of the Blessing Boat to call out the name or state reg. # of the on-coming boat so the Chaplain may bless the boat by name or #. Spotter will record name or #. Boat names or #'s drawn from e-mail entries must also be on Spotter's list to win prizes.

**Have your boat blessed for a safe, successful boating
season and register for a chance to win valuable prizes!**

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