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Commodore's Log: August (Dog Days of Summer) 2016 – Whew... what a stretch of weather, a veritable Tropical Heat Wave. Not that I am a weather man – but I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night – I just heard him say that we

finished two straight weeks of 90+ days through the first half of August. WOW!!! That is not a comfortable environment when trying to boat without air-conditioning when your cockpit is under a roof and glass all around. Or maybe just not comfortable for anybody, even in the water. Oy.


Thanks to Jerry Tarasek, our Rear Commodore, for hosting a great Happy Hour at Cody's at the beginning of August. I was not able to attend, but I've been told everyone had a grand old time. When I talked to Cody about it, he was so thankful that we like to frequent his restaurant; and he told me that Belmont Bay has an organization of residents that had their happy hour that same day. Heck, maybe we were able to recruit Belmont Bay folks to join the club. Or maybe Belmont Bay was able to recruit a few of our OYC members to move to and live in Belmont Bay.

I wish I could report that our club members this season, as usual, have been out and about on raft-ups and weekend cruises on the river, and even week-long cruises on the bay. While it is true that we have heard of many impromptu occurrences of raft-ups at Mattawoman and

other spots on the Potomac River, we have had our fair share of incidents causing a handful of boats to require repairs and maintenance. I think we may even have several candidates to pick from for the Bent Prop Award and the Golden Snorkel. Ha-ha. I know, we shouldn't have fun with misfortune to any of our members – and we don't. But consider the stories you have heard throughout the season; and if you think any of them warrant consideration for recognition by OYC, send me a note as we prepare over the next couple of months for the Change of Watch in November, where we will bestow these vaunted awards upon their victims (I mean victors). All of that said, I have heard positive news and stories of many of our members happily cruising in the Chesapeake Bay, on the Potomac River, and anchoring in various coves, or hanging out at places like Tim's (any of the three), National Harbor, Old Town Alexandria, and the Georgetown Waterfront. You may even find some of those stories in articles in the Daymarker, which reminds me to advertise for anyone who would like to share a story in the newsletter – please feel free!

On that note, I would also like to thank Anne Bennett this month for her wonderful service over five years to OYC as our editor for *The Daymarker*. Anne generates a beautiful product and has done so over that period, improving the look and delivery and saving the club thousands of dollars in the meantime. When you see her please give Anne a big hug and thank you for all of her effort these years. She will be stepping down from that position at the end of this season, and we will miss her tremendously. While on that topic, if anyone is interested in following in Anne's shoes – good luck! – please let me know or our Immediate Past Commodore, Bud Bishop, who is creating a slate of candidates for next year's board leadership positions on which we will all vote in October.

To wrap up, please consider our upcoming events and activities as the season winds down, and know that we will be getting as many members together as possible throughout the year. So if you feel like you're missing your boat and the warm weather during the offseason – when it comes – you will be able to visit with other boaters on various opportunities from OYC each month. For your consideration we have the following activities coming up: September – Happy Hour, Nationals Game with boats at a new D.C. Marina, and Shrimpfest. October – Happy Hour, and General Membership Meeting. November – Happy Hour, Hardy Souls Cruise, and Change of Watch. I hope to see as many of you as possible on the water yet this season and otherwise at our many land events as we look forward to a little bit of cooler weather heading into the fall season!

Pat Schondel & Vanessa Athena, RhumbLine




VICE COMMODORE

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Well, the summer is winding down but there is still some great boating weather left! For most, we will be relegated to the few weekends we have left since the summer school break season is over. Still lots of great weekend raft-up opportunities and perhaps short trips left so get out there and enjoy the water and your boat!!

We have a major upcoming water event, and that is the Labor Day cruise to Crisfield MD. Our Rear Commodore, Jerry Tarasek, is the cruise coordinator; and I know he has a great weekend planned. At last count we were at least a dozen or so boats!

We had planned to kick off August with a weekend raft-up at Gilligan's Pier located on Popes Creek in Newburg, MD. Unfortunately, due to bad weather, everyone made the correct decision to cancel and be safe rather than sorry. So, captains, you all made the right call, but sorry we missed an event. The second weekend in August was better to us; and we did have the Old Town Alexandria Cruise, which was hugely successful! More on that later in this newsletter. We also had boaters attend the Aquia Harbour Dog Days of August on 19-21 August. And as I understand it, things went very well.

I would like to make a special point of recognizing Ray Maestas, who, aided by fellow OYCs Gregg Cumbey and Jim Patterson, saved a fellow boater who had slipped off the docks at OHM. Way to go Ray!!

I would like to thank all of you for a great boating season and all the effort everyone has put into this year. We had some outstanding events, both land and sea! But we're not done yet!

Upcoming Events:

September:

2-5 Sep – Crisfield's Cruise

9-11 Sep – Nationals Baseball Game

17 Sep – Shrimpfest at Belmont Bay Marina


October:

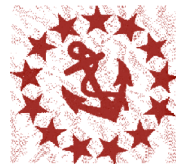
23 Oct – General Membership Meeting (*new date*)

November:

4- 6 Nov – Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor
 -- OYC Change of Watch

Min and I wish you the best this month and please be safe out on the waters!

Bob and Min Hill, *Lady Min*




REAR COMMODORE

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Our last OYC land event was our OYC first Friday of the month Happy Hour at Cody's Bar and Grill on August 5th. We had approximately 18 members attend. We decided to move the happy hour indoors because it was just a little too hot (98 degrees) and humid that day to do it outside. Actually the entire month of August was hot and humid, but that's to be expected in the Washington DC area.

It's not too late to sign up for our next OYC cruise to Crisfield MD over Labor Day weekend. The theme of our cruise is "Crossing the Bay in a Day." Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield MD is hosting their 69th Annual Hard Crab Derby and Crab Festival, to include a carnival, concerts, boat docking, crab races, crab picking contest, Miss Crustacean Pageant, vendors / food and crabs, crabs, crabs throughout the weekend. Also, Somers Cove Yacht Club invited OYC to join them at their annual picnic that Saturday at 5pm, and they are all looking forward to OYC attending their event. Evidently

our reputation precedes us. So far OYC has 13 boats with guaranteed reservations at Somers Cove Marina. Most plan to depart on Friday September 2nd at 8am, cruise the ebbing tide and stop for lunch at Coles Point Marina. OYC will then cross the Chesapeake Bay through the Kedges Straights to Crisfield MD. This will be a beautiful and exciting cruise together. If you would like to attend this cruise, I am the cruise coordinator; so send me an email or give me a call as soon as possible. As always, safety is our number one priority; and if the weather is bad, we don't go. Finally, since many of us will be in Crisfield MD, our next OYC first Friday of the month Happy Hour event will also be held at Somers Cove Marina at 5pm. Come join by land or sea, this should be a fun weekend.



Jim, Pam and Bill enjoying an adult beverage at Cody's.

Our next OYC land event will be our **Annual Shrimpfest** to be held again this year at Belmont Bay Marina on **Saturday September 17th starting 3pm**. Please mark it on your calendar! We had 50+ members and guests attend last year and expecting the same again this year. I will send an email blast to you (all OYC members) as we get closer to this date with additional details.

Cheers!
Jerry & Susan, *Dig Life*
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SHRIMPFEET

17 Sept

3:00 pm

Belmont Bay Harbor Marina
in front of the office

\$15* / pp – cash or check
bring chairs -- *all beverages and food provided
(watch for a reminder email with details)



SECRETARY

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Boating Safety is a Must!

Wearing a life jacket can dramatically decrease your chances of drowning while boating. "Wear It!" every time you're on the water. Everyone, on all types of boats, should wear properly-fitted life jackets, or personal flotation devices (PFD).

Know the Facts

Recreational boating can be a wonderful way to spend time with family and friends, and making safety a priority can ensure that boating stays fun.

Consider that:

- In 2009, 3,358 people were injured and 736 died in boating incidents. Of those who drowned, 9 out of 10 were *not* wearing life jackets.
- Of the people who died in a boating incident in 2009, more than 7 out of 10 (73%) drowned. More than 90 percent of the people who drowned were not wearing a life jacket.
- Alcohol use was the leading contributing factor in fatal boating incidents.

Reduce Your Risk whenever you are headed out on the water, keep these tips from the U.S. Coast Guard in mind:

Wear it. Properly fitted life jackets can prevent drowning and should be worn at all times by everyone on any boat. Comfortable Coast Guard-approved life jackets are now widely available.

Don't Drink. Alcohol use affects judgment, vision, balance, and coordination, and is involved in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities. Boating under the influence of alcohol is just as deadly as drinking and driving. Not only is it dangerous to operate a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, it's also illegal in every state in the United States.

It's not just boat operators at risk from drinking while boating. Passengers are at greater risk of injury as well. In fact, 46% of all boating fatalities occurred when vessels were docked, anchored, or drifting. Due to sun exposure and heat, both operators and passengers are likely to become impaired more quickly, drink for drink, when on the water. So play it safe and avoid alcohol when you're on a boat.

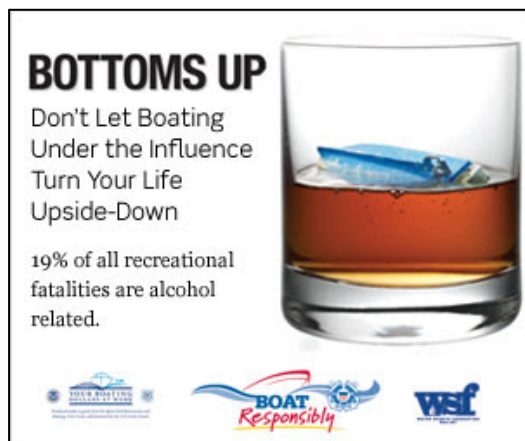
Take a Course. More than 7 out of every 10 boating incidents are caused by operator error. Boating education courses teach the rules for safe operation and navigation of recreational boats, and can help boat operators keep their passengers safe.

Get a Vessel Safety Check. The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is a free public service provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron volunteer organizations. For more information on the VSC Program, visit their website: www.vesselsafetycheck.org

Know about carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, poisonous gas that is emitted by all internal combustion engines, such as boat engines and onboard motor generators. In the early stages, the symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to seasickness; but CO can kill in a matter of minutes, whether you are inside or outside of your boat. To avoid CO poisoning, be aware of the risk, ensure sufficient ventilation, properly install and maintain equipment, and use CO detectors, especially in living and sleeping areas.

Be Safe, and I hope to see you on the water!!!!

OYC Secretary
Michele E. Adams, *Our Therapy*
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IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE Bud Bishop



OYC UPCOMING ELECTION

It is that time of year again where we need to start building the board for next year. We have some openings this year if you would like to join the board and help run this fabulous club. Please send

an email to the "slate committee chairman" (me) at hbishop3@aol.com if you are interested in filling any of the positions below. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have as you decide whether you would like to participate. Our club is run by volunteers, so we definitely need all the help you can spare.

For club board positions, here is a short synopsis of the by-laws that guide our election process (found on our website if you would like to read the full edition): the nominating committee consisting of the Immediate Past Commodore and two other regular members is charged with building the slate. This board normally nominates one person for each spot, but can nominate more than one. If you want to be considered for a position but the nominating committee doesn't nominate you (all will be informed of the official slate committee nominations prior to 10 SEP), you may petition for the position by obtaining signatures of five regular members and presenting those signatures and your desired position to the Secretary, in this case Michele Adams secretary@occoquanyachtclub.org, no later than 30 days prior to the October General Membership meeting currently scheduled for 23 OCT (signatures must therefore be presented to Michele by 23 SEP). That will give you 12 days to collect five signatures, so not a lot of time...

Jobs on the board include:

Voting Members:

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Treasurer
Secretary

Non-voting Members:

Quartermaster
Membership
Daymarker Editor
Webmaster
Historian
PRYCA/CBYA/ORMA Delegates

If you are new to the club, the rear commodore typically fleets up to vice, and vice to commodore, so those positions are not normally considered direct entry. (The nominating committee would not NORMALLY nominate anyone outside of that process). But it can happen, so submit for what interests you. Let me know if we can answer any more questions.

Yours in boating,
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QUARTERMASTER

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People have asked about the catalog – it's S&S Activewear. It's too big to email, but you can see it at the link below. You can pick anything from the catalog and have either an OYC monogram or your boat logo put on everything! Just email me your ideas and we'll create an order.

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

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

Lastly, just one more great reason to go to Shrimpfest on September 17th ... **The Quartermaster Store will be having a huge sale!!!** Watch for an email blast listing some of the items.

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's Para'Dice*



Flag Poles and Mounts

Contact PC Joe Livingston

Members,

The Swiveler Flag Pole set is designed to fly the club's 12" burgee. Many of our members consider this flag pole the best on the market; and the solid machined 316 stainless steel pole, with rotating clips and machined iodized aluminum mount, securely holds and protects the flag. Review at www.originalswiveler.com.

Each set costs \$65, and the mount is milled to a specific diameter. To order, send me an email indicating how many sets you wish to purchase, give 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 that opening in inches. Many rails are 1", 1-1/8", or 1-1/4" in diameter. Sets are currently available.

The \$65 will be payable by check or cash to Joe Livingston. Please contact me at joseph.livingston@verizon.net or at 703-505-8313.

PC Joe Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



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No new members to report this month. If you meet new folks or run into old friends, please talk up OYC. This is a great group of people who like to have fun and share a common hobby. We're looking forward to seeing people at Crisfield MD for the Labor Day weekend.

For those of you who have not had a chance to think about this yet, here's a heads up. The Annapolis boat show is coming up, and details can be found at the following link: <http://www.annapolisboatshows.com/>

Sail boat show is October 6 – 10, 2016

Powerboat show is October 13 – 16, 2016

Cruisers University is October 10 – 13, 2016

If you are not aware, Cruisers University offers a bunch of classes that cover many areas that range from boating travel destinations to working on diesel engines. Jerry and I took some of these classes last year, and we both thought it was a great experience! Be aware that some of these classes will fill up quickly so advance planning will be helpful.

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*



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If you haven't received your copy of the 2016 OYC Directory, please contact me so we can arrange a time to meet. 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*



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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 don't have one or 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. Thank you.

Hope to see you on the water. Be safe out there!
PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*
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CRUISE NEWS

Cruising the Chesapeake Report & Travelogue of the Bay Dreamer *By PC Harry Croft*

Cruising for one week – terrific! Cruising for two weeks – fantastic!! Cruising for three weeks - priceless!!! *Bay Dreamer* and *Takin' It Easy* spent a total of 24 days on the water for this year's long cruise, visiting ten destinations, staying two to three days at each destination. *TWO* cruised with us for 21 days and nine of those destinations. *Anamchara* and *Oasis* were with us for two weeks, while other cruising partners were in it for as many days as they could manage. We all agree – fantastic experience!

This year's long cruise started with a very successful PRYCA Float-In. OYC came within one point of 2nd place Mt. Vernon Yacht Club; but neither team could catch rival Fairfax Yacht Club, whose large band of enthusiastic competitors were especially motivated as the first-ever team to represent FYC at a Float-In, to win

The Cup. OYC also earned distinction by presenting a magnificent mock pirate ship, powered by a crew of elaborately attired OYC pirates, at the Friday night costume contest!

Eight Cruisers

Originally, eleven boats planned to cruise the first week with us, but unfortunate events, such as injured relatives or an engine room fire, reduced our number to eight. So *Bay Dreamer*, with Pat and myself; *Takin' It Easy*, with Susan and Randy Willetts; *Anamchara*, with Ginny and Steve Preda; *FSBO Oasis*, with Debbie and Dan Kent; and *Heart of the Sun*, with Anne and Don Bennett, took off for Herrington Harbor South after the Float-In under perfect weather and seas. *Heart of the Sun* was returning to her month-long slip at HHS. Three boats joined us at Herrington Harbor South: *TWO* with Josephine, Gary, and Alec Brown; *Jet Global*, with Maryanne and Mark Schall; and *Kaylee E*, with Lobanh Takla and Bill Mansour.

Herrington Harbor South was a great place to start our three weeks. It is a large and busy marina with a fair number of dedicated transient slips; and most of our boats were lined up along B Dock, with easy access to all amenities. HHS has a beautiful pool, with poolside drinks and food service, as well as Mango's Bar & Grill. Of mention is a great deli across the street from the marina, Chesapeake Market & Deli, offering ice cream and all sorts of deli treats. The marina also provides taxi service to West Marine at Herrington Harbor North.



Bay Dreamer arriving at Herrington Harbor South

While there, we were able to visit with Michelle and Johnny DeDitius, and Linda and Scott Del Monte, who also kept their boats at HHS for a month or two. A rum-tasting on the dock after a terrific pot-luck meal was the first of many pleasant gatherings throughout this cruise.

St. Michaels was our next stop, one that has always cost me birthday and anniversary gifts; this visit was no different. This year, Susan and Randy helped me accomplish a surprise purchase for Pat from the Deep Blue Sea jewelry store. A day later, fellow cruiser Gary Brown and his son Alec resorted to hiding in the back room at DBS to conceal their purchase of a birthday gift for Jo when she happened by the store window at the

same time. (More on that later in the Baltimore segment.) Captains, beware: The Deep Blue Sea can be habit forming.

We were not able to obtain reservations at St. Michaels Marina Town Dock, as several groups had reserved ahead of us, so we opted instead for the St. Michaels Harbour Inn Marina, which is beautiful; and although it is a slightly longer walk to the shops and restaurants, it offers a free, on-demand shuttle service any time, as well as free bicycles. The resort fee includes what is described as a Continental Breakfast, but that includes a custom omelette station and other hot breakfast items in the hotel dining room.



TWO on the Dock at St. Michael's Harbour Inn

One of the groups that did acquire reservations at the Town Dock was Westmoreland Yachting Association, which had also attended the PRYCA Float-In a few days before. *Heart of the Sun*, with dual membership in both OYC and WYA, was berthed there. We were able to coordinate a joint Happy Hour with that group on our second night in St. Michaels. WYA hosted OYC at a very enjoyable, informal event on the docks. That kind of camaraderie between clubs is special.



Happy Hour with Westmoreland Yachting Association in St. Michael's

We tried a recommended pizza restaurant, Ava's, and were not disappointed. The pizza was great, and the mussels were outstanding! St. Michaels is a popular destination, a charming town with quaint houses, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, interesting shops, and good restaurants. It was delightful this time, as always. But the next stop on our itinerary was a new adventure for all of us, and was, perhaps, the best find of all, the Chester River and Chestertown itself.

Six Cruisers

From St. Michaels, *Kaylee E* and *Heart of the Sun* headed back across the Bay, while the six remaining boats struck out for **Chestertown**. We took the short route through Kent Narrows, which is aptly named. The drawbridge opens on the hour and half hour, so we all queued up for the 11 a.m. opening. The narrow passage through the opened drawbridge provided a moment of consternation, successively increased for each boat after the first, due to the turbulence from the preceding boats; but all were able to pass through it and navigate the narrow channel into the Chester River without incident.



Drawbridge at Kent Narrows

The weather and cruising conditions were beautiful, once again; and as we went up the Chester River, we passed the schooner *SULTANA*, an exact replica of the Boston-built merchant vessel used by the British Royal Navy to patrol the coastline of colonial North America from 1768 to 1772. The Sultana Education Foundation now uses the *SULTANA* to provide educational trips, and it was quite amazing to see her under full sail, with a busy crew of youngsters on board. Later, we were pleased to see *SULTANA* tied up at her permanent berth adjacent to the Town Marina, where we stayed.

The Chestertown dock master had warned us about tidal issues, but it wasn't until some of the docks closest to shore were temporarily under water at an unusually high tide that we fully understood. The marina also has some slips with depth issues. *Jet Global* was first assigned to a slip that was depth-challenged, which became

abundantly clear at low tide. After some heavy muscle maneuvers, we were able to relocate *Jet Global* into a slightly deeper slip, but even that slip was shallow at the next low tide. Potential boating visitors should not be deterred. The marina has plans to rebuild the entire facility over the next two years, including dredging. In the meantime, all is well so long as your boat is in a slip toward the end of the docks.

The town marina in Chestertown has many positive attributes, including a super-friendly and helpful dock master; a great restaurant, The Fish Whistle on the premises, and inexpensive laundry facilities, a definite plus on a long cruise. But its primary benefit is its location. It is within very easy walking distance to the quaint, historic district of Chestertown, with its maritime heritage, charming old houses, beautiful gardens, interesting shops, and art galleries. At Cassinelli's Distillery on High Street, we sampled hand-crafted vodka and gin at an afternoon tasting session. Many of us made purchases at Cassinelli's – always willing to support the local economy!



Dinner at the Fish Whistle in Chestertown

Chestertown has a Saturday Farmers' Market, at which members of our group purchased fresh produce, local wine, home-made salsa, and baked goods. I purchased a rhubarb strawberry-pie, which I shared among all, and a cherry pie, which I declined to share. I ate the whole thing. It was the best cherry pie I have ever eaten.

Chestertown is definitely worth a visit by land - perhaps during the Fall - as well as a by boat. Just make sure your slip is on the outside!

Five + Cruisers

Five boats now moved on to **Rock Hall**, minus *Jet Global*, which set off to join friends in Cambridge. Rock Hall has many fine marinas, and we have stayed at several in the past. This time we opted for a choice that was new to all of us, Haven Harbour Resort and Marina

in well-protected Haven Cove off Swan Creek. It is a large marina with beautifully landscaped grounds, an onsite bar and grill, and a lovely picnic area for group cook-outs. A local "trolley" provides transportation to the many points of interest in charming Rock Hall.



"Bootleg Debbie" and Anne out shopping and picking up pirates in Rock Hall

Staff and management cater to the customer here. They brought 20 lb. blocks of ice to drop in the small, adults-only pool every hour or so while we were floating in it to escape the July heat wave, which was in full swing for so much of our trip. Ahhhh, refreshing!

A high point of Rock Hall was the planned arrival of several guests. Michelle and Johnny DeDitius, on *Liquid Leisure*, stayed at Haven Harbour Saturday night and joined us for Happy Hour under the pavilion. Sherry and Paul Mannino, on *Pure Enjoyment II*, who are keeping their new yacht at Piney Narrows Marina on Kent Island this season, cruised to Rock Hall for the weekend and took part in the Happy Hour, the dinner at the Harbor Shack, and the cook-out. Anne and Don Bennett, on *Heart of the Sun*, rejoined us from HHS and stayed the long weekend. My niece Amy and her fiancé, having travelled to DC from Texas, came to Rock Hall to stay overnight on *Bay Dreamer* with us. Jill and Steve Stanley, former OYC members, also drove to meet up with us and stayed the weekend on *Takin' It Easy*.

The good thing about having a set itinerary on a Bay cruise is that other folks can join the group as their schedule allows, either by boat or by car. However, the importance of keeping the itinerary flexible was also reinforced on this trip. We came to a group decision to scratch Chesapeake City from the list, (no pool; no blocks of ice!) and stay an extra day at Haven Harbour, moving on to Baltimore a day late. *Anamchara* was the only boat that needed to go on to Baltimore on schedule in order to be ready for a visit from Ginny's sister, Anne. The rest of us stayed in the pool!

The downside of Haven Harbour is that transient boats will be placed mostly in the temporarily vacated slips of

annual leaseholders. This means that boaters travelling as a group will likely be berthed very far apart from one another. In a marina the size of Haven Harbour, that can mean some long walks. Thank goodness for text messages and group facilities on land! The main drawback to being assigned to a slip that someone else has leased is that, if the leaseholder returns early, the transient is asked to move, which can be very inconvenient and annoying, as one of our cruise members can attest.

Just Five Boats

Following our extended stay at Haven Harbour, *Heart of the Sun* went back to Herrington South, and four boats headed off to **Baltimore Inner Harbor East** to reunite with *Anamchara*. The trip from Rock Hall to Baltimore takes only an hour or so, but the distance in setting is far greater. The pastoral, back-in-time setting of Rock Hall is light-years from the bustling, international seaport of Baltimore! The approach up the Patapsco River takes one past gigantic container ships, large tug boats awaiting their next challenge, river pilots boarding huge cargo ships to bring them in to port, and intriguing views of the sprawling industrial complex from the waterway. Recreational vessels are dwarfed in this setting, but the channels are clearly marked and the attentive captain will have no difficulty here.

We chose Harbor East Marina for its location, right in the heart of the city on the waterfront of the recently developed Harbor East neighborhood, it is within walking distance of both Little Italy and Fells Point. The Inner Harbor attractions, such as the aquarium, the science center, and Pier 6 concert venue, are also easily accessible. The downside in late July, no swimming pool. The upside, easy access to everything Baltimore has to offer.

It was Jo Brown's birthday during our stay in Baltimore, and that is when Gary and son Alec presented her with the afore-mentioned gift of jewelry from the Deep Blue Sea in St. Michaels. They had been in the shop choosing their gift when Gary spotted Jo looking at jewelry in the window. He and Alec quickly ducked into the back room of the store, hoping she would not come in and spoil the surprise. Fortunately, she moved on and never suspected that they had been shopping for her at DBS. At Harbor East, Gary hosted a birthday dinner for Jo under the pavilion on the docks, complete with a wonderful cake from a bakery in Little Italy. Alec's friend Matt provided entertainment with his guitar and vocal performance. It's safe to say Jo enjoyed her birthday cruise!

Baltimore provided more opportunities for visitors. Ginny's sister, Anne, came to also celebrate her birthday on *Anamchara*; while Susan and Randy's son, whose office is in one of Baltimore's high-rise buildings, and their daughter-in-law and darling granddaughters came aboard *Takin' It Easy* one evening for dinner; and Alec,

who had left the cruise temporarily after St. Michaels, returned to us in Baltimore with troubadour Matt.

The five boats that had cruised together for almost two weeks now had to part company. *Anamchara* and *FSBO Oasis* departed to begin their journey back to homeports. *Bay Dreamer*, *Takin' It Easy*, and *Two* left Baltimore to begin the next stage of the cruise. **And Then There Were Three . . .** *To be continued in the next issue of The Daymarker.*

PCs Pat & Harry Croft, *Bay Dreamer*



Old Town Alexandria Cruise

By VC Bob Hill

The Old Town Alexandria cruise, 19 to 21 August, was a great weekend adventure! Though we had the heat wave of heat waves to deal with, we still had a fantastic time. Min and I were joined by Wayne and Garnetta Beal aboard *Wayne's World*, Chris and Alison Rose aboard *La-Dee-Da*, and Brain Field and Ally Thompson aboard *OHANA*. Since *Hi-Jinx₃* is still being worked on, Bud and Heidi Bishop, along with their daughter Whitney, joined us for the weekend, cruising on *OHANA* and staying on *Wayne's World*. Boy, those Bishops really know how to party! LOL ☺ Jim and Judy Dooley were to arrive aboard *Jus Chill~N* on Saturday, but had engine overheating issues and wisely turned back. Not to be put down, they got settled and jumped in their car and drove to Old Town not to miss out on any of the fun! Jerry and Susan Tarasek were also to join us aboard *Dig Life*, but it too is still being worked on. So they joined us by car. And Mark and Venessa Davis arrived by car as well for Saturday night dinner and festivities.



Friday cocktails aboard *Lady Min*



Friday docktails

Friday started with cocktails aboard *Lady Min*. Due to the heat, we settled on A/C versus overheating! As night came we moved to the docks and set up our docktails and a dinner spread. Lots of fun, and we may have even recruited an Alexandria boater to boot! As the evening progressed, several couples went to the bars to indulge in a beverage or two. Ahhh, nothing like not having to drive home!

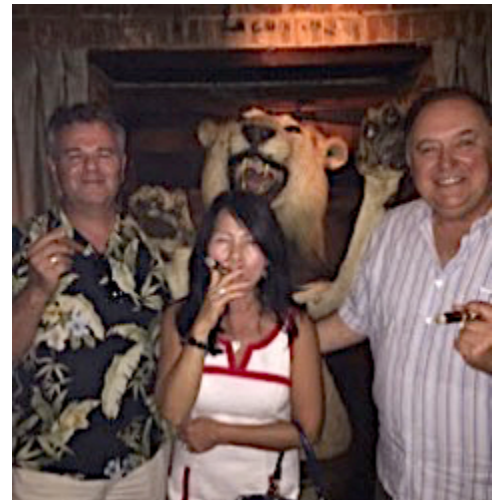
Saturday saw many of us at the huge Old Town Farmers Market at Market Square. They truly have a fantastic offering of fresh vegetables, flowers, freshly made breads, pastries, etc. Several vendors had free-range meats too. In addition, there were a few artists with their wood platters and bowls, paintings, etc. I think Min's favorite might have been the assortment of freshly made Kimchi!

Saturday happy hour was again aboard *Lady Min* and we had a great time! Following a short happy hour, we moved to the Landini Brothers restaurant where we ended up with a party of 18 for dinner. WOW, was that a meal! I know Min was hoping they would have Veal Chops as a special since they were not on the menu. She was not disappointed, nor was anyone for that matter. I will say that the Oysters Rockefeller and the Veal Chop were OUTSTANDING!!! © Bud brought an old friend, retired Navy and now Fox News Military Analyst Chuck Nash, and his lovely wife Mary Jane to the dinner. I am sure many of you have seen Chuck's expert analysis of the Spratley Islands or perhaps one of his pieces on ISIS. I think the capstone event of the evening was Chuck's offer to take us on a tour of the private cigar club CXIIIREX, located above Landini Brothers. What's CXIIIREX? you ask. Why, 113 King, of course! That has to be one of the nicest clubs I have ever seen! While there, Franco Landini came over and greeted us. Turns out he is a boater as well and has a lot in common with Jerry (same boat!). Chuck showed us around the club, then told us about the cigars they offer, including their own private blend made by Rocky Patel. I think there were somewhere near 100 different cigars in

their walk-in humidor. Chuck was quite the host and offered us all a cigar and after dinner beverage, of which many of us partook. Nothing like a fine cigar and scotch after a great meal, sitting in leather furniture watching the Olympics and the Nationals at the same time! Life is good! Or, as Jerry and Susan would say, "We're *Digging Life!*" I think that was a once in a lifetime experience (though I hope not! ☺). We all had a fantastic time, and it was very gracious of Chuck and Mary Jane to treat us! On behalf of OYC, thank you very much Chuck and Mary Jane!



Dinner at Landini Brothers



*Bob, Min, our gracious host Chuck
(and a pretty scary photobomber) at CXIIIREX*

We returned to the docks and, of course, broke out our chairs and beverages. Wayne had a Johnny Walker scotch sampler consisting of Black, Gold, Platinum and Blue that he brought out; and several of us tried small samples of each, conducting a highly scientific analysis of each. Ok, maybe not highly scientific, but none-the-less, scientific. Ok, maybe not scientific, but it sure was fun! Interestingly, most of us liked the Gold over the Platinum, but it was mixed on the Gold vs the Blue. Hard to remember what time we shut down, but it sure was a pleasant evening!

Sunday arrived with our famous OYC brunch. Again, due to the heat, we were aboard *Lady Min*. Everyone fit nicely too! ☺ The food was outstanding! Thanks to all of you great OYC cooks! Following a mid-day departure, many cruised to Mattawoman for a Sunday afternoon raft-up. I am glad to report that we had a fantastic time and, most importantly, a safe time!

VC Bob & Min Hill, *Lady Min*



As Michelle Johnson said, "Dog Days of August was a great time! A manatee was spotted in Aquia Creek and the news crew was out on the dock Friday evening doing the story on it. Food was off the charts, and the crab and shrimp feast Saturday evening left no one hungry. And if you haven't been around the island via kayak, you're really missing something."

Thanks, Aquia Harbour Yacht Club, for a truly wonderful weekend!

PC Joe & Gail Livingston, *Gail Lynn II*



Dog Days at Aquia Harbour

By PC Joe Livingston

A small flotilla from OYC ventured to Aquia Harbour this past weekend for the PRYCA sponsored event, Dog Days of August, and once again were not disappointed. From OYC Al and Lynnanne Jorsey on *Plane to Sea* and Michelle and Dave Johnson on *Tiki Time III* joined Gail and myself for a really fun weekend with folks from other clubs. It's a shame more OYCers weren't able to go. Our hosts at Aquia Harbour packed the weekend with great food, entertainment and camaraderie.

A man, his bicycle, a net and a crab pot...



There is no limit to the lengths Jeff will go to ensure he, Luciana and friends can enjoy fresh crabs!!!



Enjoying time on the dock with friends from PRYCA clubs



SEPTEMBER DATEMARKERS

Birthdays

Karen Hart 9/11
Tom Lensis 9/16
Ginny Preda 9/16
Rich Ellison 9/20
Bob Stegon 9/22
John Brown 9/23
Mike Crouch 9/27
John Adams 9/29

Anniversaries

Robert Brown & Vicki Moon 9/1
Johnny & Michelle DeDitius 9/2
Bud & Heidi Bishop 9/4
Allen & Lynanne Jorsey 9/5
Brent & Joann Berrett 9/11
Dick & Caroline Lynn 9/12
Mark & Cindy Lawton 9/14
Bob & Min Hill 9/19
Bob & Nancy Stegon 9/20

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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.

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Sleeps four

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Anne Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



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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 Fireworks	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)		Giligan's Raft-Up	Giligan's Pier
	12 (Fri) - 14 (Sun)		Old Town Alexandria	Alexandria City Marina
	19 (Fri) - 21 (Sun)		Aqua Harbour Dog Days	Aqua 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