



# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:



### Commodores Log

The annual OYC Change of Watch ceremony took place on November 18th at the Ft Belvoir Officers Club. We had approximately 50 members and guests attend. The COW is OYC's only formal yacht club gathering where we install the newly elected and appointed

2018 board and recognize the accomplishments of our outgoing board. The change-of-watch ceremony is a time-honored event preserved by the rich heritage of most all American Yacht Clubs across the country. The ceremony itself is mostly patterned after the USCG formal Change of Command ceremony. When done successfully, the COW can have an energizing effect on the incoming board, and provide our membership with a positive image of our yacht club. I sure hope we accomplished that last Saturday night, and I'd like to thank everyone who attended the event. It was awesome. Actually the best part of the COW was the food, drink, music, dancing, and partying with friends. You all make our club great.

Since this is my first article as Commodore, I would like to take one more opportunity to thank Bob Hill (now IPC) for his leadership over this past year. I learned a lot from Bob and came to realize that our club is more than boats and people; we're family, we'll do anything for each other, but it is our boats that keep our common bond together, and what a great bond to have with each other. I feel honored and blessed to be part of OYC and look forward with great anticipation for what lays ahead in 2018. We all wonder but I promise, you will not be disappointed, especially with Vice Commodore Wayne Beal and Rear Commodore Susan Millonig at the cruise and land event helm. Plus I'd also like to

thank Johnny DeDitiis - Treasurer and Jeff Hughey - Secretary for volunteering to stay one more year and ensuring I maintain a true course and heading in my new position. To my outgoing friends, Ray Maestas our 2017 Daymarker editor, you took ownership and introduced new things to the Daymarker that I really enjoyed reading each month, thank you. Mark Lawton, Membership Chair - what can I say, you were great, and I feel honored to be able to call you my friend, and look forward to cruising with you and Cindy in 2018. Let the good times roll my friend, let 'em roll.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our remaining board of directors, the folks who do all the real work, you're the glue that keeps our club together. Karen Hart - Membership Chair, Heidi Bishop - Daymarker Editor, Ilana Cumbey - Quartermaster (the best swag OYC has to offer!), Lisa Graybill - Historian (great videos), Bill Dornetto - American Yacht Club Webmaster, Bruno Millonig - PRYCA/CBYCA representative. I couldn't be more pleased with the way our 2018 team came together and truly look forward to working with all you in 2018.

With the holiday season, and cold weather quickly approaching, our 2017 boating season is essentially closed. Most of us are either winterized or are soon to be winterized. We're getting ready for the holiday season. Lets take this time off to reflect on last year and contemplate the coming year. If the Farmer's Almanac is correct, we have along harsh winter ahead. Check in on your boats and check in on your family and friends. Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy holiday season. I hope to see you all over the holidays. As always, I remain, very truly yours.

*Jerry and Susan,  
"Dig Life"*

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB Newsletter

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ December Happy Hour, Gangplank Marina, 1730 Friday, 1 DEC.
- ☺ Parade of Lights, Old Town Virginia and Waterfront, Washington D.C., 2 DEC, from 6 PM to completion.

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*Presenting the  
2018  
Occoquan Yacht Club Board*





## From the Vice Commodore:



I keep hoping it will warm up again, but I guess I should go ahead and winterize.... Raise your hand if you feel the same way :(

I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and grateful for all the work our Board did last year. I am excited to be a part of the new Board (Congratulations Commodore Jerry) and look forward to working together to continue to make OYC great! To that end, I could use some help. I will be putting together the schedule for the 2018 year and would very much appreciate any recommendations as far as trips go. If you can think of places/events that

we should put on the list, please send an email to [wbeal@totalcsi.com](mailto:wbeal@totalcsi.com). I will be accumulating ideas for a bit and then eventually putting together a draft plan for next year. As you get cold this next month or two and your thoughts turn to warm weather and boating, please send me an email with where you would like to go... I'll be thinking of the islands!

Wayne Beal  
OYC Vice Commodore  
Wayne's World

## From the Rear Commodore:



Season's Greetings, OYC Friends!

I am honored and delighted to be your Rear Commodore. Our club has afforded Bruno and I the opportunity to meet wonderful people we truly call family, attend fun happy hours and docktail parties, explore the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay, and benefit from a wealth of knowledge from our amazing boating community. When asked to be the rear commodore, I couldn't refuse. Volunteerism so very important, and without all of you and our very capable board members, this club could not exist. So - again, thank you for this opportunity! I'll do my best to plan fun land events, carry on with OYC traditions, and listen to your suggestions.

For future planning purposes, I'm organizing a late January land event (date to be determined) for whiskey and wine tasting with dinner to follow in the Manassas/Clifton area. The event will be a self-drive one (allowing for participation in all or some of the stops) however, stay tuned for additional details in the January Daymarker. We will still continue our Friday happy hours, Planfest, flag raising, and blessing of the fleet in addition to summer and early fall membership gatherings. Please contact me any time if you'd like the club to participate in an activity we've not had in a while or to try something new. I'm happy to listen to your input.

Extra Innings will be cruising in the Washington DC Parade of Lights this Saturday, December 2. Therefore, our first Friday December happy hour will be at Gangplank Marina aboard Extra Innings. Once our slip assignment is determined, I'll send an email blast to the club with the time and location. If you can make it over to DC, please come and raise a glass with your OYC friends to the holidays and the New Year! Bruno and I hope to see you there!

Cheers!  
Susan Millonig  
OYC Rear Commodore  
Extra Innings

## The OYC Board

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## From Membership:



Dave and I have been in the OYC for several years and have shared a passion for boating since we met 40 years ago.

After years of renting boats we finally bought our own and have enjoyed meeting people that share the same passion. When we bought our current boat we were told we were not only buying a boat, but a lifestyle, and that is so correct! As much as we enjoy boat trips we

also love marina life as we've met so many wonderful people. You'll find Dave and I on our boat, *Rock Me Gently*, at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on C Dock, the perfect spot to sit and enjoy the view or head out on the water and be out of the no-wake zone in a matter of minutes!

I'm privileged to have been asked by this year's board to serve as the Membership Chair and it is my pleasure to do so. Thanks for the opportunity, and thanks to Mark Lawton for such a smooth turnover. If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining this great yacht club, please share with them the 2018 membership form on the website:

<http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com>

or refer them to me. That said, I'd like to welcome two new members that just joined our group in November. Their names are Joe Yoswa and James Hawkins. Welcome Joe and James! We look forward to seeing you at our many land and sea events in the near future.

I will have the 2018 OYC membership cards printed for all of our members and will be distributing them in January. You are eligible for your 2018 membership card once you have paid your dues for 2018, so if you haven't already done so, be sure to get your check to our treasurer, Johnny DeDitiis, at: Occoquan Yacht Club P.O. Box 469 Occoquan, VA 22125; or by using PayPal on the website:

<http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com> website.

For our new members, if you want to join BoatUS, you can do so at a discounted rate if you're a member of OYC. You will need to provide the OYC club number (GA80979Y) which appears on both the attached 2018 membership form, on your new 2018 membership card, and at the top of the Daymarker.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve and look forward to seeing you all soon!

*Karen Hart  
Membership Chair  
Rock Me Gently*

## From the Historian:



Hi, I'm Lisa Graybill  
I'm your new OYC Historian.

November 3-5, Eric and I were the Cruise Coordinators for 33 adventurous folks on 15 boats for OYC's Hardy Souls Cruise to National Harbor.

This was followed up on November 18, 2017, with our Change of Watch ceremony that took place at the Fort Belvoir Officer's Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Eric Reuter for assisting me at the COW. He used his Nikon to take portraits and photographs throughout the night to help me out. I'm sure you'll note the differences; however I will post both versions.

Needless to say, for me, someone that loves to photograph all of life's special & fun moments, there were plenty of those for me! In less than this 1 month's span of time I've managed to snap at least 1500 shots! I'm still editing those as well as going through the frame by frame videos to extract still shots to post on our

Facebook and website. I'm still new at this and promise to try to get better. I will continue to try to put together the little video montages of our events and posting them to Facebook. But first, I have at least 1500 photos to get through, lol. I Love what I do and I hope it brings a smile to your face as well.

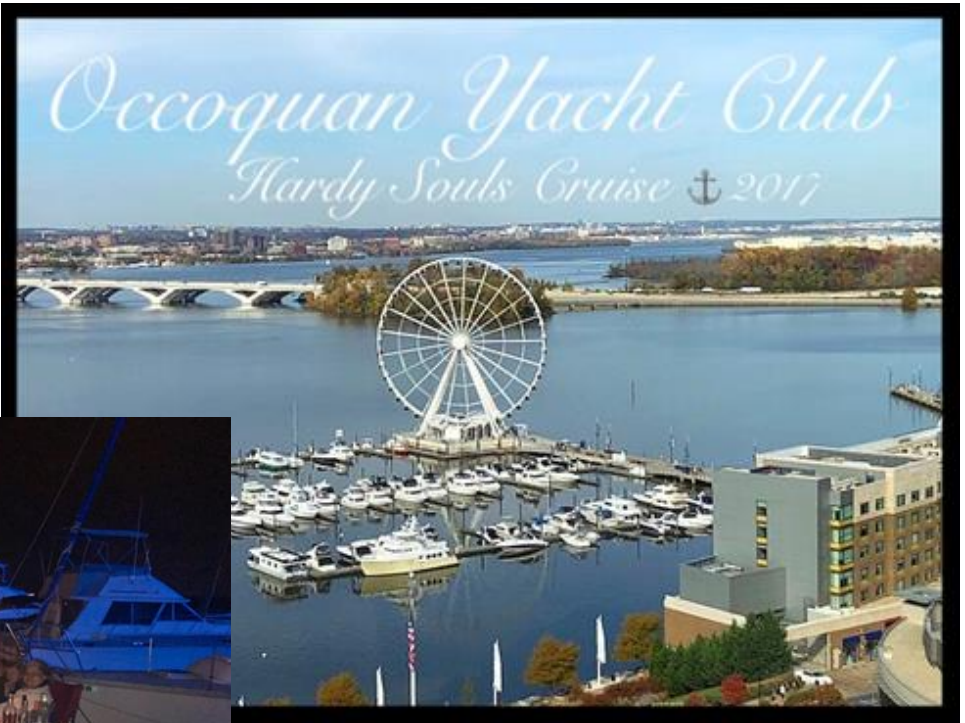
*Lisa Graybill  
Historian  
After Hours*





## Hardy Souls Cruise

Thank you everyone who made it out for the Hardy Souls cruise this year. We had 15 boats attending. Our activities this year included Dock tails on Friday, a trip up to the MGM during the day on Saturday, drinks and dancing at the Irish Whisperer with a live band Saturday night followed by the after party on Viking. Then Sunday morning we had a farewell brunch on Good Grief.



Dock Tails had a great turn out and quite a spread of food.

On Saturday a group of folks went up to try their luck at the MGM. We heard stories from donating a little to the casino to help them stay in business to bringing home an extra \$300.

Saturday afternoon there was a gathering on Lady Min for some afternoon drinks before people headed off for dinner.





## Hardy Souls Cruise 2017 (cont.)

Saturday night after dinner we all met up at the Irish Whisperer for a live band, drinks and some dancing. The place is a nice Irish pub. We all had a great time and stuck around until the band stopped playing.



After the pub a smaller group of us went for the after party on Viking. There was some more music, a lively game of cards against humanity and some more drinking and comradery.



Sunday morning was a wet and foggy morning. Much thanks to Mark & Vanessa Davis for graciously hosting brunch aboard Good Grief rather than on the docks.

Again as always the food everyone provided made for a great brunch and time together talking and eating.



As we all slowly left the docks we had a foggy ride home. Now that folks are mostly or soon to be winterized we turn and look forward to getting back out on the water next year. We hope everyone has a great Holiday season and a Happy New Year.



- Eric & Lisa  
Hardy Souls Cruise Coordinator  
After Hours

## From the Quartermaster: What to buy...

By Ilana Cumby

If you're wanting a few new items, please get your orders in as soon as you can. I have Polo's, Jackets, Sweatshirts and more with your name, boat name or logos on them for you. Head out in style.

I have many pieces of jewelry left that you can choose from also. Fleece-lined Hoodies (email me to order) 3 colors: White/Grey, Grey/Black, Navy/Black Available in M, L, XL, XXL \$45 with either OYC Flag Monogram or your Boat Logo.

Last, for the little girl in your life, how about one of these beautiful handmade necklaces, **only \$28**.



## From the Secretary:



Hi, I'm Jeff Hughey. I will be taking the minutes of the board meetings and handing them off to the Webmaster so they can be posted for all to enjoy. This is your club; you deserve to see what we discuss and how we vote. Please contact board members to influence any decisions you would like them to consider.

Jeff Hughey  
Secretary  
Fear Knot



## Looking for Flag Pole Mounts???

By Joe Livingston of the Gail Lynn II

The Swiveler Flag Pole set design fits our Club's 12" burgee and the pole is made of solid machined 316 stainless steel, with rotating clips, and the mount is machined anodized aluminum. Ask Club members what they think of this flag pole and review at [www.originalswiveler.com](http://www.originalswiveler.com).

To order, send me an email indicating how many sets you want and give the exact diameter of your rail (please measure...do not guess). 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".



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association  
[www.pryca.us](http://www.pryca.us)

*You Are Invited*

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUBS ASSOCIATION  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

*2018 Change of Watch*

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF JANUARY,  
TWO-THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL AND SUITES  
625 FIRST STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

REGISTRATION FORM AVAILABLE AT: [www.pryca.us](http://www.pryca.us)



## From the Webmaster:

### WWW.OCCOQUANYACHTCLUB.COM

Starting for the 2018 season if you send me a picture(s) of you boating it may get selected for the home page of the club website. There will be multiple entries do not be discouraged if your picture is not immediately selected. Just keep checking the web-site for updates.

Remember the club is now accepting credit card payment for club activity on the website. Now paying is easier and you do not have to wait for your check to clear any longer: go to <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com/>, log-in, go to your profile and enter your information.

Now that the OYC website is up and running it is easier for members to sign up for cruises and events. Just visit our website: <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com/>, login-on, and click the link on the left-hand side named My sign-ups for cruises in 2017. Then sign up for one event or cruise, a whole month of events and cruises or the entire year. It is easy!

If you are having any issues with the website access just email me at [webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com). Do not forget we have a Facebook(FB) presence now, go to OYC Members Only on FB and ask to join. Happy Holidays, Safe boating is happy boating!

*William Dornetto, Webmaster*

*Nauti Buys*



## From the PRYCA Rep:

"Your PRYCA Board is pleased to extend our invitation to you and your club members to join us for the 2018 PRYCA Change of Watch Ceremony and Dinner-Dance, January 27, 2018.

Please pass this invitation and registration form along to all members of your club, and encourage them to attend. The event will again take place in Old Town Alexandria, but at a different hotel this year - the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites. We would be delighted to reserve a table for you and your fellow club members!

As in the past, we have planned a weekend full of activities for those who wish to make it a "land cruise" destination, the perfect remedy for the winter doldrums! The brand new clubhouse for Old Dominion Boat Club will be ready to host us for the launching of the Friday night Pub Crawl.

A block of rooms has been reserved under the link: Potomac River Yacht, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, Old Town Alexandria, at a daily rate of \$99 plus taxes, with discounted parking for hotel guests at \$10 per day. When making reservations, be sure to note the Group Code PRY. Make reservations early - the block of rooms is limited and will be held until January 5, 2018.

The Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association Change of Watch is a traditional blend of formal ceremony and boaters' camaraderie - come along and help us Make It A Weekend to Remember!

Cheers!

Pat Croft, Commodore, PRYCA  
"703-408-0483"

## PRYCA Rep (continued):

Hello boating friends of mine! It's been an active month on the legislative front. Here's the rundown...

Back in April, Gov McAuliffe put the brakes on Dominion Power's Coal Ash plans pending a study. That study is release next week on 4 December. Stay tuned for the results and if you find yourself in Richmond, it's in the State Capitol, Rm #1, 1000 Bank St, Richmond, VA. Related to clean water, the Water Control Board will hold hearings to consider the application for water quality certification for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. Hearings are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, 11 & 12 December. Finally, There's a public meeting on the water permit for the Potomac River pipeline, Tuesday, 19 Dec, 6pm at Hancock School, 289 W. Main St., Hancock, MD.

Ever wonder why we're in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association? Well...let me tell you. The CBYCA was an instrumental advocate to kill E15 in our tanks. Corn is the last thing any self-respecting Chevy 454 Big Block, 4 barrel carburetor owner would ever want to see in their fuel...

Keep checking on the Long Bridge (14th St. Bridge) updates. Its revised coordination plan is posted at [www.longbridgeproject.com](http://www.longbridgeproject.com).

Lastly, the PRYCA COW is 27 January, in Old Town as normal. The newly built ODBC (Old Dominion Boat Club) will kick off the pub crawl on Friday night. Be sure to reserve your spot by 5 January! After that time, the block rooms will be released for the public. Registration form is at [www.pryca.us](http://www.pryca.us).

If you're at the Christmas Parade of Lights this year, please look for the baseball boat! It should be a great time at Gangplank. Hope to see as many of you as possible at Happy Hour!

*Bruno Millonig, PRYCA Rep, Extra Innings*

## From the Treasurer:



Hi, I'm Johnny! And this is my first mate, Michelle! I handle our money and would like to pass on that our club is healthy from a financial standpoint.

Balance 10/30/2017: \$11,801.69  
Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$1225  
Expenses (COW, Paypal, Burgees/gifts): \$5568.36  
New balance (11/30/2017): \$7,458.33

*Johnny Deditius  
Treasurer  
Liquid Leisure*



## Daymarker Editor:



Daymarker Editor: Heidi Bishop

Articles regarding boating are welcome from all members. Articles / comments can be sent to me (or call) at the following:

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Email: heidib703@aol.com



## Safer Boating through Mutual Support and Comradery!!!!

*The Daymarker is published to provide members with announcements of, and information about, Club activities. Deadline for articles is the 25th of every month preceding the publication date. Contact The Daymarker editor Heidi Bishop at [editor@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:editor@occoquanyachtclub.org) for information on submitting articles.*

## Useful Info for our Members

If you are new to the club and didn't know this, I hope it helps out. Most all boaters will probably purchase membership in BoatUS. If you do, don't forget to provide them our membership accord, #GA 80979Y, entitling our members to BoatUS membership at half price.



## December Birthdays ..... ..and Anniversaries... ..

Don Bennett on December 4  
Anne Bennett on December 15  
Les Bergmann on December 25  
Manuel Chavez on December 25  
Stacy Conti on December 9  
John Cornicelli on December 31  
Harry Croft on December 21  
Vanessa Davis on December 8  
June Fraim on December 13  
Jeffery Hughey on December 13  
Luciana Hughey on December 28  
Kelly Jackson on December 19  
David Johnson on December 4  
Debbie Kent on December 22  
Paul Mannino on December 4  
Dan Parsons on December 1  
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