



The Daymarker

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COMMODORE

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Commodore's Log:

Happy New Years! Well we have made it past the shortest day of the year (21 December) so we have more sun light to look forward too!

Boating season is almost here! Well a little wishful thinking I guess...☺

This month we have our Friday Happy Hour to start the year off and then we will have our first planning session of the year, called the pre-plan fest. This will be on January 29th at 1500 and is for the Board and all or the people that would like to be cruise coordinators or have ideas for the coming season. The pre-plan fest is the precursor to the plan fest which will be in early March. The pre-plan fest is where we map out the calendar for the coming season. We will figure out what cruises to go on and when. When and where the land events will be and in general, all club functions. One might call it the sausage making of the club calendar. If you have ideas for cruises and or would like to be a cruise coordinator please come, we need your inputs and help! We try to take into account

the major boats shows, PRYCA events as well as other activities which might conflict with our cruise schedule.

I'm excited to report that the Board has been exploring new ways of improving communications and sharing OYC related information with club members. Membership Chair Wayne Beal has been working on a Discussion Group which will be linked on our OYC website. Please be sure to read Wayne's article as he will have the details about the Discussion Group. And our PRYCA Delegate Bruno Millinog has been working on a Facebook group for OYC members. This will be a closed group so only OYC members can have access to the site. Please read Bruno's article to learn more. Both of these sites are being offered to all paid members that would like to participate in them as ways to improve communications between the Board and between members.

Do you believe in the Farmer's Almanac? It says that we are going to have a warmer January with less precipitation, an average temperature February but more precipitation, and a colder March but with less precipitation. So for those that don't mind rewinterizing your engines you might be able to get in a few cruising days in January and possibly February!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org Cheers, Happy New Years and hope to see you at an OYC Happy Hour or some other function! Be safe.

Bob & Min, *Lady Min*





VICE COMMODORE

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From the Vice Commodore:

With our boats safely tucked away for the winter months and the holiday season now upon us, I'm certain we are all longing for the warm days of summer and reminiscing the great times we had in 2016 with family and friends.

Although Suz and I have only been boating for a few years, we never imagined that this hobby would change our lives so drastically. We fell fast and hard for the water, have met new friends that seem like we've known them for ages, and discovered that our young hearts that belie our age now crave new adventures and destinations.

Although 2016 has had its challenges, our times with the OYC family have created incredible memories that serve as welcome respite when times have been tough. The poem below by Mark Twain perfectly expresses my wish for everyone in 2017:

Twenty years from now
You will be more disappointed
By the things you didn't do
Than by the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.
Explore.
Dream.
Discover.

-Mark Twain



Let's all start thinking about the way ahead, but in the meantime, please relax and enjoy your family time together. Susan, Walter, Emma and I wish you and your families a happy holiday season, a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Jerry & Susan, *Dig Life*



REAR COMMODORE

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From the Rear Commodore:

We're off to a good start for the New Year! We had our Happy hour at Cody's last month and had a great showing of approximately 35 people. Due to the central location of Cody's, along with food and drink, I believe we all agree we

have found it to be a great place for us to meet. In keeping with that idea, we will plan our next OYC Happy Hour for Cody's on Friday January 13th from 5 until whenever. This should allow for ample time to recover from New Years!

Bob covered the pre-plan fest in his article so I would just add that we will follow up with an email to all parties who have responded that would like to be cruise coordinators or have ideas for the coming season. So, if you have an interest in attending this meeting, please email me at wbeal@totalcsi.com so that I can make sure you get on the email list for the meeting.

The Board asked that we investigate the idea of adding a discussion section to our web site and as a result, we have agreed to try it out. This link will be added to our members only section of the OYC website when Don has the chance. If you would like to get a glimpse in advance, please feel free to take a look

at: <http://www.totalcsi.com/oyc/discuss.nsf/allDocuments.xsp>. This is an open discussion area and as such does not require an additional ID or password. I have created a few starter headings to

get the ball rolling. Please feel free to add things and if you need help, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

Wayne Beal, *Wayne's World*
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MEMBERSHIP

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Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope everyone is enjoying the Holiday season and surviving the months-long lull in the boating action. Just a few more months and everyone will be back on the water.

I heard a funny story about a student attending a course on navigational hazards. The student asked his instructor, "What's a bar?" The instructor replied, "It's a low lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Boaters can be found in large numbers around both."

With that in mind, I hope to see large numbers of you at all of our preferred type of bar, one which features both the dark wood and the associated adult beverages, along with great wings, for our first Happy Hour of the new year, starting at 5:00 pm on Friday, Jan 13 at Cody's Restaurant. As if getting together for a cocktail with your boating friends wasn't reason enough, as an additional inducement to join your OYC shipmates, I will have for those who haven't already received it the highly coveted, much sought after 2017 Occoquan Yacht Club membership card. Doesn't get much better than that, folks! You are eligible for your 2017 membership card once you have paid your dues for 2017, so if you haven't already done so, be sure to get your check to our treasurer, Johnny DeDitius, at:

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Until then, a membership limerick to hold you over:

I once knew a boater from Occoquan
Who could always be known to talk so long
He said with a grin
As he welcomed crowds in
"Joining OYC could never be wrong!"

QUARTERMASTER



Ilana Cumbey

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It's a New Year! Start it out with some of our beautiful merchandise at an always reasonable price. I still have some non-boating jewelry for you and your non-boating family and friends; great for Birthdays and Anniversaries. I can even arrange for you to have a home shopping party to raise funds for the Club and earn some free stuff for yourself. Let me know if that interests you.

Remember, send me your boat logo, and we can have it digitalized (small one-time fee) and then put it on **ANYTHING! Brand New! 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.**



Pictured: Mermaid and Ballerina (blonde and brunette available), Cupcake & Seahorse

Also available: Dogs (Bassett Hound, Chihuahua, Cocker Spaniel, & Poodle), Flora, Tuttle, Elephant, Giraffe, & Octopus (email me for more pictures)

Ilana Cumbey, *Lala's Para'Dice*
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Keep those membership applications and renewals (oh, yeah, and dues!) coming and see you on the 13th!

Mark Lawton, Serenity



HISTORIAN

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I'm looking forward to a great 2017 boating season. As always please continue to send me pictures you would like included on the website. Send to: historian@occoquanyachtclub.org. Remember to bring you photos to the general membership meeting for the photo contest. We still have 2016 directory's available so if you haven't received yours yet please see me at the membership meeting.

Les Bergmann, *Bergie*



PRYCA / CBYCA

Bruno Millionig

Did you ever wonder what the PRYCA and CBYCA do? Please take a look at their websites <http://potomacriveryachtclubs.org> and <http://www.cbyca.org> to see!

This month I'll fill you in on the PRYCA, which first met in 1971. Its goals are to: encourage yachting and boating safety; encourage the advancement of yachting clubs in the Potomac River Basin; represent member clubs (of which there are 21); and finally, promote social interactions among members clubs and their individual members...I like the sound of that one!

Look for more next month on PRYCA efforts to ensure a clean Potomac for all to enjoy as well as their advocacy for readily available haul-out facilities for northern potomac boaters.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for the PRYCA COW party, where OYC's very own Pat Croft and Don Bennett will fleet up to Commodore and Vice!

Switching gears on you for a moment...if you follow Facebook or Twitter, you may run across 3 new pages in town! The OYC now has a public FB Page, a private FB Group, and a Twitter feed. (You may also stumble across a FB "Occoquan Yachtclub Admin page", but you can ignore that one as it has no friends and posts nothing. Its only purpose is to administer the OYC FB Page and Secret Group.)

Lets have a look at each of them. The public FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/occyachtclub>) is exactly that, a page that's visible to everyone. Its primary purpose is to broadcast the Board's external communications...and on it we will post selected items of interest to yacht club members and local boaters. Anyone may like, share, or comment on a post, including visitors. Be mindful that your FB actions are readily seen by the public, and anyone with a FB account is welcome to try it out right away.

The next FB site is not a page, but a "group". We have set up an invitation only group (OYC Members Only) whose sole purpose is to share internal communications. We hope it will foster a broad sharing of pictures, ideas, and enthusiasm across all of our members. Because it's a SECRET group, nothing you post, tag, like, or comment on can be seen outside its membership, nor is it visible (or searchable) to the outside world. Any OYC Captain or 1st Mate is welcome to join and give it a spin...just send me (or any other board member) a text or email to get your invite and join in the fun today!

Lastly, we have a Twitter feed: @Occyachtclub. It is also a public site and like the FB page, anyone may see, view, like, or comment on its posts. The Board will use it similarly to the public FB page...that is, to broadcast messages externally. Anything you see posted on our public FB page will also be duplicated here. It's the last pillar in your Board's efforts to champion open communication and transparency throughout our Club.

I encourage you to give them a try...post feedback, and let us know what you'd like to see!

Only 10 more weeks til boating season!

WEBMASTER

PC Don Bennett

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Anne and I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday. We're still looking forward to seeing everyone in the 2017 season!

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. Don't forget to select *Submit* at the bottom of the page.

PC Don Bennett, *Heart of the Sun*



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Years! Paula and I hope each and every one of you had a special Christmas and a safe New Years with your friends and families.

We are super excited for the New Year and upcoming boating season.

Please continue to send your suggestions or tales of your boating adventures so I may add them to our Daymarker. Send your suggestions and tales to the OYC Editor's email addresses, oyceditor@gmail.com and editor@occoquanyachtclub.org,

Hope you have a warm January!

Ray & Paula, *Drippin' Wet*



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

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER



DAN PARSONS 12/1
DAVID JOHNSON 12/4
PAUL MANNINO 12/4
DON BENNETT 12/4
VANESSA DAVIS 12/8
STACY CONTI 12/9
JUNE FRAIM 12/13
JEFFERY HUGHEY 12/13

THOMAS PLEWES 12/15
ANNE BENNETT 12/15
HARRY CROFT 12/21
DEBBIE KENT 12/22
LES BERGMANN 12/25
LUCIANA HUGHEY 12/28
KARI LANGERMAN 12/29
JOHN CORNICELLI 12/31

January

LISA GRAYBILL 1/5
PAM POULOS 1/7
DANIEL KENT 1/10
RAY MAESTAS 1/13

DEBRA SOLOWAN 1/13
NED RHODES 1/22
DAN EVERTON 1/23
TERRY HOLZMAN 1/27



Please wish the following couples a Happy Anniversary !!!



*JOHN & JOYCE BROWN (12/11)
NED & ARLEEN RHODES (12/21)*



*LASLO & LINDA BOZOKY (1/3)
GREG & ILANA CUMBY (1/18)
JOHN & REBECCA HEINZE (1/30)*

COMEDY CORNER



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"What do you mean you were having such a good time on your boating trip you lost track of time? You were supposed to be home over a year ago!"

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.

CHAPARRAL SIGNATURE 330 FOR SALE!



Beach House

2012 Chaparral Signature 330 - \$157,000 – **reduced and a Motivated Seller!**

Brokered for Jim and Pam by
James Ross at Seabreeze Yacht
703-490-5490 (work)
703-853-0235 (mobile)

james@seabreezeyacht.com

You can find more information and pictures at: <http://www.seabreezeyacht.com/boat/2012/chaparral/330-signature/1010/>



FOR SALE!

Flag Poles and Mounts

Contact PC Joe Livingston



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 you rail (measure please...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](tel:703-505-8313).

"Please note...Cost of Flag Poles will increase by 15% as of 1 January 2017. Want to save? Get your order to me by 15 December and I will order for that Christmas gift or just because!!"

Joe Livingston, Gail Lynn II





Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



www.PotomacRiverYachtClubs.org

*Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
2017 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance
Saturday, 28 January, 2017*

at

*Crowne Plaza
Old Town Alexandria
901 N Fairfax Street
703-683-6000*

Hospitality Suite Open: 1645 – 1745 (and again after the dance)

Photographer: 1745- 1845

Cocktails: 1800

Dinner: 1900

Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000

Dancing to follow with Tommy and the Bahamas

Formal/Winter Uniform/Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$80.00 per person

Menu

Salad, Rolls & Butter

Grilled New York Strip Steak with red wine demi-glace, complimented with Garlic Whipped Potatoes & Vegetables

Seared Salmon with saffron butter, complimented with Wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetables

Vegetarian Risotto with mushrooms

Dessert: Chocolate Revenge (flourless chocolate cake)

Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar

Rooms

A block of rooms for Saturday, January 28, 2017, has been reserved for PRYCA guests at the per room rate of \$100.00 (plus taxes and parking,) until January 9, 2017.

Friday, January 27, 2017, is offered at the same rate to make this a weekend to remember!!!

Reservations can be made by calling Crowne Plaza directly at 877-317-5752 or 703-683-6000.

Meal Selection: New York Strip Steak # _____ Seared Salmon # _____ Vegetarian Risotto # _____

Name: _____ Guest Name(s): _____ Titles: _____

Email Address: _____ Yacht Club: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please mail Registration and Checks to: PRYCA, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554