



# *The Daymarker*



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# From the Commodore

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Occoquan Yacht Club boating Season officially started at the Flag Raising on 6 May! Thanks to the USCG Color Guard for raising the U.S. flag, Virginia state flag and club burgee! Our VIP guests included Virginia State Senator Scott Surovell and Supervisor Ruth Anderson from the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. I would like to thank Mandy Johnson for signing the National Anthem again this year and due to the weather she sang it acapella. And a special thanks to Rear Commodore Wayne Beal for doing an excellent job coordinating the event and all the people that showed up early to help setup and stayed late to breakdown the event.

We also had the Blessing of the Fleet the following Saturday and we had two OYC boats play key roles. Les and Kathy Bergmann had Burgee positioned as the Blessing vessel and Don and Anne Bennett had Heart of the Sun as the spotter vessel. These are key roles in the Blessing event, which could not be accomplished without their help. Thanks to the Bergmanns and Bennetts!

We also had a Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to the Solomon's Islands led by Johnny and Michele DeDitius and a one boat cruise to Colonial Beach led by Steve and Ginny Preda! I am sure both events were great!

June is going to be a busy month starting off with a Happy Hour on 2 June and then the Luau on 3 June. Rear Commodore Wayne Beal is coordinating both of these events and will do a super job as always. One important change from previous years is the Luau will be free, yes FREE for members. In the past we have



*Commodore  
Bob Hill*

charged \$15 per person, now it is free, yes FREE for members. ☺ If you bring a non-member guest (i.e. non-immediate family) it will cost \$10 per person, still a bargain!

We then have the Poker Run, coordinated by Karen and Dave Hart, DC Jazz Festival coordinated by Johnny and Michele DeDitius, Cobb Island Summer Kick Off coordinated by Don and Anne Bennett, The Tides Inn Cruise coordinated by Jerry and Susan Tarasek, and Tim's Not the Fourth of July Raft-Up coordinated by Past Commodore Bud Bishop. Wow! What a month to look forward too!

I would like to focus on a major summer event for a moment which is in July. We have the Float In and Cup competition 14-16 July which is an annual event bringing yacht clubs from up and down the Potomac River to Point Lookout Marina for some fun competition and bragging rights for the coming year! We will need volunteers for the competitions as well as the navigation test. With the recent Captain's Course graduates we should win that one hands down! We will also be having a pool party and Cup practice on Sunday 9 July at Past Commodore Jim Dooley's house, the last Commodore to win the Cup by the way! I will be sending out an email shortly and remind you to sign up for the event if you have not already. Also very important is to get you Vessel Safety Check by the Coast Guard Auxiliary before the Float In. Each club that arrives with all vessels Safety Checked will receive an additional point which could be the difference between winning and losing!

If you have any questions please do  
not hesitate to contact me at:

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Cheers and hope to see you at the  
FREE Luau on 3 June! Be safe.

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# From the Vice Commodore

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If you're looking to up your game this summer take another look at the OYC cruise and land event schedule. June, July and August are packed with events that will make an American Graffiti schoolboy summer vacation look boring. Remember those days? Are you kidding me? Just take a look at the June calendar for starters. As our Commodore mentioned in his article, the month of June begins with our OYC membership appreciation "Hawaiian Luau" on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the OHM Pavilion starting at 2pm sharp. An all you can eat, all you can drink event and much more just for being a member. You'll realize your return on your annual membership dues just by attending this one event. Our cruise schedule is also shaping up well. So take another look at your summer schedule, put in for that vacation from work, take a mental health sick



Vice  
Commodore  
Jerry Tarasek

day, 2 week sabbatical, retreat, time off, maternity leave, furlough, or call it what you need to call it, I promise you won't be disappointed by attending one of our OYC cruises this summer. If you are interested, please log onto our new website at

[www.occoquanyachtclub.com](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com) and sign up for one or more cruises and land events so our coordinators can successfully plan the events. Feel free to contact me or your event coordinator anytime. Our yacht club summer schedule is presented below for your boating pleasure and convenience. Look for email updates on all events.

Finally, if you do not have BoatUS unlimited gold towboat insurance, I would highly recommend purchasing it now. Last summer I needed a tow from a point near Fairview Beach to OHM. The cost to the insurance company was \$2300 and the cost to me was free. Unlimited towing pays for itself, so don't leave port without it. Cheers. Jerry and Susan, "Dig Life"

2017 OYC EVENT SCHEDULE (Updated 4/12/17)					
Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Coordinator
June	2 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Electric Palm	Wayne Beal
	3 (Sat)	2:00 PM	Hawaiian Luau and Pig Roast	OHM Pavilion	Wayne Beal
	10(Sat)*	8:00 AM	Potomac River Poker Run (\$200 ante)	5 Locations	Dave Hart
	16(Fri) - 18(Sun)		Cobb Island/PRYCA Summer Kick-off	Cobb Island	Don Bennett
	16(Fri) - 18(Sun)		DC Jazz Festival, The Yards Park	The Yards Marina	Johnny D.
	23(Fri)-28(Wed)		Chesapeake Bay Cruise 2 - Tides Inn	Irvington VA	Jerry Tarasek
	24 (Sat)		Raft-Up for 4th July Fireworks, Tims I	Possum Point	Bud Bishop
July	1 (Sat)		Raft-Up for 4th July Fireworks	Mt Vernon	John Cornicelli
	4 (Tue)- 5		Raft-Up for 4th of July Fireworks - DC	DC area	TBD
	7 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour BYOB Docktails B-Dock	Belmont Bay	Wayne Beal
	8 (Sat)*		Raft-Up Tim's II not the 4th of July Fire	Tim's II/Fairview	TBD
	9 (Sun)	3:00 PM	OYC Pool Party, BYOB Float-In Practice	Dooley's Home	Bob Hill
	14(Fri)-16(Sun)		PRYCA Float-In, Commodores Cup	Pt Lookout	Bob Hill
	July 16-29		Chesapeake Bay Cruise 3 - South Bay	South Bay	Bruno Millionig
August	4 (Fri)	5:00 PM	Happy Hour - Docktail party BYOB	OHMA Dock	Wayne Beal
	4(Fri)-6(Sun)		Dog Days of Summer	Aquia Harbour	Joe Livingston
	11(Fri)-13(Sun)		Old Town Alexandria Weekend Cruise	Alex City Dock	Bob Hill
	26 (Sat)		Gilligan's Raft Up	Gilligans Pier	TBD
September	1(Fri) - 4(Mon)		Bay Cruise 4, Labor Day MD Crab Fest	Crisfield MD	Jerry Tarasek
	8(Fri) - 10(Sun)		Nationals Baseball Game vs Phillies	The Yards Marina	Bruno M.
	16 (Sat)	3:00 PM	Shrimpfest	Belmont Bay Mar	Wayne Beal

# From the Rear Commodore

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OYC started out with one of our first outings of the year which was the Wine & Food Festival at National Harbor. That was followed by an OYC Happy Hour, the Flag Raising, Blessing of the Fleet, the trip to Solomon's Island (which Johnny will cover), the trip to Colonial Beach led by Steve Preda, and our upcoming June OYC Happy Hour followed by the Hawaiian Luau. OK, sounds like things are in gear and we're back to boating!

Starting off with the Wine and food festival, we had 11 boats show up and proudly flew our OYC flag! It turned out to be a great weekend! For the folks that went, OYC managed to save our folks enough money in dock fees to pay for their 2017 OYC membership! The event started off with a wonderful welcome beverage prepared by Garnetta and sampled by me to make sure it was up to snuff... and it was!! We then had some food and docktails on Friday night. The event on Saturday was fun as we sampled beer, alcohol, wine, food, and then got back in line and started all over again! Turned out to be a little warm that day! After a nap, folks rallied for docktails and food while discussing the events of the day. On Sunday, some hardy souls made another go at the tents while others had breakfast and casually made their way back home.



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Wayne Beal*



Good gift ideas - Please make sure you enlarge the barrels in the picture below and read them - you can buy less expensive alcohol and put them in oak casks to give them flavor - cool idea! We also saw a place where you could buy a bottle of Jim Beam and have it engraved for free - who knew!



While the May OYC happy hour was scheduled for an outdoor dock party at OHM, Mother Nature suggested we move it indoors to Blu, but we did manage to get outside for a bit on the back deck where we had a roof over our heads, stayed dry, and managed to eat and drink while we had a chance to meet new folks and have some fun! Thank you to Michelle and Manuel at Blu for providing good service and food for the event! Oh, and let us not forget the good beverages as well – probably should have led with that!

The Flag raising was a great success! Bag pipes, singing, color guard, cannon that keeps scaring me – lol. Thank you to our Commodore Bob who organized the dignitaries! I want to thank all of the people who came early to help set up prior to the event and clean up after the event! Things of this size can only be accomplished with the help of our members! Even though we had rain, Pat Schondel donated some tents that kept folks dry during the ceremony – thank you Pat. Johnny Deditus helped cook and sampled the food to make sure it was done perfectly – thank you Johnny! Bob Hill, Jerry Terasek, Bud Bishop, Mark Lawton, Greg Cumbey, and others were instrumental in helping to setup tents. A raffle was done for gift certificates to Sunday Brunch at Blu (Thanks to Michelle and Manuel for the donation!) with the winning tickets going to Bruno Millonig & Gary Brown. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Garnetta and Susie Terasek for helping to organize and make sure the food was put out as fast as possible. And the hardest job, cleaning up – thank you for all your help to make this a successful event!



We participated in the Blessing of the Fleet and I hear they had a great turn out! Now on to the important stuff... what's next... glad you asked! This Friday we will once again try to host the OYC Happy Hour at Occoquan Harbor Marina on E doc! We will look to setup camp by Bob and Min's boat (Lady Min), Ray Maestas, Mark and Cindy Lawton, Jim, and any other OYC members that are on E dock! Jerry and Susie will not be able to make it that night because they will be helping Jeff and Luciana Hughey

prepare the pig for Saturday's Luau! We'll miss you guys, but very much appreciate the work you're putting into helping out with the event!

**Happy Hour - Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5ish at Occoquan Harbor Marina on E dock – if it rains, we will default to Blu.**

**Hawaiian Luau - Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm at Occoquan Harbor Marina at the pavilion – event is hosted rain or shine as the pavilion is a covered area.**

As Bob mentioned in his article, the Luau will be free, yes FREE for members!! If you bring a non-member guest (i.e. non-immediate family) it will cost \$10 per person, still a bargain! Please feel free to invite potential new members as well – if they join it's free and if not it's \$10 so how can they go wrong?!?! We plan on serving the pig prepared by our master chef Jeff Hughey, Bratwurst/Sausage, coleslaw, Teriyaki Chicken, Hawaiian rice, salad, and vanilla cake for dessert. We will have water, some sodas, and some beer. Bob and Min will be preparing their well know, dare I say famous, Mai Tai's! Rumor has it – yes, I'm starting the rumor, that we will be having a 50/50 and a prize for the best Hawaiian shirt as well as the best Muumuu! Come on out and have a great time!





## Our Very Real Obligations to Scoop the Poop

By Paula Eichenbrenner



My boyfriend, your fearless *Daymarker* Editor, keeps asking for articles... so here I am with another piece about the environmental impact we create with our daily choices

Lots of us have a pup (or two!) we love to take boating. Leo and I have enjoyed meeting many of your four-legged companions at the marina. However, no one enjoys stepping in left-behind dog poop!

Equally important, your pet's poop is bad for the environment. Since 1991, the EPA has officially labeled it as a nonpoint source pollutant. Canine feces is easily carried into waterways (especially when Fido poops within feet of the Potomac River!) This adds a significant amount of nitrogen to the water, which depletes the oxygen necessary for fish and underwater grasses to flourish. Who wants to boat or swim through a giant algae bloom? Yuck!

But isn't crap "good" for grass?! Well - cow manure is, because cows are vegetarian. Manure that contains decomposed plant material can benefit lawns, but dogs have a higher protein (meat) based diet. The average dog produces a 1/2 pound of poo a day and this waste can be highly acidic and actually damage lawns.

And dog poo can make humans sick! 23 million different bacteria appear in dog doody, in addition to parasites, worms and viruses - so diarrhea, vomiting, and fever are real risks.

Finally, in Prince William County, failure to properly dispose of pet waste is a Class 4 Misdemeanor and subject to a \$250 fine (County Code Sec. 4-11, 4-26).

So, even if you don't feel like it, keep scoopin' that poop!



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## Fototime Picture Link

By Les Bergmann, Historian

Follow this link:

<http://www.fototime.com/inv/97261FD666E7239> to look at all the OYC photos.

## Long Bridge

By Debbie Ruttenberg, Secretary, PRYCA

Thanks to Gangplank Slipholder Association (GPSA) President, Gary Blumenthal; and POWYC Delegate, Curtis Sloan for providing the below information on replacement of the "Long Bridge", which is of importance to any Potomac River boater that is interested in boating areas north of the Long Bridge. Please read below for vital details and information on submitting comments (which can be done by individuals as well as clubs).

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT), in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), is completing a comprehensive study for the rehabilitation or replacement of the Long Bridge over the Potomac River. The existing two-track railroad bridge, owned by CSX Transportation (CSXT), serves freight, (CSXT), intercity passenger (Amtrak) and commuter rail (Virginia Railway Express [VRE]). The 3.2-mile study area begins in Arlington, Virginia and extends northeast, along the existing rail alignment in the District of Columbia, east of L'Enfant.

In 2016, FRA awarded DDOT a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for Phase III, which includes preparation of the EIS. Concepts that pass through preliminary concepts screening (Phase II) will undergo detailed engineering and environmental screening to identify alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS. Upon FRA approval, the Phase III Study will include preparation of a Draft EIS and Section 4(f) Evaluation that will analyze alternatives, including the No-Action Alternative and identify a Preferred Alternative. Phase III will include a Public Hearing and comment period, followed by the issuance of a Final EIS, addressing issues presented at the public hearing, and Record of Decision (ROD).

FRA presented its Phase 2 EIS findings at the May 16 meeting. The bridge was built in 1904, replacing a wooden

bridge at the time, and is deemed inadequate to handle the projected 156% increase in rail traffic (VRE, Amtrak, CSX, etc.) by 2040. The options (number of tracks, inclusion of bike-pedestrian paths, etc.) has been reduced down from 18 and the next phase of planning will be completed this fall. Note that the final EIS will not be done until the fall of 2018 or perhaps early 2019.

Of most importance to boaters is the new bridge's clearance below at mean high highest water. Vessels with an air draft of 18 feet or above have limited or no passage under the current Long Bridge. FRA reported that a navigational study is required and USCG is required to work with FRA on bridge structures. FRA would like the navigational study to already be under way but they are having troubles getting USCG to engage.

USCG will likely take commercial navigation into account during the study and Odyssey's passage under the current Long Bridge is sometimes limited due to high water. Nonetheless, owners of private vessels should make their input known to the USCG when the study is initiated.

Comments can be submitted now via email to [info@longbridgeproject.com](mailto:info@longbridgeproject.com) or submitted via web form at the project website (<http://longbridgeproject.com/contact/>), but may be more appropriately timed to coincide with USCG's navigational study.

Information on the project is available at: <http://longbridgeproject.com>. Individuals can sign up for the mailing list to receive updates and notification of public meetings.

## PRYCA Information

By Bruno Millonig, PRYCA / CBYCA

Hello friends, hard to believe it's already June! A special shout out to Solomon's cruise coordinator Johnny D! He's not only an expert cruise captain, but a terrific chauffeur too!

The Long Bridge ([longbridge.com](http://longbridge.com)) is entering its final stage and is accepting public

comments. It's the railroad bridge next to the 14th St bridge -- and by far the biggest concern for boaters is the bridge height. Please take a moment to enter a public comment to voice your concerns.

The Isobutanol additive for gas, also known as "i12.5" or "B12.5", is now approved for use in MD! It's got 30% more energy per volume than Ethanol and is far less corrosive to your engines. A Boating Magazine test showed as much as 15% improved fuel economy and a higher top end. Please consider voicing your concern about the dangers of E15 for marine use and support alternative additives for gas! Hopefully VA won't be far behind....

PRYCA float in! if you haven't submitted your reservation, please do so soon! It's always a great chance to meet new people who share our shallow, log-ridden, but above all, wonderful River. Also, please note there's a wine tasting now scheduled for Friday night. 5PM, \$6 per person for 10 wines, what a deal! Get ready to "Rock the River" and please contact me or any board member to help you get signed up. PRYCA.org has more details if you want to investigate for yourself.

The Bay Cruise#3 is shaping up, OMG we're up to 11 boats for 2 weeks of cruising the South Bay! If you want to attend and think you're on the list, but don't hear from me by this week, please let me know! 15 nights, 8 ports, and 450NM. (more or less). It begins with the Pt. Lookout float in, heads down to Portsmouth, VA and then eventually returns to our home waters in the Potomac.

Finally, please take a moment to check out our Facebook Pages! We have a public site and a private, members only site. You're free to post on either and please don't hesitate to provide feedback (perhaps a "swap" site for boat equipment and accessories??)

Safe Boating!

## **(CBYCA) June National Boating Federation Report**

By Jerry Donofrio, Webmaster CBYCA

Contact Congress to Reform the Renewable Fuel Standard: In an email we received from BOATING UNITED, a Take Action notice was sent out by the National Boating Federation to all our members nationwide. As there are

12 million boats in the US, we are well aware of the damage E15 Ethanol causes in marine engines that the notice cited.

A deal is being pushed in the Senate that would overturn a rule on methane emissions in exchange for the ability to push more E15 into your gas pumps nationwide. This backroom deal by pro-corn Senators, would put millions of boaters at risk. We know that E15 is destructive to marine engines and the 97% of boaters that fill up at gas stations. With more E15 in the fuel supply, the risk of misfueling your marine equipment increases and the ability to find ethanol free fuel will diminish. Politicians should not be gambling on recreational boating and putting more consumers at risk.

We have received many acknowledgements from our Congressmen that they received our submissions.

Congress Agrees on Spending Package: Congress has agreed to a spending bill, which will fund the Government through the rest of FY 17, which ends September 30. Unlike President Trump's previous budget submission which increased Defense and made significant cuts to non-Defense Government agencies, the bill (H.R. 244) now leaves largely intact funding for Government agencies that Trump wanted to cut. The FY17 budget for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is \$8.06 billion which is a 1% reduction, not 31%; the Department of the Interior's budget will be \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$42 million and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is budgeted for \$5.99 billion, a \$535 million increase from FY16.

The U.S. Government Agencies mentioned above and their increased budgets, will affect a major portion of the waterways in the U.S. Most significant is the EPA, which provides funding for the Chesapeake Bay Restoration, Puget Sound Restoration, Great Lakes Restoration and invasive species and emission levels and standards. Also those with an impact on boating are the Department of the Interior, which is funded at \$1.3 billion, an increase

of \$42 million, the National Park Service, which is funded at \$2.9 billion, an \$81 million increase and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which has an \$11 million increase.

This is indeed good news for the entire boating community, since President Trump's earlier Budget Blueprint submission would have had a major negative effect on boating. Our thanks to the members of Congress who passed H.R. 244 and hopefully it will be signed by the President.

**Trump Asking States to Help Re-Write Clean Water Act:** As reported in THE HILL, the Trump administration is reaching out to state governors for help in rewriting former Past President Barack Obama's controversial water pollution rule. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Scott Pruitt, along with acting Assistant Secretary for the Army Douglas Lamont, sent a letter to governors asking for their "input and wisdom" on what bodies of water should be regulated by the Federal Government in the Clean Water Act. The letter went to the governors of each state and U.S. territory.

Following an executive order President Trump signed in February, the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are working on a two-step process to rewrite the Obama regulation known as the Clean Water Rule, which asserted Federal power over small bodies of water such as wetlands and stream headwaters. The agencies are first formally repealing that rule, and will then write a new version with a smaller reach to define the jurisdiction of the Federal Clean Water Act.

The Trump administration officials said they are prioritizing the role of states throughout the process, something they have accused Obama of not emphasizing. Thirty-one states, mostly led by Republicans, sued the Obama administration to stop the 2015 rule, joining with business and industry groups.

"EPA is restoring states' important role in the regulation of water," Pruitt said

in a statement. "Like President Trump, I believe that we need to work with our state governments to understand what they think is the best way to protect their waters, and what actions they are already taking to do so. We want to return to a regulatory partnership, rather than regulate by executive fiat." "We believe this is an important step in the process prior to proposing regulations that may have implications on federalism," Pruitt and Lamont wrote.

The February executive order asks the agencies to write their new rule in the framework laid out by the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*, and Pruitt and Lamont told the states they are carrying out that mission. Scalia said in a 2006 plurality opinion that the Clean Water Act should only cover waterways that are "relatively permanent." Scalia's opinion was only joined by four justices, and subsequent Federal court decisions have not relied on that test. So the Obama administration instead followed a separate concurrence by Justice Anthony Kennedy, who concluded that waters with a "significant nexus" to navigable waterways should be covered.

The EPA started the outreach process to states last month in a meeting with state and local environmental regulators, during which EPA officials discussed possible approaches to the new rule under Trump's executive order. The administration plans to eventually propose a formal regulation to enforce its new definition, at which point it will invite public comments, making any necessary changes and then make the rule final.

A Federal Appeals Court put a hold on the Obama rule in 2015, blocking its enforcement before it could take effect.

**Isobutanol Cleared for Marine Use in Maryland:** As reported in Chesapeake Bay Magazine, due to the efforts of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM) and Executive Director Susan Zellers, Marylanders may finally have a feasible and

better alternative to ethanol in our boat fuel tanks.

Ethel alcohol (ethanol), which is used as a biofuel additive to gasoline, is the same alcohol found in alcohol beverages. Many boaters who have had unpleasant and costly experiences with the blend would agree that we should have left that combustible in our drinks. Issues with engine failure, fuel line deterioration and useless water-soaked E-10 fuel on board have been persistent.

After extensive testing by the National Marine Manufacturers Assoc. in collaboration with the Department of Energy and the Argonne National Laboratory, isobutanol-blended fuel (i12.5) presents a solution to the problems. Higher-chain alcohols such as this are not as volatile or corrosive as ethanol, and they do not absorb – the three main complaints about ethanol-blended fuel (E-10).

A list of Isobutanol Advantages:

- 1) Ethanol-free
- 2) High octane
- 3) No phase separation
- 4) Reduced emissions
- 5) No water solubility issues
- 6) Made from renewable resources
- 7) 30% higher energy content than ethanol

Now it's a matter of switching over, which will take some time as marine fuel distributors and outlets develop the supply chain. And there is the question of price, which is unknown at the moment and will certainly fluctuate with supply and demand. The first operational outlet is expected to be on 29 September, Memorial Day, at the Annapolis Harbour Yacht Basin.

Interested marine fuel venders with questions should contact Greg Roda, [groda@gevo.com](mailto:groda@gevo.com), at Biofuel Producer Gevo.

## Membership News

By Mark Lawton, OYC Membership

There are good ships  
And wood ships,  
And ships that sail the sea,  
But the best ships  
Are Memberships  
In the club called OYC!

An Irish Proverb (Modified somewhat)

Those of you have already renewed your OYC membership for 2017 (53 paid memberships as I write this), you know how very true the ancient proverb above is. Thank you! Your contributions make our club's fun possible. For those who have yet to renew their membership, now is the time! You can send our Treasurer, Johnny ("Cash") DeDitius a check or, better yet, deliver it in person at the Happy Hour on Friday, June 2 or the Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, June 3. (Details above). Whatever is easiest for you ... just get those payments in and prepare yourselves to enjoy another season of fun and good company with your friends and fellow boaters in OYC.

Finally, given that the boating season is just getting underway, there are a lot of new boaters out there. If you run into them on your dock or in the marina office, please feel free to pass the word regarding OYC membership. You can share with them the 2017 membership form (included with this newsletter) or simply refer them to me

## What to buy...

By Ilana Cumby, Quartermaster

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.



## Looking for Flag Poles and Mounts???

By Joe Livingston of the Gail Lynn II

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](http://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](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net) or at 703-505-8313.

**"Please note...Cost of Flag Poles have increased by 15% as of 1 January 2017"**



**To all our June Members**

**Winner of the May Contest for the Mistry Basket was...  
No one, but that's good for June!**



**No one could find Waldo... Well partially because he was never in the Daymarker! The correct answer could have been 2 different conclusions: 1) He's not to be found or 2) I would have accepted Right there!**



## **Where's Waldo?**

**Now it's time to see who will be our next BIG WINNER!**

Answer these questions correctly for \$50 in prizes (to be provided to winner at next meeting)

1. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?
2. A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?
3. What is unusual about the following words: revive, banana, grammar, voodoo, assess, potato, dresser, uneven?
4. What makes this number unique -- 8,549,176,320?
5. Put a coin into an empty bottle and insert a cork into the neck. How can you remove the coin

without removing the cork or breaking the bottle?

6. Two boxers are in a match scheduled for 12 rounds. (Pure boxing only - no kicking, UFC takedowns, or anything else). One of the boxers gets knocked out after only six rounds, yet no man throws a punch. How is this possible?
7. In 1990, a person is 15 years old. In 1995, that same person is 10 years old. How can this be?
8. A man takes his car to a hotel. Upon reaching the hotel, he is immediately declared bankrupt. Why?
9. What do these words have in common: polish, job, herb?
10. You're standing in a hallway with three light switches on the wall, each of which turns on a different lamp inside a closed room. You can't see inside the room, and you can't open the door except to enter the room. You can enter the room only once, and when you do, all the lamps must be turned off. How can you tell which switch turns on which lamp?

## Send your responses to the OYCeditor for your chance at winning a Surprise Gift Bag full of summer goodies.

RULES: Be the first to decipher each of the 10 questions and send the answer to the *Daymarker* editor via email ([editor@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:editor@occoquanyachtclub.org)). The winner will be announced and posted in next month's *Daymarker*. **NOTE: OYC board members are not allowed to participate** GOOD LUCK!





• Club Registration •  
[www.OccoquanYachtClub.org](http://www.OccoquanYachtClub.org)

## Occoquan Yacht Club 2017

**New/Renewal Family Membership** (Annual fee: \$75.00)  
Includes Burgee.

**New/Renewal Individual Membership** (Annual fee: \$55.00)  
Includes Burgee.

**New/Renewal Associate Membership** (Annual fee: \$30.00)  
Add an additional \$25 for Burgee.

**Members can purchase additional burgees -- add \$25 to the above prices per additional burgee.**

**Fees paid after 1 October will cover both current and following year.**

### Membership level

- Family membership (Annual fee: \$75.00)
- Individual membership (Annual fee: \$55.00)
- Associate membership (Annual fee: \$30.00)
- Additional Burgees (Each: \$25.00)

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**Please make checks payable to Occoquan Yacht Club. Mail your check and this form to:**  
**Occoquan Yacht Club**  
**P.O. Box 469**  
**Occoquan, VA 22125**

*Please allow 2 weeks for processing application and return of membership packet.*

**Individual member contact information**

Date

Captain Name

Captain Mobile

First Mate Name

First Mate Mobile

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

Captain Email Address

First Mate Email Address

Captain Birthday (MM/DD)

First Mate Birthday

Wedding Anniv.

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**Boat Information**

Name of Boat

Builder

Length/Beam/Draft/Height

Power Required (ie, 1-30amp, 2-30/150amp, 1-50 amp)

Fuel Type (ie, Gas, Diesel)

Where Berthed (ie, OHM, FFX, etc)

Slip Number

*I am interested in the following volunteer opportunities (check all that apply)*

	Yes	No	Maybe
<i>Contribute articles to the OYC newsletter. The Daymarker</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Contribute pictures from club events for The Daymarker</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Contribute pictures and short articles to the OYC Website and The Daymarker</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Assist with Website programming</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Assist event coordinators</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Serve as a PRYCA or CBYCA delegate</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Serve as a fleet captain</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Serve as a safety officer or board officer</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Coordinate an event</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

### Occoquan Yacht Club Officers for 2017

**Commodore** Bob Hill  
703-402-1796

**Vice Commodore:** Jerry Tarasek  
703-244-8329

**Rear Commodore** Wayne Beal  
703-400-7733

**Secretary** Jeff Hughey  
703-599-2569

**Treasurer** Johnny DeDitius  
757-270-0762

**Immediate Past Commodore**  
Pat Schondel 703-477-1594

**Membership** Mark Lawton  
703-576-7693

**Quartermaster** Ilana Cumby  
703-201-1443

**Historian** Les Bergmann  
571-334-2522

**PRYCA & CBYCA Delegate**  
Bruno Millonig 703-371-0997

**Daymarker Editor**  
Ray Maestas 202-525-9985

**Webmaster** Don Bennett  
540-220-1709

OYC is a member club of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association and the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. We maintain a membership accord, #GA 80979Y, with the Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatUS), entitling our members to BoatUS membership at half price. OYC supports the Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA).



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



## 2017 PRYCA FLOAT-IN

Point Lookout Marina

July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>



**Calling all PRYCA Member Clubs: Rally your Captains to compete for The Cup!  
Join us in July at Point Lookout Marina for the 2017 PRYCA Float-In!**

**Registration includes:** A weekend of nautical fun and games with PRYCA members and their guests, July 14-16, 2017, at Point Lookout Marina, 16244 Millers Wharf Road, Ridge, MD 20680.

**Meals:** Friday Night Barbecue: chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, and sides.  
Saturday Continental Breakfast  
Saturday Lunch  
Saturday Night Buffet Dinner at Sunset Cove Restaurant  
Sunday Brunch at Sunset Cove Restaurant

**Events:** Friday Night Dance (DJ)  
Saturday Seminars and Demonstrations  
Saturday **Competition for The Cup!**  
Saturday Night Awards Ceremony and Dance (Live Music)  
Vessel Safety Inspections, available Friday and Saturday

**Costs:** **Slip Fees:** \$1.75 per foot; includes electric  
**Registration Fee:** \$120 per adult, \$50 per child 5-10, age 4 & under free; includes the five meals listed above and all events.  
**Fuel:** Pt. Lookout Marina offers \$.25 gal. discount off posted fuel prices, 7/14-16.

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

**Registration Process:** Clubs should designate a Point of Contact for their group; individual members of each group should fill out the *Individual Registration Form* and submit it to their POC, with their check for payment (payable to PRYCA.) The POC should collect those forms and checks, and fill out the *Club Registration Form*. The POC will then submit all forms and checks as the Club Registration Package to PRYCA Treasurer Steve Preda. \*

**Steve will accept Club Registration Pkgs. at the Commodores' Dinner & Delegates Meeting, April 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m.,** at Mount Vernon Yacht Club, 4814 Tarpon Lane, Alexandria, VA 22554.

Thereafter, Club Registration Packages should be sent to:

**PRYCA Treasurer, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554**

**\*Club POC's note –** Please make sure all individual registration forms are complete, with all spaces for boat information and contact information filled in, with personal checks to PRYCA included. For ease of refund if necessary, **ONLY PERSONAL CHECKS FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT CLUB CHECKS.**

**Cancellation Policy:** Notice of all cancellations must be made to Steve Preda at [Treasurer@pryca.us](mailto:Treasurer@pryca.us). No refunds will be made for cancellations received after July 8, 2017.

**Slip Assignments:** Slip assignments will be based on vessel size, power requirements, and registration date. Every effort will be made to keep club boats together, when size and power requirements allow.

**Schedule of Events:** A schedule of events and description of games for the Competition for The Cup will be sent to each Club POC in June; POCs should distribute to individuals in their group. The schedule and games will also be posted at [www.pryca.us](http://www.pryca.us) in June.

## ***REGISTER NOW, AND GET READY TO ROCK THE RIVER!***

Clubs that submit their group registration packages, including completed individual registration forms and checks, at the April 3rd Commodores' Night dinner will earn their first point in the competition for The Cup!!

**Individual Registration Form**  
**PRYCA 2017 FLOAT-IN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Circle Arrival Day: Thurs (14<sup>th</sup>) Fri (15<sup>th</sup>) Sat (16<sup>th</sup>)

Circle Number of Nights: One, Two, Three

List All Registrants: Name:

Club Position, if any:

Captain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate A (adult 13+), Ch (child 5-10,) or T (toddler 4yrs or less,) next to each name.*

Determine Slip Fee:

A. Length of boat x \$1.75 x number of nights = Total Vessel Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Determine Registration Fee:

1. Number of Adults x \$120.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

2. Number of Children (ages 5-10 yrs.) x \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

*Toddlers, age 4 & under, are free.*

B. Total registration Fee: (1) + (2) = \_\_\_\_\_

Determine Total Costs: Slip Fee (A) plus Registration Fee (B) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to PRYCA.*

*Submit this completed form, along with your personal check to your Club Point of Contact.*

*If you are registering after June 30, you may send it directly\* to: Steve Preda, PRYCA Treasurer*

112 Stafford Stone Drive

Stafford, VA 22554

*\* If you send directly to Steve, be sure to notify your Club POC.*

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