



The Daymarker



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From the Commodore

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Ahoy Mates! April is behind us as are two great cruises and another Happy Hour! Thanks to Immediate Past Commodore Pat Schondel for coordinating the first cruise of the year to The Yards in DC for the Cherry Blossom Festival. Weather was bad on Friday so they wisely delayed departure until Saturday for better sailing conditions. I commend Pat for making the right call! Safety is our number one concern on the water! We all want to have fun and a good time, which sometimes makes us want to push the envelope and go when we really should not. This is a great example of how to do it right!

Rear Commodore Wayne Beal coordinated the second cruise to National Harbor for the Wine Festival. Thanks Wayne, another great cruise and fun was and by all! And also thanks to Wayne for hosting the 1st Friday Happy Hour. I must apologize for missing it, I was out looking for Zach and by the time I found him it was over! ☺ Seriously though, we had company in town and it did not work out for us.

May is going to be a very busy month. Friday Happy Hour on the 5th immediately followed by the Flag Raising on the 6th at Occoquan Harbour Marina. We have the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet on the 20th. Be sure to register for the event. There are some great prizes and last year several OYC members own some of them. The flyer is at the end of the Daymarker with all the details. We then have two cruises over Memorial Day Weekend. One to Colonial Beach, coordinated by Membership Chair Mark Lawton and Rear Commodore Wayne



*Commodore
Bob Hill*

Beal, the other to the Solomons, coordinated by Treasurer Johnny Deditius. Please refer to Mark's article as Colonial Beach had damage from a recent storm so that cruise is in question as we write these articles.

Rolling into June, we start the month off with a Happy Hour and then the Hawaiian Luau on the 3rd. We then have five, that's right five, water events for June. I think that is a first! There are three cruises and two day events. The cruises are to Cobb Island, the DC Jazz Festival, and The Tides Inn. The day events are a Poker Run that goes up and down the Potomac and the Tim's Not the Fourth of July Fireworks Raft up. Wow, I think that sets a record for June and fun boating events.

We have the PRYCA Float In the weekend of 14-16 July at Point Lookout Marina again. This is a little early to be talking about it but if you are going there is an opportunity to get an extra point in the cup competition if we turn in our registration form by 3 April. So if you are going for sure I will be attending the PRYCA event on 3 April and will turn in the registration package for everyone that I have by then. You can still register later but as always, it is first come first serve. The theme this year is "Rock the River" which should prove to be a great time! The application is attached to the back of the Daymarker.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at: commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org

Cheers and hope to see you at the Flag
Raising on 6 May! Be safe.

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From the Vice Commodore

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Rafting up with other boats and friends is fun and one of the great pleasures of boating, but keep in mind there are unwritten rules of rafting up etiquette that every boater should know and follow. Safety and common courtesy considerations when rafting up is a must. Adequate and proper preparation is key for successful rafting. While there are no specific USCG regulations that address pleasure boat rafting, there are how to tips I was able to find in several Boating Magazine articles. While not inclusive, please see the following tips below, and enjoy.



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- When initiating a raft-up, know that it's acceptable to ask, and to be asked, to join. Monitor VHF channel 16, fly your OYC burgee, and ensure you have a USCG Auxiliary Vessel Safety Inspection.
- Hail and request your fellow boaters to join the raft-up. Approval to join is at the discretion of each Captain in the raft-up, especially the Captain that you will raft alongside. Don't be disappointed if you're denied, just drop your own anchor and start your own raft up.
- Typically the heaviest boat sets the first anchor, her anchor will usually have the highest holding power.
- The joining vessels should deploy her lines and fenders ahead of time. Use plenty of fenders (only cars have bumpers) and make sure they're big enough and set to keep the rafted boats from touching.
- Plan to tie up to a boat that is similar in size both for ease in crossing from one boat to another and for matching up fender heights to help prevent squeezing. When possible, try to get the sterns of

the boats to line up so people can pass from vessel to vessel on the swim platforms. This is safer and more practical than climbing across gunwales or over bow rails. Use spring lines to adjust fore and aft position relative to the adjacent vessel.

- Approach slowly into position from behind, being careful to watch for swimmers, other boaters and water sports enthusiasts. Come abeam to the host vessel. Heave (throw) the bow and stern lines to the other crew. If you can't do this due to wind and current, approach the bow at a 45-degree angle and toss the bowline, and allow your boat to settle gently back and beside the host by using the wind or current or slow reverse engine maneuvers. Practice throwing lines with your First Mate, it's fun and essential to safe rafting.
- Tie bow, stern, and spring lines onto the adjacent boat. Lines and fenders should be checked regularly during the raft-up to ensure tension and position.
- If more than two boats are rafting up, the anchored boat should remain in the middle. If more boats continue to tie up, alternate each arriving vessel so that the numbers remain the same on each side of the first anchored vessel.
- If you are joining the raft up and you are requested to drop an anchor (every 3rd boat in the line should have an anchor), move up past the line at least 2 boat lengths, depending on the water depth, drop anchor, reverse, and back into position, ensuring tension on the anchor rode.
- As any good boater should, always keep an eye on the weather, in case you need to depart or break the raft.

- When you're leaving the raft-up, announce to all your intentions, ensure there are no swimmers or lines in the water, and conduct one last visual check before starting your main engines.

Soon, we'll drop anchor at Mattawoman Creek, fire up our swim platform grill, crack a cold one, and take a dip with our noodles. Come Join. Cheers.

From the Rear Commodore

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Ah April... I remember it like it was last month...

Happy hour at Blu was great! We had an awesome time, the service was fast, the food was good, and the company was fantastic as you can see from the photo! You folks make the OYC events a great time!



The Wine & Food Festival at National Harbor is taking place at the end of April so I will report on it in the next newsletter. At this time, we have 12 boats going and I'm expecting our usual OYC party on the docks and good times! I can tell you we had to use a shoe horn to get the spaces we needed, but it worked out! We also got a substantial discount working with them as an OYC group instead of individually so things are on a roll!

Next month's happy hour will be on Friday May 5th and will be at Occoquan Harbor Marina (OHM) on E dock around 5ish. We will have some tables set up so bring a dish, your favorite beverage, and your chairs. Now don't party too hard (ya, right – lol) because the next day is the OYC Flag Raising ceremony also being held at OHM at 12 noon which I'm sure was covered in prior articles. The club will be providing chicken, burgers, and dogs along with some soda, water and a few beers. Ilana will be there with all her OYC bling so be



*Rear
Commodore
Wayne Beal*

sure to come on out! You will want to bring your dock chairs to this event so you will be comfortable. Please also invite potential new members to come by, meet other club members, and have fun!!

May seems to be a busy month as we also have a couple of cruises scheduled to include the Memorial Day Weekend cruise to Colonial Beach scheduled for Friday May 26 – Monday the 29th. We know Colonial Beach was hit by a very bad storm the beginning of April and we have looked into how that will affect our cruise. Please see Mark's article for more on that cruise.

A contingent of OYC boaters went to the Bay Bridge boat show in April and we came across something that we thought would be good to share. Imagine a case for your phone that's water proof (it uses a dry suit zipper) and lets you use it while in the case. This means you can take pictures without the worry of dropping your phone in the water! Also imagine that the phone retails for \$150 and we can get it for \$100! Well, I have been on the phone with Melanie and she suggested that if you have an interest, please order from <http://ugowear.com>. In order to get the discount please enter the promo code "OYC"!!

If my boat is Federally Documented, does it still need to be register with a state?

By Ray Maestas, **The Daymarker** Editor

So I have been asked by a few who have seen my boat why I didn't have State numbers on the side. I get boarded quite often by local Fairfax and Prince William boating Police because of this also, but I welcome their do diligence. Normally they board me and ask immediately if my boat is Federally Documented through the U.S. Coast Guard, which I answer Yes and provide them the required documentation stating so. I never get anymore grief. They say thank you and are usually on their way (they might look around a little bit before they go and there is the typical how much have you been drinking today but...) lol.

I did a little research to try to find you all an answer, other than my word, and I have located the following information from the BoatUS website:

" Generally, yes. For those who keep their boats primarily in U.S. waters, federal documentation in no way replaces state registration, nor does it exempt boat owners from complying with state laws. In fact, most states require documented vessels kept in state waters for a certain period of time to register and get a state sticker to indicate that the required state taxes have been paid. However, a state cannot require you to carry state numbers, as a documented vessel already has federal numbers.

Documentation is a federal (U.S. only) form of registering a boat with the U.S. Coast Guard and is preferred by many lending institutions because it is currently the only way to get a Preferred Ship's Mortgage. This type of mortgage for a boat loan allows the recording of a lien against the boat (not the person). Documentation as a vessel of the U.S. is also useful for

those who plan to spend time cruising in foreign countries.

In order to qualify for documentation, a recreational vessel must be at least five net tons (usually 25 feet or more) and be wholly owned by a U.S. citizen. Any vessel put into commercial service in the U.S. must also be documented. In order to receive the Coast Guard's "Coastwise" (commercial) endorsement, the vessel must also be American-built.

Within a few years, the federal Vessel Identification System (VIS) will allow participating states to also offer Preferred Ship's Mortgages. It will be a national database of state registered and titled boats and will be a great anti-theft mechanism for marine police, insurers and boaters. BoatUS has supported VIS for many years."

Now, I have been asked why I have not yet registered my vessel with the State and I usually counter with the Question "What does Certain amount of time" mean (from the first paragraph) and they normally don't have an answer for that, without making it up themselves.

What I'm gathering from this is VA State just wants to make sure they are getting more of our monies in taxes (end game that I see) but me also being Active Duty, I don't pay taxes in VA. That might also play a factor into them not messing me too.

Just wanted to get a better, more educated answer out to those who have asked me this question also.

BOAT SAFE!



**Membership & Towing Services
(Water & Road)**

24-Hour National Dispatch Center: 800-391-4869

24-Hour Information: 800-395-2628

Membership@BoatUS.com

Best Boating Apps.

By Ray Maestas, **The Daymarker** Editor

The year is 2017 and yet some of us absolutely, positively, undoubtedly refuse to use anything but the ol' paper maps, telescope and constellations. BUT, if you are one of those that are current with the times and have a smartphone, here are some great apps to have at your disposal:



Navionics Boating - GPS

This is a really popular App boaters are using to track themselves on the water and can be downloaded from the iTunes or Google Stores. I prefer using:



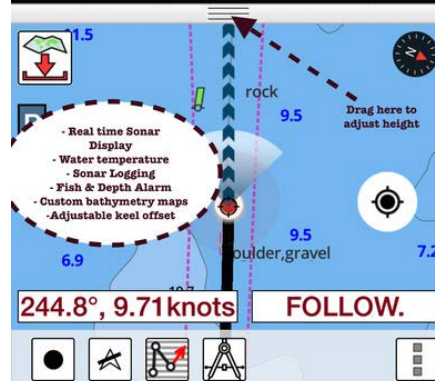
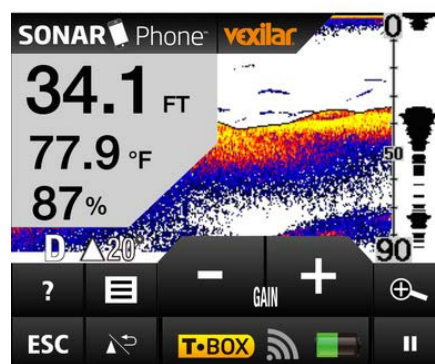
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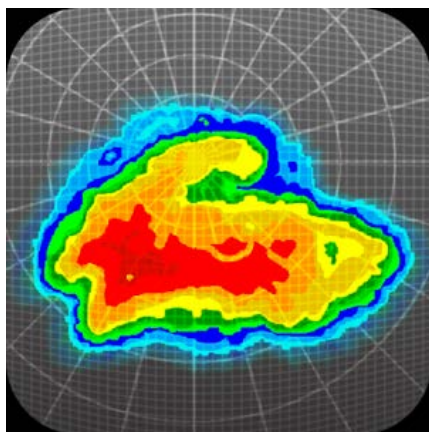
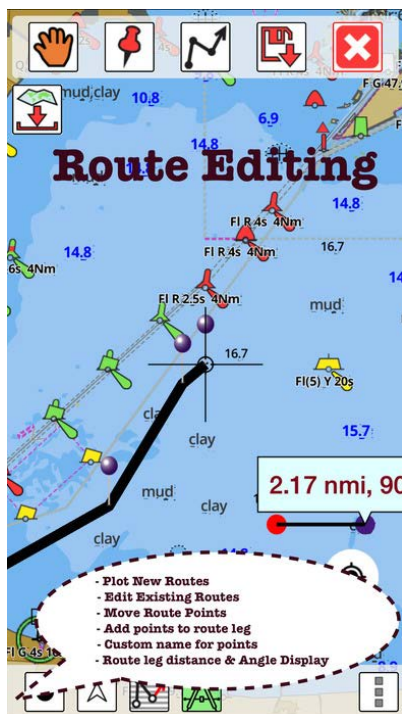
I use this app in addition to my broken radar (yes, you read that correctly. It turns on and you see a green screen, but that's about all you see). This app has an Auto Follow function, shows you all the buoys and travel lanes, speed and heading, allows you to plot routes or add way points and so much more.

I used this app while driving Greg and Ilana's boat back from DC in absolute zero

visibility because of fog and no moon one night. It insured we were safely in the middle of the channel at all times and helped us look for the next buoy... life saver!

Here are a few more pics of this app in action:





MyRadar Weather Radar

This app shows animated weather, so you can tell if rain is headed toward or away from you, and how fast. In addition to the free features of the app, a few additional upgrades are available; see severe storm warnings for your area, as provided by the National Weather Service, and real-time hurricane tracking - great for the start of hurricane season! The map has the standard pinch/zoom capability which allows you to smoothly zoom and pan around the United States and see what the weather is like anywhere.



Animated Knots

Animated Knots by Grog is a broad teaching and reference tool for boaters and other hobbyists. With step-by-step instructions and, you guessed it, frame-by-frame animations, this app teaches you to tie knots at your own pace.



FishingScout

A great resource and social app for anglers. The app allows you to upload photos of your latest catch, describe the conditions of how you caught it, study other locations where fish were caught, add friends, view their photos and more.

Or you can do like Greg Cumby and I do, drop a pole at the docks, drown a worm while we partake in a nice cold beverage! If we lose the pole we know we got a bite!



Dockwa

Now I have not personally used this app yet but I will be downloading it and giving it a try.

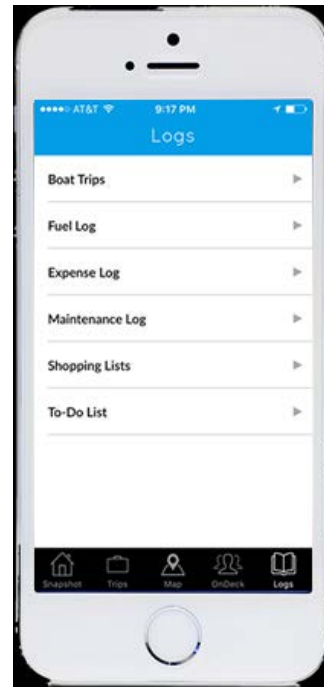
The Dockwa app allows boaters to view marinas in their location, select a destination and request a slip or mooring, all from their mobile device. Once the marina approves the reservation, payment is processed seamlessly through the app.



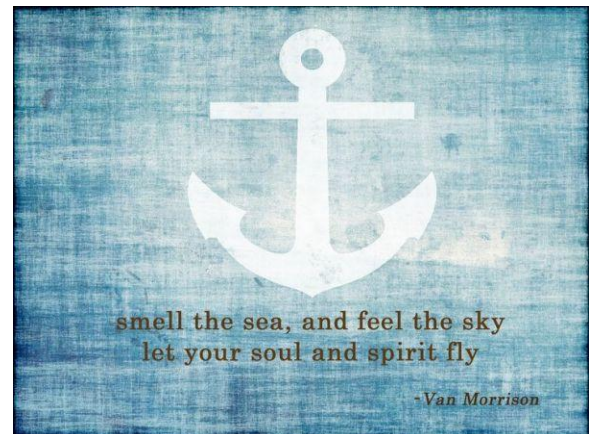
Boatrax

Another app I currently do not have but will be downloading and giving it a try.

Boatrax lets you keep detailed records of your boat while capturing and sharing your moments with family and friends. You can share your location and photos with friends and the boating community.



Boatrax helps you stay organized by managing everything you need to create the ultimate boating experience, including your expenses and services. Include your crew members in your boating excursion by allowing them access to manage everything on your checklist.



Why are you not on the Water?

By Ray Maestas, **The Daymarker** Editor

If for some reason you are not on the water enjoying the sun, fun and relaxation... here are a couple events that are on land.

MAY 7TH: (Sunday) from 2-5 PM
BOURBON & BLUEGRASS

<https://tinyurl.com/Bourbon-Bluegrass2017>



Located at President Lincoln's Cottage (Upshur St NW at Rock Creek Church Rd NW, Washington, DC) you can lounge on Lincoln's front lawn, sip bourbon and enjoy live bluegrass music. These tickets sell out pretty fast. If they are sold out you can be put on a waiting list by emailing: info@lincolncottage.org Prices are:

Adults (18+)- \$60

Children (ages 12-17)- \$30

Children (ages 11 and under)- Free

Your Tickets will include:

- An afternoon of live bluegrass music from local musicians By & By and Justin Trawick and The Common Good.

- Two drink tickets for specialty cocktails crafted by local bartenders (21+ only, ID required; additional drink tickets available for purchase during event)

- Unlimited non-alcoholic beverages and access to a complimentary dessert table.



MAY 7TH FROM 11AM - 5PM
HOLIDC 2017
(ALSO KNOWN AS FESTIVAL OF COLORS)

www.holidc.com



Located at 10310 Oaklyn Dr, Potomac, Maryland 20854, Holi, also known as the festival of colors, has its roots in ancient India and the practice of bhakti yoga. This festival is a chance to have a day full of laughter and lightheartedness. They host it to create a space for families and friends to reconnect in playfully fun and memorable ways.

MAY 20-21ST: from 11AM-6 PM
STRAWBERRY & WINE FESTIVAL

www.strawberryandwinefestival.eventbrite.com



Second Annual Strawberry and Wine Festival! There will be Strawberries, Live Music, Vendors, Food and of course WINE and Beer! Each attendee (21 and over) will receive a complimentary wine or beer glass at the front gate. Wine tastings are included!

- Advanced Tickets (online only- May 19) \$10

- Two day pass (online only-May 19) \$15

At gate price will be \$12

Wineries include James River Cellars, Elk Island Winery, Lazy Days Winery, Hunt's Vineyard.

Beer Garden Presented by the Rockville Center- beers TBA

Food include Return of the Mac, Smokin Taurus, Arroz, Slideways Mobile Bistro, Cross Concessions- Strawberry Shortcake

Live Music is Saturday-11-2 Kris Scott; 2:30-6 Cobalt Whiskey & Sunday-11-2 Zach Angle; 2-6 Dan Schutt Band

Special Activities include Knoch Ball, Action Archery, Pony Rides, Ciaobella Photobooth, ABC Gypsy Events, Face painting and balloon twisting

**MAY 27th from 11 AM-6 PM
THE GREAT GATSBY LAWN PARTY**



Sprawled out before the magnificent towers of the Washington National Cathedral, step back into a simpler time of flapper dresses, boater hats, and the big band sounds of the 1910's, 1920's, & 1930's. Period orchestras, performances, lawn games, two large wood dance floors, photo booths, food & beverage available for purchase, specialty alcoholic Prohibition cocktails, and more await! Period attire strongly encouraged.

Tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.ticketweb.com/t3/sale/SaleEventDetail?dispatch=loadSelectionData&eventId=7196895&pl=dardanella> while they last!



Yoga Pants may be a key source of sea pollution

By Paula Eichenbrenner

My boyfriend, Ray Maestas your fabulous Daymarker editor, told me to Please Please Please write an article or come up with something... So, I happen to be reading the Washington's Top News and came across this article about Yoga Pants and how they could be a key source in sea pollution. It's not only Yoga pants but anything that contains microfibers (ie, fleece jackets, sweat-wicking athletic wear, etc)

You can find the article at <http://wtop.com/life-style/2017/03/yoga-pants-cozy-clothes-may-be-key-source-of-sea-pollution/> and it is a vary interesting read.

Here's to your Health

By Ray Maestas, **The Daymarker** Editor

I'm a subscriber to *Men's Fitness* and came across an interesting article regarding drinking alcohol. Some people will say "drinking a glass a day is good for your body" and, believe it or not, research agrees.

Drinking in excess on the other hand can lead to the hardening of your arteries, raise your risk of of high blood pressure, encourage obesity and even lead to stroke.

Research reported, in the *Men's Fitness (May 17 edition)*, that moderate drinking, tossing back a drink or two daily of your favorite cocktail or beer, has helped with heart health. But, drinking more than 3.6 ounces a week has the opposite effect.

This boating season is about to get underway, let's all drink responsibly!



Fototime Picture Link

By Les Bergmann, Historian

I'm happy to announce that we have a new website where we can see pictures of OYC events. You can follow this link <http://www.fototime.com/inv/97261FD666E7239> to access it. Remember to bring your photos to the general membership meeting for the photo contest. We still have 2016 directories available so if you have not received yours yet, please see me at the membership meeting.

Did you know that you can get a Fuels Tax Refund for the gas you put into your boat?

By Ray Maestas, *The Daymarker* Editor

Don't want to beat a dead horse (why do we use that expression?) but want to make sure this is put in every Daymarker so we don't forget. You can get a refund by one of two means: you can go to <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/ts217.pdf> and simply follow the instructions to fill out the PDF form and send into the DMV or you can GO GREEN and create a logon and password and do everything online. Make sure you are keeping those gas receipts!



Treasurer's Report

By John DeDitiis, OYC Treasurer

Attached is a breakdown for all to see. This is the monthly treasurer's' report:

Balance 3/31/2017: \$8,991.62
Dues received: \$ 790.00
Expenditures: \$ 355.61

A little more of the breakdown of the above stats are expenditures for April expenditures include General membership event (meeting), Daymarker puzzle prices and Annual Mailbox renewal.

PRYCA Information

By Bruno Millonig, PRYCA / CBYCA

Last month, I mentioned how important your individual voice is when coupled with effective club advocacy. If you follow the FB page, you'll see 2 recent examples of how powerful that combination can be as Gov McAuliffe signed legislation that curtailed use of Coal Ash ponds, as well as Alexandria city sewage dumping into the Potomac. (ewwww...)

If you've ever followed the National Boating Federation (n-b-f.org), you'll see Earl Waesche's name, he is the NBF Legislative Director. I've included 2 of his excerpts here. As always, if you feel moved, please contact your Congressman or woman, you can have an impact!

President Trump's Budget Blueprint and Potential to Recreational Boating: "...President Trump's FY 2018 Budget Blueprint was recently released, with full budget details expected in May. The FY2018 budget, if enacted, would offset a ten percent increase in defense spending (\$603 billion) with a ten percent decrease in non-defense spending (\$462 billion), which includes a \$1.5 billion (11.7 percent) decrease for the Department of Interior (DOI), a \$1 billion cut for the Army Corps of Engineers (16.3 percent), and a reduction of \$2.6 billion (31.4 percent) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All of these departments, have a significant impact on the recreational boating."

Update on the Renewable Fuel Standard Reform Act, H.R. 1315: "...the RFS Reform Act, as introduced by Congressman Goodlatte (R-VA), had four cosponsors. The bill now has 47 bipartisan cosponsors and is still assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. This definitely increases the chance of passage. The bill has yet

to be introduced in the Senate. H.R. 1315 caps the amount of ethanol that can be in our gasoline at 10%."

BOOOO ETHANOL and...hope to see you on the river soon

Membership News

By Mark Lawton, OYC Membership

Lots of reasons to celebrate! The Caps made it through round 1 of the playoffs! We made it through the winter and are on the verge of kicking off another wonderful season on the water. And, best of all, we have several new members to welcome onboard! I'm pleased welcome our newest members to OYC:

- John Draper & Doreen Gagne: Regal Sport Coupe 35 (name TBD) (OHM)
- Jerrold & Manny Sanders: Four Winns *Escapade* (Hampton's Landing)
- Al & Jun Stewart: Meridian *Nite Breeze* (OHM)
- Kevin & Kelly Jackson
- GiGi Spearman: Sea Ray *Ambreeze* (OHM)
- Michelle Bloxton – Blu 1681
- Manuel Chavez – Blu 1681

Great to have you onboard and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Rear Commodore Wayne Beal mentioned the Colonial Beach Memorial Day Weekend cruise. As you may have heard, a severe storm battered Colonial Beach with violent gusts and hail on Friday evening, 21 April. While there were no indications of a tornado, winds blew out of the thunderstorm in a straight line and were measured at 70-75 mph. In addition to the powerful gusts, quarter- to half-dollar sized hail pelted the town at the height of the storm and plastered the streets and cars with leaves. While the storm didn't spawn a tornado, intense winds had a similar effect. As a result, damage throughout the

town was extensive, with dozens of large trees uprooted and trailers and boat shelters destroyed.

Sadly, the Colonial Beach Yacht Center (CBYC), our destination for the Memorial Day Weekend cruise, did not escape the wrath of the storm. Wayne and I spoke with the Dock Master, Mark Hunter, to get an initial assessment of the damage. Mr. Hunter reported that the marina had sustained "significant damage" and that they were only just now beginning the process of submitting insurance claims and arranging for repair work that will require at the very least several months to complete. We are currently evaluating our options and will keep all those who have signed up for the Colonial Beach cruise apprised of developments.

What to buy...

By Ilana Cumby, Quartermaster

Spring is only about a month and a half away. If you're wanting a few new items to start it off with, please get your orders in as soon as you can. I can 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.

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.

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

OYC Website

By PC Don Bennett, Webmaster

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.



To all our May Members

Winner of the April Contest for the \$20 Starbucks Card
was

Ned Rhodes

CONGRADULATIONS !!!

Ned is part of our OYC South Contingency

And thank you all who participated in the challenge



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

Where's **Waldo**?

SOMEWHERE INSIDE THIS DAYMARKER YOU WILL HAVE
TO FIND HIM

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

RULES: Be the first to him and send the answer to the **Daymarker** editor via email (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!

What is going on this Month?

May 5th:

HAPPY HOUR DOCKTAILS BYOB – Located at the Occoquan Harbor Marina, Dock E, starting at 5:00 PM

May 6th:

OYC FLAG RISING CEREMONY – Also located at the Occoquan Harbor Marina. Right after the flag raising there will be food and fun.



May 20th:

ORMA BLESSING OF THE FLEET – Location is on the Occoquan River



THE
Blessing
of the
Fleet

May 26th – 29th:

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE (Colonial Beach) & CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE #1 (Spring Cove) – Solomons

Blessing of the Fleet

20 MAY 2017*-10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Captains and Crews!! Join your fellow recreational boaters on the Occoquan River for the time-honored tradition, passed down by fishermen and seafarers yearning for good fortune and safety on perilous seas. The Occoquan community re-invigorated the Blessing of the Fleet in 1999, when the tradition was embraced by the merchants, marinas and yacht clubs of the Occoquan River Maritime Association. Since then, dedicated to safety afloat, the ORMA has launched each new boating season with the Blessing of the Fleet, weather permitting.

Invite family and friends to join you aboard your vessel and participate in this traditional blessing for safe boating in 2017.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Fairfax and Prince William County first responders will lead a parade of boats from Prince William Marina, ending down river after passing the Blessing Boat at the fuel dock at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. *The procession will include fire boats, first responders and a VIP vessel with local dignitaries aboard.*

TO PARTICIPATE: Captains and crews can join the parade along the route as it passes them, and proceed down river, receiving a blessing as they pass the Blessing Boat. Once “blessed”, vessels will proceed outbound for a safe distance to avoid congestion near the vicinity of the Blessing Boat. A NOTAM will be Posted.

Festive flags and colors are the display of the day! (Decorate your Boat)

MAKE IT A REWARDING DAY!! ENTER the DRAWING for FUEL and OTHER PRIZES **

As part of your day's Blessing of the Fleet experience, you are encouraged to visit the Town of Occoquan and the shops, marinas and restaurants that have contributed prizes for the drawing. Can't be on the water? View from a restaurant or marina along the parade route.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Blessing is sponsored and coordinated by the ORMA.

POC: ORMA Sec/Treas Joe Livingston, joseph.livingston@verizon.net

* Inclement weather alternate date: 21 May, 2017, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

****Look for an additional flyer for guidance on entering the drawing***



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



2017 PRYCA FLOAT-IN

Point Lookout Marina

July 14th – 16th



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. 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 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 (14th) Fri (15th) Sat (16th)

Circle Number of Nights: One, Two, Three

List All Registrants: Name:

Club Position, if any:

Captain _____

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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• Club Registration •
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)

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.

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>			
<i>Contribute pictures from club events for The Daymarker</i>			
<i>Contribute pictures and short articles to the OYC Website and The Daymarker</i>			
<i>Assist with Website programming</i>			
<i>Assist event coordinators</i>			
<i>Serve as a PRYCA or CBYCA delegate</i>			
<i>Serve as a fleet captain</i>			
<i>Serve as a safety officer or board officer</i>			
<i>Coordinate an event</i>			

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

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