

The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



We had a great Membership Meeting and Chili Cook Off this past month. I would like to thank Rear Commodore Wayne and Garetta Beal for coordinating the event. I would also like to thank Immediate Past Commodore Pat and Vanessa Schondel for opening up their beautiful home to us yet again! Congratulations to our 2018 board, elected by unanimous vote!

Please join me in congratulating Commodore Jerry Tarasek, Vice Commodore Wayne Beal, Rear Commodore Susan Millonig, Secretary Jeff Hughey, and Treasurer Johnny DeDitiis. I know they will do a great job in 2018 and I ask that you all give them the same strong support that you gave the board this past year.

Also at the General Membership meeting we held our annual Chili Cook-Off contest. We had some great chili's to sample! Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all that brought chili, appetizers and desserts!

In the hot chili category, the winners are:

1st Place: Lisa Greybill

2nd Place: Min Hill

3rd Place: Bill Dornetto

In the traditional chili category, the winners are:

1st Place: Jun Stewart

2nd Place: Bruno Millonig

On November 18th we will hold our Change

of Watch (COW) and this will be your chance to officially welcome and congratulate our new board so please plan on attending this special event. In addition, we will be awarding the Commodore's Cup, Bent Prop, and Golden Snorkel awards so you don't want to miss out on seeing who gets these coveted awards! I know you will not be disappointed that you attended and thanks in advance to Jerry and Susan Tarasek for their hard working in setting this event up!

As the boating season is winding down for the year there is still one final OYC boating event left, the Hardy Souls cruise to National Harbor with Cruise Coordinators Eric Reuters and Lisa Grabill. As this is going to press the count was 20 boats and Lisa and Eric have a great schedule lined up for us! Thanks in advance to Lisa and Eric. Min and I look forward to seeing all of you at National Harbor!

I would like to thank the 2017 board for all their hard work and support. Without them, we could not have had the great boating season that we did! Finally I would like to thank the entire Occoquan Yacht Club for your support and camaradery for the 2017 boating season. It was an honor for me to be your Commodore for the past year and I am humbled by your support and friendship. I look forward to another great year under the leadership of Jerry Tarasek and his board.

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

Cheers and Safe Boating,

Bob Hill

Lady Min

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Cow Party 18 NOV! Celebrate the incoming board! Raise a glass to the outgoing board!
- ☺ Hardy Souls Cruise, 3 NOV to 5 NOV, to National Harbor! Contact Eric or Lisa, or Vice Commodore, for more info.
- ☺ November OYC Happy Hour on 3 NOV at 5 PM at National Harbor, A DOCK. Bring a chair, drinks and appetizer to share!

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From the Vice Commodore:



It's not too late to RSVP and attend the Occoquan Yacht Club Change of Watch (COW) ceremony on November 18th at the Ft. Belvoir Officers Club. The OYC COW is essentially our final event of the year.

The COW is rich tradition, not just for OYC, but for most all American Yacht Clubs, where we close out our 2017 season, thank the current board for their many contributions, and bring in the new 2018 Board. Then we party! And we do it OYC style.

It was an honor and a pleasure serving this year as Vice Commodore. The Vice is mostly responsible for planning the cruise and event schedule for the year. So I have to ask, how did we do? Did we try to do too much? Or not enough? Is there anything we could have done differently or better? Your inputs are important to us and always welcome. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how to make our club a better yacht club, please let me, or let anyone on the Board know. We're always looking for new ideas and events to enjoy together as a Club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Commodore Bob Hill for all the time he's contributed to our Yacht Club over the years. Bob is not only a great Commodore but he's also a very good friend. Bob's contributions to our club started many years ago. I remember Bob (and Min) were our season opening Colonial Beach cruise coordinators for several years. The 2015 Colonial Beach cruise was our first weekend cruise and afterwards we just fell in love with overnighting and partying with OYC. As the Rear Commodore, Bob planned and hosted all 2015 land events, and introduced the first Friday of the month Happy Hours, which we are still enjoying today. As Vice Commodore, Bob assembled the 2016 cruise and event calendar, assisted

me with coordinating the land events, helped to usher in our first Hawaiian Luau and pig roast, and made some of the best Mai Tai's I have ever tasted. And I have tasted many! We also replaced siding and did roof repairs on our OYC shed at Holly Acers. As Commodore, Bob professionally led and conducted the business of our yacht club. He initiated our first membership appreciation event with over 60 members attending and attracted new members. Bob was always thinking of new ways to recruit new OYC members. Bob volunteered and was always available to set up and tear down for each event throughout the year. It was a pleasure to work with Bob over these past few years and I would ask all to join me with a shout out to Bob for volunteering his time over the years to OYC.

I would also like to share a special thanks and shout out to Ray Maestas our Daymarker Editor and Mark Lawton our Membership Chair. You guys are awesome. Ray introduced new items to our Daymarker this past year, took ownership of the article and gave it a new look. I loved it. Mark, what can I say, you are an awe inspiring gentleman and a tremendous Membership Chairman. It was a sincere pleasure to have you as part of the team and I hope to see you and Cindy often in the coming years.

And the tradition will continue at the OYC COW, please help join me in welcoming the new 2018 OYC Board;

Vice Commodore, Wayne Beal
Rear Commodore, Susan Millonig
Treasurer, Johnny DeDitius
Secretary, Jeff Hughey
Membership Chair, Karen Hart
Daymarker Editor, Heidi Bishop
Quartermaster, Ilana Cumbey
Historian, Lisa Graybill
Webmaster, Bill Dornetto
PRYCA/CBYCA Representative
Bruno Millonig

Thank you and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Jerry and Susan
Dig Life

The OYC Board

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From the Rear Commodore:

At the September meeting, we covered our general membership meeting, elections, and annual chili cook-off contest. The club voted to keep dues at \$75 for next year. This last year we were successful at keeping within last year's budget. The club voted to accept next year's proposed budget - yeah! We all know next year's board so we're looking good with that! Thank you to all of those people who give their free time to help make this a great club - go OYC! Bob mentioned the winners of the chili cook off in his article so congratulations to all the winners! I must say the food was great! Thank you to all who participated in the setup, the cooking, and the tear down! Lisa has provided us with a few pictures of the event for the Daymarker; thank you Lisa Graybill. I also want to once again thank the Schondel's for allowing us the use of their beautiful home!



- Replaced the existing web site which provides a wealth of information
- Created an online directory so we can easily lookup friends' emails and phone numbers
- Created the ability for new users to fill out online applications for new boaters to join the club
- Created the ability to allow new users to pay online with a credit card
- Created the ability to allow existing users to renew their membership with a credit card online
- Enabled online payment for the Change of Watch (COW)

Bob attended each meeting, guided the club to stay on budget this year, and showed up prior to every event to help transport items with his truck and return items after each event. Thank you, Bob, for doing a great job as Commodore this year.

Our next happy hour will be at National Harbor for the Hardy Souls Cruise so please make sure you have contacted our cruise coordinator Lisa Graybill for that event.

Congratulations Jerry on becoming our new Commodore, I look forward to working with you this coming year!

I want to take a moment to thank Bob for all of his great work this year. Under his watch we have:

Wayne Beal
Wayne's World



They say that, "A board that rafts together, laughs together!" October 27 raft-up with, from left to right, the Commodore on Lady Min, Vice Commodore on Dig Life, Treasurer on Liquid Leisure, Rear Commodore on Wayne's World, future Rear Commodore with PRYCA Rep on Extra Innings, along with a couple of OYC interlopers: Preda's on Anamchara and future Daymarker editor on Hi Jinx with Past Commodore.



General Membership Meeting

OCT 2017: Chili-Fest and new Board Elections; congratulations to the winners!

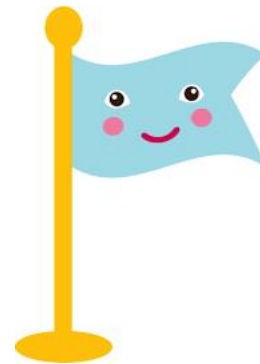
From the Quartermaster: What to buy...

By Ilana Cumby

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

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 design fits our Club's 12" burgee and the pole is made of solid machined 316 stainless steel, with rotating clips, and the mount is machined iodized aluminum. Ask Club members what they think of this flag pole and review at www.originalswiveler.com.

To order, send me an email indicating how many sets you want and give the exact diameter of your rail (please measure...do not guess). Use an adjustable wrench slid over the rail and then measure that opening in inches. Many rails are 1", 1-1/8" or 1-1/4".



WWW.OCCOQUANYACTCLUB.COM

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

The club is now accepting credit card payment for club activity on the website. Now paying is easier and you do not have to wait for your check to clear any longer. Just visit our website:

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

log-in, go to your profile, and enter your information.

Also now that the OYC website is up and running it is easier for members to sign up for cruises and events. Just visit our website:

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ogin-on, and click the link on the left-hand side named *My sign-ups for cruises*, then sign up for one event or cruise, a whole month of events and cruises or the entire year. *It is just that easy!*

Website Update

By William Dornetto

Many members are still not signed up for web-site access; just email me at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com and get connected to our community. Do not forget we have a Facebook(FB) presence now: go to OYC Members Only on FB and ask to join.

See you at the COW!

Webmaster

Safe boating is happy boating!

William Dornetto

From the Treasurer:

		Occoquan Yacht Club	
		Treasurer's Report	
Ledger Balance as of 09/29/2017		8,111.13	
Receipts			
Dues	1200.00		
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Quartermaster	25.00		
Events	2775.00		
Total		4,000.00	
Expenditures			
Quartermaster	0.00		
Miscellaneous	0.00		
Events	(309.74)		
Total		(309.74)	
Ledger balance as of 10/30/17		<u>\$ 11,801.39</u>	
Receipts:			
Change of Watch			
Expenditures:			
General Membership Meeting - Chili Cookoff			

From the PRYCA Rep:

Yay! The battle to keep corn out of our tanks continues...with some improved news. A bill to enact year round E15 died in Committee. 97% of all recreational boats are fueled at gas stations, so there's a lot at stake in this running gun battle. To make your voice heard, go to <https://www.votervoice.net/NMMA/Campaigns/52152/Respond>

The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and their sportfishing partners are working hard to pass legislation in the United States Senate that will ensure long-term conservation and sustainable fisheries while improving access to these fisheries by saltwater anglers. The proposed legislation is the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act, S. 1520, introduced by Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL). The bi-partisan "Modern Fish Act" as they call it, aims to help the bottom line of businesses in the recreational boating industry while mandating long-term conservation for our nation's marine resources. Go to <https://www.votervoice.net/NMMA/Campaigns/54919/Respond> if you want your senator to hear your voice.

Lastly, new dredging projects on the ICW are cropping up in areas of South Carolina and Georgia where the draft gets down to 3 feet. You might take a minute to investigate the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA...<https://atlanticintracoastal.org/>). In fiscal year 2016, AIWA convinced Congress to increase funding by a whopping 90 percent over what had been proposed in the President's budget for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The "Voice of the Waterway" ensures the federal funding required to maintain 1,100 miles of channels threading through the five south Atlantic states, from Norfolk, Virginia, to Miami, Florida.

Still some more boating to eek out this year! Hope to see you all out on the water..

-- Bruno

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Support and Commaraderie!!!!

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

Useful Info for our Members



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

November Birthdaysand Anniversaries... ..

Jo Berrett on November 22
Heidi Bishop on November 6
Gary Brown on November 9
Greg Cumbey on November 15
Peggy Deputy on November 22
Kendra Duckworth on November 4
Keith Fleming on November 5
John Heinze on November 3
William Dornetto on November 20
Kee Jun on November 16
Joe Livingston on November 30
Dick Lynn on November 7
Eric Reuter on November 23
Jerrold Sandors on November 22
Randy Willetts on November 20
Ilona Zsirai on November 27

Davis' on November 19
Gore's on November 4
Ives' on November 5
Zsirai's on November 7

