



# *The Daymarker*



***OCCOQUAN  
YACHT CLUB***

# From the Commodore

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August has been another great month of boating for OYC—and the great late summer cool weather we are experiencing is awesome!

I would like to thank Wayne Beal for hosting great Happy Hour at Cody's The Electric Palm on August 4th. I'd also like to welcome all our new members! We are looking forward to seeing you on the water and at our land events.



*Commodore  
Bob Hill*

Aquia Harbour hosted the Dog Days of Summer and we had several folks go by boat and a few by car with fun had by all. August also saw raft ups at Mattawoman, Belmont Bay, Wades Bay and more. There was also a late add with several boats going on a Charity Poker Run the last weekend of August.

By the time you read this, we will have a group coordinated by Vice Commodore Jerry Tarasek going to Crisfields for Labor Day, with crab races, boat docking competitions and more. Following that, PRYCA Delegate Bruno Millinog is coordinating a group to The Yards for a Nationals Baseball game. The following weekend, Rear Commodore Wayne Beal will be coordinating the annual Shrimpfest at Belmont Bay.

In October, we'll have our General Membership meeting and Chili cookoff; we will hold our elections for the board for the coming year and present a budget for 2018 for your vote and will get that out for your review in late September. There will be our annual chili cook-off at the event, so start searching out your recipes and dig out those crock-pots. Prizes will be awarded!

In November, we will have the Hardy Souls cruise to National Harbor with cruise coordinators Eric Reuters and Lisa Graybell. Finally, our annual Change of Watch dinner party with dancing, food and drink will be at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club again this year. Awards for the past year will be handed out and I am accepting nominations for Golden Snorkel and Bent Prop, and am assessing who the lucky recipient will be for the Commodore's Cup.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at:  
[commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:commodore@occoquanyachtclub.org)

Cheers and Safe Boating

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# From the Vice Commodore

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“As a general thing, I have not 'duped the world' nor attempted to do so... I have generally given people the worth of their money twice told.”  
-- P. T. Barnum.

Seriously now, was P.T. Barnum a before his time Yacht broker? Can you really put a price on some of the pictures I'm posting below in this article? Are you kidding me? Forgettabottit! If you're not a boater it's hard to justify and comprehend some of our lingo.



*Vice  
Commodore  
Jerry Tarasek*



OYC 8 Boat Raft Up at Mattawoman Creek, August 27, 2017

Two gallons per mile, three BOAT dollars, over nighting on the hook, running my gen, rafting up, gunkholing at Mattawoman Creek, low tide rising, docktails at Belmont Bay!

These are just a few sayings that come up during cocktail conversations amongst boaters. And like fishing, the tales get taller as the day is long. We wouldn't have it any other way, and if asked, we could never put a price tag on what we do. We're rich in friendships and we're boat poor at the same time. If we have a few extra dollars and can convince our First Mates of our good intentions, we put it back into our boats. Why, well nobody really knows for certain, but it sure does make us happy and that's what it's all about. To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing, and that's what OYC is all about.

We still have two good months of boating this season and if you're interested in joining a cruise or a raft up, just give me call, fly your OYC burgee, hail us on channel 16, we'll fire up our swim platform grill, get the band back together, and enjoy the day. All are welcome, take care good friends. And speaking of good friends, check out the photo sent from Bob and Vicki "Last Mistake" visiting with Jim and Sharon Gower in Gloucester MA. Yours truly in boating.



Susan with Emma and Walter. Getting ready to take a swim!!

A very refreshing dip, and great way to spend a Sunday afternoon, Karen, June, Min, Susan.



“They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships”

Courtesy photo from Bob and Vicki “Last Mistake with Jim and Sharon Gower. August 23, 2017.

# From the Rear Commodore

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*Rear  
Commodore  
Wayne Beal*

Thank you to all those folks that could make it to the last happy hour at Cody's. We had a great turn out even though we also had a wonderful event going on that weekend at Aquia Harbor.

This month Garnetta and I plan to attend Crisfield's, weather permitting. If you are able to join us, that would be great and if not, we hope you are on a boat having a great Friday and a beverage of your choice!

Saturday September 16th will be our annual Shrimpfest at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. I will send out a blast news letter with the details as far as time and any event details before the event. For now, let's plan on a start time of 3pm. So, if you're not on the water, we would love to see everyone. Even if you are, come on in and get some food and say hello!

# Membership News

By Mark Lawton, OYC Membership

Thankfully, while the summer is drawing to a close, the boating season has several months to go. With that in mind, please continue to get the word out to potential new members about the many benefits of joining OYC. Members are the very beating heart of our yacht club, and membership recruitment is a 365 days a year effort.

The collective efforts of the entire club have been outstanding this year, as we currently have a total of 74 active members of Occoquan Yacht Club. That's great, but we can do better! Keep up the great work and please continue to refer all potential members to our continually improving website or to me at [membership@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@occoquanyachtclub.com). Thanks for your help and be safe out there!



## Webmaster

By William Dornetto

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

<http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com>

login on, and click the link on the left-hand side named My sign-ups for cruises in 2017. Then sign up for one event or cruise, a whole month of events and cruises or the entire year. It is just that easy! Also check out the new Activates at a glance feature located right on the home page of the website. No need to login it is easy and informative.

Many members are still not signed up for website access just email me at:

[webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com) and get connected to our community. Do not forget we have a Facebook (FB) presents now, go to OYC Members Only on FB and ask to join. Safe boating is happy boating!

## 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.

## PRYCA Information

By Bruno Millonig, PRYCA / CBYCA

Hello friends! I have very little to report on in the way of ongoing legislation initiatives this month and the construction on the waterways doesn't extend into the Potomac...so nothing new there either.

I would like to say thank you for all who joined us for the Leukemia Poker Run! What a wonderful day on the water AND...Extra Innings fits under "the bridge!" It was the first time I'd been brave enough to try and thankfully, no damage ensued. (Although I will admit I did have to physically duck to get through and I'm not EXACTLY sure how close the boat really came to all those rusty beams!)

Lastly, please consider following the FB public page if you don't already (the members site too!), I try to post not only interesting things I come across, but if any legislation or time sensitive call to action comes up...I'll post a link there too.

See you on the water!

# Aquia Harbour Dog Days of Summer

By Gail and Joe livingston

The lily pad lined route to the Aquia Harbour Yacht Club's Dog Days of Summer again made the cruise up the Aquia Creek so beautiful with all the birds and wildlife. Rumors again said forty some feet vessels could not navigate the Aquia Creek, but rest assured, the Gail Lynn II pictured in the back drop of our group photo was not air lifted in for the weekend. Nine OYC boats (Gail Lynn II, Bay Dreamer, Rock Me Gently, Nite Breeze II, Tiki Time III, Fear Knott, The Headquarters, Plane To Sea and After Dark) came in by water and frozen daiquiri's flowed as welcome drinks. The Dooley's and the Kent's arrived Saturday by camper and the Bennett's, the Davis's, Jerry Schaefer and the Schondel's arrived by car. Twenty-nine folks in all.

Saturday's early event's were breakfast at the Club House, and followed by a fantastic crab and shrimp feast at noon and then the tiki bar cruise. The group photo seems to capture all smiles as we had all just returned from an afternoon of "TIKI BAR" hopping around the island: Short skiff and pontoon boat rides for three hours to tiki bar parties at three private home around the island, specialty drinks included. The day concluded with dancing to a live band and a buffet featuring home prepared goat with all the trimmings.

Sunday featured a farewell home cooked breakfast at the club house and then many stayed on to spend time at the community swimming pool. As promised, the Aquia Harbour YC put on a special weekend cruise with the theme "Caper on the Creek, OYC attendees had a great time...If you missed it, plan for next years event!



By John DeDitius, Treasurer

		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Occoquan Yacht Club</b>  <b>Treasurer's Report</b> </div>													
<b>Ledger Balance as of 07/31/2017</b>														\$ 7,464.56	
<b>Receipts</b>															
Dues														\$ 205.00	
Miscellaneous														0	
Quartermaster														0	
Events														0	
Total														205.00	
<b>Expenditures</b>															
Quartermaster														0	
Miscellaneous														(400.00)	
Dues														0	
Total														(400.00)	
<b>Ledger balance as of 08/29/17</b>														<u>\$ 7,269.56</u>	
Receipts:															
Expenditures:															
COW Deposit Fort Belvoir		400.00													

## What to buy...

By Ilana Cumby, Quartermaster

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

Fleece-lined Hoodies (email me to order)  
3 colors: White/Grey, Grey/Black, Navy/Black  
Available in M, L, XL, XXL \$45 with either  
OYC Flag Monogram or your Boat Logo



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



## 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](http://www.originalswiveler.com).

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

A set costs \$70 payable by check or cash to Joe Livingston. Additional information, please contact me at [joseph.livingston@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net) or call [703-505-8313](tel:703-505-8313).



**To all our September members  
of the OYC**





Labor Day in the United States.

Labor Day is on the first Monday of September every year. It was originally organized to celebrate various labor unions' strengths of and contributions to the United States' economy.

Labor Day is a day of rest or the last chance for many people to go on trips before the summer ends. For students, it is the last chance to organize parties before school starts again. In some neighborhoods, people organize fireworks displays, barbecues and public arts or sports events. The American football season starts on or around Labor Day and many teams play their first game of the season during Labor Day weekend.

Labor Day is a federal holiday. All Government offices, organizations, and many businesses are closed. Some public celebrations, such as fireworks displays, picnics, and barbecues, are organized, but they are usually low key events. As it is the last chance for many people to take summer trips, there may be some congestion on highways and at airports. Public transit systems do not usually operate on their regular timetables.

The first Labor Day was held in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. It became a federal holiday in 1894. It was originally intended that the day would be filled with a street parade to allow the public to appreciate the work of the trade and labor organizations. After the parade, a festival was to be held to amuse local workers and their families. In later years, prominent men and women held speeches. This is less common now, but is sometimes seen in election years. One of the reasons for choosing to celebrate this on the first Monday in September, and not on May 1, which is common in the rest of the world, was to add a holiday in the long gap between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

[www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/labor-day](http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/labor-day)





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today < > September 2017							Day Week Month 4 Days Agenda More ⌵ ⚙ ⌵	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1 Bay Cruise 4, Labor Day (Crab Fest)	2		
3 Bay Cruise 4, Labor Day (Crab Fest)	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8 Nationals Baseball Game VS Phillies	9		
10 Nationals Baseball Game VS Phillies	11	12	13	14	15	16 Shripfest @ Belmont Bay Marina		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		

~ September 1-4 Bay Cruise #4 will be up to Craifield MD. Your cruise coordinator is Jerry Tarasek

~ September 8-10 Nationals Baseball Game vs Phillies will be at the Yards Marina. Your host is Bruno Millonig

~ September 15 Shripfest will be held at the Belmont Bay Marina @ 3pm. Your host is Wayne Beal

**Winner of the August Contest is not Mr. CROFT!**

**CONGRADULATIONS**

**to**

**ERIC REUTER of "After Hours"**

**for successfully compoleting the maze!**

**He is the winner of a \$25 Visa gift card!**

**Here is your next challenge:**

**Complete the word Search**

**LABOR DAY IN THE UNITED STATES**

B U E V X E W W I L S H L K C Y O M U B  
I K P N B H M N Z R O O O Y I A T C D S  
B D Z V D B H C S N O U D A V D W I W D  
X F E R D O L Q E H Z V P D I R I M N F  
W D L G D H F S C K N A I I C O H C W U  
S A L E S A T S T O R E S L P B L P J Q  
L B B O U W F P U A S R F O R A T G O M  
K D K L O O I G D M T E M H I L F U X A  
M C S R T L Q E K Y M W G L D T A N N U  
O W K R B A R B E C U E O A E T H I T A  
W L A Y T I N U M M O C R R W I I O E Z  
Y T I X S X X Y P T I A L E K R U N L F  
S S Z G B V Y O N H K F V D Q E I S P D  
T Z H Z Z R Y L I M A F R E T U R A Y X  
B D J M D T A D O R G Z U F U L U S F L

Directions: Find each word or phrase in the puzzle.

barbecue

family

sales at stores

civic pride

federal holiday

start of school

community

honest work

unions

end of summer

Labor Day

unity

fair wages

parade

workers

**Complete this however you can. Take a picture  
and email back to [oyceditor@gmail.com](mailto:oyceditor@gmail.com) be the  
first to win a prize.**



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## 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>			
<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>			

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