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From the Commodore:



January OYC Whiskey and Wine Tasting!

There is no off season when you're a member of

OYC and this past month proved it. We began the New Year with an OYC wine, whiskey and dinner run hosted by our Rear Commodore Susan Millonig. It was a treat and more on that in Susan's article.

This past weekend we had the opportunity to meet fellow seafarers from 23 yacht clubs at the annual Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) Change of Watch (COW) Ceremony. There were 110 guests attending - spanning a 100 nmi range all along the Potomac River. OYC had 20+ members attending. It was a huge party, bigly, and the wine and whiskey continued to flow all weekend. We started the pub crawl Friday evening at the brand new Old Dominion Boat Club in Old Town Alexandria as the guests of Joe and Gail Livingston. It was a beautiful venue overlooking the river and Joe & Gail most graciously shared their supply of fine spirits with OYC. We then made our way to Landini Brothers and had an elegant dining experience. After dinner, some called it a

day and some kept going until the wee hours of the night. The party continued the very next day starting at the hospitality suite co-hosted by OYC and the Westmoreland Yachting Association.

Kathy and Les Bergmann coordinated and did all the heavy lifting to make the Holiday Inn hospitality suite a smashing success. We then moved onto the PRYCA COW ceremony where OYC members filled the Bridge. Pat Croft gracefully and eloquently turned over the helm to Don Bennett as the incoming Commodore, along with Michelle Johnson as Vice Commodore and Pat Schondel as Rear Commodore. The COW dinner was fabulous, the band was excellent and the merriment continued until 1am. PRYCA really knows how to throw a party.

As we begin to think about the cruising season this summer, keep in mind that PRYCA is looking to re-vitalize the Float-In summer cruise event, and they're also excited about Cobb Island Days and the Dog Days of Summer at Aquia Harbor. These are just a few weekend boating events available to OYC members notwithstanding the 2018 OYC cruise and event schedule - still freshly new in the making - being prepared by Wayne Beal and Susan Millonig. Your input is important, so please standby for an invite to our Pre-Plan Fest in the next couple of weeks. We'll all get together and discuss options for our boating season.

Take care and we look forward to seeing you soon. As always, we remain, yours truly in boating.

Jerry and Susan, "Dig Life"

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ 2 FEB OYC Happy Hour
- ☉ 11 FEB Pre-Plan Fest

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From the Vice Commodore:



A big THANK YOU to the many people who have responded to the survey monkey that was sent out. I will send out another blast to remind people to please

fill it out after the first of the month. If you are not seeing it, it could be going to your SPAM folder or perhaps you have not updated your profile to reflect new email addresses. The email addresses in your profile will allow you to receive the newsletter (Daymarker) and all OYC news blasts so please make sure your profile is up to date with correct emails and phone numbers. Results from the survey will be used at the Pre-Plan Fest for the first three questions. The remaining questions will be reviewed by the board and used to help determine future actions for the General Membership meeting in March.

Our next big club event will be the Pre-Plan Fest.

What is that? It's a time that allows interested people to gather and help

plan the boating events for the year and have people sign up to be cruise coordinators. If you have ideas please show up and share them! If you can't make it - just email me and I will share your ideas or sign you up as a cruise coordinator for an event. If you are willing to be a cruise coordinator, please show up and volunteer! We have a "guideline" to help explain the duties of a cruise coordinator on our web site - http://www.totalcsi.com/OYC/Cruise_Coordinators_Handbook.pdf.

When is the Pre-Plan Fest? February 11th at 2PM.

Where will we be meeting? Pat and Vanessa Schondel have graciously agreed to allow us to meet at their place: 13369 Potomac Path Dr., Woodbridge, VA 22191.

I am sure Jerry has covered the PRYCA Change of Watch that occurred at the end of January. Congratulations to the new PRYCA board and thank you for your service!

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OYC Vice Commodore
Wayne's World



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From the Rear Commodore:

Greetings OYC Boaters!

The countdown is on! Only 2 more months until we can de-winterize and get back out on the water! Or - at least get on our boats and hang with the heat on! We had a marvelous January land event with fantastic participation. The Whiskey and Wine trip had 27 participants, with folks showing up for part or all of the whiskey tasting at KO Distilling, Paradise Springs Winery, and Trummer's on Main for dinner in Clifton. Steve at KO, Elizabeth at Paradise, and Victoria at Trummers took marvelous care of us, providing tours of their venues, delicious wine and spirits, and a tasty family style meal to cap off the day. If you haven't had the pleasure, check out those businesses when you have a chance. Class acts, every one of them!

Steve and Ed at KO started our group off with a tour of their distillery, then a private tasting of their gins, whiskeys, and bourbons. They offered a chocolate tasting along with the alcohols - which was quite delicious! Many of us took advantage of that options, as well as the mini-cocktail tasting. Yum!

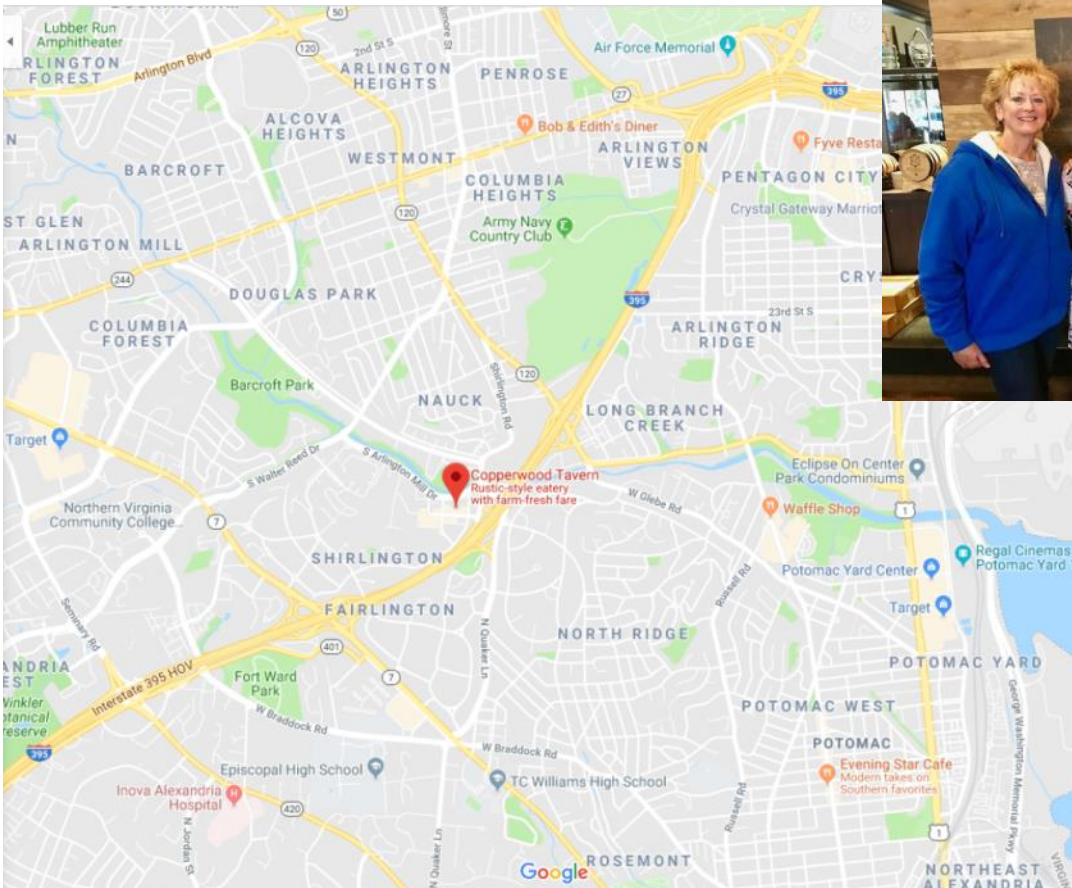
On to Paradise Springs where we had a private tasting in the barrel room. Elizabeth set us up nicely there, with a knowledgeable sommelier and their best wines. We even got to sample a bottle not on the tasting menu! After the tasting, the party continued in a lovely private room with a cigar patio and balcony. A delightful time was had by all!

Our last stop was at Trummer's on Main, where Victoria Trummer reserved the Gallery Room especially for our group. Bar service and a tremendous prix fix meal was served family style. After gorging ourselves on roasted chicken and beef short ribs the group pushed the gastronomic envelope with chocolate bourbon pecan pie. There are not enough pilates classes in this world to undo the damage done to our post-holiday waistlines! Thank you to all the OYC'ers who made our first land event a smashing success! It's going to be a fun year!



The happy hour for this month is Friday, February 2 (yep, Groundhog Day - let's hope that rat does NOT see his shadow!). We'll meet at 5 pm at Copperwood Tavern, 4021 Campbell Ave. in Shirlington, off 395 at the Alexandria/Arlington border. Please see the website below. This is a farm-to-table establishment with a superior bar menu and excellent cocktails. I hope to see you all there!

Susan Millonig
Rear Commodore



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

From Membership:



Hello All,

Now that the holidays are behind us and we've gotten through some pretty frigid January temperatures, we're getting closer and closer to another fantas-

tic OYC boating season. Here's a friendly reminder that if you haven't already done so, it's time to pay your 2018 membership dues. We don't want to see anyone miss out on any exciting events and cruises being planned for the upcoming year. Dues are \$75.00 for Family and \$55.00 for Individual. To pay, please send a check to Occoquan Yacht Club, PO Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125; or even better, pay by using PayPal

on the OYC website:

<http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com>

Log in with your username and password and go to the Your Profile tab. You'll find the ability to pay by PayPal on your profile and this might be a good time to update your profile. Many people, including myself, recently changed marinas and so forth, so updates might be in order. If you have trouble logging onto the website or have forgotten your password I can easily help you so please let me know. Just send an email to membership@occoquanyachtclub.com.

As I stated, we don't want to see anyone miss out on any OYC plans this year but if your circumstances have changed and you aren't able to be a part of our wonderful club this year, please let me know that also. I'd be happy to answer any questions, and if I can't, I will direct you to someone who can!

Karen Hart
Membership Chair
Rock Me Gently

From the Historian:



Hi, I'm Lisa Graybill
I'm your OYC Historian.
*Historian
After Hours*



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

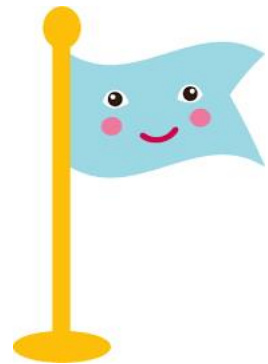
either OYC Flag Monogram or your Boat Logo.

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



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



Looking for Flag Pole 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 anodized 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".



Website Update

By William Dornetto



The club is now accepting credit card payment for club activities and membership renewal 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 payment. Remembered the only time the Membership Application link is to be used is when a NEW member applies for

membership and to pay for the initial membership. After the initial membership is paid for and the account activated, new or current members will use their Profile link for future payments of activities and renewals. Also remember **YOU** can use your Profile link to manage your account so check it out.

Starting for the 2018 season if you send me a picture(s) of you boating it may get selected for the home page of the club website. There will be multiple entries do not be discouraged if your picture (s) is not immediately selected. Just keep checking the web-site for updates. Also we have a Facebook(FB) presence now, go to OYC Members Only on FB, ask to join and share your boating experience with the club. The OYC FB page is for sharing our boating experiences, making new friends and meeting up for club activities.

Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation as we continue to improve the website for OYC. Please contact me directly if you have any difficulties navigating the OYC website or are having any issues with the website access just email me at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com.

Safe boating is happy boating!
William Dornetto



From the Treasurer:

Balance 11/30/2017: \$7,804.38
Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$60
Expenses (COW, Paypal, Burgees/gifts): \$1.17
New balance (11/30/2017): \$7,863.21



From the PRYCA Rep:

Wow, a sweep by OYC members for the "commodoreships" of this year's PRYCA Board!! Please join me in congratulating Commodore Don Bennett, Vice Commodore Michelle Johnson, and Rear Commodore Pat Schondell! It looks like an amazing year is shaping up. Please also take a moment to welcome the entire board membership. We're so very fortunate to have them looking out for the best interests of us boaters all up & down the mighty Potomac.



I know it may be hard to believe in today's politically charged environment, but legislatively speaking, things are quiet! Here's to hoping it stays that way, but keep an eye on our FB page for late break-in events, such as the Long Bridge project.

Hurry up Spring!
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Extra Innings

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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.



February Birthdays and Anniversaries... ..

Wayne Beal on February 24
Cindy Lawton on February 15
Jim Poulos on February 21

Adams on February 25
Flemings on February 14

