

The Daymarker

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From the Commodore:



Happy New Year everyone! Where has the time gone? What happened to 2017? Was it a good year, and are you looking forward to 2018? I sure hope so. Winter is upon us, Christmas is behind us, and baby its cold outside. I already miss singing those Christmas songs, and listening to one my wife's favorite lyrics from Eartha Kitt, "Santa honey, I want a yacht and really that's not a lot", LoL. We're blessed to be able to listen to that song with a smile. So are you ready to pump up the volume, up your game, power up, re-engine, upgrade with new electronics, chart plotters, radar? What are your boating plans for 2018?

One of the best and most scenic ways to visit Washington DC is by boat cruising up the Potomac River. From National Harbor Marina to Old Town Alexandria to Georgetown there's no better way to tour the National Capitol region than by boat. We've recently seen the substantial completion of the waterfront upgrades along the Washington Channel and establishment of the new Yards Marina near Nat's Stadium, and 2018 will be a fantastic year to

cruise the Potomac River. Plus, let's not forget about the Southern Potomac and your favorite Chesapeake Bay cruising locations and marinas. Yachting and BoatUS magazine articles frequently report on boating in the Chesapeake Bay area and report that the Bay has some of the finest cruising and marinas on the east coast. I would have to agree with all about the Chesapeake Bay. As Vice Commodore Wayne Beal and Rear Commodore Susan Millonig begin assembling the OYC 2018 cruise and land event schedule, please take a moment to reflect and think about those OYC events you enjoyed most and any ideas you would like to share again with our club in 2018. We're always looking for good ideas and would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, take a drive to your marina and check your boat. Whether she's on the hard or in her slip, it's always a good idea to double check especially after the high winds and bitter cold we've been experiencing over the past week.

Finally, the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA) change of watch ceremony will be held at the Holiday Inn on January 27th in Old Town Alexandria. It will be preceded by a pub crawl on Friday the 26th. Susan and I plan to attend and spend Saturday night at the Holiday Inn. It's going to be a lot of fun, and if you're interested, there is still time to send in your RSVP to Steve Preda (PRYCA Treasurer). See the registration form at the end of this Daymarker. I expect over a dozen OYC members will be there with at least half a dozen OYC Past Commodores in attendance. Come enjoy this elegant affair and some comradery with our fellow yacht clubs along the Potomac River. Happy New Year!

Jerry and Susan, "Dig Life"

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ 2 JAN Full Moon
- ☉ 13 JAN OYC Whiskey and Wine Tasting
- ☉ 15 JAN MLK Day Holiday
- ☉ 31 JAN Full Moon
- ☉ 2 FEB OYC Happy Hour

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the Vice Commodore:

Good news... we're closer to spring! I will be looking into doing a survey monkey later this month to get boating ideas and to see who is interested in being a cruise coordinator in 2018.



Please be thinking of any places or events you would like to coordinate or see the club attend.

It's a good time to start

planning for classes if you want to attend the Cruisers University April 19-22, 2018. This year, classes will be held at the Naval Academy Club at the United States Naval Academy. Valid Photo ID required. There are more than 50 classes available for

prospective cruisers in one-to-four-day programs. The Cruisers University curriculum addresses a wide range of critical topics to assist cruisers, help them prepare to live aboard a boat, and to boat with confidence. From cruising the Chesapeake to circumnavigating the globe, their experienced instructors have been there and done it. In the past, Jerry and I have attended and we can both say it was a good experience. If you have an interest, the web site is

I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

[https://
www.annapolisboatshows.com/
cruisers-university/](https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/cruisers-university/)

Wayne Beal
OYC Vice Commodore
Wayne's World

From the Rear Commodore:

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. It won't be long now until boating season - yes, I'm an optimist!



We will resume Friday happy hours starting February 2. We should all be recovered from New Year's Eve by then... Look for details in the next Daymark-

er, on our Facebook page, and a blast email the last week of January. Please remember to get in touch with me if there is an event or trip you'd like to see on the yacht club's land schedule. I'm eager to hear new ideas, or perhaps bring back some old ones.

We will have a January land event, Saturday 1/13/18: OYC Whiskey and Wine Tasting. This will be a "you drive" event. We will begin at 1 pm with a whiskey tasting (mixed drinks tasting for those who do not like shots) at KO Distilling in Manassas (see websites below), then to Clif-

ton for wine tasting at Paradise Springs Winery at 3 pm. Dinner will follow at Trummer's on Main in Clifton at 6:30 pm. I am working on pricing at each venue, plus a group dinner menu. Please feel free to join your OYC friends for all or part of the day. I'd be happy to receive an email from interested participants! Look for an Evite from me soon with details. And, updates with prices and times will be sent via email and Facebook Cheers, everyone!

Websites:

Trummer's on Main

[http://places.singleplatform.com/
trummers-on-main/menu?
ref=integration](http://places.singleplatform.com/trummers-on-main/menu?ref=integration)

Paradise Springs Winery

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www.paradisesspringswinery.com](https://www.paradisesspringswinery.com)

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From Membership:



Greetings All! As stated in last month's DayMarker, I'll have the 2018 OYC membership cards printed for all of our members and will be distributing them starting in January. You are eligible for your 2018 membership card once you have paid your dues for 2018, so if you haven't already done so, be sure to get your check to our treasurer, Johnny DeDitius, at: Occoquan Yacht Club P.O. Box 469 Occoquan, VA 22125; or by

using PayPal on the <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com> website. I'm also in the process of ordering new OYC burgees so if you need one please let me know, or, you can order a burgee when you pay your 2018 membership dues. Burgees are free to new members, after that the cost is \$25 each. Our quartermaster also keeps burgees on hand for purchase.

If you know of anyone that might be interested in joining this great yacht club, please share with them the 2018 membership form on the website <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com> or refer them to me.

For our members, if you want to join BoatUS, you can do so at a discounted rate if you're a member of OYC. You will need to provide the OYC club number (GA80979Y) which appears on both the attached 2018 membership form and on your new 2018 membership card.

Look forward to seeing you all in January!

*Karen Hart
Membership Chair
Rock Me Gently*

From the Historian:



Hi, I'm Lisa Graybill
I'm your OYC Historian.

*Lisa Graybill
Historian
After Hours*



Sharing Parade of Lights pictures of two of our members; at the top, Steve and Ginny Preda hosted a full crew that included OYC Members Crofts, Stanleys, and Willets,

And to the left, Bruno and Susan Millonig hosted a full crew that included OYC Members Deditius', Bishops, and Beals.

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

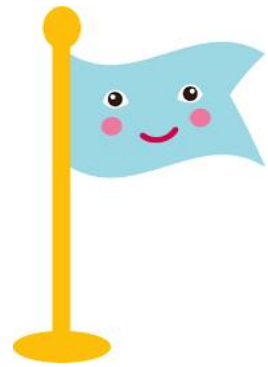
either OYC Flag Monogram or your Boat Logo.

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



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:

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

Log-in, 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!*

Many members are still not signed up for website 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.

Safe boating is happy boating!

William Dornetto,
Webmaster



From the Treasurer:

Balance 11/30/2017: \$7,458.33
Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$0
Expenses (COW, Paypal, Burgees/gifts): \$0
New balance (11/30/2017): \$7,458.33

From the PRYCA Rep:

Holy COW! Time is running out for the PRYCA COW party. It promises to be a great time! Please see the Flyer for details. Also, the Long Bridge project continues at a glacial pace, that's the railroad bridge next to 14th St. They've cancelled a meeting or two, but the Federal Railroad Administration and the DC DOT are finally back and recently held a public hearing...now it's time to ACT. Your very own PRYCA board members (that's why we stay in the Association...they're our voice!) were present and the PRYCA Secretary reports there are 3 remaining options: A, B, and C. Of them, Option B is the only one that would include a new bridge. You can read about them all at longbridgeproject.com



PUBLIC COMMENT ENDS ON 16 JANUARY.

I encourage you to make your voice heard! Send an email to: info@longbridgeproject.com and tell them you want...no YOU NEED...a new bridge!! The other bridges along that river are about 18', maybe even 20' above the water. I suggest you tell them you need a minimum of 20". Otherwise, you'll need to find a friend with a shorter boat! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Bruno Millonig
Extra Innings



Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

www.pryca.us

You Are Invited

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

2018 Change of Watch

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-SEVENTH OF JANUARY,
TWO-THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
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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.



January Birthdays and Anniversaries... ..

Michelle Bloxton on January 10
John Draper on January 5
Dan Everton on January 23
Debra Solowan on January 13
Deena Fleming on January 28
James Hawkins on January 31
Jennifer Joseph on January 4
Daniel Kent on January 10
Ray Maestas on January 13
Pam Poulos on January 7
Lisa Graybill on January 5
Ned Rhodes on January 22

Cumbey's on January 18
Draper's on January 1
Heinze's on January 30

