



# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:



"Suspension of disbelief" is a psychological term sometimes used to describe our willingness to believe in something surreal. When watching movies like Star Wars and Jurassic Park we temporarily

suspend our rational understanding of logic to allow ourselves to be entertained.

Clearly, these movies are unrealistic, fictional works or art but yet we will pay a lot of money to watch them in a movie theater and sometimes more than once. We do it because it is enjoyable and entertaining. Now, for a brief moment, I'd like to apply this psychology to boat ownership and to cruising the lower Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay area. Logically, we'll sometimes say to ourselves, "that's too expensive I could never afford a boat like that," or "I could never cruise the Chesapeake Bay, it's too far, too long, too dangerous."

So let's momentarily suspend our "too hard" disbeliefs, and imagine yourself in your own boat cruising the Chesapeake Bay area with your OYC friends. You'll find this to be one of the most passionate, entertaining and enjoyable adventures of a lifetime. I know I have, and I'm excited to keep doing it for as long as the good Lord will let me. I'm not advocating spending more money than one can afford, or cruising

in unsafe or dangerous conditions. We have boats of all shapes and sizes in our club and even the smallest '28 footers' have cruised the Chesapeake Bay with OYC. When you cruise with OYC you meet new friends, enrich your boating life and expand your boating skills. That's our mantra.

So take a look at your calendar, suspend your disbelief, and imagine yourself cruising with friends and family down the Potomac River and enjoying the weekend at the PRYCA "Float In" at Coles Point Marina starting Friday July 20th. Check your email and our website for the flyer and sign up for this event. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Finally, I would like to thank Russ Ives and Bud Bishop for volunteering to assume the duties and responsibilities of the OYC Historian and Quartermaster positions, respectively. If you had a chance to view some of Russ's photo's on the OYC FB page, you'll see that Russ is an accomplished photographer. Bud also has some great ideas with creating a virtual QM store for members to purchase OYC swag online. Standby for more details on this new idea from Bud.

We look forward to seeing you at our next OYC event. May your anchor be tight, your cork be loose, your rum be spiced and your compass be true. Cheers!

Jerry and Susan,  
"Dig Life"



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### Special points of interest:

- © 29 Jun- 5 Jul: Mt Vernon raftup and fireworks
- © 4 July: 14st Raftup and fireworks
- © 7 July: Tim's II Raftup and fireworks
- © 20-22 Jul: PRYCA Float-In

NEXT OYC HH is at Aquia Creek in August due to other activities scheduled...



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## From the Vice Commodore:



Finally, a nice month with some boating that worked out along with some decent weather!

Thank you to Susan Millonig for setting up a great Backyard BBQ, and thanks to all that helped with the event!

Even though the weather for Cobb Island said it was going to rain the whole time, I have to say it worked out well. We went anyway and so did about 13 OYC boats! It turned out that Friday evening was nice as we had docktails, dinner, and music. The music and company were great.

Saturday started out warm and with no rain! The parade went off and the vendors and food served were a lot of fun, but wait, there's more... The parade was followed by the Cobb Island Olympics which was a hoot.

Wonderful beverages were served, Dino made a showing, and the games began. We're talking about a table version of Curling in honor of the US winning the event in the Olympics. Bowling Fred Flintstone style, yes, style points were awarded as there was one right handed shot, one left handed shot as well as a shot between the legs facing forward and another facing backwards - now that was funny. After that, we had to shoot dinosaurs off of their mounts using a squirt gun. I understand they brought in a NRA range qualified individual to run that event - talk about over qualified! Then it was on to the cow patty tossing of which there were 3 ways to score in tossing the poo. No, I'm not kidding, each team had to toss cow patties into a bucket, into rings, and closest to the pin. The

good news is there were sani-wipes after that messy event.

Throughout the weekend, people were looking for painted stones (Cobb Island Rocks) and while many people recovered many of the rocks over the weekend, I believe Al Stuart found the prize-winning bedrock - congratulations to Al and Jun! Later that evening we had dinner and another wonderful band where we were honored to have Jerry Tarasek dress up as Fred Flintstone and Debbie Solowan dress up as Betty Rubble - they looked great!! I did not record the winners of all 3 teams that won the Olympics, but I can tell you that it was a lot of fun and I would do it again in a heartbeat!

I want to send out a special thank you to all those that did all of the planning and setup for the event, especially Bill Hocker - Cobb Island Yacht Club Rocks! We had a Yabba-Dabba-Do-Time!

Please make sure you are signed up with John Cornicelli for the Mt. Vernon fireworks as this newsletter may get out in time as a reminder.

The PRYCA float-in is coming up and Jerry will be looking for volunteers for the events and we need everyone who is coming to PLEASE make sure you have an inspection for this year as we get points for that.

The Leukemia Cup Poker Run is on our calendar (Sat. Aug. 18) with the correct dates so please sign up for that if you can.

Due to popular demand, the Tides Inn trip is scheduled for August 24-26. If you would like to attend, please sign up on our web site and an additional email will be forthcoming.

*Wayne Beal  
OYC Vice Commodore  
Wayne's World*



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## From the Rear Commodore:



Greetings from the Chesapeake Bay!

Bruno, the girls and I are enjoying some much needed R&R in St. Michaels on Extra Innings after our daughter's wedding at beautiful Herrington on the Bay. If you haven't cruised to either of these locations, I highly recommend them!

In spite of a rainy June, we pulled off a fun Boaters Backyard BBQ at OHM. Dixie Bones pulled pork and chicken as well as a variety of salads, sides and desserts were served. Lancaster Lemonades, beer and water rounded out the menu. Recipes have been shared on Facebook.

Congratulations to Debbie and Dan Kent on their big wins for Lucky Ducky and guess the number of wine corks! We had a pretty good turn out in the rain. We'll push the corn hole tournament to our Oktoberfest land event in September.

Thank you to all who pitched in to set up and tear down: Heidi, Sooz, Garnetta, Karen, Michelle, Bud, Wayne, Johnny, Jerry and Bruno. If I've missed anyone else, my apologies! I appreciate every one of you! I should be recovered from MOB brain next month!

We will resume our happy hours in October. Hope to see everyone out on the water. Safe travels!

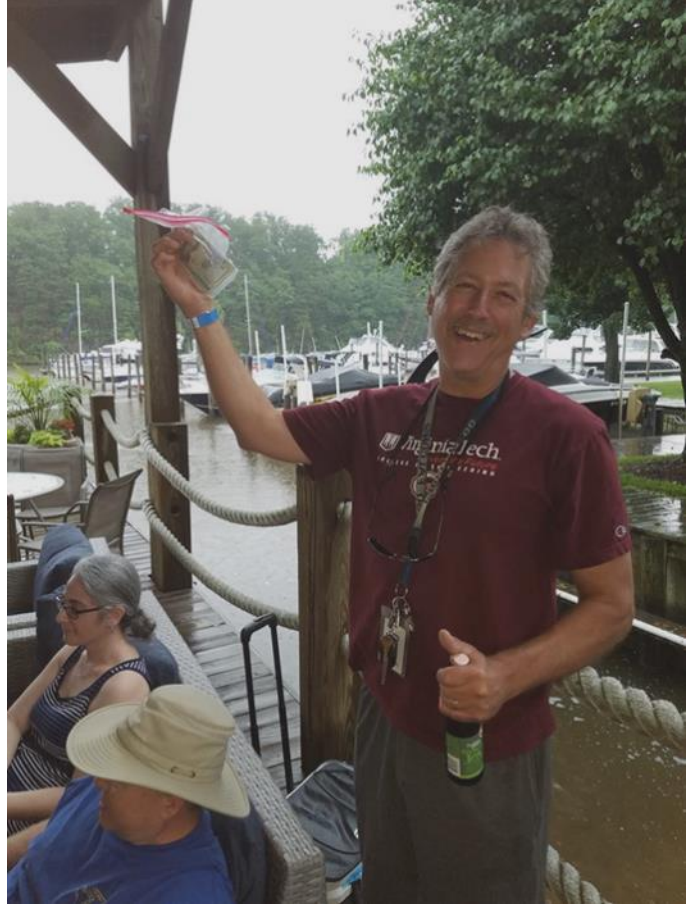
Cheers!  
Susan Millonig  
Rear Commodore  
Extra Innings

# Backyard BBQ 2018

(attendance: 39 members/guests)



# Backyard BBQ 2018 (cont.)



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# Cobb Island Rocks 2018



# Cobb Island Rocks (cont.)



## Looking for Flag Pole Mounts???

By PC Joe Livingston / 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. The mount is machined iodized aluminum. Ask Club members what they think of this flag pole or 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, contact me at [joseph.livingston@verizon.net](mailto:joseph.livingston@verizon.net) or call 703-505-8313.





## Website/Facebook Update

By William Dornetto



Now that summer is here, we will be taking a lot of pictures and having fun. Start thinking about updating your profile picture on the website.

Updating your profile picture is easy. Login to the club website,

go to your profile, click on edit membership and upload a picture of the captain and first mate or your boat.

Please contact me directly if you have any difficulties navigating the OYC website or are having any issues with website access. Just email me at [webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com).

*William Dornetto  
Nauti-Buoys*



## From the Treasurer:



Balance 5/01/2018: \$8992.29  
 Receipts (dues, QM): \$200.00  
 Expenses (Paypal 5.68, QM \$25, nametags \$40.49, flag raising \$1070.77): \$1141.94  
 New balance (5/31/2018): \$8050.35

*Johnny Deditius  
Liquid Liesure*



## From the PRYCA Rep:



Nothing much new to report from PRYCA. Happy Fourth!

See you on the water!

*Bruno Millonig  
Extra Innings*



## From Membership:



Hello OYC Members! I hope you are all enjoying your boats as much as Dave and I are. We're at our boat nearly every weekend, either hanging out on the dock or cruising up and down the river with friends. Our club has been fortunate to welcome many new members to our club this year. I've tried to

introduce them to the club in my monthly Day Marker articles but the board has come up with a better way to introduce them to the general membership. Look for a new section in this, or an upcoming section, of the Day Marker spotlighting our new and returning members. That said, I'm happy to welcome

new members **Carl and Debbie Schaefer** and **Kevin and Elinor Schneider**. Carl and Debbie joined June 11, their boat name is Tranquility Base and they are berthed on B Dock at Belmont Bay Marina. Kevin and Elinor joined our club June 25th and their boat is berthed at Hoffmasters. Our club is happy to have you all and we look forward to visiting with you soon on the docks or at upcoming events.

I'm always ready to reach out to folks you think are interested in joining our club. Feel free to send them my way and I'll do what I can to answer their questions. I can be contacted at [membership@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@occoquanyachtclub.com).

*Karen Hart  
Membership Chair  
Rock Me Gently*



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## 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, dont forget to provide them our membership accord, #GA 80979Y, entitling our members to BoatUS membership at half price.



## July Birthdays ..... ..and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

Josephine Brown on July 27  
Vicki Moon on July 22  
Mike Bruhn on July 20  
Joseph Conti on July 13  
Patricia Croft on July 2  
Mark Davis on July 8  
Michelle DeDitius on July 15  
Adrienne Page on July 28  
Joseph Hoffmaster on July 26  
Kevin Jackson on July 9  
Tammy Meyers on July 30  
James Patterson on July 29  
Pat Schondel on July 10

Les & Kathy Bergmann on July 23  
Mike & Barbara Bruhn on July 10  
John & Suzy Cornicelli on July 18  
Harry & Patricia Croft on July 2  
Daniel & Debbie Kent on July 11

