



The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



Don't blink, the month of May is behind us and the summer solstice is only 3 weeks away. If you haven't bought that new boat yet, now is the time to pull the trigger. "Life is short, buy the damn boat!"

Although it has been a wet and rainy month, let's face it, boating is the ultimate wet sport.

Even the Occoquan River Maritime Association Blessing of the Fleet was cancelled due to inclement weather. Even though the weather reports called for rain every day this past weekend, the weather at Colonial Beach was absolutely beautiful. It did rain, but we still cruised the Potomac River, took a day trip and went swimming at Shark Tooth Island, and had a glorious time on the docks with good friends and fellow OYC boaters, and returned home safe and dry. But more on Colonial Beach later in Bill's article.

The internet of things has brought to us a digital age like no other. Remote cameras, alarms, thermostats, boating apps and more all controlled from your iPhone or Android. Many boat owners even stream television to their boat, including movies, Netflix, AWS, Contour,

sling box, firefly, and all the fun and games we enjoy at home. I sure wish I knew how to get this stuff to work on my boat. There always seems to be a fly in the ointment that leaves me one step out of reach and it's never as easy as it sounds. Wifi repeaters, amplifiers, hotspots, service providers..., so many options, I need someone to please tell me what boaters did before TV and the internet. Maybe they spent more time on the water rather than in port watching television. I just want my stuff to work and need to figure out how to minimize my monthly internet, TV and phone bills, and put it all into diesel fuel.

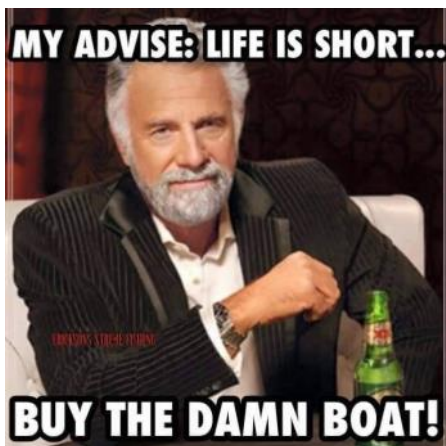
Speaking of diesel fuel, do you see the prices at the pumps this year? I think fuel prices have increased \$1 per gallon compared to last year and to a boater that's another added expense. I guess that's why they're called BOAT dollars.

We still need to fill our OYC Quartermaster position, and if you're interested in volunteering, please send me an email. The Quartermaster

typically sets up their store and sells OYC swag at our remaining land events.

Adventure is a journey not a destination. Enjoy your summer adventures. We'll see you out on the water.

Jerry and Susan,
"Dig Life"



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Special points of interest:

- ☉ 2 JUNE (SAT) 2:00 PM Backyard BBQ, OHM!
- ☉ 8-10 JUNE, Cobb Island Cruise, coord by Wayne Beal, Vice Cmdr—OYC
- ☉ 21-24 JUNE, Tides Inn Cruise, coord by Lisa and Eric

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

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From the Vice Commodore:



May started out with docktails on E dock at OHM and quite a few people were able to attend. There was our tra-

ditional dock food that everyone contributed to and a tour of Cornicelli's new beautiful boat! Lisa and Eric arrived sporting a new jet ski and there was the testing of the cannon.... wait for it... BANG (it worked well!!)

The Flag Raising was a success and we had a good ceremony along with some Mexican food that went great with the Margaritas! Thank you to Susan Millonig and all those that helped make the event a total success!

Unfortunately, the Blessing of the Fleet was rained out this year... bummer. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all those that helped in planning the event and perhaps next year will be much better weather.

Bill and Russ were our cruise coordinators for Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Colonial Beach which was a big success! Thank you both for planning such a great trip!

This Saturday is the Boater's Backyard BBQ and I know Susan has some cool things planned for all of us so please show up and have some fun at OHM on Saturday June 2nd at 2pm.

We do not have data on the Potomac River Poker Run so we are going to table that event if it is on the same weekend as the Cobb Island cruise. If it is to be held on a different weekend, we will be getting the news out as soon as we hear.

Cobb Island/PRYCA Summer Kick-Off cruise on June 8-10 looks to be a blast! I have been sending out emails with the information to sign up and will make sure we all know our slip assignments when they are provided - stay tuned.

Lisa and Eric will be coordinating the Tides Inn trip on June 21-24 so keep an eye out for emails from your OYC cruise coordinators.

Here is to calm seas, warm weather without rain, and following seas for all our events!

*Wayne Beal
OYC Vice Commodore
Wayne's World*

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Happy Hour- May Docktails



Happy Hour- May Docktails (cont.)



Happy Hour (cannon test)

Eric and Lisa (new jet ski)
join the fun...



From the Rear Commodore:



Boating season has finally started! We had such a great time at the Wine and Beer Festival at National Harbor. It was a beautiful day! Potential new club members attended the May happy hour hosted by the Taraseks at OHM. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans in mind for the Blessing of the Fleet. Perhaps better weather next year. Bruno, the "girls," and I are

looking forward to cruising up to The Yards and The Wharf, as well as Alexandria this summer. What lucky boaters we are to have so many great new venues on the Potomac.

Our Flag-Raising at Occoquan Harbor Marina was a huge success. We had the largest group of attendees I've seen since Bruno and I have been members of the club. It was wonderful to have so many past commodores in attendance. Moe's Southwest Grill provided the taco bar for our Cinco de Mayo party and our own Harry Croft and Johnny DeDitius were the mixologists at the delicious bottomless Margaritas station. Our members provided yummy side dishes and desserts. Thank you's are many, however I'm so grateful to Bud and Heidi Bishop and Johnny and Michelle DeDitius for helping with the shopping, set up, and break down of the event. As well, Susan Tarasek, Karen Hart, Garnetta Beal, and Michelle Johnson were tremendously helpful getting the food set up and ready for the hungry crowd. Of course, I'd be remiss if I did not thank our PYRCA/CBYA Delegate and my better half, Bruno Millonig for all of his hard work and support! Finally, thank you to EVERYONE who helped clean up after the party - you know who you are and I appreciate you! Volunteerism is alive and well in the OYC.

June is fast approaching and we have another fun-filled OYC land event on the schedule. The Boater's Backyard BBQ is Saturday, June 2 at 2pm at Occoquan Harbor Marina in the gazebo. This year's theme is all about the food and fun we have as boaters. Our menu includes items that can be easily made on your boats at a raft-up or on cruise. Recipes will be provided and our signature drink will be the famous Tides Inn Lancaster Lemonade. We will have games of chance this year - the first annual OYC Corn Hole Tournament (boards built by our commodore, Jerry Tarasek and painted by Michelle DeDitius), Wine Bottle Life Ring Toss (yep - we've found a way to recycle all of those wine bottles!), and The Lucky Ducky (winner takes all game of chance). Of course there will be prizes! There is a \$15.00 per member fee for this event. Per our membership meeting however, next year's land event fees will be incorporated into the dues increase.

If you would like to dock at Occoquan Harbor Marina for the BBQ - please contact Karla or Bob for reduced slip rates. Additionally, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is giving an advanced boater's course at noon on the 2nd. While this course is for OHM slip holders, OYC members are invited to participate as well. I highly recommend attending a safety course to our membership. We've had a lot of crazy weather lately and the Occoquan, as well as the Potomac are full of hazards. A refresher course would serve any boater well.

Hope to see everyone on the 2nd!

Upcoming Land Events:

June 2 - Boater's Backyard BBQ - OHM Gazebo, 2 pm
No "scheduled" Happy Hours for June and July - resume in August at Aquia

Cheers!
Susan Millonig
Rear Commodore
Extra Innings



FLAG RAISING 2018

(attendance: 72 members and potential members)





Past Commodores



Rear Commodore
Susan with set-
up crew



Margarita Men
Harry, Past Cmdr
Johnny, OYC Treasurer





For Sale:

"Lady Min" 2002 Sea Ray 480 Motor Yacht for Sale- clean and well maintained boat with engine hours of 650; New Dinghy included; Reduced price to \$229,000.00. Call Min at 703-887-5859 or hillms145@gmail.com



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.

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 or call 703-505-8313.



Website/Facebook Update

By William Dornetto



As indicated before if you send me a picture(s) of you boating, your picture may get selected for the club home page graphic. Now it is easier than ever to submit a picture. Just copy and paste or drag and drop your picture into the club Google drive container, it is just that easy! Also, if you have more than one picture create and name a folder on your computer, populate the folder with your pictures, then drag and drop the folder into the container.

Copy and paste this link into your browser, <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A9eqqNe6RCBVsdGXywtDmuVD1az52bP1?usp=sharing> and you will be directed to the club container

Also remember to up-date your picture in the club directory. Just go to your profile and add a picture of your boat or yourself.

Thank you for your patience and continued co-operation 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.
Remember to have your boat vessel safety check by the CG.
Webmaster,

William Dornetto
Nauti-Buoys



From the Treasurer:



Balance 4/01/2018: \$9417.04
Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$238.00
Expenses (Paypal 4.96, PRYCA 146.00, gift basket 116.95, postage/supplies, board nametags 92.75, flagraising supplies 119.05, USPS post office box 120.00): \$662.75
New balance (3/31/2018): \$8992.29

Johnny Deditius
Liquid Liesure



Colonial Beach 2018

By Bill and Russ



The CB trip was well attended. We had a lot of new members attend. The weather held out and we had a great time on land and in the water. This year we to the Colonial Beach Brewery and Sharks Tooth Island to name a few of the activities. Russ and I would like to thank all who attended and we had a great time.



Colonial Beach 2018 (continued)





Colonial Beach 2018 (continued)





Colonial Beach 2018 (continued)



From the PRYCA Rep:



Increasingly, your dock circuit breaker may trip, even though you haven't drawn too much power. Wonder why? Here's the scoop from the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

The old 2014 National Electrical Code (NEC) required a shut down of a boat's electrical feed if there was a leakage of 30 milliamps at the Marina pedestal for each boat, OR 100 milliamps the feeder-cabling to an entire dock.

Based on a growing body of evidence, many "drownings" around marinas were actually in-water electrocutions caused by stray current leakage in the water coming from either faulty boat or dock wiring. In 2017 the NEC increased the threshold to only 30 milliamp leakage on the feeder cable to the entire dock. Previously most marinas did not have the new GFP protection systems and the new upgrades with the required 30 milliamp GFPs are causing boaters grief. The marine industry's new GFP protection systems are similar to the GFI outlets in your house. Older marinas are grandfathered.

It's been determined the new standard cannot be met as traces of leakage from each vessel would cumulatively exceed 30 milliamps for the entire dock. This would put an un-reachable marina standard especially for small privately owned marinas by yacht clubs.

The US Coast Guard funded studies showed that with a 100 milliamp leakage into the water, it did not create a voltage field that could kill. By the way, there are no reported electric shock deaths in a salt-water environment but it could happen if there is a fresh water overlay.

RBAW and Northwest Marine Trades Association petitioned the Washington State Electrical Inspector to reconsider implementing this too-restrictive new NEC requirement and revert to the 2014 standard, with one important additional level of safety: the code should read 30mA at pedestal AND 100mA at feeder or branch cabling to entire dock (so that the dock wiring is also ensured in every case to be protected).

RBAW is pleased to report that our petition was accepted by the Washington State Labor & Industries board. Rule-making is proceeding to finalize wording of this directive to the many electrical inspectors throughout the State. Because of all of the reported issues in the States, the Federal NEC is re-addressing the requirements as well, to allow more than a 30 milliamp leakage in the feeder cables.

Go to
<https://www.powerandmotoryacht.com/maintenance/why-some-boaters-suddenly-cant-connect-to-shore-power-to-learn-more>.
See you on the water!

*Bruno Millonig
Extra Innings*

From Membership:



Finally our boat season is officially open and in full swing! I hope all OYC members are logging into the website and signing up for events. Especially our new members. We want you to get to know your club and enjoy as many land and sea events as you can.

Please welcome our returning members Jeffrey Lippman and First Mate Nadya Mamontova. Jeff and Nadya re-

joined OYC this week. Their boat name is Next Activity and is berthed at EZ Cruise Marina on Neabsco Creek. We look forward to seeing you again soon Jeff and Nadya!

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 member-ship@occoquanyachtclub.com.

*Karen Hart
Membership Chair
Rock Me Gently*

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Support and Comradery!!!!**

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.com 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.



June Birthdaysand Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

Kathy Bergmann on June 28
Barbara Bruhn on June 4
Tom Deputy on June 12
Judy Dooley on June 10
Mark Lawton on June 27
Guido Manzo on June 1
Goodwyn Morgan on June 11
Gigi Spearman on June 17
Mary Jo Worcester on June 15

George & Kay Baird on June 17
Tom & June Fraim on June 15
Dave & Karen Hart on June 25
Kevin & Kelly Jackson on June 10
Joe & Gail Livingston on June 20
Bruno & Susan Millonig on June 1
Christian & Alison Rose on June 4
Curtis & Gill Stokes on June 30
Jerry & Susan Tarasek on June 1
Steve & Mary Jo Worcester on June 21

