



# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:



As I sit in front of my laptop drafting this article, sipping on a Manhattan, I couldn't help but reflect on where I would rather be right now.

And I'd rather be boating. I'm thinking by next month's article most of us will be getting ready for spring commissioning.

So, what's involved with spring commissioning besides opening your sea cocks [sic] and turning over your engines? There's more to it than meets eye, at least that's what we tell our First Mates, and if you do it yourself or have a good mechanic to help, don't rush it. Take it slow and do it right. Ensure your complete all routine maintenance items. Replace your fuel filters, flush your fresh water tanks, replace impellers, clean your bilges, paint your bottom, tune your props, get your boat cleaned, detailed, waxed and looking like you want it to look all season.

If you're on the hard, you're probably thinking about when to have your Marina put you back into your slip. That one is easy, the answer is when it gets warm.

Seriously though, OYC has many experienced boaters, retired military, navy professionals, experts, senior engineers and a whole lot of smart people when it comes to boats ownership. Leverage those relationships. The

great thing about OYC is our ability to share experiences, and we have many. Good and bad. If it hasn't happened yet to you, it will, but how you handle it and recover from it will define your competency as a Captain. I certainly have had my share of heart breaking boating experiences, but got back up and running.

Okay, enough about all this hard work and fouled anchors, let's talk about yachting. We are a yacht club, and when it comes to boating, sailing, yachting and partying, whether on land or on the water, OYC knows how to do it right. I cannot wait until I rev up my diesels and get "Dig Life" up on plane. The Great Blue Herons of the Chesapeake Bay are already back in their nests and their mating dances have already begun. Be a Great Blue Heron this year, you deserve it, and I believe boating is a catalyst to love, friendship and comradeship. Enjoy, and I hope to see everyone on the water this year. Take care and we look forward to seeing everyone soon. As always, we remain, yours truly in boating.

Jerry and Susan, "Dig Life"



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### Special points of interest:

- ☉ 9 MAR, Happy Hour at Stonebridge
- ☉ 10 MAR, Gen Mbr Meeting at Fairfax Yacht Club
- ☉ 17 MAR, St. Patrick's Day at Maddigan's



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## From the Vice Commodore:



I want to thank all the folks that were able to attend the pre-plan fest!

We now have a great start on a list of events for OYC in 2018 and some wonderful folks that have signed up to be cruise coordinators!

To view the calendar, go to our web site and click on Event Schedule. To start signing up for events, get with your favorite boating partner and log in. Once logged in, select My sign-ups for cruises in 2018. After you make your selections (yes, no, or maybe for each event), please click the Save button! This helps the cruise coordinators know who to con-

tact. If you put yes or maybe, you will be on the email list to receive emails that relate to the event. Maybe does not lock you into anything. You will not get all the updates for the events where you select no.

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

Login is the captains first initial and last name. Password is oycpassword (unless you have changed it :)

On the calendar, if you see TBD (To Be Determined) for the cruise coordinator and have an interest in being the cruise coordinator for that event, please email me or call me so that I can get you on the list ([wbeal@totalcsi.com](mailto:wbeal@totalcsi.com) / (703) 400-7733). If you want to host a cruise that is not on the calendar, please let me know.

I'm thinking/hoping only about a month left to wait!!!

*Wayne Beal*  
*OYC Vice Commodore*  
*Wayne's World*



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## From the Rear Commodore:



Is it spring yet? 80 degrees in February - come on, stop teasing us!

Excitement is in the air! Our club is revving up for the 2018 boating season - I can't wait! We've had some fun land activities thus far - but the water is calling! It was great to see everyone at Copperwood Tavern for the February Happy Hour and again at the Schondel's for

the pre-planfest. Thank you so much, Pat and Vanessa for hosting in your beautiful home. A pre-thank you to them for hosting St. Patrick's Day at Madigan's on Saturday, March 17.

Saturday, March 10 is our General Membership meeting which is also our Planfest and Annual Photo Contest. Pat and Harry Croft have generously sponsored our club at Fairfax Yacht Club - we are back on the Occoquan folks! The address is: 10721 Old Colchester Rd., Mason Neck, VA, 22079. Our meeting takes place from 3 to 5 pm and the gate will be set in the open position that day. Please bring a dish to share as well as BYOB. Also - let me know if you can come set up - your help is most appreciated! We will discuss all of the fun events on our 2018 calendar as well as a bit of club business. Don't forget to bring your 2017 boating photos. Award certificates and small gifts will be given for the first, second, and third place winners in the following five categories: 1) Just Boats - This category gives you a chance to show off that great boat of yours or the one that strikes your fancy and general boating pictures. 2) People - on boats, docks, in the water, on OYC cruises, outings, land events, etc. 3) Pets - dogs, cats, animals of any variety, your pet on a boat, marina, in the water. 4) Places - landscapes, wildlife, water-scapes, sunrises, sunsets, towns visited on OYC cruises. 5) Fantasy - photo-shopped art, digitally enhanced, modified, created, or unusual, remember to keep in mind the boating theme. Photos should be no larger than 5"x7" and you may enter one photo in each category. All photos should have a boating theme. Please put your name, category and other pertinent info on the back. All members in attendance will review and vote for their favorite first, second and third place photos in each of the five categories. Can't wait so see everyone's pictures!

I'm also putting in a plug for the Power Boat Safety Course. Bruno and I (Bruno re-took for mutual support!) took the Potomac River Power Boat Squadron course together over two weekends and boy was it helpful! Commodore Howard and Secretary Janet

Gasaway of Seafarer's Yacht Club in Washington DC are absolutely wonderful and made the experience painless! If you haven't taken the course or gotten your boating license (which is required to operate a water craft), please check it out! The website is listed here: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/potomac/>

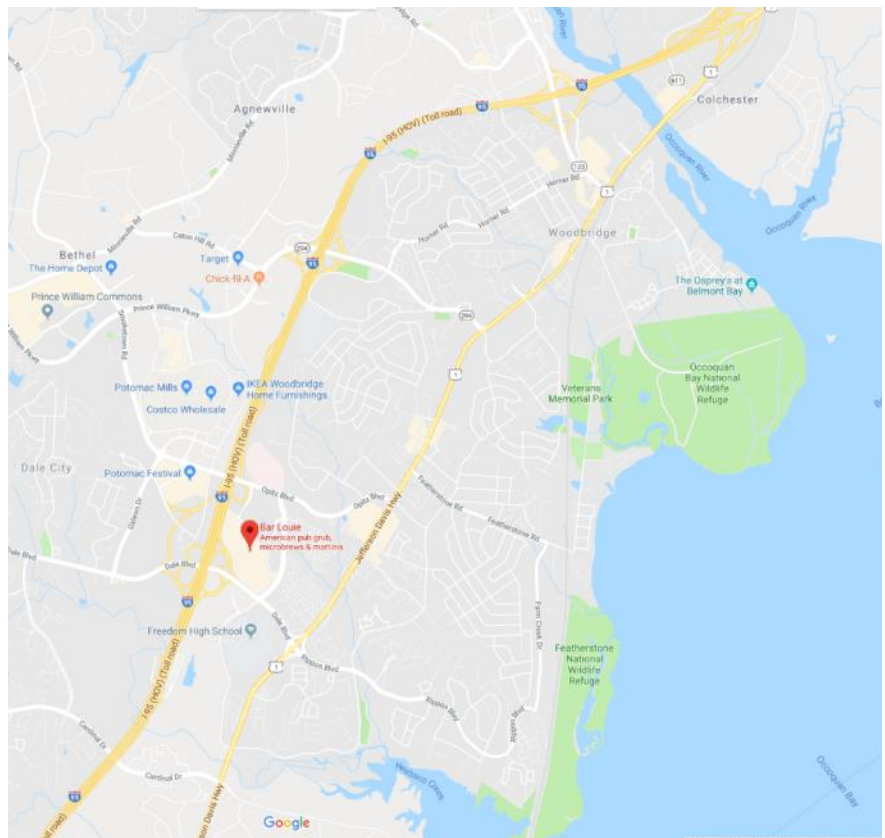
Finally - this month's happy hour is at Bar Louie in Stonebridge (Wegman's shopping center in Woodbridge) on March 9 at 5 pm. I hope to see you all there!

Bar Louis: <http://www.barlouie.com/locations/states/virginia/stonebridge>

Cheers!

Susan Millonig  
Rear Commodore  
Extra Innings

**HAPPY ST  
PADDYS!**



## From Membership:

Hello Fellow Boaters,



As I sit down to write this the weather has been absolutely beautiful! It's hard to believe it's still February. Sure, winter isn't over but it sure is nice to see a couple days this week of 70+ degree weather.

As your membership chair I'm happy to report our club is doing well on collecting 2018 dues but we still have a few members I'm trying to contact.

If you haven't paid your dues (\$75.00 for Family and \$55.00 for Individual) please send a check to Occoquan Yacht Club, PO Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125;

or even better, pay by credit card using PayPal on the OYC website [www.occoquanyachtclub.com](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com). Log in with your username and password and go to the Your Profile or the Club Directory tab. You'll find the ability to pay by credit card on your profile and this might be a good time to update your profile.

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](mailto:membership@occoquanyachtclub.com).

We don't want to see anyone miss out on any OYC events 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. Also, if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining the OYC please feel free to direct them to me. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Karen Hart  
Membership Chair  
Rock Me Gently



## From the Historian:



*Bruno, Suz,  
and Pam high-  
lighting LIFE-  
JACKETS!!!*



*Some of our  
Lovely Ladies!*

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

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 Mon-

ogram 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 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 mad 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".

Contact me at:  
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# Website/Facebook Update

By William Dornetto



When posting club events on FB let's do the following: instead of posting the pictures and videos to time line, please create a photo or video album. Why? When posting just to the time line events or groups of photos posted by the historian or members are lost to the linier method of recording the event and not easily retrievable.

When creating an album, the clubs achieve of photos are easily accessible for members to add a picture, reminisce and capture club history. To group events by each year, I

suggest the following naming convention for the post "Year-Month-Event", i.e. "2018 February Happy Hour at...", and don't worry If you have difficulties-- I am always around to support your effort.

The website has been updated for the 2018 season so take look and sign up for some activities. Remember, 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.

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.

Webmaster  
Safe boating is happy boating!

William Dornetto



## From the Treasurer:



Balance 12/31/2017: \$7,863.21  
Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$1330  
Expenses (Paypal, Burgees, CBYCA Dues): \$659.76  
New balance (1/31/2018): \$8,538.45



## From the PRYCA Rep:

Hi folks! No new news on the legislative front these days, and all is quiet in the infrastructure department (dredging, bridge repair, etc) as well. I'll continue to post any hot topics (like the menhaden) on the public FB page for all to view. Lastly, if you didn't get around to checking your fire extinguishers for recall last fall, be sure to put that on your to do list for this spring!



Bruno

Bruno Millonig  
Extra Innings



From the editor: Bruno found these great work vests (floatation enclosed) for working around the boat at night or in bad/cold weather. BOATUS sells them—might be a worthwhile purchase for safety (he got it on sale for \$20).



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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, don't forget to provide them our membership accord, #GA 80979Y, entitling our members to BoatUS membership at half price.



## March Birthdays ..... ..and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

George Baird on March 23  
Suzy Cornicelli on March 30  
Nicole Gore on March 21  
Allen Jorsey on March 15  
Lynanne Jorsey on March 30  
Sherry Mannino on March 16  
Bruno Millonig on March 22  
Susan Millonig on March 28  
Janice Morgan on March 1  
Katherine Cook on March 18  
Steve Preda on March 1  
Al Stewart on March 17  
Susan Tarasek on March 31  
John Wobbleton on March 23  
Theodore Zsirai on March 20

Jim Dooley on March 24  
David Johnson on March 24

