



The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



As the spring and warm weather ushers in our boating season, it's time to review and ensure you have all of your required safety equipment (e.g., life jackets, fire extinguishers, flares) and remember to perform your routine safety checks and tests. The **US Coast Guard app** is an excellent resource for required and recommended boating equipment along with a list of

safety checks and tests. Download it today to your phone, its free and easy to use. You can also use it to schedule your vessel safety inspection, which is required for all OYC boaters prior to rafting - **no inspection, no OYC raft up, no exceptions**. Don't forget to fly your OYC burgee, and hail your fellow yacht club members on the water.

Spring is also the best time to replenish your survival kit. I'm not just referring to the Captains liquor locker and humidior. Check and fill your ditch bag with all the essential survival items, we all hope you will never need, but will have in case of an emergency. Charge or replace the batteries in your handheld VHF radio, flash lights, buy an EPIRB, etc., anyone of these items could save your life. Speaking of apps, I believe I have at least a dozen boating apps on my iPhone. They range from weather, tide, wind, data buoy apps, to my favorite Navionics app. Before you sail, check the tides, weather, sunrise and sunset times. Chart your course prior to departure and ensure you leave your float plan with friends and family and the OYC cruise coordinator.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Karen Hart, our OYC

Membership chair for her outstanding recruitment abilities. We have over 60 paid memberships so far this year and I'm proud to report that our yacht club is not just surviving but we're thriving. We have a full 2018 cruise and land event schedule, with something new happening this year at every event.

Thanks to Vice Commodore Wayne Beal and Rear Commodore Susan Millonig for the awesome ideas. We have several new boats (yes new boats!) and new members to our club this year and I look forward to meeting everyone during a cruise event or one of our land events.

We plan to cruise to National Harbor marina for the food and wine festival and also look forward to seeing everyone at our OYC Flag Raising ceremony on May 5th which will officially kick off our boating season with a USCG honor guard, bag pipes, cannon fire, and VIP guests. You'll find more on the flag raising in Susan's article.

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 five land events throughout the year. Ilana will turn over the inventory and set you up when ready.

It's going to be a great 2018 boating season, and be safe out there.

Jerry and Susan, "Dig Life"



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Special points of interest:

- ☉ 4 MAY (Fri) 5:00 PM Happy Hour - Docktails BYOB OHM E dock
- ☉ 5 MAY (Sat) 12:00 PM OYC Flag Raising Ceremony OHM
- ☉ 19 MAY (Sat) 10:00 AM ORMA Blessing of the Fleet Occoquan- River
- ☉ 25 MAY (Fri) - 28 MAY (Mon) Memorial Day Weekend Cruise Colonial Beach

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From the Vice Commodore:



While April did not quite turn out to be the month I hoped it would be, it was not all bad as we were able to get in a couple of nice days. I want to thank Al Stewart for doing a great job of coordinating the Cherry Blossom Cruise! He managed the trip like a pro and rolled with the weather by moving the trip to the next weekend while keeping everyone informed. Well done Al!

We also just had the Wine and Food Festival at National Harbor where Saturday turned out to be a perfect day for wearing shorts. I had to dig to find them, but sure enough, there they were with the moth balls. I want to thank Mark and Vanessa Davis for hosting the Wine and Food Festival. Vanessa coordinated with the Marina and organized the festivities while Mark made a wonderful drink. I wish he would give up that great drink recipe!

Most folks arrived Friday afternoon or evening and were met with a drink and a warm welcome. Food was brought out to the dock in typical OYC fashion where drinks and good conversation ensued. Saturday, we went to the Festival where a good

time was had by all. We all tried the different types of food, wine, bourbon, and anything else that looked tasty. A few people gathered for a Sunday brunch before heading home while others went back for round two of the Festival on Sunday. The weather turned cold and windy on Sunday and by all accounts, our OYC boaters made it home safely. A couple of captains exercised good judgment due to the high winds and tied up to the fuel dock to wait out the winds before returning to their slips. I thought that was a great idea and want to give them a round of applause for being safe!

May will bring a happy hour followed by the flag raising. The 19th is the blessing of the fleet so please sign up for that and remember there are wonderful prizes that you may win (see our home page for the link - http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com/oyc/2018_Blessing_of_the_fleet.pdf)! We will finish up the month with the Memorial Day Colonial Beach cruise so keep a lookout for emails from Bill and Russ for details on that event.

It seems our season has started and Garnetta and I look forward to boating with you!

Wayne Beal
OYC Vice Commodore
Wayne's World

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Blessing of the FLEET

The Blessing of the Fleet is a centuries-old tradition. Receiving a blessing from the local priest was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

MAY 19th, 2018
10:00am - 2:00pm Rain Date: May 20th

This is a **FREE EVENT** for all area boaters!
Private, Commercial, Power, Sail, Big or Small!
Each boat will be blessed by Clergy as they pass the Blessing Boat.
Enter the drawing to win **FREE PRIZES!**

LEARN MORE & ENTER TO WIN
www.OccoquanBlessing.com

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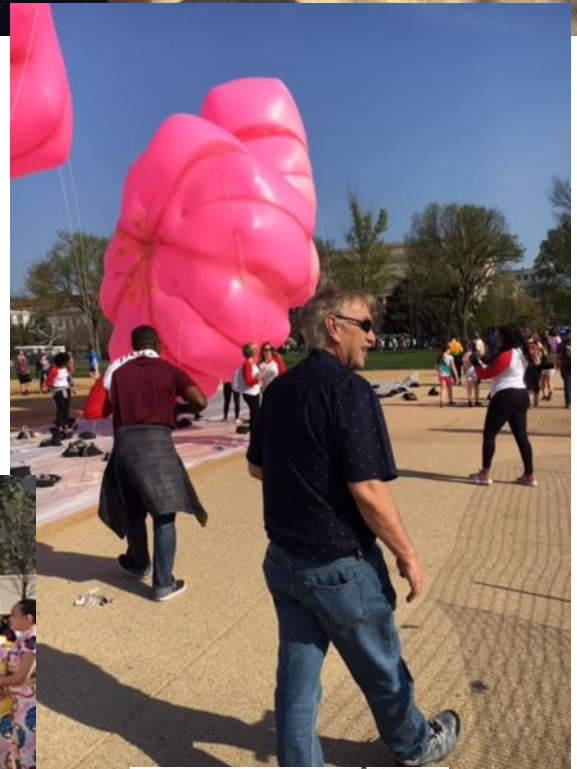
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HISTORIC TOWN OF OCCOQUAN
HOLLY ACRES

Happy Memorial Day

Cherry Blossom Cruise 2018

We left for the DC Wharf on Friday 4/13. The river was calm and we had warm weather, as we approached the Wharf the Cherry blossoms were in full bloom along the river. We spent Friday greeting fellow boaters on the dock and had cocktails and seafood from the seafood market just a short walk from the dock. The lights and ambiance of the Wharf was mesmerizing.

Saturday we took the local free bus to the mall to see the Cherry Blossom Parade. The day was hot and perfect for this event. After the parade we went to the Street Festival and enjoyed Japanese food and beer. We sadly parted company on Sunday and headed back to our docks.



From the Rear Commodore:



Greetings, OYC Boaters!

Can it be? We're finally here! Spring has sprung and boats have been de-winterized! Extra Innings II had a lot of "house cleaning" items to accomplish before she got underway to the National Harbor Wine Fest. Sheesh! Winter sure can be hard on boats (and boat owners!). Bruno, I, and "the girls" are excited and ready for a fun year on the

waters of Virginia and Maryland.

We had a fun April happy hour at BrickHaus in Arlington. This is a wonderful establishment on Columbia Pike serving a wide range of German beers and delicious food. If you haven't had the chance - head over the the revitalized Pike and try out some of the great new establishments. You won't be sorry! May's happy hour will be hosted by none other than our Commodore and his lovely wife (and Admiral of Dig Life!) on "E" dock at OHM. Remember to BYOB, an appetizer to share, and your chairs to pre-game the flag raising. The fun starts at 5 p.m.

We open our official boating season on Saturday, May 5 with our annual OYC Flag Raising. Please come to Occoquan Harbor Marina at noon to celebrate and raise our flag. As it's Cinco de Mayo therefore, we will celebrate accordingly with a taco bar, chips and salsa, margaritas, and cervezas (that's beer for us gringos!). Please bring an appetizer or side dish to share and come help us kick off another adventure-filled boating season.

On the land-event horizon:

Friday, May 4, 5 p.m., Happy Hour - "E" dock at OHM

Saturday, May 5, 12 p.m. - OYC Flag Raising at OHM

Friday, June 1, 5 p.m., Happy Hour - "B" dock at Belmont Bay

Saturday, June 2, 2 p.m. - Membership Event - Boater's Backyard BBQ - OHM Gazebo (details to follow in the June Daymarker)

Cheers!

Susan Millonig
Rear Commodore
Extra Innings



WINEFEST 2018





Brought to you
by Mark and
Vanessa Davis,
Good Grief



From Membership:

Hello Fellow Boaters,



Well our first voyage for 2018 has come and gone and Dave and I are looking forward to many more in the coming months. In April we cruised to DC's revamped waterfront area, The District Wharf, walked downtown to watch the Cherry Blossom Parade, and afterwards attended the street festival on a perfect 80 degree day. If you get a chance to visit the District Wharf I highly recommend it. DC has done a great

job in rebuilding that area.

As far as our OYC 2018 membership, we now sit at a healthy 70 members. We always have room for more so feel free to spread the word about our club and

send any interested parties my way. I can be contacted at membership@occoquanyachtclub.com.

By now you should have received your 2018 membership card and a burgee if you ordered one. If you didn't get yours please let me know. That said, be sure to keep your profile updated on our website as that's the tool I use in order to contact members. Hope to see you all soon!

Karen Hart
Membership Chair
Rock Me Gently



1994 Flag-Raising in the rain...

From the Historian:

A word about the OYC cannon. It's not just any cannon but a British deck gun from the early 1800s salvaged by former OYC members Dennis and Joyce Moeller, who had the brass cannon cleaned and mounted in its present gun carriage. The cannon has been used in OYC Flag Raisings since 1988. In May, 1989, when the Moeller's left the Washington, DC, area, they generously donated the cannon to OYC. For some years in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the cannon was proudly displayed on OYC Commodore Marilyn and John Piper's 60-foot motor yacht, Dunmoen. A plaque on the cannon says "To Dunmoen from Joyden" (the name of JOYce and DENnis Moeller's boat -JOYDEN).

1996 Flag-Raising



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1995 Flag-Raising; with cannon smoke...



Historian (cont.):

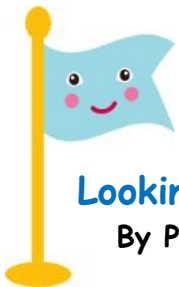


1995 Prince William, Hoffmasters, and Occoquan Harbor Marinas from the air....

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

"Rock Me Gently" 2008 Sea Ray 36 Sedan Bridge for Sale- Diesel engines with 670 hours, bow and stern thrusters, clean and well maintained, with all new batteries. Price \$222,000.00. Call Dave at 703-509-0593 or kdhart99@comcast.net



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

Web site tip: When searching the membership directory and you do not know the full name or spelling of the member's name you are looking for do the following.

Add an asterisk (*) after the search criteria and the database will return all the information that matches. i.e.: Hug* or Do* Try it!

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.

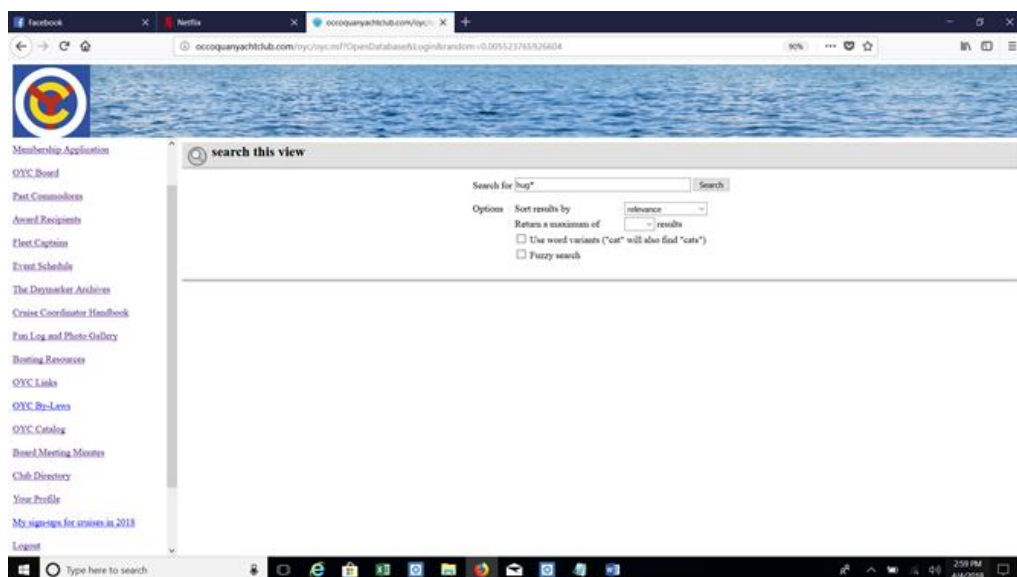
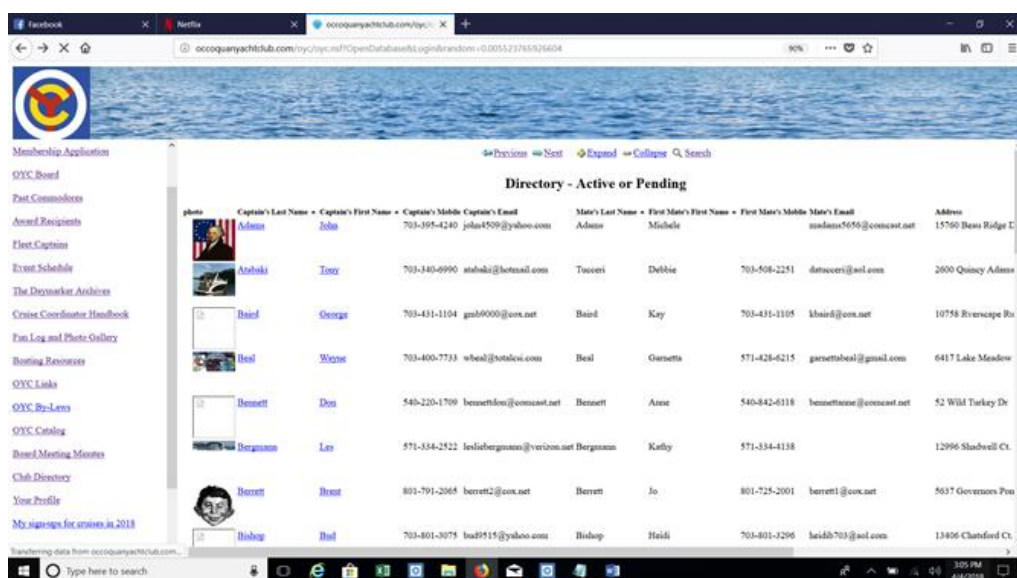
Thank you for your patients and continued cooperation as we continue to improve the website for OYC. Please contact me directly if you have any difficulties navigating the OYC website or are having any issues with the website access just email me at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com.



Safe boating is happy boating. Remember to have your boat vessel safety checked by the CG.



Safe boating is happy boating!
William Dornetto, Nauti-Buoys



Preda's Spring Cruise:

We had planned to depart Quantico on April 6th but wind and weather delayed us until April 8th. We chose most of the marinas we stayed at based on Active Captain recommendations, proximity, and cost.

Day 1 Cruised to Ingram Bay Marina. It's a small but protected facility near Reedville on the south side of Ingram Bay.

Day 2 Cruised to Portsmouth where we overnighted at Tidewater Marina.

Day 3 Headed down the Elizabeth River into the ICW. We had our first experience traveling through a lock at Great Bridge. We were able to reach Albemarle Plantation in the late afternoon. Upon arrival we were greeted by the dockmaster and several residents. The Marina is on the Albemarle Loop and offers 2 free nights for transient boats. It is well protected and has an outdoor grill, picnic area and access to a free washer dryer. The Plantation has a restaurant, golf course, bar and golf carts for rent (\$25/day). Everyone was friendly and very interested in encouraging more boaters to visit.

Day 5 Continuing on the Loop, we cruised up to Edenton, a lovely small town reminiscent of Fredericksburg, VA. It is rich in colonial and Civil War history. There are a number of small restaurants to choose from and the cost of a gourmet meal is inexpensive. The city dock offers 2 free nights but be advised if there are strong winds from the south you will be rockin' and rollin'.

Day 7 We traveled up the Roanoke River at the west end of the sound to Plymouth, another stop on the Loop. We were met by two fellows who were judging a bass tournament. They offered to drive us to the grocery store because they weren't expecting boats to come in for a few hours. Leslie, the Maritime Museum manager checked us in and made sure we had electricity. After she left for the day we realized the water wasn't working. We sent her an email and Messenger note and within 10 minutes we heard back. Leslie had called the mayor who notified utilities. Evidently the water had been turned off for the winter and hadn't been turned back on. In less than an hour we had water. The city has some lovely parks, a museum and the location on the river is well protected from wind. The city allows boaters to stay for 10 days free! Downtown needs to be revived, there's not much there. The grocery stores and restaurants are a mile and a half away.

Day 10 We headed down the Roanoke River, east on the Albemarle Sound to the Alligator River and back into the ICW. We got as far as Dowry Creek and decided to pull in for the night. The marina was perfect for an overnight and we were situated for a quick getaway in the morning.

Day 11 We took our time, traveled out to Pamlico Sound and up the Neuse River to New Bern. We planned to spend one week at the New Bern Grand Marina. We lived in New Bern over 30 years ago and knew a couple of days wouldn't be enough. We were able to reconnect with several friends who are still there. New Bern has a wonderful downtown. There's a beautiful waterfront park by the marina and there are many shops and restaurants within walking distance. We attended Juice On The Neuse, an afternoon of wine and

craft beer sampling. At the marina we met many friendly folks who were cruising up and down the east coast from Key West to Nova Scotia. The marina has floating docks and the weekly rate was very reasonable.

Day 18 Departed New Bern, cruised down the Neuse and crossed Pamlico Sound to Ocracoke Island. We tied up to the National Park docks, \$.60/ft per day with a Senior National Park Pass and an extra \$5 per day for 50 amp power. Ranger Bob informed us that this year the beach has been named the third most beautiful beach in the US (including Hawaii). We have come here by car several times and in a 21 ft motor boat from New Bern over 30 years ago. The beach is worth the trip. There are a number of small restaurants and gift shops. A craft brewery has just opened and we did a tasting, not bad!

For several days our trips were pushing 90 miles. Most have been in the 65 mile range with a couple of short hops within the Albemarle. So far we have travelled 500 miles. The roughest weather was day 2 in the Chesapeake. The Albemarle and Pamlico were choppy but not as bad as the Chesapeake.

Fortunately we have had following seas most of the way. Fuel costs are averaging \$2.65/gal. Sunday (day 21) we head south on the ICW to Morehead City. A final note on cell coverage. We use ATT and have had solid coverage except for the more remote sections of the ICW between the Albemarle and Belhaven NC.

Steve and Ginny Preda
Anamchara



Happy puppies....

Ocracoke Lighthouse





Penelope's House

From the PRYCA Rep:

Hello friends! Hopefully you've been following along the FB public page (shoot me or Bill D. a note if you need access or help finding the public or private OYC pages). But if not, here's the rundown! Make the modern fish act a reality!



<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/8ABbmbIEUPswsEIpYg2YxA>

Neabsco Creek desperately needs you to support efforts for dredging. Please encourage your congresshumans to address the issue! Don't criticize the bureaucrats (even if they deserve it) but focus on the jobs lost and the 200 boat owning Americans who won't be able to help make us great again!

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/new-danger-markers-on-a-virginia-waterway-threaten-livelihoods-and-ignite-calls-for-dredging-funds/2018/04/21/41a4a652-4196-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9419e90ed197

I have a call in the USCG auxiliary to get boat inspections done for the flag raising on 5 May. But, if I'm not successful, I'll reattempt for 2 June. Please watch the FB pages for updates!

Please take a close look and safe boating!

*Bruno Millonig
Extra Innings*

From the Treasurer:



Balance 2/28/2018:

\$8,900.90

Receipts (dues, events, QM): \$916.00

Expenses (Misc 249.86, dues 150): \$399.00

New balance (3/31/2018): \$9417.04

OYC SOUTH Update (no change from April DM):

Greetings from sunny Green Turtle Cay, Abacos Bahamas. We crossed over from Stuart Fl early Sat morning and 18 hours later anchored at Great Sale Cay for the night. Crossing the banks was fantastic as we watched the water turn a bright blue and the depths decrease from the thousands to about 18 feet. We have been poking around the northern Abacos for a few days before finding a marina to wait out some high winds. Should be back in the Chesapeake by late May before heading North to Nova Scotia this summer.

*Bob and Vicki
Last Mistake*

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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.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.



May Birthdays and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

Garnetta Beal on May 8
Robert Brown on May 30
John DeDitiis on May 30
Jim Dooley on May 6
Gail Livingston on May 14
Gill Stokes on May 25
Jerry Tarasek on May 27
Steve Worcester on May 15

Steve & Ginny Preda on May 1
Al & Jun Stewart on May 23

