



The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



Wayne Beal
Commodore

It's been a fun, but yet wet summer and now it's time to hibernate. Time to make sure the house chores get caught up and get ready for the Holidays.

I hope everyone had a blast at the Change of Watch (COW), I know Garnetta and I did!

I want to start off by thanking Jerry for a fine year I hope to do as well as you did my friend. Jerry, thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for OYC and thank you Susie for supporting Jerry through the past 3 years! I also want to thank John

Deditius and Heidi Bishop for their

2018 help with OYC along with all the other board members who will be continuing to serve. These are volunteer positions and they have worked to make this a safe, and fun club to be a part of – THANK YOU!

I also want to thank Deena Fleming for volunteering to be our new Daymarker Editor, and Dave Hart for volunteering to be our treasurer – welcome to the board!

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Sat, 1 Dec, Parade of Lights with TBD Cruise Coordinator
- ☉ Fri, 14 Dec, 5-8pm, Christmas Happy Hour, Harbour Grill@ OHM. For Details Contact Al Stewart



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From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig
Extra Innings*

National Harbor is a boater's paradise with loads of things to do - from outlet stores, to great restaurants and bars to gambling at the MGM - definitely something for everyone. Bobby McKeys never disappoints - primo seats, lots of spirit, singing, and dancing. OYC knows how to turn it up! A perfect close out to a rainy year. The weather cooperated just enough to get everyone safely to National Harbor on Friday and we had a sunny cruise to our home ports on Sunday. A very special thank you to our new Commodore and his Admiral, Wayne and Garnetta Beal, for hosting a terrific Change of Watch party at their beautiful home. I think it's safe to say we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. Wayne's World Casino was so much fun - I've never won that big at Blackjack in Vegas! What a super change of pace for a COW - I know given the chance, everyone would have partied into the wee hours of the morning! Well done!

I would be remiss in not mentioning a special thank you to IPC Jerry Tarasek and his first mate Susie for leading our club during the 2017/2018 boating season. Their support, guidance, and tireless work as Rear, Vice, and Commodore was immeasurable. I know we all appreciate your efforts and friendship and look forward to many more years of boating with you to come!

I am excited to get started planning the 2019 cruise schedule and am looking for some fresh suggestions from you! I love the old standbys - Colonial Beach, National Harbor, The Yards, Alexandria... but if you have thoughts on some new adventures or hidden treasures you'd like to try out please don't hesitate to contact me at susanmillonig@gmail.com. I'm putting together a rough draft of the schedule in the coming weeks and would be happy to pencil in your ideas.

Additionally, I'm taking a look at the cruise coordinator's handbook as well as expectations of boaters and cruise coordinators. An update/revamping of both is in order. If you'd like to share your experiences with me, please get in touch. I want everyone in our club to enjoy the benefits of membership as well as feel comfortable leading a cruise or raft-up in the future.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Stay warm and safe and a very happy 2019 to all of you!

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From the Rear Commodore:

Hello OYC members, I am excited to be supporting OYC this year as your Rear Commodore. I only hope I serve OYC half as well as Susan Millonig. Lucky for me she is not going away, as she moves into her new position as Vice Commodore. Please join me in Thanking Susan for the outstanding support and leadership as the Rear Commodore. Who can forget the great Wine tasting, Chili Cook off and Flag Raising events, and the many others. For any club to work, it must have the active participation of its members. What a great year in 2018, even with all the rain, we had a great time at all the events we could attend.

On to business, By the time this is posted, Thanksgiving will be over, so I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with your loved ones. Now on to Christmas. These holidays really keep my spirits up while watching Nite Breeze stay idle.

I am going to spend the next couple weeks developing plans for the 2019 year, so if you have any suggestions please feel free to send me your ideas. To kick December off we are going to do a Christmas Happy Hour at The Harbour Grille (located at Occoquan Harbour Marina) on December 14th. Normally we will do it the first Friday of the month, but I wanted to make it more of a Christmas spin. If anyone would like to host this one or future events, please let me know.

My sister is a poet and writes me a poem periodically, during the winter I think about this one :



*Al Stewart
Nite Breeze*

A Mariner without the Sea

Startled from his dream of sailing on the open Sea,
His alarm rings loud at 6 o'clock...It's time to get up!
He hits the John, slips inside a crisp pressed suit and out the door he runs!

Day after day, from dawn until dusk, Lost in the midst of the same routine... He's a Mariner without the Sea.

Working class peers and crowded spaces, Robotic greetings from human faces!
Caught inside of a Whirlwind that's sucking him ...He's a Mariner without the Sea.

Sitting behind a cluttered desk, he stares ahead and staring back is his best friend

He closed his eyes as he realized this life is meaningless! That was the day he never looked back...

With a new spring in his step, a huge smile broke out ... Guided by the Celestial stars and the light of the moon, He's a Mariner who followed his dream

~ May Hodge

From the Secretary:



*Jeff Hughey
Fear Knot II*

I am happy to serve OYC for another year and Happy Holidays!

From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart
Rock Me Gently*

Balance 9/01/2018: \$7828.55
Receipts (dues, QM): \$55.49
Expenses (Misc.): \$0
New balance (9/30/2018): \$7884.04

I'm Dave Hart and happy to be aboard for this adventure in 2019.

We bought our first boat in 1989 but have been boating long before that. Recently, we sold our Sea Ray 36 Sedan Bridge and are shortly purchasing a 2002 480 Sea Ray Sedan Bridge. Watch for us on the water. Our new boat name will be Hart-2-Hart!

From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig
Extra Innings*

As winter approaches and our boats are gradually put into hibernation (sniff...), there's been a few updates on the legislative front for you. First, our worst corn nightmares have come true, as E15 is now authorized for year-round use. If you buy your gas at the pump, say for an outboard, then please check the Ethanol content before you pump! The National Boating Federation has grave concerns about the damage E15 will do to marine engines. Biobutanol, a friendly alternative, won't likely be available at the gas station pumps, but hopefully more marinas will carry it soon.

You can read more about it here!

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/uwjElzZhuAXKr/>.

For those of you who have outfitted your yacht with LED's, beware of a growing concern of interference with VHF, particularly if located near your antenna. The U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Investigation and Analysis, issued a Marine Safety Alert, 13-18, to alert mariners about reports regarding poor reception on various frequencies of their VHF radio. This happens when the radio is used for calling, automatic identification system (AIS) and digital selective calling (DSC) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) on-board ships (e.g. navigation lights, searchlights and floodlights and interior and exterior lights). Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lights was found to create potential safety hazards. The Coast Guard has received many reports from crews, ship owners, inspectors and other mariners regarding this very significant problem. Recreational boaters should use caution when they are near ships that have LED lights. For example, the maritime rescue coordination center in one port was unable to contact a ship involved in a traffic separation scheme incident by VHF radio. LED lights installed near VHF antennas have compounded the reception.

Finally, some good news...President Trump signed the **Save Our Seas Act** into law, which allows for the NOAA Administrator to declare a severe marine debris event and will enable the authorization of funds to states for cleanup and response efforts. Senator Whitehouse stated, "We're dealing with a problem that is so serious. The estimate is that if we don't get after it by 2050, which isn't that far away in the grand scheme of things, there will actually be more waste plastic in the ocean than living fish. That is not the kind of world we want to leave to our grandchildren and getting to work on this is really important." There will be \$10 million dollars in new funding each year for five years. Senator Sullivan pointed out that "Ocean debris and the plastics that break down into micro-particles that get into the food chain is a real challenge and we're not even fully understanding how that negatively impact, not just the fisheries, but even human health." He also lauded the large bipartisan effort and collaboration on the bill. And lastly, please take a look at <https://www.dewater.com/cleanrivers>. It's another worthwhile effort to clean up our favorite rivers, so please do what you can to support their efforts...particularly the tunnels project. Remember that the individual voices carry more weight than just Associations and Clubs do alone!

Here's to an early spring!

Quartermaster:



Thanks to our fabulous webmasters, we have our **OYC Catalog** up and running. There are tried and true links for personalized drink-ware and cooler items, embroidered clothing, and monogrammed/screened clothing. Directions are posted; each of the websites allow your own rudimentary art that they will finalize at no charge and, with your approval, apply to your products. There are no hidden costs, and OYC makes no profit. If you have a favorite company you use, let me know via email and I'll work to add that link to our list. Everything is ON-LINE!!!

Bud Bishop

Hi-Jinx



Looking for Flag Pole Mounts???

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.

From the Membership Chair:



Karen Hart
Rock Me Gently

Greetings OYC Members! Now that the COW has come and gone it's official, I am happy to say I will be staying on for the 2019 season as your membership chair. Boaters are the best, and to me like family. Our club has a very active membership and I'm looking forward to continuing on with that trend. I can honestly say I don't think I attended one event this year that OYC didn't have the most members in attendance. I say let's keep that up!

I'd like to introduce Karla Justice, our newest member. Many of you already know Karla as she is the daughter of Dick and Caroline Lynn, and works in the office at OHM.

Karla has a boat berthed at OHM on Lift 4, named Absolut Terror. Welcome Karla! We're happy to have you and look forward to seeing you at future events.

Many of you have asked me when the 2019 membership dues are due. The answer is whenever you're ready as the membership year runs from Jan 1 to Dec. If you pay now your dues are paid through Dec 21, 2019. Soon, I will be contacting members reminding them to pay but for now let's enjoy the holidays. That said, Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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. We're on the web: <http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com/>

From the Historian:



*Russ Ives
Nauti-Buoys*

From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

Just a reminder. The website is ready to accept payments for 2019 memberships. 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 payment. Everyone has been asking for a hard copy of the club directory to keep on their boat. The historian has volunteered to produce a boat side directory for members. That is why it is important to update your profile picture and personal information on the website starting, for the 2019 season, (January). Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation as we continue to improve the website for OYC.

Please contact me directly if at webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com if you have any difficulties accessing or navigating the OYC website.

Safe boating is happy boating!

*William Dornetto
Nauti-Buoys*

Daymarker Editor:



*Deena F. Fleming
MAHOGANY*

Ahoy! This is my first issue of the Daymarker and am enthusiastic about contributing to the OYC. I hail from the Big Apple and Capt Keith is from the City of Brotherly Love, and we are both Air Force Retirees! We've enjoyed boating since 2010 and became OYC members in 2013.

Thanks to Heidi for her assistance during the Daymarker transition and I know that I have big shoes to fill!

Enjoy the holidays and be safe!

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 Deena F. Fleming at editor@occoquanyachtclub.com for information on submitting articles.

Hardy Souls Cruise

OYC was once again well-represented at National Harbor for the 2-4 NOV Hardy Souls cruise. Joining us and leading the way were Commodore Tarasek and Commodore-Elect Beal and First Mates, Vice-Commodore-elect Millionig and Captain, Rear-Commodore-elect Stewart and First Mate. Also included, the DeDitius', Cornicelli's, Reuter/Graybill, Hart's, Everton's, Atabaki/Tucceri, Davis', Johnson's, Fleming's, Preda's, Manzo's, and Drapers...34 OYC members!!!

Braving a small craft advisory, most of the boats arrived on Friday afternoon and were treated to Bahama Mama's in Hi-Jinx III souvenir cups. Happy Hour and docktails carried through until the wee hours of the morning, as rain forced folks to gather inside and underneath shelter.

Rain passed by eventually, and Saturday morning brought sunlight and breezy weather. Thousands of runners met at National harbor in the morning, and some OYC members wandered over to tour the Air Force One aircraft displayed there.

At 7 PM on Saturday, 28 members of the crowd met at Bobby McKey's to enjoy some good old piano music and joined in the fun with the crowd. Although the venue had a tough time spelling YACHT, we got the idea.

The Hardy Souls cruise is not for the faint of heart and, while OYC will continue this fond tradition in the coming years, it is not an endorsement of risking boat or life in bad weather. We trust captains will make the right choice when determining if this event is for them or not.

Until next year,
Bud Bishop (Past Commodore)
Hi-Jinx III, Cruise Coordinator



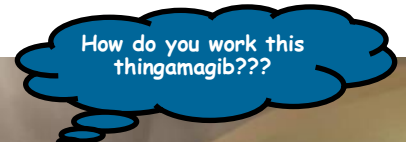
**2018 CHANGE OF WATCH
A NIGHT OF CAMRADERIE AND FUN!!**



WHEW...NEXT?!?



INCOMING!

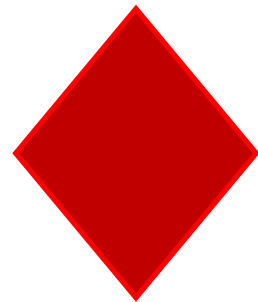
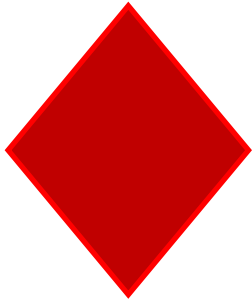




Congrats Jerry!









First Mate's Corner

(submit any short note to highlight the work, volunteerism, or support of any OYC First Mate...recipes are welcomed too!)

Seaweed Noodle salad; 1/2 cup Dried Wakame (seaweed); 2 batches Rice Noodles (1 package usually has 4 batches); 1 cucumber; 1 cup imitation crab meat; 1/2 cup red & yellow peppers; 1 tsp beef soup stock - powder; 1/2 cup sushi vinegar; 4 pkg equal or 1 tbsp sugar; 1 tbsp soy sauce, and 1 tbsp sesame oil.

Soak dried seaweed in warm water until it doubles in size, drain water. Put rice noodle in boiling water for 5 minutes or until soft, drain then rinse in cold water, drain repeat until the noodles are cold. Chop cucumbers and peppers. Put drained seaweed, rice noodles, cucumbers, peppers, crab meat in a bowl and mix. Put rest of ingredients into bowl and mix. You can add more vinegar, soup stock, soy sauce, etc to adjust to your taste buds, this dish is best served cold.

Contributed by June Stewart
Thanks June!

For Sale

3 gals of Shell Rotella SAE 30 motor oil that are new and unopened for \$22. A small outboard motor stand with wheels (up to 15hp) for \$30. I have a few 8" Big B Fenders for \$25 each.

Bob Hill, 703-402-1796



(alphabetical order—surame):

Don Bennett on December 4
Anne Bennett on December 15
Les Bergmann on December 25
Stacy Conti on December 9
John Cornicelli on December 31
Harry Croft on December 21
Vanessa Davis on December 8
June Fraim on December 13
Jeffery Hughey on December 13
Luciana Hughey on December 28
Kelly Jackson on December 19
David Johnson on December 4

John Brown & Joyce Brown on December 11
Bill Mansour & Lobanh Takla on December 4
Ned Rhodes & Arleen Rhodes on December 21
