



# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:

There's nothing safe about boating. If you're looking for a safe recreational activity, I'd recommend trying tiddlywinks.

We risk personal injury, damage, loss of boat and life. How many people drowned this year alone on the Potomac River? Looking back five years, there have been 82 boating fatalities in the State of Maryland since the start of the 2013 season. Of those deaths, only nine victims were wearing a life jacket. Tragedy strikes quickly, from accidents to foul weather. The most gruesome of all boating accidents is getting chopped up in a boat's propeller. Captains should never allow guests to sit on the gunnel or on the bow of their boat while underway. I've seen this too many times, (unless you own a bow rider with forward seating). Guests can easily fall overboard during a quick maneuver or get bounced by another boat's wake. Also, crew members working or standing on the swim platform while backing into your slip is inherently dangerous. Falling overboard while docking can suck your first mate into your props or crush them between the boat and dock. When rafting with other boats, typically there's people, floats and lines in the water. Never enter or depart a raft-up unless it's perfectly safe, and all members of the raft-up are aware of you and your boat entering and/or departing.

Wrapping a line around your prop can have serious consequences. Every ship, from small pleasure cruisers to large



commercial freighters, operates under the authority of a Captain. The Captain is ultimately responsible, under the law, for the safety of the ship and everyone onboard, to include its safe navigation, cleanliness, and seaworthiness. Practice good seamanship and always strive to be a good safe Captain.

Regardless of the risks and perils, we're resolute and we love boating. We live for it. It makes us tick. August has been a great month for boating, so let's keep it going. We had the Dog Days of Summer at Aquia Harbour, the Leukemia Poker Run and The Tides Inn cruise. It don't get much better than that. Much like a fast ball right down the middle of the plate. But more on that one next month.

In October, we'll have our General Membership meeting and will hold our elections for the incoming 2019 board. An OYC email blast will be sent announcing the slate and opportunities for volunteers. We'll also present the budget for 2019. I'm also accepting nominations for the somewhat dubious but rather esteemed 2018 Golden Snorkel and Bent Prop awards, plus the Commodore's Cup award which will be presented at our Change of Watch gala in November.

If you have any ideas, questions or comments, please feel free to contact me anytime. In closing and as always..., may your anchor be tight, your cork be loose, your rum be spiced and your compass be true.

Cheers!

Jerry and Susan,  
"Dig Life"



## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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### Special points of interest:

- © 7-9 SEP, Nats Game, Wash DC, Happy Hour - The Yards Marina on the Anacostia River, DC - 6pm (stay tuned for vessel arrival times)
- © 9/15 - Oktoberfest - Belmont Bay Harbor Marina - 3 pm
- © 10/5 - OYC Happy Hour - location TBD
- © 10/14 - Chili Cook-off/Membership Meeting - Schondel's home
- © 11/2 - OYC Happy Hour - Hardy Souls Cruise - National Harbor Marina!



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## From the Vice Commodore:



We had a lot going on in August with the better weather and our awesome events!

Dog Days of Summer was a wonderful time. The event was hosted by Aquia Harbor Yacht Club (AHYC) Dog Days "Jammin' in Aquia". We had a scenic time traveling up the creek, might also have made a few diamonds along the way - lol. Upon arrival we were able to register and relax. Saturday was a special BBQ, Shrimp & Crab feast which was very tasty!! Later that day was some Jamaican food and one fun party with drinks from the Tiki bar and Jammin' under the Stars with a great DJ. The next morning, we all met for brunch and then local boat rides were provided by Chris and his wife on The Dancing Beagle. It was a great time with some wonderful people! We had quite a showing of OYC people that arrived both on the water as well as by land!

The Leukemia Cup Poker Run went well. I want to thank the people that attended and all of the people that sent in a donation! OYC was the second highest donation group - way to go OYC!! The event, over all, earned \$8,660.00 that will go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Several of us staged our boats at Capital Yacht Club for the weekend - great location by the way. A big thank you, Bruno and Susan, for hosting many people on Extra Innings for the actual poker run itself. We didn't worry at all about the clearance under the 14th street train track - measured in inches and yes, the people on the fly were crouched rather low - lol. It was a great celebration when Bud and Heidi showed up in Hi-Jinx III while we were on the poker run. They have

their boat again and are back in action - yea!

Tides Inn was awesome as usual! We had a good showing from OYC, and Brian, Ally, and the girls were able to come up from Chesapeake as well. The Tarasek's dog Walter befriended everyone on the docks. It seemed that everyone knew who Walter was with that lovable personality! We had great food and drink on the docks as well as some fun pool time that involved food and drinks along with pedicures by the pool. A few folks had massages (oh, yes, that was nice!) and the guys played golf on the executive course where everyone was a winner! Saturday night dinner at the restaurant was lovely and of course we took the annual pictures of the Tommy Bahama shirts and all the great folks!

As we are a club that enjoys fun and promotes safety, I would like to suggest some lessons learned by good friends at OYC and friends belonging to another club last month that got caught in some very bad weather. It's so easy to sit back after the fact and say this is what we should have done, but when you're in the heat of things, it can be tough. It's for that reason we all talk to each other and share our experiences. This will help make us all better boaters and make the best decisions we can when presented with tough choices. If weather gets bad quickly - and it can - head in as soon as possible. If you can't make it to a marina and you are tied up, untie and separate the boats. Each boat should put out an anchor staying well away from each other and not too close to shore. All parties can put on life vests when in the weather and have them on or close at hand when inside. The higher the winds and seas, put out as much chain/rode as you can. Thank you to those that shared their stories and we are very glad you're safe and sound and soon your boats will be back and ready for the next adventure.

Be safe,

Wayne Beal  
OYC Vice Commodore  
Wayne's World



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## From the Rear Commodore:



Rear Commodore, September 2018 Daymarker Article  
September is upon us and with that a beautiful time of year to be on the water. Club activities are picking up again so be sure to check the website to stay up-to-date on cruises and land events.

We will have a September happy hour at the Yards

Marina, which is tied to the baseball cruise, September 7. Please bring your chairs, an appetizer to share, and your drink of choice. We will gather behind Extra Innings, location to be determined once slips are assigned. Even if you are not attending the game or on the cruise, please feel free to join! Oktoberfest is Saturday, September 15 at 3 pm in front of the Belmont Bay Harbor Marina office. This is our fall land event, and costs \$15.00 per person. Please join the club for traditional fest fare including beer, brats, chicken, desserts, pretzels, and side dishes. Remember to bring your chair. We will hold our corn-hole tournament, postponed from the June bbq.

There is a scheduling change for the October Membership Meeting/Chili Cook-off/Election. As the annual Annapolis power boat show is the weekend of October 13, our event will be on Sunday the 14th at the Schondel's home. Please stay tuned for more details in the October Daymarker.

### Upcoming Dates:

9/7 - Happy Hour - The Yards Marina on the Anacostia River, DC - 6pm (stay tuned for essel arrival times)

9/15 - Oktoberfest - Belmont Bay Harbor Marina - 3 pm

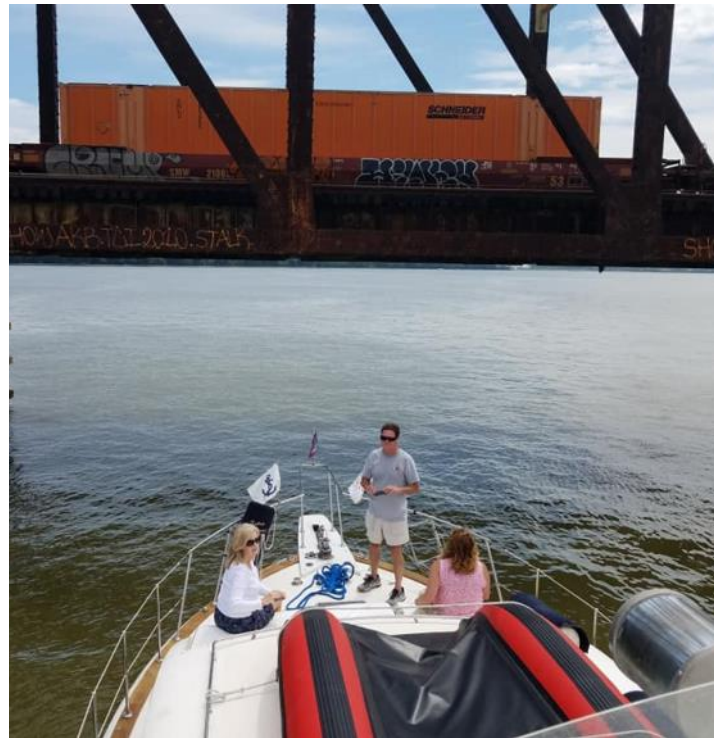
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Cheers!

Susan Millonig  
Rear Commodore  
Extra Innings



# August: Dog Days



# August (cont.) Dog Days



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# August (cont.) Leukemia Poker Run



# August (cont.) Tides Inn



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## 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



Hello new and returning members to the OYC! If you don't have access to the Face Book (Fb) members only page you are missing out on club news updates, the sharing of memories and just staying connected.

Send me a message on Fb to get access. I hope everyone is having a great summer. I'm sure you'll be taking a lot of pictures this summer. Now is the time to update your profile picture in the OYC catalog by going to your profile on the OYC official web site at <http://occoquanyachtclub.com/>. Having a profile picture help everyone to get to know each other. Also if you want to share your pictures with the club, you can always drop your pictures in the OYC drop box at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A9eqqNe6RCBVSdGXywtDmuVD1az52bP1?usp=sharing> and upload the pictures to the members only folder. You can also download any picture in the drop box for your enjoyment. Safe boating is happy boating!

*William Dornetto*  
*Nauti-Buoys*



## From the Historian:

I've been reviewing the contents of all of the boxes of loose photos, photo albums, and some hard copies of the Day Markers. It's quite a collection and I'm planning on getting everything digitized over the off-boating season. Please send over any pictures that may not be a part of the archive with descriptions so we can match faces to people and events. More to come... Safe boating to everyone!

*Russ Ives*  
*Nauti-Buoys*



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## From the Treasurer:



Balance 6/01/2018: \$8090.84  
Receipts (dues, QM): \$765.00  
Expenses (Paypal 5.68, BBQ 874.60, club burgee(big) \$131.52): \$1011.80  
New balance (5/31/2018): \$7844.04

*Johnny Deditius*  
*Liquid Liesure*



## From the PRYCA Rep:



Do You Know How to Report Waterway Hazards? To keep our nation's waterways open and safe, the Coast Guard relies on the input of the maritime community to self-report hazards to navigation, such as discrepancies with buoys, beacons, or debris. The Navigation Center would like to remind all waterway users,

whether professional mariners or recreational boaters, of several options to report waterway hazards:

- Call your local Coast Guard command center via VHF radio
- Call the Navigation Center at (703) 313-5900
- Use the Aids to Navigation Discrepancy Report found on the Navigation Center's website
- Use the Coast Guard boating safety app

If you've never taken a look at the Navigation Center, I recommend you give it a test drive at: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/> There's lots of interesting information and you can sign up for email alerts!

Next, we don't often talk about the CBYCA, but rest assured, they're working for us in the background. The 2019 slate is:

Commodore	Mike Gaff	Red Eye YC
Vice Commodore	Kyle Gray	Middle River YC
Rear Commodore	Dan Killeen	Herring Bay YC
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Secretary	Nick Noderer	Delaware River YC
Treasurer	Penny Rhine	Miles River YC
Publicity Director	Donna Ferron	Blue Marsh SA
IPC	Gene Schenck	Bodkin YC

Finally, I'll say it because Wayne is too modest, but he's the main reason our fund raising effort for the Leukemia Cup was so successful. I was privileged to contribute and more than happy to drive, but it was his vision that made it all happen. It takes a certain amount of financial freedom to be a boater, and I for one am thrilled that our Executive Board continually looks for opportunities to pay it forward. And, if you take a look at the pictures on FB, trust me...the bridge clearance this year was way better than last year. I'd estimate we had at least 6 additional inches before we hit the train rumbling over our heads!

*Bruno Millionig  
Extra Innings*



## From Membership:



Hello fellow OYC members!

I hope everyone is having a great summer and has been able to take advantage of club events. There's more to come so be sure to log on to the website and look at the events calendar. Sign up for any events you like and put maybe if you aren't sure. Don't forget

to save your changes before logging out. We want everyone to enjoy the club and what better way to do that than to be an active member.

I mentioned in last month's Day Marker about a way to introduce new members to the general membership. We want to spotlight our new and returning members by putting a paragraph in the Day Marker introducing you to the club. I'll be contacting some of you in the near future and see if we can't get that up and running.

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



## September Birthdays ..... ..and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

John Brown on September 23  
Doreen Gagne on September 25  
Karen Hart on September 11  
Ginny Preda on September 16  
Bob Stegon on September 22  
Jun Stewart on September 7  
Patricia Wobbleton on September 10

Bud & Heidi Bishop on September 4  
Robert Brown & Vicki Moon on Sept 1  
John & Michelle DeDitius on Sept 2  
Bob & Min Hill on September 19  
Allen & Lynanne Jorsey on September 5  
Mark & Cindy Lawton on September 14  
Dick & Caroline Lynn on September 12  
Randy & Tammy Meyers on September 26  
Kevin & Elinor Schneider on Sept 18  
Bob & Nancy Stegon on September 20  
John & Patricia Wobbleton on Sept 12





**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

**MARINE SAFETY ALERT**  
**Inspections and Compliance Directorate**

August 15, 2018  
Washington, DC

Safety Alert 13-18

**Let us enlighten you about LED lighting!**  
**Potential interference of VHF-FM Radio and AIS Reception.**

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Let us enlighten you about LED lighting! Potential interference of VHF-FM Radio and AIS Reception. The U.S. Coast Guard has received reports from crews, ship owners, inspectors and other mariners regarding poor reception on VHF frequencies used for radiotelephone, digital selective calling (DSC) and automatic identification systems (AIS) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) lighting on-board ships (e.g., navigation lights, searchlights and floodlights, interior and exterior lights, adornment). Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lamps were found to create potential safety hazards. 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. That ship also experienced very poor AIS reception. Other ships in different ports have experienced degradation of the VHF receivers, including AIS, caused by their LED navigation lights. LED lighting installed near VHF antennas has also shown to compound the reception. Strong radio interference from LED sources may not be immediately evident to maritime radio users. Nonetheless, it may be possible to test for the presence of LED interference by using the following procedures:

1. Turn off LED light(s).
2. Tune the VHF radio to a quiet channel (e.g. Ch. 13).
3. Adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the radio outputs audio noise.
4. Re-adjust the VHF radio's squelch control until the audio noise is quiet, only slightly above the noise threshold.
5. Turn on the LED light(s).

• If the radio now outputs audio noise, then the LED lights have raised the noise floor. (Noise floor is generally the amount of interfering signals / static received beyond the specific signal or channel being monitored.)

6. If the radio does not output audio noise, then the LED lights have not raised the noise floor.

If the noise floor is found to have been raised, then it is likely that both shipboard VHF marine radio and AIS reception are being degraded by LED lighting.

In order to determine the full impact of this interference, the Coast Guard requests those experiencing this problem to report their experiences to Coast Guard Navigation Center<sup>1</sup>. Select "Maritime Telecommunications" on the subject drop down list, then briefly describe the make and model of LED lighting and radios effected, distance from lighting to antennas and radios effected, and any other information that may help understand the scope of the problem.

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