



The Daymarker



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Wayne Beal
Commodore

What an amazing month! Garnetta and I got our boat back – yea!! The Bay Cruise was a huge success. It takes a lot of planning and coordination to pull that event off. Thank you for all your hard work on that Bruno and Susan!

If you have not heard, OYC won second place in the PRYCA competition for the Cup! 55 boats and 124 attendees made their way to Coles Point Marina for the event. There were 8 teams that competed and we did great! OYC got a point for early registration and we also got a point for everyone having their safety sticker! The heat was terribly high and yet everyone had fun! Friday night started out with a table and drinks that were served by each club and I have to say there were some very tasty adult beverages served that evening. OYC served a drink called Mermaid Lemonade.

We had a great table cloth, nice cups, a pretty serving container, umbrellas, napkins, slices of lemons and cherries to go with the drinks and beautifully themed decorations on the table to go with the OYC drink. Thank you to Karen and Dave Hart, Al and Jun Stewart, Susan Millonig, Debbie Solowan, and Susie and Jerry Tarasek for helping to plan our drink, figuring out the accouterments, and setting it up. Thank you all for your wonderful ideas and help pulling that off! Thank you to Susan and Bruno Millonig for working with PRYCA as liaisons for OYC during this event. Saturday morning started out with our very own Past Commodore, Bud Bishop hosting a class on how to properly use your VHF radio. If you have an interest in that, he has a handout/file he can email you with the particulars. What I thought was really cool about the class was that other boaters chimed in with some addition information that was also good to know (an incredible pool of knowledge).

The classes were followed by lunch and then a team OYC meeting where we planned our winning strategies. The events were as follows: Rules of the Road and Knot Tying test – OYC got first place for this with Harry Croft and Michele DeDitius taking the exam for OYC. Now that’s just awesome – thank you both! Next we had the Scavenger Hunt where all OYC people in attendance participated. OYC got second place for that event – too cool for such a hot day! Thank you to Tony Atabaki, Debbie Tucceri, Steve and Ginny Preda, Russ Ives and Bill Dornetto, John and Michelle DeDitius, Jerry and Susie Tarasek, Jerry Sanders, Harry Croft, Dave and Karen Hart, Dan and Debbie Kent, Dan Everton and Debra Solowan, Bud and Heidi Bishop, Bruno and Susan Millonig, Al and Jun Stewart, and Ally Field. Wow – we had a lot of people there from OYC (there were others there as well, but they were with PRYCA or had another club as their primary)!!The next event was the River Rat Relay. OYC got 4th place for that event. We had Tony Atabaki, Debbie Tucceri, Dan Kent, John DeDitius, and Ally Field help us with that event. I have to say it’s harder than it looks and yet our team did great! Thank you all for doing such a fantastic job!

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Special points of interest around the Potomac:

- * 8/2 , 5pm, OYC Happy Hour, OHM E-Dock
- * 8/3, 4pm, Aquia Harbour Yacht Club Crab Feast
- * 8/18, OHM , Harbour Grille, Boater Olympics Summer Edition
- * 8/24, National Harbor Crab, Wine, and Beer Festival
- * 8/30-9/2, Swan Point Golf Cruise

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From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig
Millie Gael*

Greetings from the Chesapeake Bay!

I hope you all have been enjoying this beautiful summer boating weather. The bay has been glorious this year, with the exception of intense heat at the beginning of the cruise. Nothing a pool and an Orange Crush couldn't fix! Thank you once again, to my captain and better half, Bruno for planning a fantastic bay excursion. Already can't wait for the South Bay Cruise next summer!

Congratulations to our intrepid OYC team for a strong showing at the PYRCA Float-in. A solid second place! Well done Michelle and Harry for slaying the test. We'll get 'em next time!

We still have some amazing trips on our schedule. If you are interested in attending, please sign up as soon as possible.

August:

Swan Point, led by the Taraseks

September:

Washington Nationals v. Atlanta Braves Baseball Cruise, led by Bruno Millonig

Neptune Festival, led by the Harts

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From the Rear Commodore:

Happy Summer OYC members,

When I step out of the Air Conditioning I think of the lyrics "Hot Town, Summer in the city, Back of my neck getting dirty and gritty".. July is proving to be a hot one! Remember to stay hydrated when on the boat.

For the 4th of July nine boats got in at Capital Yacht Club, and despite the cloud inversion caused by the early storms, we did get to see the brilliant flashes through the smoke.



After the fireworks Eric broke out his Margaritaville Machine and made some great margaritas – Got to get me one of those -

On Friday, we invaded Thrashers on the wharf for some cool drinks and later that night we chowed down on some Oysters at Hanks.



On Saturday we all piled on Nite Breeze and Dig Life and spent the afternoon at 3 Sisters cooling down in some beautiful water.

We saw a lot of friendly faces at the PYRCA Float In/Commodore's Cup on the 19,20 &21 of July and the group that went on the long north Chesapeake Bay trip should have a great time.

Don't forget September 7th will be our Fall Land event. I will be working that in August, if you have any suggestions / ideas, don't hesitate to reach out.

We are also looking for volunteers for future happy Hours. Please let me know if you can host one. Thank You.



*Al Stewart
Nite Breeze*

PS -

The Fairfax County Police Department's Marine Patrol Unit is excited to co-sponsor the event Boaters for Backpacks. FCPD will be partnering with local marinas and Vellum Mortgage to collect backpacks for the coming school year. According to Fairfax County Public Schools, about 55,000 students may need assistance in obtaining school supplies, this event will provide much needed backpacks for several of these children. If you would like to participate in Boaters for Backpacks, please drop off a new backpack to one of the participating marinas listed below. Please include your name and number on a piece of paper inside the backpack. if you would like to be entered in a raffle for a \$300 gas card, courtesy of Vellum Mortgage, there will be three lucky winners.

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- Hoffmaster's Marina
- Belmont Bay Marina

From the Secretary:



*Jeff Hughey
Fear Knott II*

From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart
Hart-2-Hart*

Balance as of 6/30/2018: \$9,191.29

Receipts (dues, QM): \$ 65.00

Expenses (Misc.): \$ 0.00

New balance as of (1/8/2019): \$9,256.29

I hope everyone is having a great summer on the water!

From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig
Millie Gael*

So, you get your brand "new" boat, with lots of fancy upgrades and are cruising the Bay (as part of the OYC Annual Bay Cruise!), enjoying the good life. The 105 degree heat indexes finally drop, and after a very pleasant stay at Georgetown Yacht Basin with only 85 degree temps and low humidity you get ready to head to Baltimore. You unplug your power cord and see this:



Ruh roh...But, I had a problem with the pedestal at GYB, so I blamed it on the shore power. We went on to Baltimore, I hooked up my other power cord, but the same thing happened. Now I know it's the boat... But the weird thing was that nothing had changed. We ran the systems as we always did, and one would think if anything, with the lower temps there should be less power drain, not more.

So after a few tense hours of troubleshooting, we found one of the hot side cables had corrosion and a fair number of broken strands. I cleaned up the wiring at the plug and reinstalled, which seemed to help...but didn't entirely solve the problem of excessive draw. So with a close eye on the ammeter and the help of Bud's IR thermometer (I have GOT to get one of those), I believe I have isolated the main culprit to a new A/C the previous owner installed. Perhaps something in the installation came loose, or was not done IAW with ABYC standards and finally caught up with us.

So power management is the name of the game until further notice, and when we get home, I'll be spending some quality time with an electrician to help get the systems, the AC bus, and the connectors all back up to snuff. Pay attention to your boat, she talks to you.

Quartermaster:



Bud Bishop

Hi-Jinx

Don't forget to visit the OYC Catalog page for monogrammed or embroidered apparel!

From the Membership Chair:



Karen Hart
Hart-2-Hart

Hello OYC!

It is so hot this summer that the boat and river are the only places I want to be! It's way too hot to do anything unless it involves the water. That said, Bud Bishop recently posted a comment on the OYC Members Only Facebook page that I'd like to mention. He was anchored at Mattawoman and posted about an OYC raft up at Mattawoman and any new members that wanted assistance in rafting to hail him on the radio. Thank you for doing that Bud! Good thinking! Most members know Mattawoman is a common area on the river where many of us go on weekends and all are welcome. It's all very impromptu so if you go just look for those OYC burgees. Hail the captain, put those fenders down, and get your lines ready. Anyone is welcome but if the raft up gets too big you may have to start a new one. A good problem to have I'd say. See you out there on the water!

Also know that Brian and Ally Field have rejoined OYC!

NOTE: You can now print your own membership card. Log into Your profile, display the card and print it. If you have any questions on how to do any of this please contact me or another board member.

From the Historian:



Russ Ives
Nauti-Buoys

Still gathering pictures for our OYC digital library. I can't make every event so please forward your favorite pictures to: historian@occoquanyachtclub.com.

From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

Our Facebook (Fb) page "OYC Members Only" is a great way to communicate. Communicating on FB keeps us connected to our community, it's timely and effective. Let's start using Fb to communicate when we are boating to generate interest in different places on the river or when we are rafting up with other members. Posting information about activities like, when in Rafting up is a great way to get together, relax on the water and enjoy shared food and adult beverages in-between club activities. If you do not have access to Fb sent me a message at, webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com to get connected. Let's get connected and have fun boating.

William Dornetto
Nauti-Buoys

Daymarker Editor:

Farewell!



Deena F. Fleming
MAHOGANY

OYC Membership, this will be my last publication of the Daymarker. It's been my absolute honor to serve as the Daymarker Editor this year, and more importantly to share in the unique recreation of boating. I've enjoyed the last nine years boating with you and I'm lucky to have shared such fond memories.

Take care and I can always be reached at Fancycooper@live.com.

Yours in the bond of boating,
Deena



OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

June 17, 2019

WEB SITE ENHANCEMENT (MMSI)

As part of the Occoquan Yacht Club's (OYC) continued effort to promote safe boating, your profile on the website has been updated to accept a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. So, what is a MMSI number? Maritime Mobile Service Identity or (MMSI) is a unique nine-digit number used by maritime Digital Selective Calling (DSC), Automatic Identification Systems (AIS) and certain other equipment to uniquely identify a boat/ship. Modern marine radios now feature DSC for routine operations such as hailing other boats and automated distress hailing. These features can only be used if your radio or Garmin is programmed with a unique MMSI.

So instead of trying to describe the benefits, features and process of obtaining the MMSI the following websites are provided:

How do you obtain a MMSI number? There are a couple of way to obtain a MMSI, but first check out this short 7 minute YouTube video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiXN8pNoA0I>.then if you decide to get a MMSI number check out these websites:

Wikipedia: <https://www.wikihow.com/Get-an-MMSI-Number>. This site was updated March 29, 2019 and can serve as a tutorial

Boats US: at <https://www.boatus.com/MMSI/MMSI/Home>. MMSI are free for members and \$25 dollars for non-members

American Boat Club: http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi_new/index.php.

United States Power Squadron: <https://www.usps.org/>

*Remember if you are planning to travel internationally (Canada, Bahamas etc.) a Ship Station License is required from the FCC, if you want to communicate with a foreign port.

I hope this information is helpful.

Webmaster

William Dornetto

JULY ACTIVITIES

Bay Cruise:



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PRYC Float-In:

Coles Point 2019 Float-In



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Get Cracking!
Aqua Harbour Yacht Club
Crab Feast
August 3, 2019
Time: 4pm
Price: Adults \$30, Children under 12yrs \$10
Menu: Crabs, Shrimp, BBQ, Corn on the cob and yummy sides!
Cash Bar: Beer, wine and soft drinks



RSVP by July 29, 2019
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FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE MARINE PATROL UNIT PRESENTS



Boaters for BACKPACKS



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