



The Daymarker



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From the Commodore:



Another OYC boating year is nearly over and yet it feels like it just began! Many of you have already winterized and have put your boats to bed for the winter - but that doesn't mean the fun stops now! The OYC parties year-round!

Before I get started with club happenings and business, I'd like to reintroduce myself to you. As a California kid - my days were spent at the beach. Water - or being near it - has always been my happy place. Fast forward many years to Colorado (my dad was transferred in the 1970's) where I met my future husband, Bruno. He grew up in New York and spent a ton of time boating on Lake George. He has been boating since he was a little boy - his dad even makes beautiful wooden boats. We met while he was at the Air Force Academy, married after 3 years, then set off on our military career. Two beautiful children later (Matt and Andie), we bought our first boat together in North Carolina. Pause - moved to Alaska and Germany put boating on hold as we fully embraced winter sports in our new homes. Immediately upon moving back to the states, Extra Innings (named for not only our son's baseball "career" but also for the time needed to get away from the job and relax) was added to the family. We boated up and down the TomBigbee River in Mississippi and Tennessee. Another couple of moves later we landed in NOVA and never left. Bruno retired after 25 years in the Air Force. I continued my teaching career and we gained a wonderful son-in-law, Brian - also a boater. Extra Innings II arrived, and with many renovations and upgrades after 5 years she moved to Florida with her new owners. Millie Gael joined the family and she has truly become our vacation home on the water. We and "the girls," Lulu and ChaCha, look forward to

new adventures on the river and the bay as well as a future modified Great Loop trip and another down to the Keys and Bahamas.

This year's Change of Watch party was held at Paradise Springs Winery in Clifton, Virginia and was catered by Trattoria Villaggio. What a beautiful setting for our party - in the rolling hills of Northern Virginia surrounded by grapevines and the beautiful changing leaves of fall. The rain held off long enough to get the decorations unloaded and everyone mostly into the venue. It was a magical evening with all the ingredients in place for a memorable time - lots of wine, good food, great friends, and dancing to cap it all off.

No successful event is without a multitude of hard-working people behind the scenes. I owe many thanks to some very special folks who helped make the CoW a rousing success: Ginny Preda, Ally Field (as well as JJ and Peyton), Michelle DiDitius, Heidi Bishop and Garnetta Beal - my talented decorations committee! Everything was just beautiful; thanks so much for executing the vision! In addition the "day of decorating and catering crew": Johnny DeDitius, Bud Bishop, Brian Field, Debbie Tucceri and Tony Atabaki - thank you all so much for arriving early to get everything set up at lightning pace! Bud and Brian - thank you for bussing tables ensuring the trays were continuously filled with food. This celebration could never have happened without the abundance of planning and support of my amazing husband, Bruno. As I was planning my dad's 80th birthday celebration in California (which occurred just one week earlier!), Bruno took the vision and ran with it - making all of the arrangements with the winery and the caterer. As well, he ordered all of the serveware and ensured everything arrived on time. He is officially checked out in party planning 101! Thanks, babe! To Russ Ives and Bill

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ DEC 6, Happy Hour, Electric Palm
- ☉ DEC 7, Parade of Lights, The Wharf & Alexandria Waterfront
- ☉ DEC 25, Deadline for PRYCA CoW Hotel Reservations
- ☉ Pay 2020 dues at "Your Profile", OYC website



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Dornetto who put together a fantastic slideshow depicting all 35 years of OYC CoW's - a million thanks! Russ also served as photographer, capturing all the fun moments during the party. We had many past commodores in attendance: Harry and Pat Croft, Jim Dooley, Don Bennett, Bud Bishop, and Jerry Tarasek. Thank you all for your stewardship of our club. You set the foundation for who we are today as we carry forth the basic tenets of our club's mission. Finally, I want to give another huge thank you to our IPC, Wayne Beal for leading our club with grace, class, and enthusiasm. You are such a good friend to all - and especially to me. Thank you for leaving the club in excellent shape!

Now for the awards! This year we have a new addition to the list - the Slippery Dinghy. I'll get to that one later! All of our awards have funny stories attached to them! First up is the **Bent Prop Award**: Jerry Tarasek. Jerry not only bent his prop but he went the extra mile actually losing the entire prop. We can ensure it was truly bent as it hit the bottom of the river! The **Golden Snorkel Award**: Bruno "I saved the Yeti!" Millonig. 'Nuff said... Next is the new award, the **Slippery Dinghy Award**: Bruno Millonig (seems like a trend here...) gets this award for improperly securing his dinghy - not once, not twice... oy! Finally, the **Commodore's Cup**: Pat and Vanessa Schondel for graciously opening their beautiful home for our major OYC membership events. Over the years through their warm hospitality and generosity they have provided us a superb space to gather.

Our final boating event of 2019 is the Parade of Lights, December 7, held in the Washington Channel and past the Alexandria waterfront. The Bishop's and the Preda's both have entries in this DMV favorite holiday tradition. I know their decorations are going to be gorgeous! Let's all wish them a safe evening on the water and best of luck in winning awards.

As a virtual yacht club, it truly takes the talents and ideas of all our members to make us a success. Thank you in advance to everyone - from the board to our members - for volunteering your time and energy to make us the most active and fun yacht club on the Occoquan and Potomac Rivers. With that, if you haven't already - I urge you to make your annual dues payment before the end of our fiscal year - December 31. We rely on your dues to "bring the fun" to the club. You can do this via your portal in the website through Paypal or by sending a check in care of Dave Hart, OYC Treasurer.

It has been an honor working for this club as the Rear and Vice Commodore. Thank you for placing your trust in me - I'm ready to take on the role of your Commodore. Please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Susan Millonig
Commodore
Millie Gael

The OYC 2019/2020 Board



John Draper, Daymarker Editor; Susan Millonig, Commodore; Steve Preda, Vice Commodore; Karen Hart, Rear Commodore; Bill Dornetto, Webmaster; Jerry Sandors, Secretary; Bruno Millonig, PRYCA/CBYCA Delegate; Debbie Tucceri, Membership; Bud Bishop, Quartermaster; Dave Hart, Treasurer; Not Pictured: Russ Ives, Historian; Wayne Beal, Immediate Past Commodore

From the Vice Commodore:



I'd first like to thank our membership, who made the 2019 season such a success. Whether the Board coordinating, cruise directors directing, or members participating, I believe

we can all look back on a great season. Second, thank you all for allowing me to jump onto the board as Vice Commodore. I hope I can do half as good a job as my predecessor and your new Commodore Susan Millonig.

I'm sure many of you have already winterized. If not, consider the 7 December Alexandria/District Parade of Lights as an opportunity to get your motors up to operating temps and burn off any condensation that's set up in your oil/fuel. Anamchara is registered and I'm looking forward to the four free nights at the Market Docks the District Wharf is offering. If you prefer, Alexandria is also providing complimentary dockage. If you don't enter, then turn out at either (or both) Old

Town or the DC Waterfront to cheer on your club's participants. Alexandria's pass in review starts at 5:30 pm and the District's at 7 pm.

Before we blink the holidays will be behind us, winter will REALLY HAVE set in, and our thoughts will of course turn to spring commissioning and signing up for all those great cruises OYC is so famous for. Our preliminary schedule is generated at the February Pre-Planfest and validated at the March General Membership Meeting. Dates and locations for both will be announced in the near future. Please take a look at last year's cruise schedule and if there's anything you would like to add send me a note. Also consider rolling up your sleeves and volunteering as a Cruise Coordinator. We are an organization based on volunteering and it helps when everyone gets involved.

Cheers,

*Steve Preda
Vice Commodore
Anamchara*

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From the Rear Commodore:



I'm excited to announce a few happy hours so please mark your calendars! Happy hours are fun and have become very popular with the club. I'll stick to the traditional 1st Friday of the month during the summer but I've scheduled a few for Saturdays during the winter. I'll shift back to the 1st Friday of the month around the April timeframe. Please keep in mind many of our 1st Friday of the month happy hours coincide with weekend cruises during the summer so I'll be asking for help hosting those if I'm unavailable that weekend. Our cruises always start with docktails on the first night of a cruise, and everyone is invited, but that doesn't mean that has to be the OYC happy hour for that month. Hosting a happy hour is the easiest thing you can do to get involved and if you want to host at a restaurant, your dock, home, etc., please let me know. I'll be happy to help you in any way I can. I think it would be fun to see several members at the same marina join up and host. I'd love to see more happy hours at the docks when it's warm out so please think about it and send me any ideas or suggestions and I'll try to accommodate.

Happy hour schedule for the next 4 months:

Friday, Dec 6. The Electric Palm, 12745 Sea Ray Ln, Woodbridge. I'll get there around 5 and grab some tables. Hope to see everyone.

Saturday, Jan 18. Paint Your Heart Out, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, 6:30-9:00. This is a special happy hour where we will paint while we party! I'm excited to try this and think it will be a lot of fun! I am definitely not an artist and you don't need to be one either. Just come and have fun. It's going to be at a studio in Occoquan (next to Madigan's, above Bar-J) and OYC will have the whole studio to ourselves. They are excited to host us and will

be available to instruct and help. There will be many molds to choose from including nautical items. The cost will be \$20-25 per person (more on that later). Bring your own drinks and a dish to share. Now, before you men think "Why would I want to go to a painting party?" please give it a try! I've got you in mind—there'll be cigar boxes and mermaids among other things that you can paint and, not to mention, the camaraderie, laughs, food, drinks, and even a place to smoke a cigar! After our master pieces have been painted, they will be glazed and fired and will be ready to pick up at the next happy hour on Feb 8. If you can't pick yours up I will be happy get and hold it for you.

Saturday, Feb 8. Madigan's, 201 Mill St, Occoquan, 6:00-?. Dueling pianos, food, drinks, and camaraderie. Piano bars are lots of fun and club members always enjoy Bobby McKey's at National Harbor. So, let's try a local piano bar this time. Also, as mentioned above, your painted masterpiece will be available for pick up.

Saturday, Mar 7. Fatty's Seafood and Taphouse, 225 Garrisonville Rd, Stafford, 5:00-?. This is a very cool self-pour beer bar. If you've never been to one come and give it a try. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Cheers,

Karen Hart
Rear Commodore
Hart-2-Hart



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 Joe Livingston 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.

Comedy Corner:

How do you save a
drowning pirate?



With C P A R R R R!

From the Webmaster:

Just a reminder. The website is ready to accept payments for memberships dues for next year. Now paying is easier than ever and you no longer have to wait for your check to clear.

Just visit our website:

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

log-in, go to your profile and enter your payment.

Always boat safely!

William Dornetto
Webmaster
Nauti-Buoys



From the Historian:

It's been a busy boating season this year with great weather to assist. Many people have not been able to make the "official" events but have had impromptu raft-ups and adventures. If you'd like to share some photos I'll add them to the archive. Just be sure to let me know where the pics were taken and who is in them! And don't forget to include your pictures of the club events too; we have some really imaginative photographers out there! Beyond pictures, descriptions of your adventures are always welcome. Send them to historian@occoquanyachtclub.com.

Russ
Historian
Nauti-Buoys



From the Treasurer:



As we get ready for the new boating year, now is the time to make your membership dues payment.

Budgeted For 2020:

Membership: \$7,095

Collected so far: \$2,730 (38% of needed memberships)

That's about 33% more paid memberships than at this time for 2019.

At the November 9th meeting, I reported our current ledger balance was \$6,823.16.

Let's make this a great year.

Dave Hart
Treasurer
Hart-2-Hart

From the PRYCA Rep:



Hello OYC and a big CONGRATULATIONS to our 2020 Board!

I'm particularly excited to be working with our new commodore. She's kinda cute... ❤️ 😊

The PRYCA COW is right around the corner, please reserve your rooms BEFORE Christmas to get the discount rate! You can always cancel if you need to, but it's a different venue this year and they need to lock the Block Rate in

earlier. A registration form along with hotel information is on page 7.

Did you know that RASTER charts are going the way of the Dodo soon? NOAA plans to do away with them in the next 5 years, public comments are welcome. You can read more about it

here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2019-11-15/pdf/2019-24807.pdf>

Heading to Canada on your boat? Good news! The Coast Guard is finalizing the policy harmonizing personal flotation device (PFD) standards between the United States and Canada by accepting a new standard for

approval of PFDs. As a result, PFD manufacturers can meet a single North American standard instead of separate standards for the United States and Canada.

And in the "D'uh" category, newly released data shows what Boaters already know...

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Newly released economic data on the national and, for the first time ever, state levels reinforce what the outdoor recreation industry has long believed: Outdoor recreation is a powerful driver of national and local economies and it is growing faster than the U.S. economy as a whole.

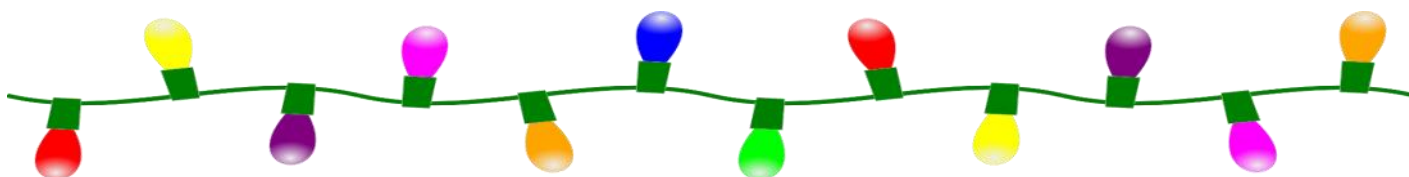
Finally, everyone please come to cheer HiJinx and Anamchara on at this year's Parade of Lights! We will be taking Millie Gael up as the wingman, so there's plenty of space for visitors. I hope to see you at District Wharf on the 7th!

Here's to a short winter!

Bruno Millonig

PRYCA/CBYCA Representative

Millie Gael



From Membership:



Greetings!

It's membership renewal season. Currently we have 23 paid-up members for 2020 and 43 unpaid. Our annual membership runs concurrently with the calendar year, so please take the time to renew your membership today. I recently sent out an email with

step-by-step directions on how to renew. If you did not receive it, or if you would like to me resend the directions, please email me at datucceri@aol.com and I will be happy to help you.

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining the club? Please send me their contact information or have them contact me directly about joining. We would love to see new faces join us.

I am here to help you with any membership questions, so please reach out to me and I'll do my best to assist you. I hope everyone has a joyous holiday season.

Debbie Tucceri
Membership
Did It Our Way





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*Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
2020 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance
Saturday, 25 January 2020*

*at
Hilton Alexandria Old Town
1767 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314*

Hospitality Suite Open: 1645 – 1745

Photographer: 1745- 1845

Cocktails: 1800

Dinner: 1900

Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000

Dancing to follow with "Fringe Benefits" til 2300

Winter Uniform / Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$95.00 per person

Menu

Starter: Market Salad with Candied Nuts, Dried Cranberries and Goat Cheese

Dry Rub Grilled Ribeye Steak with Fried Sweet Potato Garnish, Maytag Blue Cheese Butter and Mashed Potatoes

Seared Herb de Provence Chicken Breast with Red Pepper Coulis, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes and Baby Carrots

Twin Portabella Mushroom Caps stuffed with quinoa, black beans, corn and balsamic drizzle, and wild rice

Dessert is Chef's selection

Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar

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A block of rooms for Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, has been reserved at the rate of \$109 per night (+taxes). Rates within the block are guaranteed until December 25, 2019. Rooms may sell out before this date, so please book early.

Guest Parking: \$12 per car per night, or \$24 per car per day.

Reservations by Phone: 703-837-0440

To receive discounted rates, reference PYRCA or Group Code: JPY

Reservations Online: https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAOTHF-JPY-20200124/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Take advantage of these great rates and make this a weekend to remember!!!

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MEAL SELECTION

Grilled Ribeye Steak # _____

Seared Chicken Breast # _____

Portabella Mushroom Caps # _____

Name: _____ Guest Name(s): _____ Titles: _____

Email Address: _____ Yacht Club: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to PRYCA and mail to Dan O'Keefe, 13709 Northbourne Drive, Centreville, VA 20120

From the Daymarker Editor:



I copy pictures from the Facebook albums, so please add as many as you can!

This is your newsletter. Let me know if you would like to see additional items each month.

*John Draper
Editor
Mi Amor*

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 a discount.

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

December Birthdays and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

Don Bennett — December 4
Anne Bennett — December 15
Brian Brazil — December 1
Stacy Conti — December 9
John Cornicelli — December 31
Harry Croft — December 21
Jeffery Hughey — December 13
Luciana Hughey — December 28
Kelly Jackson — December 19
David Johnson — December 4

John & Joyce Brown — December 11
Gary Policastro & Kathryn Dwyer — December 31
Ned & Arleen Rhodes — December 21



**and
Happy Anniverary!!**

Photos from OYC's 2019 Change of Watch

