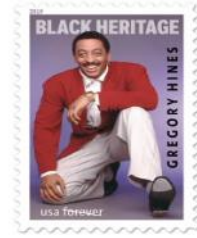


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The Daymarker



USPS CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



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From the Commodore:



Wayne Beal
Commodore

I was thinking about the upcoming boating season and all the things involved. OYC is a great club and it's made great by the members that contribute and help out. As we progress through the year, I know that the board members will be helping out by putting together both land and sea events for the year. They will also be helping out with members renewing their membership and helping new members, tracking funds for the club, taking pictures at events and publishing them so that all the members can be a part of the fun, keeping the club up to date with the latest announcements on the web and Facebook sites, keeping us informed of what PRYCA and CBYCA are doing to help our boating community, taking meeting minutes so that they can be published each month so members can see what progress the board is making, providing monthly newsletters so that we can keep our members up to speed on current and future events as well as club safety, and of course, leadership guidance provided by our immediate past commodore. shortly and that can be a lot of fun.

Wow, that's a lot of stuff when you think about it! I want to thank all of these wonderful volunteers for putting in their personal time to make OYC a great club where people can go to boat and have fun! As we go through the season, please feel free to reach out to any of the board members and ask them what they are doing for OYC and how you might be able to help out. Simple things from arriving a bit early to help to set up for an event to staying a few minutes to help clean up after an event is very helpful!! If you have an interest in an office for next year, ask about it and see if it sounds like something you might like to do. I know that Susan will be looking for volunteers for cruise coordinators shortly and that can be a lot of fun. Don't let the thought of being a cruise coordinator be scary, if you're new to the idea, team up with someone that's done it before and have them help you out and show you the ropes. Ok, thinking about a nice beach on a very nice climate with the waves gently lapping against the hull as I contemplate going for a swim to cool off... and then I woke up and wondered how many more days of this cold weather?!?!?

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Special point of interests around the Potomac:

- * 2/8—OYC Happy Hour, Harbour Grille, 5:30-8pm. For those that want to stay longer starting at 8:00 there will be music. <https://theharbourgrille.com/>
- * 2/10 -- OYC Pre-PlanFest
- * 2/23 —Tim's Rivershore Polar Plunge
- * 3/2—OHM & Harbour Grille's Boater Olympics (Winter Edition), 3pm OHM, www.marinaohm.com/boater-olympics
- * 3/9—OYC General Membership Mtg
- * 5/3-5—OYC Event/National Harbor

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From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig
Extra Innings*

Ahoy, Friends!

As we are all suffering through these arctic temperatures and eagerly awaiting those first signs of spring - filled with hope for an early de-winterization - I actually relish this quiet time to plan a comprehensive and exciting event schedule for OYC. Thank you to everyone for input to the cruise schedule. I have heard from a number of you and have included some interesting new ideas, reinvigorated old haunts, and the ever-fun stand-bys. I know we're all hoping for a much sunnier season this year - we sure do deserve it!

I have scheduled a Pre-Planfest meeting for Sunday, February 10 at 2 pm at Wayne and Garnetta Beal's home - 6417 Lake Meadow Drive, Burke, VA. I would love for veteran and interested cruise coordinators to plan on attending this meeting - we have a lot of spots to fill. I will share the schedule as it now stands, take input from our experienced coordinators, and adjust as needed. Please bring your favorite beverage and I'll provide some light snacks. No good work is ever done without something to nosh on! If you would, please drop me line to let me know if you plan on attending. Thank you in advance to Commodore Wayne and Garnetta Beal for offering their home as PPF central!

Did you know that we have 2 to 3 times more events than any other club on the Potomac? That's why I'm working on updating our Event Coordinator's Handbook (formerly known as the Cruise Coordinator's Handbook). The last revision was nearly 6 years ago! My how times have changed! I will have the latest and greatest version of our handbook available at our Pre-PlanFest meeting, the membership meeting and for publication on our website. With this revision coordinators and participants alike will have the information and sage wisdom of past cruise coordinators, as well as more specific direction for event expectations. I'm excited to roll this document out to the membership. It's important that as club members, we are all on the same page when it comes to coordination and implementation of our many land and water activities. Stay warm everyone, and hope to see you all soon!

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From the Rear Commodore:

Hello Fellow OYC Boaters, well on February 2nd the Groundhog (Punxsutawney Phil) in Pennsylvania didn't see his shadow. Folklore has it that this means spring is close. Whether you believe in the folklore or not, in this case I am rooting for him. We have several activities coming up that we are preparing for: 1) Happy Hour on February 8, 2) Pre plan fest on February 10th, and 3) the General Membership meeting on March 9th. A little ahead of the game we have been also preparing for the Wine and Food festival May 4 at National Harbor. As of February 3rd we have 11 boats signed up for 5/3 to 5/5. If you want to join us by boat please let me know and if you just want to drive up and join us for the Festival let Wayne or myself know so we can be on the look-out for you. We are also looking for volunteers to host happy hours this year. Please let me know if you are willing to host one or more this year. Thanks and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Happy Hour or membership meetings.



*Al Stewart
Nite Breeze*

From the Secretary:



*Jeff Hughey
Fear Knot II*

From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart
Hart-2-Hart*

Balance as of 12/12/2018: \$7,277.88
Receipts (dues, QM): \$ 970.00
Expenses (Misc.): \$ 24.59
New balance as of (1/8/2019): \$8,088.29

As of January 20, 2019 we have reached 60% of the estimated revenue from 2019 membership.

From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig
Extra Innings*

Happy 6 (maybe 7) weeks to go! Here's to an early spring and hope that Groundhog doesn't screw it up again.

Old Dominion Power has requested public comment (until March 15) on their plan to remove 3 of 4 Coal Ash ponds at Possum Point power station in PW county. You can read more about it here:<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/LandProtectionRevitalization/PermittingCompliance/SolidWastePermitActions.aspx> As always, the power of multiple individual voices matters more than a single association (unless it shows up with a wad of campaign funding, which clearly we don't have).

Cobb Island Bridge remains under construction until 8/31/2020 and there will be closures, so check the notices to mariners or contact them on Ch 13/16 for the latest info. There will be (literally) tons of cranes, tugs, & barges in and around the bridge or moored in Neal Sound.

In 2017, the U.S. Coast Guard counted 4,291 accidents that involved 658 deaths, 2,629 injuries and approximately \$46 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents. Compared to 2016, the number of accidents decreased 3.9%, the number of deaths decreased 6.1%, and the number of injuries decreased 9.4%. Wear your life jackets and use those kill switches!

Finally, did I mention Extra Innings? She could be yours! Susan and I have put her up for sale, so here's your chance to own a reliable, spacious, classic Chris Craft. Gimme a call and we'll hook you right up....Seriously!

Quartermaster:



Bud Bishop

Hi-Jinx

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



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 jo-seph.livingston@verizon.net or call 703-505-8313.

From the Membership Chair:



*Karen Hart
Hart-2-Hart*

Now that we are one month into the new year I am asking members to please get those membership dues paid. Our membership year begins on January 1 so if you haven't paid you are already one month behind. You can make payments very easily by logging into the website at www.occoquanyachtclub.com, go to Your Profile, make changes, updates, upload a photo of you or your boat, and pay through PayPal. If you make any changes to your profile be sure to hit the save button before logging out. You can also write a check and mail it to Occoquan Yacht Club, P.O. Box 469, Occoquan, VA 22125. Please note the mailbox only gets checked once a month so PayPal is better, but a check is acceptable.

NOTE: You can now print your own membership card. After you make your payment and the treasurer receives it, log into Your profile, display the card and print it.

One other bit of good news is our members will now be able to print the club directory. My suggestion is to wait closer to summer as I'm asking members to upload a picture of themselves or their boat. It's not required but it really does add interest and color to the directory so if you haven't already done so please add your picture.

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*

From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

Thank you for your patience and continued cooperation as we continue to improve the website for OYC. Please remember to update your profile picture and personal information on the website starting for the 2019 season. 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.

*William Dornetto
Nauti-Buoys*

Occoquan Yacht Club Celebrates 35 Years in 2019!

Capturing the history of the OYC continues.

I've made it through digitizing the first three photo albums containing OYC years 1984-1988 and have begun 1989-2003 by going through the loose pictures in the many file folders and Tupperware bins of the clubs paper archive.

In addition to the photographs I've been able to locate many of the historical Daymarker releases which is helping to associate names to the folks in the pictures of past events.

Daymarker Editor:



*Deena F. Fleming
MAHOGANY*

I welcome your inputs for the Daymarker. Feel free to submit articles relevant to boating education or provide information concerning the work, volunteerism, or activities of any OYC First Mate.

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.

OYC First Flag Raising, May 1984.

Left to right: Eugene Fitcher, Ed Conner, Nedra Conner, and Bill Shaw.



Contribution from IPC Jerry Tarasek

This is probably one of the best (and quickest) YouTube videos I've seen on the great loop. Enjoy.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=97YH18DC9mQ&feature=youtu.be>

First Mate's Corner

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



Galley Problem and Solution: Clumping Spices

My love of cooking has translated perfectly to life on the water, as it has for many of my fellow first mates! One issue that I've been struggling with is keeping the moisture out of my spices, which turns them into solid clumps that make seasoning my creations all too challenging. I had tried the universal "rice in the salt shaker" trick, which worked for smaller grained spices, but for those that have larger holes in the shaker or that I spoon, the rice wasn't cutting it. What to do? I turned to a tried and true source, The Boat Galley, and the wonderful Carolyn Shearlock who shares infinitely helpful tips, reviews and how-to's for life on the water. Her solution? Beans! I couldn't believe it could be so simple, but the premise of dried beans soaking up the moisture, much as grains of rice do, will work like a charm. This spring I'll be re-doing the spice drawer in my galley, making sure that all my spices are fresh and moisture free thanks to dried beans. Here's a link to Carolyn's article on this topic ---> <https://theboatgalley.com/stop-spices-from-clumping/>

Contributor: Susan Tarasek, Dig Life

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—surname):

Tony Atabaki on February 17
Wayne Beal on February 24
Cindy Lawton on February 15
Randy Meyers on February 14
Jim Poulos on February 21
Vanessa Schondel on February 12

Keith & Deena Fleming on February 14

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥