



# The Daymarker



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Wayne Beal  
Commodore

I hope everyone is having a blast this year! Garnetta and I just spent some time on Dale Hallow Lake on the Kentucky / Tennessee boarder. Imagine going boating on a huge lake where the water is pretty clear and the depth has an average of 60 feet (maximum depth is about 150 feet).

When you get close to a shore in a cove you may be at about 20 feet deep – OMG – imagine all the props we could save – lol.

You all know what I'm going to write about, yes, the Cup! You guessed it! I'm looking for volunteers, but we're getting close to having everything filled up!

Bruno and Susan Millonig have volunteered to help with PRYCA coordinating the events – thank you both for helping out!

**SEAMANSHIP AND KNOT TYING EXAM**—Hairy Croft and Michelle DeDitius have volunteered for this event – it's rumored that these two have been taking this exam forever so we are looking great here – thank you both for your help on this!

**SCAVENGER HUNT**—All members present will hopefully want to help out with this one – go team!

**RIVER RAT RELAY**—We need 5 volunteers for this one. Johnny DeTitus has volunteered and Out of the 5, we must have at least 2 women and 1 man.

So far, we have: Tony Atabaki and Debbie Tucceri and Ally Field. Looking for 2 more young athletic guys – hmmm - lol

**FEEDING FRENZY**—We need 1 man and 1 woman. Bud and Heidi Bishop have stepped up for this event – thank you both for helping out!

We already have a point for having at least two people sign up for the event at the Commodores' Night Dinner - yeah! I wonder if this means we're ahead of another team already!!

Please - all boats that come need to get their safety inspection prior to arrival so that we get the point for 2019 VSE decal properly in place.

This event will be a blast. Please make sure you register (PDF is on our home page). Also, the details of the events are on our home page. Thank you, Bill, for keeping us up to date and for always keeping our home page fresh with great photos!

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

## OCCOQUAN YACHT CLUB

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### Special points of interest around the Potomac:

- \* 7/4-5, 4th of July at the DC Wharf
- \* 7/19-21, PRYCA Float In/ Commodore's Cup
- \* 7/21-8/4—Northern Bay Cruise
- \* 8/2, 5pm, OYC Happy Hour, OHM E-Dock
- \* 8/30-9/2, Swan Point Golf Cruise
- \* 9/7, OYC Fall Land Event

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## From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig  
Millie Gael*

It looks like we're going to have a much nicer season this year than last - knock on wood! It is wonderful seeing so many folks out on the water - whether at impromptu raft-ups at Mattawoman, Gilligan's boondoggles, Potomac River poker runs, Belmont Bay-a-palooza - we've all earned a boat friendly summer. We have much to look forward to in the coming months.

I would ask anyone who is leading or would like to lead a future cruise to PLEASE read the Event Coordinator Handbook. It is located on our OYC website and is a wealth of information. This is a comprehensive document to refer to when planning or attending an event. Coordinators, please send out early and regular emails regarding your cruise. Attendees rely on timely communication regarding trips. As well, if you have signed up for a cruise as a "maybe," please try to change your response to a "yes" or "no" as soon as you can. Our coordinators do a lot of work to ensure everyone has a slip and is included in events. I would hate to hear of anyone being unintentionally left out. Additionally, if any funds are required for cruise activities, please coordinate with the cruise leader in a timely manner.

On another note - I'm putting out a plea for you to RSVP to events when asked - whether verbally or by the appropriate electronic method (Evite, Punchbowl, or Paperless Post invitations... email, text). While you have indeed paid dues that cover certain events for the year, we still need to know who plans on attending and the amount of food to buy. Thank you very much for doing that in advance!

### Upcoming Events:

- 7/4 - 4th of July Cruise - Al Stewart, DC Wharf
- 7/5 - Friday Happy Hour - Al Stewart (4th of July Cruise)
- 7/19 - 21 - PYRCA Float In - Wayne Beal, Cole's Point
- 7/21 - 8/4 - Northern Chesapeake Bay Cruise - Bruno Millonig

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## From the Rear Commodore:

Happy Summer OYC members,

We are in full bore and enjoying the Potomac and the Bay. We have been on some great raft ups, and even though the water is still a bit cool, we have sucked it up and jumped in. Nite Breeze II and Hart to Hart represented OYC on the Potomac River Poker Run. Nite Breeze II had the lucky Granddaughter (Summer) on board that took the Grand Prize, I am still looking for my cut 80)! 😊



*Al Stewart  
Nite Breeze*

On to July, we are looking forward to a great July 4th at the Wharf Capital Yacht Club (CYC). CYC did a great job getting 7 boats in, and we are trying for an eight. If you don't have a slip and want to come down and hang out and watch the fireworks please do. Either text me or call me and I'll let you in.

If you are going to be anchoring out for the fireworks, be careful it can get a bit crazy during the 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are also looking forward to the PYRCA Float In/Commodore's Cup on the 19,20 &21 and Bruno is leading a boat caravan up the Chesapeake Bay. July is going to be a great boating month for OYC.

As a note, we are going to cancel the official Happy Hour on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## From the Secretary:



*Jeff Hughey  
Fear Knott II*

## From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart  
Hart-2-Hart*

Balance as of 5/8/2019: 10,387.58

Receipts (dues, QM): \$ 0.00

Expenses (Misc.): \$ 1196.29

New balance as of (6/12/2019): \$9,191.29

Expenses were the reimbursement for the Summer Land Event and balance for the Flag Raising.

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

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## From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig  
Millie Gael*

Hello Friends! The boating season is in full swing & man...is it hot! Make sure you have the sunscreen handy & plenty of water to stay hydrated. Be sure those anchors are set & keep an eye out for thunderstorms.

From the PRYCA front, we have a new MAL. It's...wait for it...me! As a member of the PRYCA board, I will continue to do my best to keep you up to speed. As always, if you have anything you'd like me to raise with the PRYCA or the CBYCA, just let me know.

Lastly, for the intrepid voyagers, the Bay cruise is only a few weeks away & we have 9 boats! The itinerary is set but the daily activities have lots of flexibility, so if you'd like to do something that would be a good group activity, please me know.



## Quartermaster:



*Bud Bishop*

*Hi-Jinx*

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

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## From the Membership Chair:



*Karen Hart*  
*Hart-2-Hart*

Hello OYC!

Dave and I are starting to get some questions about the Neptune Festival scheduled for the end of Sep in Virginia Beach. We're happy for the interest you're showing as that means you're looking at the Event Schedule and that's what we want you to do! This is a brand new cruise for the club and we are excited to coordinate it. The idea for this cruise was born as I sat on the balcony of my very expensive oceanfront hotel room last year and watched all the boats out there in that beautiful water and all I could think was "why am I sitting here when I could be out there?" I came home, presented the idea to my captain and he's all in so here we go!

The Neptune Festival is an annual event held at Virginia Beach the last weekend of Sep. This year the festival dates are Sep 27-29. We plan on taking two days to cruise down and two days to cruise home. We will depart our marina on Sep 25 and return Oct 1. Dave and I have already made reservations at Rudee Inlet Station Marina. We took a road trip there in Feb and met Bailey, the dockmaster, and took a look around the marina. Bailey said he can accommodate 5-8 boats but if we need more than that he will work with us. This same information has also been sent to the entire OYC by email. This initial information is to give everyone a chance to sign up if you haven't already. There will be more information to come starting mid-July, but those emails will go to only the members that have signed up. If you're interested in going please log onto the website and use the drop down box to state yes or maybe if you want to continue, or start, receiving information about this trip.

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](mailto:historian@occoquanyachtclub.com)

## From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

Here's a great picture of the 1984 OYC July 4th Celebration at Occoquan Harbor Marina. OYC First July 4th! Looking forward to this years 4th of July at The Wharf.



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## 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.

# 2019 June Happy Hour @ OHM



**PRYCA Float-In:** Please remember to get your boat inspected for the year. If you are planning to attend the PRYCA Float-in this year, July 19-24 at Coles Point. Please get your boat inspected prior to arrival as we are trying to win the cup this year!! "How do I do that?" You can sign up on the web site and make an appointment at <http://cgaux.org/vsc/> or perhaps you can call:



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS			
Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers	✓		
2. Registration/Documentation	✓		
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)	✓		
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)	✓		
5. Fire Extinguishers	✓		
6. Ventilation	✓		
7. Backfire Flame Control			✓
8. Sound Producing Devices/Bell	✓		
9. Navigation Lights	✓		
10. Pollution Placard	✓		
11. MARPOL Trash Placard	✓		
12. Marine Sanitation Devices	✓		
13. Navigation Rules	✓		
14. State and/or Local Requirements	✓		
15. Overall Vessel Condition: <i>as applies</i>			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge	✓		
b. Electrical - Fuel Systems	✓		
c. Galley - Heating Systems	✓		

Tom Niles who inspected our boat this year. What do we need to pass – See the photo of the check lists. Please note that these guys are volunteers and are trying to help us do a good job by keeping us and our boats safe which is a big part of our OYC club!





# 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](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



## First Mate's Corner



Ladies, I made a cute floppy hat and several of you have shown interest in having one made for you. The hat is light weight and washable. It has 6 buttons at the crown and a slit in back for a ponytail. The crown is buttoned on so can be removed and the hat becomes a sun visor.

Please contact me if you want one. I'm selling them for \$25 each. Thank you, Karen Hart, Call or text 703-509-0001, or email [kdhart99@comcast.net](mailto:kdhart99@comcast.net).

**Contributor: Secretary, Karen Hart**



Vicki Moon on July 22

Mike Bruhn on July 20

Joseph Conti on July 13

Patricia Croft on July 2

Sue Davis on July 15

Michelle DeDitius on July 15

Adrienne Page on July 28

Joseph Hoffmaster on July 26

Kevin Jackson on July 9

Gary Policastro on July 4

Pat Schondel on July 10

Mike Bruhn & Barbara Bruhn on July 10

John Cornicelli & Suzy Cornicelli on July 18

Harry Croft & Patricia Croft on July 2

Daniel Kent & Debbie Kent on July 11