

# The Daymarker



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*Wayne Beal  
Commodore*

In our day to day life it is so easy to get caught up in work, chores, and all the other things that tend to take our time and may slow us down, but every now and then wonderful things happen around us and we should take some time and appreciate those good things. I like to make sure that positive things are mentioned when possible so with that in mind, there are a few events that

I would like to bring to everyone's attention. We have increased our membership size and want to welcome the following new OYC members:

Pat and Vanessa Schondel proudly present their son: Jason Achilles Schondel has brown eyes. He arrived weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz and was 22 inches in length. His favorite outfit is dad's favorite team/The Ohio State University Onesie. When asked what his current hobbies include, he replied. "Listening to Mom and Dad read books to me." I envision young Jason not asking dad for the car keys, but perhaps to the family yacht!!

Grandpa and Mimi, John and Michelle Deditius proudly present their granddaughter: Hannah Reyes has blue eyes. She arrived weighing 5 lbs., .01 oz and was 17.5 inches in length. Her favorite hobby is feeding time. I envision Mimi sitting with Hannah learning to quilt and the two of them being served refreshments by Grandpa Johnny!

Another positive event in the process of shaping up is that Susan Millonig has been leading the charge to update our Cruise Coordinator Handbook/Event Coordinator's Handbook. The main modifications/editions are done, but the rest of the board will be completing additional edits over the next month and we will then be able to update the link on the web site. This is a future update that many people have put considerable time into so I want to thank them for all of the hard work and effort that is going into this project. Great job team!

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### Special points of interest around the Potomac:

- \* 3/9—OYC General Membership Mtg & Planfest. 3-5pm, Fairfax Yacht Club, VA
- \* 3/17—OYC March Happy Hour. 2-5pm, Brew Republic, Woodbridge, VA
- \* 5/3-5—OYC Event/National Harbor Wine & Food Festival

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## From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig  
Extra Innings*

Spring is coming and with that, boating season is not far off!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Pre-Planfest in February. We have some awesome adventures to look forward to - starting in April with our early bird cruise to the Cherry Blossom Festival in DC. I appreciate everyone's willingness to lead a cruise as well as lend their expertise to put together a complete, exciting schedule. We have new destinations, changes to previous trips, and the Bay Cruise is back! A draft of our event schedule is on the OYC website. Take a look and start making your plans.

We still have 3 coordinator spots to fill - so while you're taking a look, please consider hosting a cruise. I will be happy to put you on the list of potential coordinators. A special thank you to Wayne and Garnetta for hosting us at their home - as always so much fun well organized.

March 9 at 3 pm is our General Membership Meeting/Photo Contest at Fairfax Yacht Club. Thank you once again to Pat and Harry Croft for hosting us. All members in good standing are invited to attend this event. We will vote on an amendment to our by-laws, listen to our cruise coordinators discuss their plans for the 2019 season, and vote on photos taken by our talented OYC "photographers." See Rear Commodore Al Stewart's article regarding themes and the ROE for the contest. Please remember to bring a dish to share as well as your favorite beverage.

Finally, the Event Coordinator's Handbook has been updated and reviewed by the board. This revised handbook has the most updated information and directions for cruise sign-ups. Additionally, it is as comprehensive and clear as possible to ensure coordinators and participants have a safe and enjoyable time at our land and sea events. Look for that document to hit our website in the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the 9th.

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## From the Rear Commodore:

OYC Boaters this weather keeps teasing us, but I am sure when you see this in April you will be thinking about DE-winterizing, if not, blame the commodore! In the meantime be thinking about the busy March coming up. First, on March 9th we have the membership meeting and planfest. Second, we have the St Patricks Day Get together at Brew Republic. Details of both are below:

- Saturday, March 9th is our General Membership meeting which is also our Planfest and Annual Photo Contest. Pat and Harry Croft have generously sponsored our club at Fairfax Yacht Club. The address is: 10721 Old Colchester Rd., Mason Neck, VA, 22079. Our meeting takes place from 3 to 5 pm and the gate will be set in the open position that day. Please bring a dish to share as well as BYOB. Also - let me know if you can come help set up - your help is most appreciated! We will discuss all of the fun events on our 2019 calendar. Don't forget to bring your 2018 boating photos. Award certificates and small gifts will be given for the first, second, and third place winners in the following four categories:

- 1) Just Boats - This category gives you a chance to show off that great boat of yours or the one that strikes your fancy and general boating pictures.
- 2) People - on boats, docks, in the water, on OYC cruises, outings, land events, etc.
- 3) Pets - dogs, cats, animals of any variety, your pet on a boat, marina, in the water.
- 4) Places - land-scapes, wildlife, waterscapes, sunrises, sun-sets, towns visited on OYC cruises.

Photos should be no larger than 5"x7" and you may enter one photo in each category. All photos should have a boating theme. Please put your name, category and other pertinent info on the back. place photos in each of the four categories. Can't wait so see everyone's pictures!



*Al Stewart  
Nite Breeze*

- If you like beer, this is the event for you!! In lieu of a March Happy Hour , we are going to do a St. Patrick's Day get together from 2-5pm March 17th at the Brew Republic (<https://brewrepublic.beer/>) located at 15201 Potomac Town Place #120, Woodbridge, VA (Stonebridge). They will have an area cordoned off for us. I am also working on a tour of their brewery. I look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to wear green.

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## From the



*Jeff Hughey  
Fear Knott II*

Greetings fellow OYC members,

I know we're all looking forward to an exciting and adventurous 2019 boating season. My biggest lesson from last year's boating season evolves around the often-overlooked towing insurance. As such I wanted to write a short article focused on the two most popular offerings in our boating area. Please take some-time to review both Boat US [www.boatus.com/membership](http://www.boatus.com/membership) and Sea Tow [www.seatow.com](http://www.seatow.com) websites. Be sure to take advantage of the OYC discount with Boat US. I know that many primarily focus on the offering from Boat US which is now part of the GEICO umbrella. However, Sea-Tow may be the only available option if your travels involve parts of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) and Chesapeake Bay. I ran up on this fact during my pre-cruise planning for the Atlantic ICW last year. I know you're wondering why-oh-why did I say this was my biggest lesson from last year. It's simple; I witnessed first-hand another Captain receive a big bill \$\$\$ for a tow back to the docks while I paid nothing for the same service.

In closing unforeseen accidents and events do occur every year on the water. I personally have been involved in two which occurred 25 years apart from each other. It definitely pays to read the fine print in those towing insurance documents.

## From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart  
Hart-2-Hart*

Balance as of 1/31/2018: \$9,594.92

Receipts (dues, QM): \$ 2,495.00

Expenses (Misc.): \$ 154.58

New balance as of (2/13/2019): \$10,428.71

As of January 20, 2019 we have reached 68% of the estimated revenue from 2019 membership.

## From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig  
Extra Innings*

One more cold snap to go in early March and then hopefully we'll be free to fire up the big dogs...Yay!

How many of you have heard of the famous British Naval Architect William Froude? Well, back in 1861 he figured out why boaters typically overestimate wave heights and as it turns out, we're not all liars...The phenomenon he discovered leads our brain to conclude that "straight down" always appears to be perpendicular to the water's height, regardless of the boat's orientation or position on the swell. Wave heights are indeed measured from the trough to the peak but because of this phenomenon, we typically judge wave height to be twice what it actually is. The only time it doesn't trick your brain is that fleeting moment where you are in the very bottom of the trough.

So if you found yourself in those "6 footers" before, by all means pat yourself on the back for displaying the seamanship necessary to return safely. But be mindful of the next time you check a marine forecast so you know exactly what you might be getting into...and the next time you hear someone talk about handling "6 footer's" in their 22' center console well, you might ask them if they've heard of Mr. Froude!

## 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](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.

## From the Membership Chair:



*Karen Hart*  
*Hart-2-Hart*

Did you know our fine OYC currently has 112 members? That's a lot of members and I'm happy to be a part of such a vibrant, active club. Would you like to know who are these 112 members? If the answer is yes, please log into the website and take a look at the club directory. You'll see everyone listed along with a photo of their choosing. If you haven't already uploaded a photo please do so as you can see how nice that looks in the directory. You can upload your photo very easily by logging into the website at [www.occoquanyachtclub.com](http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com), go to Your Profile, scroll down towards the bottom, browse and upload a photo. It will appear in the directory.

**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*

A big thanks to MaryJo Worcester for catching a discrepancy in last month's Daymarker. The order of the First Flag Raising members are incorrect and should read: The first person on the left is Aaron Martin, then Eugene Fitcher, Nedra Conner, Ed Conner, and Bill Shaw.

MaryJo has offered to assist with identifying folks in future publications.

## From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

Now that the 2019 season is ramping remember if you send me a picture(s) of you boating it may get selected for the home page of the club website. There will be multiple entries do not be discouraged if your picture(s) is not immediately selected. Just keep checking the web-site for updates. And now it is easier to get your pictures submitted for consideration, just copy and paste this link-  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A9eqqNe6RCBVSdGXywtDmuVD1az52bP1?usp=sharing> into your Web browser, and drag and drop your picture into the club Google drive container, it is just that easy

*William Dornetto*  
*Nauti-Buoys*

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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.

## Boating Folklore

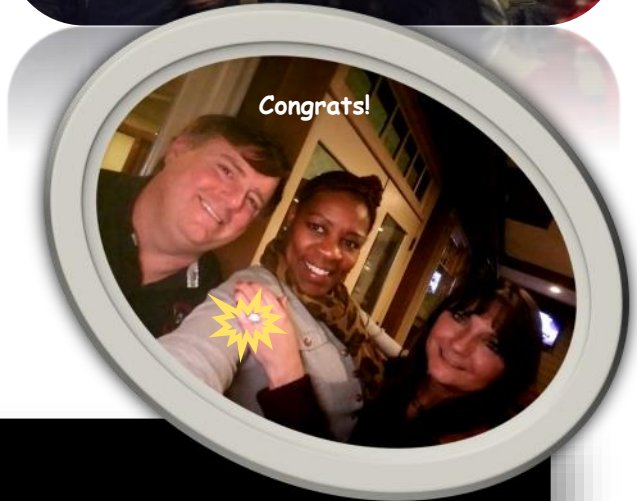
Here are just a few funny fishing superstitions:

- 1) Whistling on a boat causes extreme bad luck for the entire boat.
- 2) You can only enter the boat from a certain side or the entire day of fishing will be ruined.
- 3) And the topic of this blog... that having Bananas on board your boat while fishing causes everything from motor failure, no fish, and a wild list of other detriments that you will hear about shortly (this "bananas cause bad luck fishing" theory has some anglers so superstitious about bananas on board that they won't even allow Banana Boat sunscreen on board).

*Courtesy of Dan—Wanderlust & the Salt Strong Blog, 1/2/15*

OYC FEBRUARY HAPPY HOUR@ HARBOUR GRILLE

OYC members attended February's Happy Hour and it was great time seeing familiar faces!



## First Mate's Corner

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



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### 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



George Baird on March 23  
Suzy Cornicelli on March 30  
Allen Jorsey on March 15  
Lynanne Jorsey on March 30  
Nadya Mamontova on March 18  
Sherry Mannino on March 16  
Bruno Millonig on March 22  
Susan Millonig on March 28  
Janice Morgan on March 1  
Kathryn Dwyer on March 1  
Steve Preda on March 1  
Carl Schaefer on March 29  
Al Stewart on March 17  
Susan Tarasek on March 31  
Theodore Zsirai on March 20



Jim Dooley & Judy Dooley, March 24  
David Johnson & Michelle Johnson, March 24

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