



# The Daymarker



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Wayne Beal  
Commodore

Boating season has officially started per our OYC announcement at the 2019 Flag Raising!

Thank you to all who attended. We had a color guard, speakers, and a cannon that Don Bennett fired and managed to make me jump... again! I also want to thank Al Stewart and everyone who helped with the setup and take down of the event. The food was great Al, and there was also a nice Mallard that heard about the food at the event and decided to stop by.

Things went very well and the weather decided to cooperate giving us a beautiful day! Great job team!

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### Special points of interest around the Potomac:

- \* 5/3-5—OYC Event/National Harbor Wine & Food Festival
- \* 5/18—ORMA Blessing of the Fleet, Belmont Bay Harbor Marina
- \* 5/24-27—OYC Memorial Day Cruise, Colonial Beach
- \* 6/7-9—PRYCA Summer Kick-Off, Cobb Island
- \* 6/14-16, - OYC DC Jazz Festival, DC Wharf

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## From the Vice Commodore:



*Susan Millonig  
Millie Gael*

The flags have been raised and boating season has officially started. What a beautiful day it turned out to be for our 35th Annual Flag Raising! It was wonderful to see so many club members at the ceremony and an honor to have members of Prince William County government, the Occoquan mayor, an outstanding color guard, and the Fairfax county police in attendance. Thank you's to Wayne Beal for leading us into the 2019 boating season, to Al Stewart for putting together a delicious spread, and Russ Ives for capturing it all on film.

As we are officially in boating season, we still have one event I'd like to plug which does not yet have a coordinator. The Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off - or "The Lost Island Of Cobbopolis" takes place from June 7 - 9. Scheduled events include boat inspections, Captains Hour, "A Taste of Greece," Friday Beer Festival on the Green, boating safety promotions, history lessons, two separate 50/50 drawings, The Parrot Bay Trio and Friends, Steak and Seafood Broil, The "Grease" Olympics, Cobb Island Day Parade, Cobb Island Day Vendor Festival, and a Gnome Scavenger Hunt. As you can see, there are many interesting and fun activities planned. This event is open to members of the PYRCA and guests. Registration is due June 1. If you are interested in coordinating, please let me know as soon as possible. This will be an uncoordinated event if I do not have a volunteer in the next couple of weeks.

The National Potomac Yacht Club has extended an invitation to all PYRCA members interested in their 2019 NPYC Golf Tournament. This event takes place from July 12 - 14 at Swan Point Yacht and Country Club. Please contact Kelly Rogers, [riverhikes@gmail.com](mailto:riverhikes@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.npyc.com/pages/golf> for more information.

Our Event Coordinator's Handbook is updated and on the OYC website. Please take a look at it - regardless of whether you are coordinating an event this year. The handbook is full of information regarding boating, expectations and etiquette. Thank you to all of the board members who helped update this document.

Reminder - the ORMA Blessing of the Fleet is May 18. Remember to sign up to be eligible for some fantastic prizes! Our summer land even will follow at Belmont Bay Harbor Marina. The Memorial Day Cruise to Colonial Beach (May 24 - 27) will be led by Steve and Ginny Preda. They are making plans and reservations - please contact Steve directly if you are interested in joining this cruise.

## THE OYC BOARD

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## From the Rear Commodore:

Now on to May – May is going to be a busy month. We start out with the Wine and Food Fest cruise to National Harbor on May 3-5. Last count was 13 boats attending. Note that the May Happy Hour will be 5:00PM Friday May 3 at the National Harbor dock. If you come by land and want to join us, just text me at 703-628-0374 and I will come let you in. This will be a BYOB Happy Hour.



The link to register is: [www.OccoquanBlessing.com](http://www.OccoquanBlessing.com).

Following the Blessing, around 3:00 we will have our Summer Land Event at Belmont Bay Marina in front of the Harbor Master's office. All food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided by OYC. As always, you are welcome to bring alcohol and a dish, neither are required or expected. Also, if you have a 40 foot or less boat and want to bring it, let me know asap via EMAIL ([alstewart703@gmail.com](mailto:alstewart703@gmail.com)). Our Belmont Bay Harbor Master (Jim) has agreed to try to accommodate us. Then we finish up May with the Memorial Day cruise to Colonial Beach on May 24-27.

On another subject, I did notice, via Boat US, that there have been some tax changes in the works for boaters. Here is the link to the story - <https://www.boatus.com/magazine/2019/april/tax-changes-for-boaters.aspx>.



*Al Stewart  
Nite Breeze*

The good news is that the second-home mortgage interest deduction is still available for boaters. Recreational vessels with a sleeping berth, cooking, and toilet facilities whose owners have a secured boat loan will be treated the same as second homes for the purpose of deducting loan interest, though the cap is now \$750,000 for new loans originated after 2017, versus last year's \$1 million.

"Well I'll just have to down size my wish list."

The bad news, however, is that last year's tax changes eliminated the deduction for interest on home-equity loans for purchases made on a home-equity line not related to your principal residence. Boaters can still use equity in their homes to finance their boat purchase, but that interest will no longer be deductible.

Just a reminder, you have paid for the Summer and Fall Land Events with your fees, please come and enjoy.

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## From the Secretary:



*Jeff Hughey  
Fear Knott II*

## From the Treasurer:



*Dave Hart  
Hart-2-Hart*

Balance as of 4/1/2019: 10,069.78

Receipts (dues, QM): \$ 1,295.00

Expenses (Misc.): \$ 425.90

New balance as of (4/10/2019): \$11,297.81

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We have renewed our membership in the following:

Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association

## From the PRYCA Rep:



*Bruno Millonig  
Millie Gael*

Hello friends, it's going to be another busy boating season! If you haven't signed up for the Bay Cruise, there's still time! I am contacting the marinas as we speak to line up slips. Please let me know if you have any questions and don't forget to check the Navigation Center of Excellence <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=5> for any hazard updates before you head out, I will be doing that before the Bay cruise.

Congress is almost as quiet this month as last month as budget appropriations for FY20 are dominating most of the oxygen in the room. It appears the House will sponsor a tidy sum of \$60M for continued dredging up and down the ICW, including nearly \$2M of that for the M-64 shipping route (the James River), which is experiencing 20%+ annual growth since it was established in 2008. Last year, more than 27,000 containers were moved up that river! Let's hope it gets through Committee negotiations.

And finally, a piece of trivia for you in case you were wondering about our new boat's name, "Gael" stands for "cool Scottish dude on board".





## 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 Members! What a month it's been for the Hart family! We had a birth and a death all within a few days of each other. Our 2nd grandchild was born on April 13, a little girl. She entered the world a couple weeks early but is doing great. Then after being admitted to a nursing home a year ago Dave's mother passed away on April 16th. Been a crazy month for sure but that's the circle of life. So now that I've announced our new news I'll move onto membership news. We have a new couple almost ready to introduce to the club but as of this writing they are still working on their membership application so I'll officially introduce them next month. Our membership stands at 114 members strong. If you would like to know who these 114 members are please look at our club directory. Many have posted pictures of themselves and/or their boat which is very helpful. 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 up-load 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*

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

historan@occoquanyachtclub.com

## From the Webmaster (OYC & Facebook):

It time to start thinking about the 2019 boating season. 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.

Also we have a Facebook(FB) presence go to OYC Members Only on FB , ask to join if you are a new member by contacting me and share your boating experience with the club. The OYC FB page is for sharing our boating experiences, making new friends, announcements for meeting up for club activates and is a closed group.

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](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com).

Safe boating is happy boating!

*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.

# April OYC Event

Well we are de-winterized , caulked up, partially cleaned up, and ready to get back on the water. We finished April with a big bang at the Flag Raising ceremony thanks to Don Bennett and his trusty cannon.

Thanks to everyone that came and participated in the Flag Raising. Wayne said he counted 45 members at the peak. Thanks to the Speakers and ROTC that did such a fabulous job.



2019 OYC Raising of the Flag



# OYC ACTIVITIES

**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:

A photograph of a "VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS" form. The form has a header section for "Location of VSC - County" and "Replaced decal was: Last Year [ ] Outdated [ ] First time [ ]". Below this is a table with 15 items to be checked, each with "Yes", "No", and "N/A" columns. The items are: 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: as applies. Sub-items under 15 include: a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge, b. Electrical - Fuel Systems, and c. Galley - Heating Systems. The form is partially filled out with checkmarks.

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!

**Blessing of the Fleet:** I attended a meeting last week for Blessing of the Fleet and I noticed that there were very few boats signed up. This was surprising as the prizes are very nice:

1 st prize is \$250 for fuel

2 nd prize is \$200 for fuel

3 rd prize is \$200 for fuel

4 th prize is a complete boat wash... and on and on...

All you have to do is sign up here <https://www.occoquanblessing.org> and then run your boat by Belmont Bay Harbor Marina to get blessed on May 18th from 10 – 2. A big thank you to Occoquan River Maritime Association (ORMA) and all of the marinas, restaurants, and boat dealers that contribute to the prize pool to make this a fun day!

Looking forward to seeing folks out on the water. Be safe and have fun!



## First Mate's Corner



Also don't forget your Vessel Safety inspection:

"A Vessel Safety Check is an inspection of your boat performed with you and a volunteer member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The primary goal of a safety inspection is to discuss with you required safety equipment and safety features specific to your boat. Results of the Safety Check are not reported to anyone. A boat either passes or fails. If your boat passes the Safety Check, a Decal is affixed, indicating all required equipment is aboard and functioning properly. This decal is also known as "The Seal of Safety" and your boat is recognized by law enforcement agencies as being equipped with the required safety items.

If your boat fails, a decal is not given and you will receive a list of the missing or damaged items which need to be attended to for your boat to meet Federal and State requirements. Upon acquiring or repairing these items you may contact the Auxiliarist who will re-inspect your boat. If everything is in order, a "Seal of Safety" decal will then be issued."

*Contributed by Rear Commodore, Al Stewart*



Steve Preda & Ginny Preda on May 1

Al Stewart & Jun Stewart on May 23

Garnetta Beal on May 8

Robert Brown on May 30

John DeDitius on May 30

Jim Dooley on May 6

Gill Stokes on May 25

Jerry Tarasek on May 27

Steve Worcester on May 15