



# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:



Greetings, OYC!

I hope this Daymarker edition finds you well and enjoying some cooler weather as we head into Fall. I really love being on the Millie Gael during this time of year - restorative escape from work, minimal A/C, cool breezes, calmer waters... I hope you will be able to take advantage of boating this season. Hardy Souls and the Holiday Boat Parade are still on the cruise schedule. Don't winterize too early!

I want to take a moment to remember a dear, past commodore of OYC - Pat Croft. We lost Pat in August after a long, valiant battle with cancer. Pat never let her cancer get her down - quite the opposite. My heart was so happy and full of hope when I saw her on the water or at land events. She was a positive force, a wealth of knowledge, and a huge supporter of not only our club but PRYCA as well. She and Harry attended our 4th of July cruise, albeit by car and hotel room at the Wharf. Pat was determined to sit up on Wayne's World's flybridge and enjoy the beautiful weather. She was radiant, positive, and so upbeat. I will always remember her that way. I know many of you have special memories of Pat. Please share those and keep the Croft family close in your hearts.

While again, our Labor Day cruise had to be canceled, I hope you'll attend the September happy hour and the Fall land event being planned by Karen Hart. She has worked tirelessly to find ways for our club to get together and reconnect. These moments of connection are important for our camaraderie and are carefully organized with safety in mind. Karen's Belmont Bay happy hour was so much fun and well-attended. Please know we respect everyone's personal space and COVID comfort level. Contact Karen if you have any questions or concerns.

The General Membership Meeting in October is fast approaching. Our slate of candidates is being prepared as well as an item of general interest for your consideration. Those will be sent in an email 30 days prior to the meeting. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to run for a board position. This club cannot operate without you! Please consider volunteering for the board administrative positions as well as hosting cruises, happy hours, and helping with events next year. We are only as good as the volunteers who support the OYC!

Cheers!

*Susan Millonig*  
Commodore  
*Millie Gael*

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## Special points of interest:

- Sept. 11 - Happy Hour, Hampton's Landing Marina, 5 pm.
- Sept. 26 - Fall Land Event, Belmont Bay Marina, 5 pm.
- Oct. 2 - Happy Hour, Occoquan Harbour Marina, 5 pm.
- Oct. 18 - General Membership Meeting, Hoffmaster's Marina, 1 pm.
- Oct. 30 - Nov 1 - Hardy Soul's Cruise, Alexandria



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## From the Vice Commodore:



Regardless of the COVID restrictions, this year is quickly moving along. For some I am sure not quickly enough.

We recently received sad news about the passing of a former Commodore and dear friend, Pat Croft. I will never forget her spirit and determination. She was definitely an inspiration to many. She and Harry were also regular crew members on board Anamchara for the Parade of Lights. It's not going to be the same without the two of them and their much anticipated hot buttered rum.

Some news on Vessel Safety Checks - they are once again available. Recently I had my boat inspected by Terry Medhurst. You can reach him [here](#) or reach out to multiple inspectors via the [USCG Auxiliary web page](#). I know it is late in the season but it is still a good idea to

have your boat/documentation reviewed. You never know if there is something minor that could result in problems down the road. In my case, a light I never monitor (stern) but which is key to ensure boats overtaking you at night actually see you was out. Fortunately, I had a spare and the rest of the safety check went well.

On the cruise and event front, the Corinthian Cruise has been cancelled but the Fall Land Event is definitely on. Rear Commodore Karen Hart will provide details. Also, still in the planning stages is the General Membership Meeting tentatively scheduled for 18 October. Expect details in the near future.

Stay safe and hope to see you all out on the water.

*Steve Preda*  
*Vice Commodore*  
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## From the Rear Commodore:



Hello Members! As you all know we are a virtual club, but I wonder if you've given any thought to how many different marinas are represented within our membership? Well I have and I counted at least ten! Like many of you I've been up and down the river, the Bay, and even the ocean visiting lots of various marinas, but I've never been to all our own OYC members' marinas. As rear commodore one of my goals this year was to try and have a happy hour or land event at a different marina each time so we can engage and acknowledge more members' marinas. COVID came along and set my plans back quite a bit but there's still time for me to plan a few more outdoor events. So, in keeping with my original plans please mark these dates on your calendar from now through the end of October.

**September 11,** Happy Hour,

Hampton's Landing Marina, 16205 Neabsco Rd, Woodbridge, 5:00 - ?. Hampton's Landing is right outside beautiful Leesylvania State Park, has covered slips and a nice picnic area with grills. If you would rather not drive to the marina how about looking into coming by boat? If you like that idea please call the dock master, Terry Hill, at 703-221-4915. I am sure he would be happy to accommodate you if has the space. I will send an email blast about a week prior reminding you and will provide more details on what to bring.

**September 26,** Fall Land Event, Belmont Bay Marina pavilion and lawn, from 5:00 - ?. The theme is outdoor games and movie night! The lawn is large so we can set up lawn games, spread out and have fun. Food will be provided by OYC. Bring a chair and BYOB and plan on staying for the movie. Since this is an evening affair so you might consider coming by boat. Please call Jim Brooks, at

703-490-5088 for a slip if you wish. Stand by for more info when the event date gets closer. Hope to see you all there!

**October 2,** Happy Hour, Occoquan Harbour Marina, 13180 Marina Way, Woodbridge, Harbour Grille restaurant or docks, 5:00 - ?

**October 18,** General Membership Meeting/Chili Cookoff/Photo Contest, Hoffmaster's Marina, 1214 Swan Point Rd, Woodbridge, 1:00 - 4:00. Awards and prizes will be given for a variety of chilies provided by you, our fabulous cooks, and for those photos you have been taking this year and last, so start looking at those recipes and photos!

Cheers,

*Karen Hart  
Rear Commodore  
Hart-2-Hart*



## Fair Winds and Following Seas to our friend and past Commodore, Pat Croft



It is with a heavy heart we share the news none of us wanted to hear. At 10:50 tonight (August 20), mom passed away. She was one hell of a fighter, and now she can rest in peace knowing that she made the most of every moment. She meant so much to so many people. Please know that Pat was grateful for all the love and support from her family and her many amazing friends. Pat would want us to celebrate her life as she lived hers, with hugs, laughter and all friends and family, so we will wait to have her memorial until there is a better outlook for the pandemic. Once details of a memorial are complete the family will make an announcement. If you have a favorite photo or story you wish to share, please send to me at 509.998.3562. We thank everyone for the outpouring of love for Pat and for their love and support to Harry and the family. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

- Jen Croft

## From Membership:



Hello Members! We are currently 54 memberships strong! This includes 41 family, 5 individual, 3 associate and 5 honorary memberships. We are always looking for new members to join our outstanding club, so if you know of anyone interested in joining OYC, please let me know and I will reach out to them directly. Many of our new members come from club member referrals. I appreciate any and all referrals. I hope to see you all on the water very soon!

*Debbie Tucceri*  
*OYC Membership Chair*  
*Did It Our Way*



## From Treasurer:



As of the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting:

Income:	\$137.80
Expenses:	\$270.00
Ledger Balance:	\$8,749.38

I hope everyone is having a great boating year despite the extremely hot weather and COVID-19.



## From the Webmaster:



Our Facebook page "OYC Members Only" is a great way to communicate and connect with our community in a timely and effective manner.

Let's start using it to communicate when we are boating to generate interest in different places on the river or when we are rafting up with other members. Posting information about activities like planned Raft-ups is a great way to get us together, relax on the water and enjoy shared food and adult beverages in-between club activities. If you do not have access to our Facebook page send me a message at, [webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@occoquanyachtclub.com) to get connected. Let's get connected and have fun boating.

**Always boat safely!!**

*William Dornetto*  
*Webmaster*  
*Nauti-Buoys*

## From the PRYCA Rep:



Hi Everyone!

What a busy month it's been, I'm afraid I didn't get anything turned in last month, because, well...we were busy boating!

We had a wonderful trip to Crisfield, Onancock, Cape Charles, Tides Inn, and for some, even an excursion to Rudee Inlet. I'm happy to say the COVID Cruise was a success. As it always is that time of year, it was brutally hot, and although the timing didn't work out for some of the nice restaurants, the pools were open! Fishing wasn't great, but the crew of Miss Nicole (including Nicole herself!) treated us great and the beer was cold. After 9 days and 350NM, I'm thrilled to say everyone made it home ahead of the hurricane and under their own power, such is not always the case!

Also, Debbie Tucceri alerted us to this one: The Coast Guard is conducting a Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study of the Shallow Draft Waterway Systems, which includes all navigable waterways of the United States less than 12 feet of depth. The assessment is part of the U.S. Coast Guard's effort to make navigable waterways of the United States safer, more efficient, and more resilient. This survey will have direct future impacts of our waterways, so it is imperative that they receive as much feedback as possible. Click [here](#) to submit comments from now until November 1, 2020.

For you recently joined members, are you all on the Facebook members only page? If not, shoot [Bill Dornetto](#) or [me](#) a note. We have a public FB page and a secret one which is only visible to

current OYC members.

Lastly, after 4 full seasons, my time as PRYCA/CBYCA Delegate will draw to a close this fall. I made a lot of new contacts outside OYC and will probably continue another year as PRYCA Member at Large (MAL), working to maintain a strong connection between our Club and the Association. I really enjoyed meeting and connecting with other yacht clubs, but now it's someone else's turn! If you think that someone is you, or might be you, send [Steve Preda](#) or [myself](#) a note, we will be happy to fill you in on what all it entails. (spoiler...it's not hard!)

Hope to see you all on the water soon.

*Bruno Millonig*  
*PRYCA Rep.*  
*Millie Gael*



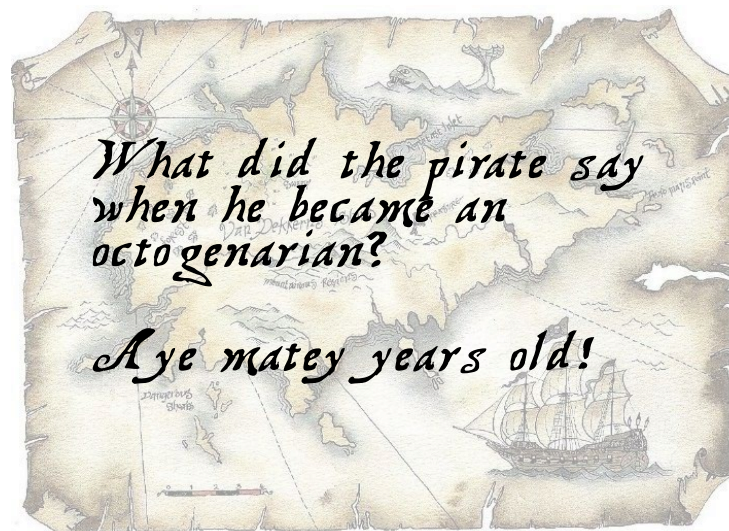
## From the Daymarker Editor:



I copy pictures from our Facebook page 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*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Barbara Bruhn - September 4  
Neal Fuerst - September 5  
Doreen Gagne - September 25  
Karen Hart - September 11  
Ginny Preda - September 16  
Kyler Schmitz - September 17  
Jun Stewart - September 7  
Carol Zirkle - September 21

Bud & Heidi Bishop on September 4  
Robert Brown & Vicki Moon on September 1  
Doug & Sue Davis on September 5  
John & Michelle DeDitius on September 2  
Brian & Ally Field on September 28  
Mark & Cindy Lawton on September 14



BoatUS offers discounted membership dues for members of OYC. You can join or renew your BoatUS membership for \$15 per year (instead of \$24) plus 10% off Unlimited Towing packages. To join, visit [www.BoatUS.com/Join](http://www.BoatUS.com/Join) and enter our BoatUS Cooperating Group Number: GA80979Y in the Promo Code field. Existing members can add our Group Number to their membership by emailing [coopgroups@boatus.com](mailto:coopgroups@boatus.com) or by entering it in the BoatUS Coop Group# field when renewing on [www.BoatUS.com/Renew](http://www.BoatUS.com/Renew). You can also call BoatUS at 800-395-2628 to join or renew your membership.

Membership benefits include:

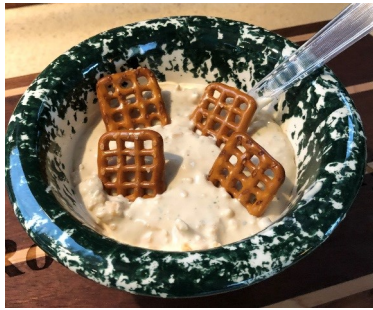
- Water & trailer towing service
- Marine insurance
- Discounts on fuel, slips, repairs & more at over 1,200 boating businesses
- Shopping rewards at West Marine
- Boat graphics and lettering
- BoatUS Magazine
- Boater representation with lawmakers
- Boat finance
- Free MMSI number

# The Recipe Locker:

These selected recipes have been previously used at club events. They are delicious and simple to make - ideal for docktails and potlucks aboard our boats.

## Beer Dip

Submitted by Karen Hart



## Ingredients

- 2-8 oz Pkgs cream cheese, softened
- 1 packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dip Mix
- 3/4 cup stout beer (Yingling Black and Tan is a good one to use)
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese

## Preparation:

Mix the cream cheese and ranch dip mix together, then add the beer, mix, then cheddar cheese last. Great with pretzels!

NOTE: The 3/4 cup STOUT beer is the key to this recipe. Enjoy!





## Praline-Pecan French Toast:

Submitted by Susan Millonig **Ingredients**



- 1 (16-oz) French bread loaf (I use brioche)
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 cup of butter - melted
- 2 tbsp. maple syrup
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

### Preparation:

Cut 10 1-inch thick slices of bread. Reserve the remaining bread for another use. Stir together brown sugar, butter, and maple syrup. Pour into a 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Whisk together the eggs, milk, sugar, cinnamon, and vanilla. Arrange bread slices over pecans. Pour the egg mixture over the top. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours (shorter chill time with brioche bread). Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake approximately 35 minutes or until golden brown. Serve immediately.

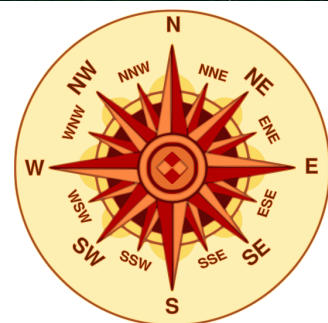


## From the Hardy Souls Cruise Coordinator:

Heads up everyone! Fall is coming and with it Halloween! Because Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, we thought it would be fun to have our annual Hardy Souls Cruise in Alexandria Oct 30-Nov 1. When Dave and I had this idea COVID didn't exist and we knew the town of Alexandria normally celebrates Halloween with all sorts of activities for the family and even your pets. This year it's anybody's guess what they are going to do but there's no reason we can't go and have our own Halloween party on the docks. We can dress in costume, play spooky music, eat, drink,

trick or treat, etc. With luck, the town will have celebrations but at this time we can't honestly guarantee that. We can only guarantee if you come you'll have a good time! Make your reservations now by calling the dock master at 703-746-5487. Please note that Alexandria is not a large marina and can't accommodate a lot of large boats so don't hesitate. If you plan on going please call as soon as possible.

*Karen and Dave Hart  
Cruise Coordinator  
Hart-2-Hart*



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