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From the Commodore:



I hope your holidays were filled with family, peace, health, and anticipation of an exciting 2021 boating year. Did Santa make all of your boating wishes come true? Unfortunately, my request for a 64' Hatteras Raised Pilot House is still sitting in Santa's queue. Maybe next year. Santa did bring me a nice Bose Soundlink Revolve for casual listening of Great 60's and 70's music while at anchor or for syncing up with Bud during one of his at-anchor movie nights.

As I mentioned last month, your Board is in the process of developing a cruise/event schedule for the 2021 season. If there are places you believe would benefit from an OYC visit please bring them to our attention. One new area Anamchara will be visiting this year is up the Middle River north of Baltimore. Some family members have recently moved there and that's excuse enough. As soon as we have reviewed what Vice Commodore Jerry Sanders has assembled we will share with you for your comment/planning. And remember, we are always looking for intrepid new cruise coordinators. If you are considering stepping up please take a look at the Event Coordinator's Handbook available on the Club's website.

Spring begins March 20...less than 90 days to go!

Happy Boating New Year to all.

Cheers,
Steve Preda
Commodore
Anamchara



Special Point of Interest:

★ Pay 2021 dues at "Your Profile," OYC website



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From the Vice Commodore:



Happy 2021. 2020 is behind us and hopefully this year will be one of new adventures and being able to meet again in person for cruises, happy hours and Karen's amazing land events. Usually, in this space the vice commodore would be reporting on our participation in the various parades of lights that were part of the Potomac River holiday season. Unfortunately, one by one, events kept getting cancelled because of the ongoing pandemic and measures to control its spread. On a personal note, my wife, Manny, tested positive after experiencing flu like symptoms. It was three tests and almost a month of quarantine from the first sniffle to the final negative test, but now she is fine. As most of you know by now, Escapade is no more and has been replaced by Maverick, a 46' Maxum Sedan Bridge. Getting from her former home in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, to my slip at Hampton's Landing wasn't without adventure. While in Florida for the survey, I fell through the open engine bay hatch in the cabin, breaking my left arm. It was a clean break of the humerus right below the shoulder necessitating a complete shoulder replacement. As I couldn't even climb to the flying bridge let alone take an 800 mile maiden voyage, I hired a delivery captain to bring it north meaning I paid some else to take my boat on a dream cruise. He stopped at St Simon's Island, Hilton Head, Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Wrightsville Beach, Oriental, Alligator River, Coinjock and even got to stay an extra day at the Waterside Marina in Norfolk because of the hurricane coming up the coast. Of course, having a broken arm meant I couldn't take the boat out safely once it was up here, so hopefully I'll be joining everyone on the water again as soon as it warms up a bit. I've started putting together the OYC events schedule to present at the Pre-Plan Fest tentatively scheduled for February 6th. The location is contingent on pandemic restrictions. If you have any recommendations for cruises or events please send them to me.

Jerry Sandors, Vice Commodore

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From the Rear Commodore:



Karen Hart
Rear Commodore

Happy New Year! I can't help but think about this time last year and how my mind was full of plans and new ideas I was so excited to try. We did ceramics in January at Paint Your Heart Out; tried a piano bar at Madigan's in February; planned a sock burning in March to say goodbye to winter; and planned to raise the flag in April and move happy hours to different locations in order to recognize other member's marinas. Most of my plans did not work out the way I planned and I'm sad that this year is starting out the same way. I'm working on a schedule

for land events but as you know I can't plan anything at this time. As soon as it's safe to be in large groups again we'll get together. Until then stay safe. Better days are ahead!



From Membership:



Hello OYC!

It's membership renewal season. This is an amazing club and it's all because of you, our members! Because of lower expenses this year due to COVID 19, the Board unanimously approved these 2021 renewal rates for current members:

Associate- \$0.00 Individual- \$35.00 Family- \$70.00

You can pay your dues via the [OYC Website](#). Login and go to "Your Profile". Toward the bottom of the page, click on the tab "Pay fees via PayPal or Credit Card." You do not have to have a PayPal account to pay with a credit card. Drop down the boxes and choose renewing and the category you fall into. If you need a replacement burgee, you can add that to the cart before you check out. For all new members the original, non-discounted rates are applicable.

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining the club? Please send me their contact information or have them contact me directly about joining. We would love to see new faces join us. I am here to help you with any membership questions, so please reach out to me and I'll do my best to assist you.

Please take the time to renew as soon as you can, think of it as a gift to yourself! It won't be long before we're on the water again.

Debbie Tucceri
Membership Chair



From the Treasurer:



For December 2020

Income.....\$690.00
Expenses.....\$765.50
Ledger balance.....\$8,110.19
(as of December 9th)
I hope everyone had a great
Christmas.
See you next year.

Dave Hart
Treasurer



From our PRYCA/CBYCA Representatives :

The 2020 CBYCA Commodores Ball has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Six o'clock. Join the CBYCA in honoring Commodore Dan Killeen (posthumously) and First Lady Rose Marie. More information can be found at www.cbyca.org/2020-commodores-ball.



America's Conservation Enhancement Act (ACE Act) signed into law in October 2020. The conservation bill contains programs that will significantly help protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams, according to a Chesapeake Bay Foundation news release. U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) applauded the signing of the act in a statement. "The ACE Act is a once-in-a-generation advancement to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. The Bay is a national treasure, and the ACE Act provides additional resources and extends critical conservation programs that preserve wetlands, reduce pollution, and increase recreational opportunities in Virginia."

If you do not miss being on the water already, you are sure to by January 12th. Tune into the webcast... [The Bay Act: Current, Past, and Future January 12, 2021, 6:30-7:30 pm](#)

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, enacted more than 30 years ago, was designed to curb nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay through sound land-use practices that minimize the disturbance and development of environmentally-sensitive coastal areas. Proposed new regulations under the Bay Act are being fleshed out right now to encourage and promote the preservation and planting of trees, as well as adaptation to sea-level rise and climate change impacts. Join our panel of experts to learn more about the history and future of the Bay Act, and how you can support further shoreline protection and improved water quality. www.cbf.org



Peace and Good Health in the New Year.....Sue and Doug Davis

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

John Draper	January 5
Lisa Graybill	January 5
Pam Poulos	January 7
Daniel Kent	January 10
Doug Davis	January 12
Debra Solowan	January 13
Ned Rhodes	January 22
Dan Everton	January 23
James Hawkins	January 31



Niel & Cindy Fuerst	January 7
Stanford & Toni Rogers	January 14
Bob & Vicki Carr	January 28



Happy Anniversary

From the Daymarker Editors:

Ahoy Mates, thank you for your contributions to the Day Marker. We hope you like the new look of the New Year's first issue. We've also added a new feature called Knot's Landing on the next page. If you have any other ideas for new content, let us know.

God Bless and Happy New Year!
Mike and Barbara Bruhn



Comedy Corner:

A Boater's Blessing

... From Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,
May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,
May your compass and charts always show the safe way,
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,
May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.

...Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock,
May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock,
May you find your new watch that fell overboard,
May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's power cord,
May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth,
May you someday owe less than the damn boat is worth.



Welcome to Knot's Landing!
With the New Year, we thought we would add educational content to help improve member's seamanship. Each month we will provide a link to useful videos on knot tying. This month we cast off with some basics on securing dock lines to a cleat. Click below to perhaps learn something new.



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 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 or by entering it in the BoatUS Coop Group# field when renewing on www.BoatUS.com/Renew.

You can also call BoatUS at 800-395-2628 to join or renew your membership.

Membership benefits include:

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

