

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

# The Daymarker



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## From the Commodore:



Happy New Year!

The countdown to spring is on! We've passed the winter solstice and the days are getting longer - can you tell I'm already over winter? I hope everyone had a fabulous holiday season.

So many wonderful memories to reflect upon from 2019 and many more to make in 2020. Can you believe it - 2020?! That number seemed so far off not so long ago...

Thanks so much to Captain Bud Bishop for hosting us on Hi Jinx III during the Parade of Lights. She was a beautiful boat and surely should have won for the nautical category! Congratulations to Steve and Ginny Preda on their win for Anamchara, Peace on Earth theme. Steve worked hours to get that globe to turn - with smashing success! What an enchanting tradition on the Potomac River to kick off the holidays. The crowds cheering from the shore were the largest that have been seen to date!

I'm so excited to get our "Winter OYC Season" started! Karen Hart has some

most excellent activities planned for us to keep the boredom away and everyone connected. I'm already hearing of some new ideas for the cruising season. If you're interested in being a part of the cruise coordinator process, please get in touch with Steve Preda, our Vice Commodore. You can also take a look at our Event Coordinator Handbook on the website or chat with a previous coordinator about the process. Better yet - you can buddy up with another member and dream up some fun destinations for the club in the coming season! Lots to think and dream about in this down time!

A reminder that the PYRCA COW is this month - Saturday, January 25 at the Hilton Alexandria, Old Town. Our own Pat Schondel is fleeting up to commodore. Please come out and support him! OYC is hosting the hospitality suite starting at 4:45 pm. Come by to say hi, grab a drink, and get ready for the fun night ahead!

With that - I look forward to seeing everyone soon! Cheers and here's to the OYC!

*Susan Millonig  
Commodore  
Millie Gael*

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ **JAN 18, Happy hour at Paint Your Heart Out, 125 Mill St., Occoquan**
- ☺ **JAN 25, PRYCA CoW Hilton Hotel, Alexandria**
- ☺ **FEB 8, Pre-Plan Fest, Belmont Bay**
- ☺ **Pay 2020 dues at "Your Profile", OYC website**



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**Only 90 days until boating  
season begins on April 1st!**

## From the Vice Commodore:



Wishing everyone the Happiest of New Years! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. December was a whirlwind of activity that started with the DC and Alexandria Parades of Lights. See more

about the parades in a separate article. After recovering from the parades we eased into multiple family events in Virginia and Maryland that culminated in New Years in Pennsylvania. A great time was had by all.

Congratulations to Pat Schondel as he fleets up to PRYCA Commodore and congratulations to Michelle Johnson for a job well done as she assumes the covet-

ed Immediate Past Commodore position. Hope to see lots of OYC support at the 25 January PRYCA COW taking place at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town.

I've started pulling together the OYC events list in preparation for January's Board meeting and the Pre-Plan Fest tentatively scheduled to coincide with February's Happy Hour. The Pre-Plan Fest will take place on 8 February at Belmont Bay (3-5 PM) with Happy Hour following at Madigan's in Occoquan. If you have any recommendations for cruises or events please send them to me.

Less than 90 days until Spring!

*Cheers,*

*Steve Preda  
Vice Commodore  
Anamchara*



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## From the Rear Commodore:

Greetings All,



I'm pleased to tell you we had a great turn out for happy hour on Dec 6 at The Electric Palm. Manager Cody opened the tiki bar a couple hours early just for OYC and had 2 bartenders on hand to accommodate our group of 25 attendees. Thanks to all who

were able to attend!

Now on to January: Mark your calendar for a unique happy hour on Saturday, Jan 18, at Paint Your Heart Out, 125 Mill St, Occoquan, VA, 6:30-9:00. This is a special type of happy hour where we are going to paint while we party! I'm excited to try this and I think it's going to be a lot of fun! I am definitely not a painter but for these type of projects you don't need to be an artist. Just come and have fun. It's going to be at a studio in Occoquan (next to Madigan's, above Bar-J) and OYC will have the whole studio to ourselves. The employees there are excited to host us and will be available to help and instruct. They have many molds to choose from and I've requested they make nautical items also and they are happy to do that. The cost will be \$25 per person, please bring your own drinks and a dish to share. There are a few outlets for crock pots, etc, in case you're wondering. Now, before you men out there think why would I want to go to a paint party, please give it a try! I've got you in mind and there'll be cigar boxes, mermaids, etc. you can paint not to mention the camaraderie, laughs, food, drinks, and even a place to smoke a cigar! After painting our master pieces they will be glazed and fired and will be ready to pick up at our next happy hour on Feb 8.

Saturday, Feb 8, Madigan's, Occoquan, 6:00-?. Dueling pianos, food, drinks, and camaraderie. Piano bars are

lots of fun and the club always enjoys Bobby McKey's at the National Harbor so let's try a local piano bar this time. Also, as mentioned above, your painted masterpiece will be available to pick up.

Saturday, Mar 7, Fatty's Seafood and Taphouse, 225 Garrisonville Rd, Stafford, 5:00-?. This is a very cool self-pour beer bar. If you've never been to a self-pour beer bar come give it a try. I promise you won't be disappointed.

I mentioned this last month but it bears repeating. Happy hours are fun and have become very popular with the club. I'll stick to the traditional 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month during the summer but I've scheduled the next 3 happy hours on Saturdays during the winter. I'll shift back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month around April timeframe. Please keep in mind many of our 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month happy hours coincide with weekend cruises during the summer so I'll be asking for help hosting those if I'm unavailable that weekend. Our cruises always start with docktails on the first night of a cruise, and everyone is invited, but that doesn't mean that has to be the OYC happy hour for that month. Hosting a happy hour is the easiest thing you can do to get involved and if you want to host at a restaurant, your dock, home, etc, please let me know. I'll be happy to help you in any way I can. I think it would be fun to see several members at the same marina join up and host. I'd love to see more happy hours at the docks when it's warm out so please think about it and send me any ideas or suggestions and I'll try to accommodate.

Cheers,

Karen Hart  
Rear Commodore  
Hart-2-Hart

## From Membership:



Hello OYC! Happy New Year!

As of December 20th we have 30 paid and 29 unpaid memberships. You don't want to miss our fun happy hours, fabulous Day-marker newsletter and awesome cruises planned for this coming season. I know you'll miss our Facebook group also, so if you

haven't renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you know anyone who is interested in joining the club, please let me know and I will reach out to them. You can reach me at [membership@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@occoquanyachtclub.com) or [datucceri@aol.com](mailto:datucceri@aol.com). Can't wait to see everyone back out on the water.

Debbie Tucceri  
Membership  
Did It Our Way

## 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 Joe Livingston 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.

## Comedy Corner:

How much does it cost for a pirate to pierce his ears?



A buccaneer!

## From the Historian:

It's been a busy boating season this year with great weather to assist. Many people have not been able to make the "official" events but have had impromptu raft-ups and adventures. If you'd like to share some photos I'll add them to the archive. Just be sure to let me know where the pics were taken and who is in them! And don't forget to include your pictures of the club events too; we have some really imaginative photographers out there! Beyond pictures, descriptions of your adventures are always welcome. Send them to [historian@occoquanyachtclub.com](mailto:historian@occoquanyachtclub.com).

Russ  
Historian  
Nauti-Buoys



## From the Webmaster:

Just a reminder. The website is ready to accept payments for memberships dues for next year. Now paying is easier than ever and you no longer have to wait for your check to clear.

Just visit our website:  
<http://www.occoquanyachtclub.com/>

log-in, go to your profile and enter your payment.  
Always boat safely!

William Dornetto  
Webmaster  
Nauti-Buoys

## From the Treasurer:



Deposits since Nov 6, 2019:  
\$5,995.00

Expenditures: \$2,103.45

Ledger Balance as of Dec 11, 2019:  
\$9,814.71

Dues paid for 2020 membership are 51% of anticipated dues.

Let's make this a great year.

Dave Hart  
Treasurer  
Hart-2-Hart



## From the PRYCA Rep:



Hello friends!

Time is running out for the PRCYA COW, but plenty of seats left to join the festivities, Susan and I hope to see you there!

There are a couple of notes from around the waterways this month:

On Monday, January 6, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin rehabilitation of the South Mills Lock canal gates on the Dismal Swamp Canal. As a result, the locks at Deep Creek, Virginia and South Mills, North Carolina will stop operating after the last scheduled locking at 3:30 PM on Sunday, January 5, 2020. The Dismal Swamp Canal, Route 2 of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, will be closed temporarily to through vessel traffic at that time. The rehabilitation

is expected to take 90 days. The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, Route 1 through the Great Bridge Lock in Chesapeake, Virginia, will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Operators will monitor Channel 13. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call 757-201-7642. Chart 12206

Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads has changed its name to Coast Guard Sector Virginia. This change recognizes the responsibility the sector has for all Coast Guard mission areas across many of the coastal areas, bays, rivers, and lakes that are within the Commonwealth of Virginia, not just Hampton Roads. Sector Virginia's area of responsibility, mailing addresses, and phone numbers remain unchanged.

Hurry up Spring!

*Bruno Millonig*

*PRYCA/CBYCA Representative*

*Millie Gael*



## From the Secretary:



Greetings to all.

My name is Jerry Sandors and I'm the new secretary of our yacht club. First a bit about myself. This is my third year as a member of the club, although I've known some of the members through various raft-ups and friend of a friend conversations. For the most part, I've been boating for most of my adult life. From the times as a young teenager when my

dad and I would rent an aluminum johnboat at Burke Lake in 1963, until now, I've always loved the water. I spent four years in the Coast Guard and, six boats later, have been boating on the Potomac and the Chesapeake ever since.

Once I first learned of the Occoquan Yacht Club and the event schedule, I thought, I don't need to join a club to go to places I've cruised to on my own for years. And yes I did cruise on my own. Annapolis, Baltimore, Solomons, St Michaels, Tides Inn, Cobb Island... I've been to all several times. After some prodding and attending one land event as the guest of Dave and Karen Hart, I decided to give it a try and haven't regretted it. Three years later, I'm on the Board of

Directors.

Since becoming a member, I've discovered that the Occoquan Yacht Club exists for one purpose: to have fun. We cruise every weekend we can, visit different ports of call, go out to dinner, meet for happy hour, cookouts, baseball games and anything someone decides may be fun to do on or around our boats.

As secretary, I don't have exciting upcoming events to report on or new members to introduce. I just take notes at the monthly meetings of the machinations of running a club whose purpose is to, basically, have fun and enjoy life.

Which brings up the board; we are all volunteers who meet once a month to come up with ways to enhance our boating experience. We plan events (we even have an event to plan events) that will make the upcoming boating season the most memorable.

Be sure to checkout what goes on at the board meeting at "Board Meeting Minutes" on the OYC member's webpage.

*Jerry Sandors*  
*Secretary*  
*Escapade*

## From the Daymarker Editor:



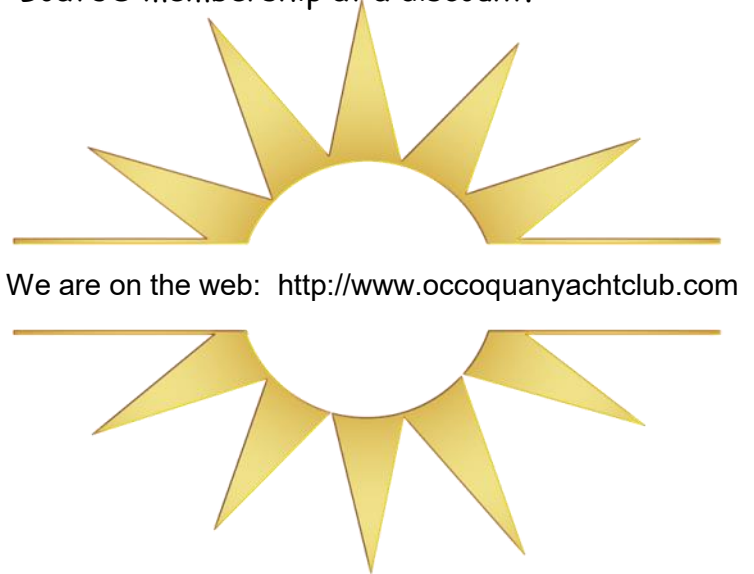
I copy pictures from the Facebook albums, so please add as many as you can!

This is your newsletter. Let me know if you would like to see additional items each month.

*John Draper  
Editor  
Mi Amor*

## Useful Info for our Members:

If you are new to the club and didn't know this, I hope it helps out. Most all boaters will probably purchase membership in BoatUS. If you do, don't forget to provide them our membership accord, #GA 80979Y, entitling our members to BoatUS membership at a discount.



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## January Birthdays ..... and Anniversaries... ..

In alphabetical order (by last name):

Doug Davis — January 12  
John Draper — January 5  
Dan Everton — January 23  
Lisa Graybill — January 5  
James Hawkins — January 31  
Jennifer Joseph — January 4  
Daniel Kent — January 10  
Lora Manzo — January 16  
Pam Poulos — January 7  
Ned Rhodes — January 22  
Debra Solowan — January 13

Greg & Ilana Cumbey — January 18  
Neal & Cindy Fuerst — January 7  
Stanford & Toni Rogers — January 14



**BIRTHDAYS**  
THIS MONTH

**and**  
**Anniversaries!!**

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# 2019 Parade of Lights

Alexandria and DC released their registration messages on July 29, which gave all of us 4 months to come up with our themes, design/engineer the displays, and pull it all together at the dock.

The events began in earnest with the Captain's Meetings, one in Alexandria on Wednesday night and one in DC Thursday night the week of the parades. In addition to a discussion of the parade rules and safety both venues provided ample food and drink along with bags of swag.

Four boats from OYC took part in this year's events - Bud & Heidi Bishop on Hi Jinx III, Steve & Ginny Preda on Anamchara, Dave & Michelle Johnson on Tiki Time III, and Robin & Bernadette Davis on Nani Ke Ea. Bruno & Susan Millonig sortied up on Millie Gael to lend support on board Hi Jinx. Also supporting the intrepid participants were Brian & Ally Field, Wayne & Garnetta Beal, and Johnny & Michelle DeDitius also on Hi Jinx and Harry & Pat Croft on board Anamchara.

Boats sortied from the Wharf's Market Docks around 1630 and headed south to Old Town. The start was interesting, as it always is, with boats jockeying for position and ultimately getting in a line with a 3-4 boat length separation. After a single

pass by the judges boat (the paddle wheel Cherry Blossom) the parade continued down the Alexandria waterfront to the Woodrow Wilson bridge where a turn to the north began and the boats eased back up to the Washington Channel. A similar sequence of hold and then lining up took place before boats queued up to pass the DC reviewing stand on the channel at the District Pier.

Following the parade most boats docked at the Market Docks around 1930. The organizers then orchestrated a great fireworks display just in front of the docks at 2000 followed by a party and awards presentations at Union Stage. The events seemed to be just as much fun on shore for the spectators as it was afloat for the boating participants as huge crowds lined both waterfronts.

Congratulations to all the OYC boats that delayed winterizing in order to dazzle at the parades. Congratulations also to Anamchara who took home the Founders Trophy in DC and Best of Show in Alexandria.

Steve Preda  
Anamchara



The Anamchara decked out for the Parade of Lights. Winner of the Founder's Trophy in DC and Best of Show in Alexandria.



The start of the 2019 Parade of Lights.



Hi-Jinx III in sparkling splendor ready for her run down the Potomac.





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2020 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance
Saturday, 25 January 2020

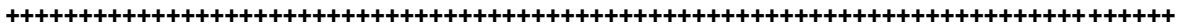
at
Hilton Alexandria Old Town
1767 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Hospitality Suite Open: 1645 - 1745
Photographer: 1745- 1845
Cocktails: 1800
Dinner: 1900
Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000
Dancing to follow with "Fringe Benefits" til 2300
Winter Uniform / Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$95.00 per person

Menu

Starter: Market Salad with Candied Nuts, Dried Cranberries and Goat Cheese
Dry Rub Grilled Ribeye Steak with Fried Sweet Potato Garnish, Maytag Blue Cheese Butter and Mashed Potatoes
Seared Herb de Provence Chicken Breast with Red Pepper Coulis, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes and Baby Carrots
Twin Portabella Mushroom Caps stuffed with quinoa, black beans, corn and balsamic drizzle, and wild rice
Dessert is Chef's selection
Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea
Cash Bar



A block of rooms for Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, has been reserved at the rate of \$109 per night (+taxes).
Rates within the block are guaranteed until December 25, 2019. Rooms may sell out before this date, so please book early.
Guest Parking: \$12 per car per night, or \$24 per car per day.

Reservations by Phone: 703-837-0440
To receive discounted rates, reference PYRCA or Group Code: JPY
Reservations Online: https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAOTHF-JPY-20200124/index.jhtml?WT.mc\_id=POG

Take advantage of these great rates and make this a weekend to remember!!!



MEAL SELECTION
Grilled Ribeye Steak # \_\_\_\_\_
Seared Chicken Breast # \_\_\_\_\_
Portabella Mushroom Caps # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Titles: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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