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From the Commodore:



It never ceases to amaze me how long the winter is and how quickly the summer passes. It's already July! Sheesh! Our boating season is finally starting to get off the ground and back in the water - however limited it may be. As we move into Phase 3 of Covid restrictions, I implore you to consider your personal comfort zone with this pandemic when participating in club events. Our mid-summer cruises are beginning, albeit with a modified schedule, and I want everyone in our club to feel comfortable with his or her level of participation.

Thank you so much to Steve Preda and Karen Hart for their hard work on our schedule. This has been a challenging year to plan events on land and water. They have patiently reworked dates and destinations as conditions have changed, which has been an absolutely challenging exercise. I appreciate them more than they can ever know. I must also thank Bruno for modifying the bay cruise. Contacting marinas in the best of times is a shell game - he has persevered and put together a fabulous trip for us. I cannot wait to get underway! To the rest of our cruise coordinators - thanks so much for hanging in there! This is what makes our club great - the volunteerism and camaraderie

of our members. Please take a look at the updated schedule, update your choices, and remember to hit "save" to ensure you receive the most updated information.

Steve put out a recommendation email last month regarding boat inspections. Please take a look at that checklist to ensure a safe experience on the water as Coast Guard inspections are on hold.

Finally - and I can't believe I'm mentioning this... It's time to start thinking about next year and the board position you'd like to volunteer for! The Rear Commodore, Webmaster, and PYRCA/CBYCA delegate positions are in need of dedicated individuals to carry the club forward. Other appointed positions are on the table as well. Please see IPC Wayne Beal or any board member if you are interested. I am certainly not ready to say goodbye to this fantastic 2020 board - but I want to set up 2021 for the best possible success!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water!

Cheers!

Susan Millonig
Commodore
Millie Gael

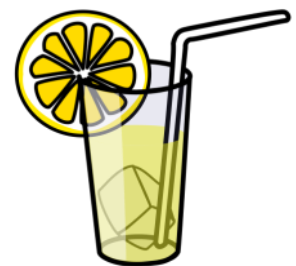
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Special points of interest:

- July 3-5 - 4th of July Cruise - Capital Yacht Club
- July 10 - Happy Hour!, 6 pm Brittany's, 12449 Dillingham Sq., Lake Ridge
- July 24-August 2 - Southern Bay Cruise
- July 31-August 2 - Dogs Days of Summer & Crab Feast, Aquia Harbor



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From the Vice Commodore:



Happy 4th of July! I hope you and your family are healthy, safe, and have plans to enjoy this great American Holiday. Have a toast or fire

off a few fireworks on the 2nd as well as that's the day in 1776 the Second Continental Congress formally adopted Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence from Great Britain. We plan to be at Capitol Yacht Club on the 4th along with several other OYC crews and hope the fireworks are as spectacular as they have been in the past.

On 18 June I distributed an update from the Board that highlighted safety and our schedule. A reminder - please perform your own safety inspection using the checklist and instructions found [here](#). Hopefully the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and/or US Power Squadron will soon

begin performing inspections again.

The most current schedule is on our website. Remember to update your Cruise & Event Signup. For July, the DC cruise and the Southern Bay Cruise are still on but the PRYCA Float In has been indefinitely delayed. The PRYCA sponsored Aquia Harbor Yacht Club Dog Days of Summer and Crab Feast scheduled for 31 July through 2 August is still planned and we will distribute additional information as it becomes available. AHYC always puts on a wonderful event that's worth the shallow but interesting cruise up Aquia Creek to enjoy.

Cheers!

Steve Preda
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From the Rear Commodore:



Did I hear someone say Happy Hour? Can you believe our last club happy hour was way back on March seventh? As of July 1st Virginia, is entering Phase 3 of the pandemic so I think it's time to finally be able to announce a monthly happy hour. Since the first Friday in July coincides with the 4th of July holiday let's meet instead on Friday, July 10th at 6:00 pm. I called Brittany's Restaurant and Sport's Bar in

Lake Ridge and they are excited to host us. For the new members especially, I hope you'll be able to take this opportunity to get together in a relaxed atmosphere and get to know your club. Brittany's is located at 12449 Dillingham Square. I hope to see you all there!

Cheers,

*Karen Hart
Rear Commodore
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From Treasurer:



Income (New & Renewal): \$405.00

Expenses: \$839.99

PayPal Fees
Land Event Prep
Mailbox Rental
Coin Purchase

Ledger Balance as of June 10th: \$8,857.61

Total paid membership for 2020 meets 86% of budgeted membership dues.



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.

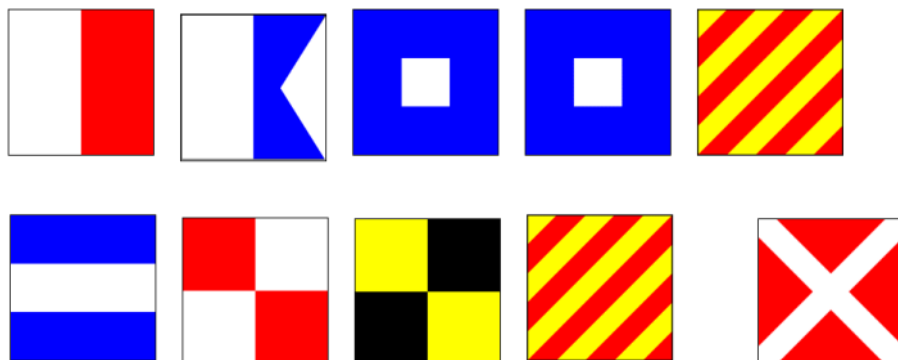
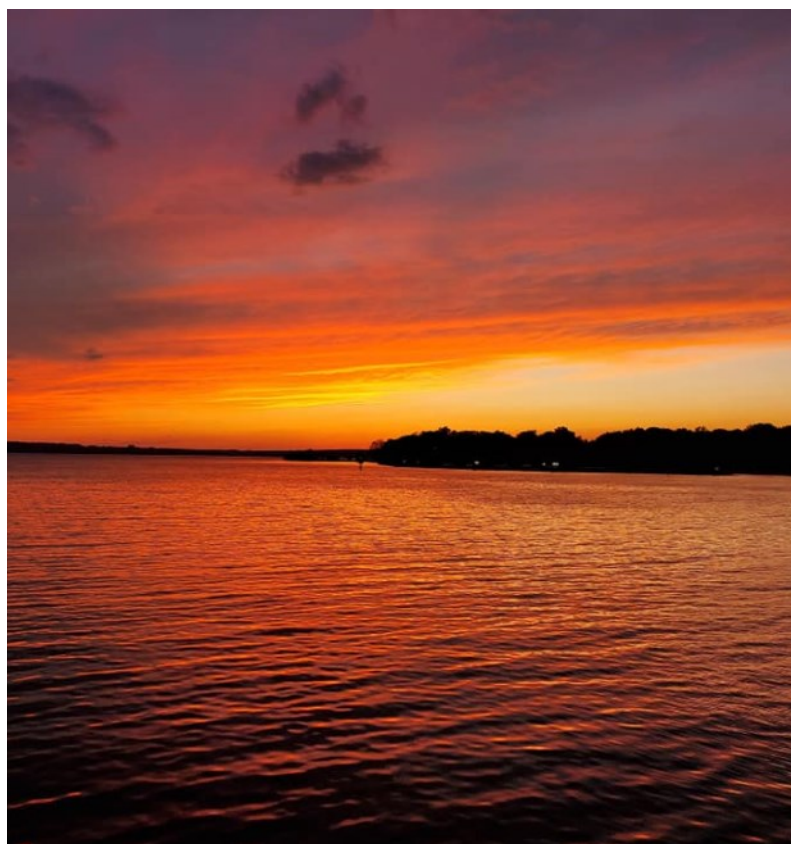
Let's start using it to communicate when we are boating to generate interest in different places on the river or when we are rafting up with other members. Posting information about activities like planned Raft-ups is a great way to get us together, relax on the water and enjoy shared food and adult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

Always boat safely!!

William Dornetto

Webmaster

Nauti-Buoys



From Membership:



Hello Members! It is awesome to finally see everyone starting to take some cruises on the water. Please welcome Jay and Bonnie Henn of "Hope Floats" who are docked at Hampton Landing (C115) and Benjamin and Jenna Smith of "Sabre" who are docked at Belmont Bay (B52). Please stop by and say hello if your home is one of those marinas. We are currently 54 memberships strong! This includes 41 family, 5 individual, 3 associate and 5 honorary

memberships. If you would like to know who our members are, please look at our club directory. Many members have posted pictures of themselves and/or their boat which is very helpful. If you know of anyone interested in joining OYC, please let me know and I will reach out to them directly. I hope to see you all on the water very soon!

Debbie Tucceri

OYC Membership Chair

Did It Our Way

From the PRYCA Rep:



Good news on the legislative front!

The Great American Outdoors Act: This bill, which will be voted on next week, is expected to pass and President Trump is expected to sign it. The Outdoors Recreation Roundtable (ORR) was instrumental in achieving \$20 billion for the maintenance backlog on America's public lands and waterways. This landmark legislation will fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund and includes funds for the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management. This is indeed good news for the recreational boating community because it gets rid of the maintenance backlog and provides access to our waterways nationwide.

A Guide for Multiple-Use Waterway Management, Second Edition was

published in 2004. The Third Edition update will include a website with a compilation of online resources for managers who are responsible for the wise and safe multiple-use of our rivers, lakes, harbors and coastal waterways. A great change seen by waterway managers since the 2004 edition is the growth of multiple forms of recreational boating and competing expectations for use of our nation's waterways. This effort includes a [survey](#) that asks you to identify potential challenges faced by waterway managers including drivers of new uses and activities. Survey responses will ensure the Third Edition of the Guide addresses topics of greatest concern with examples, if available, illustrating management challenges and successes.

And finally, for you (virtual) divers... Immerse yourself in the ocean and your national marine

sanctuaries without getting wet! These [virtual reality voyages](#) use 360-degree images to highlight the amazing habitats, animals, and cultural resources you can find in each national marine sanctuary. Whether you live on a coast or in a community far from the shore, you are invited to experience the power and beauty of America's sanctuary system and form your own lasting memories - through these virtual opportunities and maybe later as a visit. Whether you like to swim, explore tide pools, scuba dive, bird-watch, paddle, fish, surf, watch whales breach, catch an ocean breeze or experience the wonders from your own home, national marine sanctuaries are for everyone.

Hope to see you all on the Bay Cruise!

*Bruno Millonig
PRYCA Rep.
Millie Gael*



A Pirate's Tale:

Long ago, when sailing ships ruled the waves, a captain and his crew were in danger of being boarded by a pirate ship. As the crew became frantic, the captain bellowed to his First Mate, "Fetch me my red shirt!"

The First Mate quickly retrieved the captain's red shirt, which the captain put on and led the crew to battle the pirate boarding party.

Although some casualties occurred among the crew, the pirates were repelled. Later that day, the lookout screamed that there were two pirate vessels sending boarding parties. The crew cowered in fear, but the captain, calm as ever, bellowed, "Fetch me my red shirt!"

Once again the battle was on. However, the Captain and his crew repelled both boarding parties, though this time more casualties occurred.

Wearied from the battles, the men sat around on deck that night recounting the day's occurrences when a midshipman looked to the Captain and asked, "Sir, why did you call for your red shirt before the battle?"

The Captain, giving the midshipman a look that only a captain can give, exhorted, "If I am wounded in battle, the red shirt does not show the wound and thus, you men will continue to fight unafraid."

The men sat in silence marveling at the courage of such a man. As dawn came the next morning, the lookout screamed that there were pirate ships, 10 of them, all with boarding parties on their way.

The men became silent and looked to the Captain, their leader, for his usual command. The Captain, calm as ever, bellowed, "Fetch me my brown pants!"

From the Daymarker Editor:

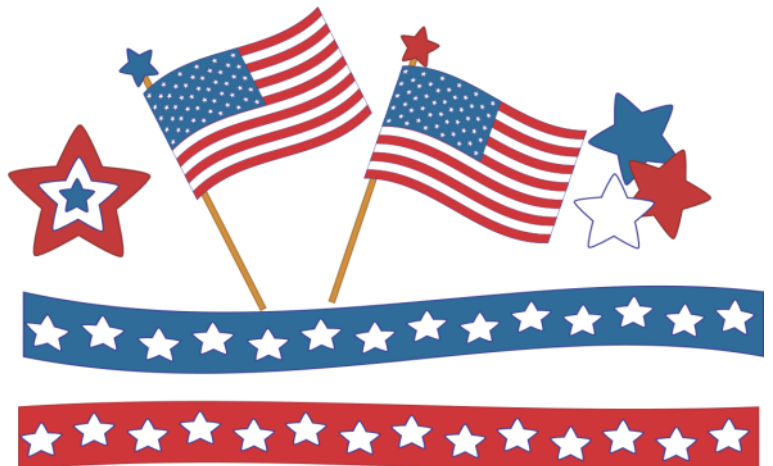


I copy pictures from our Facebook page so please add as many as you can!

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

There is a coded message in this issue. See if you can find it.

John Draper
Editor
Mi Amor





Happy Anniversary

Vicki Moon - July 22
Mike Bruhn - July 20
Joseph Conti - July 13
Patricia Croft - July 2
Sue Davis - July 15
Michelle DeDitius - July 15
Ally Field - July 11
Adrienne Page - July 28
Joseph Hoffmaster - July 26
Gary Policastro - July 4
Pat Schondel - July 10

Mike & Barbara Bruhn - July 10
John & Suzy Cornicelli - July 18
Harry & Patricia Croft - July 2



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:

- 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